

Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come Let earth receive her King Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing And heav'n and nature sing And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns Let men their songs employ While fields and floods Rocks hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy Repeat the sounding joy Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found Far as the curse is found Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love And wonders of His love And wonders wonders of His love

George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts

Church Events

- December 9th -14th Church Week at Rural King – See Information in Announcements!
- December 11th, Saturday Church Board & Staff Christmas Party
- December 12th, Sunday 6:00pm Cookies and Carols Night
- December 15th, Wednesday 6:00pm 8:00pm – Southwest Kids Christmas Party & Play Dress Rehearsal
- December 17th 18th, Friday 7:00pm Saturday 7:00am – R!OT Youth Lock-In
- December 19th Sunday Children's Christmas Program during worship service
- December 24th, Friday 6:00pm Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Service
- December 25th, Saturday Christmas Day
- December 26th, Sunday No Sunday School
- January 2nd, Sunday No Sunday School

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for those who helped support our Giving Tree! We have raised \$4,185 to give to those needing help this Christmas Season. We were able to bless 14 families this year!
- Praise the Lord for his healing touch on our people! The Ferryman and Hood Families are so thankful for the prayers of the church and the Lord's help lately. They are seeing good progress for their family members. Let's keep lifting them up!
- Praise the Lord for Anita Morton's Son getting better! Anita and George would like to thank our church family that has been praying for her son Chad. He is now at home recovering.

Matthew 3:17 NLT

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

Luke 2:10 NLT

"...but the angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.'

Jude 1:24-25 NLT

²⁴ To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – ²⁵ to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore! Amen.

Prayer Needs:

- Please remember all the family members of our church who are dealing with the COVID virus right now.
- Please pray for our unsaved family and friends.
- Please pray for our country to turn away from their sinful ways and return to the Lord.
- For Personal Prayer Needs, please see the emailed and mailed versions of the newsletter.

Announcements

Wednesday, December 15th 6:00pm to 8:00pm Southwest Kids Christmas Party and Play Rehearsal (For children ages 3 through 5th grade) We'll have food, cookies, and lots of fun celebrating Jesus's birthday! Also, we'll have a dress rehearsal for the Christmas Play.



We'll get a chance to see them perform their Christmas play during morning worship on Sunday, December 19th.

<u>Cookie & Carols –</u> Sunday, Dec. 12th at 6:00pm



Be a part of the fun! Bake cookies and sing Christmas carols while we find out who is awarded the 2021 Southwest Cookie Champion!

Everyone is welcome and any cookies brought in can either be submitted for judging or just put out



to be enjoyed. If you'd like to contribute a 2 liter of soft drink or a gallon of tea or lemonade, that would be appreciated as well. Thanks!

RIOT YOUTH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Dec. 12th – No Youth Group Dec. 19th – Christmas at the Zoo: 5pm – 8pm Dec. 26th – No Youth Group Jan. 2nd – Youth Group: 5pm – 7pm

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ETERNAL LIFE, MY FAVORITE ... THANKS JESUS!



It's that time again... Church Week at Rural King! Here is your chance to help raise funds for Southwest Church by merely shopping for anything they sell. They have items for your home, pantry, yard, animals, and more! Rural King will give the church 10% of the total (after tax) of your purchases made between Dec. 9th and Dec. 24th. Just turn in your receipt to Katrina by January 7th. Thank you for supporting the church in this way!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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RIOT YOUTH LOCK-IN:

Friday, December 17th 7 pm through

Saturday, December 18th 7am Teens mark your calendars now for this fun-filled 12-hour party! Pizza, breakfast, snacks, games, a cool excursion somewhere and No Sleep! What more could you want? Invite a friend. See Dave/Dana with any questions.

