



“The Perfect Gift” -- what a challenge to find! You want to delight a mate, son or daughter, relative or friend with that “perfect gift,” but what is it?! You ask questions, think real hard, and try to be observant -- all done in order to know the “perfect gift” to give them this Christmas. Let’s learn by example and rethink this dilemma.

We have an excellent example about choosing the perfect gift, an example from God Himself.

God, in His great knowledge, wisdom, and love looked down from heaven to a place / people where, *...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* (Rom.3:23) He, in His great love for lost people gave us His free gift, *...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* (Rom.6:23) He paid for our gift Himself not with, *...things such as silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.* (1Pt1:18-19) He offers the “perfect gift” of salvation in His Son for all who will *...believe in the name of the Son of God in order that you may know that you have eternal life.* (1Jn.5:13) Have received that “Perfect Gift?” Make this Christmas truly “Merry” -- turn from your sin, ask Jesus to be the Savior & Lord of your life.

What is the “perfect gift” to give to folks this Christmas? It’s really not that difficult...

To God, give yourself -- whole-heartedly, without reservation, give Him you and your worship.

To others, give your love, encouragement, time, cooperation -- and best of all, give them Jesus!

December is busy -- budgets are planned...decisions made for the year ahead...decorations go up and come down... rooms are reset...music is practiced and worship experiences are sought after. None of those things happen by themselves -- they all need you! Stay available and look for ways to lend a helping hand.

Two BIG Sundays are ahead -- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> is our Missions Sunday. Pray, bring some brunch food to share, and also bring your family “Missions Offering.” It will be a fun and inspirational morning together!

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> for our “Old Fashioned” Christmas service.

It is my gift from God to serve as your...

*Pastor Wade*

Join us for an  
“Old Fashioned”  
Christmas Service

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& Salad Bar

Bring Cookies to Share

# CELEBRATE THE REASON

First Baptist Church, Alvarado  
Saturday December 4, 2021  
5:30 PM

Guest Speaker:  
Renee Urbanovsky



Music:  
Allison Hankins

FBC ALVARADO  
ANNUAL CCCC

Tickets \$3.00

Let's Reach  
The Nations  
Together



Join us Sunday  
December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30  
for our annual  
Missions Brunch



Special Guest: Bruno Molina and Brindley Taylor (via zoom). Bring your family "missions offering" and a brunch item to share. We will begin our Mission's Brunch directly after Bible Study.



**FBCA**  
STUDENT MINISTRY  
CHRISTMAS PARTY @ THE WHEAT'S  
DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM  
WEAR YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER & BRING A FRIEND  
FOOD SIGN UP IN YOUTH ROOM ON SUNDAY MORNING

## Church Events & Info.

- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> CCCC Women's Event \$3.00 @ FBC 5:30 - 7:30 Dinner Included
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Missions Brunch
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Kids Jam - Christmas Party
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Adult 2 Women's Christmas Party
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Youth Christmas Party @ the Wheats 7:00 - 9:30 pm
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Adult 3 Party 6 pm @ FBC
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Old Fashioned Christmas Service Carols, Advent Candles & Christmas Story
- Dec 22<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closes @ 1 pm No Mid-Week Activities
- Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Church Office Closed
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closed Christmas Eve
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Worship Only - No Bible Study
- Dec 29<sup>th</sup> No Mid-Week Activities



**FBC KIDS JAM**  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 6:30  
SEE SCOTT OR TARA FOR MORE INFO.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE: (as of 12/02/2021)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$30,105.53
Designated Funds Bal.	\$9,481.52
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$20,624.01</b>
2021 YTD Giving Received	\$296,775.28