

ELEMENT YOUTH

Element
Youth
Every Wednesday
6:30-8:00pm

Our theme this month is
Community

Youth Christmas Party
Wed, December 14
6-8

Bring a white elephant gift to exchange.
Nothing new, just something lying around the
house or you can re-gift an old gift.

Girls: bring dessert

Guys: Bring chips

Pizza will be provided.



Bowling
Sunday, December 18
\$1 games/\$3 shoe rental
(we will probably play 2 games
so bring at least \$5)

Meet at Hilltop Lanes after Sunday
School. There is also a snack bar in the

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"Our church seeks to demonstrate to Ellis County that Jesus Christ
can have a relevant and life-changing impact upon day-to-day lives
as well as eternal destinies."

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24
5:00pm

Bring one special candle to exchange (one per family,
less than \$10) and come ready to celebrate Christmas
together!

Christmas Day Worship
10:00am

If you plan to attend. Please sign up on the tear off
sheet in the bulletin.

Park Meadows *real people...
real issues...
real life!*
BAPTIST CHURCH



Chris-Myth Busters

A Children's Musical/
Drama
Sunday, December 11
during Worship Service

Our "Little Stars" will
perform
prior to  Chris-
Myth

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December Birthdays



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|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Kimberly Jernigan | 25 | Heather Croy |
| 1 | Jessica Phillips | 27 | Jaclyn Hunter |
| 1 | Kellie Phillips | 27 | Caleb Stephenson |
| 2 | Stephen Hendricks | 28 | Paula Irion |
| 7 | Jeanye Mercer | 30 | Leigh Croy |
| 8 | Maddison Hewson | 31 | Mark Anderson |
| 11 | Randy Brown | | |
| 16 | Julie Cottrell | | |
| 16 | Katrina Mayo | | |
| 21 | Robert Hulen | | |
| 21 | Brian Hunter | | |
| 21 | Teresa Smith | | |
| 22 | Brandon Sanders | | |
| 23 | Mandy Taylor | | |
| 24 | Diane Magier | | |

Pastor's Page...

As I am writing this column on Cyber Monday, my email inbox is filled with offers from Amazon, Home Depot and other merchandisers offering substantial savings for today only. The temptation is getting to me; I will probably become a part of the biggest day in online shopping history.

I survived Black Friday by staying away from the biggest bargains and the biggest crowds. Despite my meager participation, Black Friday reportedly accounted for \$11.4 billion in sales. That's the largest amount ever spent on that day.

Earlier store opening hours seemed to make the difference--24 percent of Black Friday shoppers were in stores at midnight. While they were shopping, others were camped out in front of the store entrances waiting for 5:00 A.M. openings. (I actually saw folks camping out in front of the Midland Best Buy on Tuesday afternoon – that means they slept in their tents two nights!)

We are now seeing the reports that with the frenzy came the violence. On Thanksgiving night, a woman in Los Angeles used pepper spray on 20 people to get the video game she was after. A scuffle in a New York store injured two women; a Black Friday fight in Florida put a man behind bars. The television news showed people trampling one another as they rushed through opening doors. I have even heard rumors that there were some arrests made at our local Walmart in Waxahachie when the crowd starting getting out of control.

In the midst of all that craziness, we are making it easier than ever for you to take care of some of your Christmas giving here at church. As you are looking for opportunities to give to others in need, we are providing several options:

- The "Angel Tree" allows you to respond to a need for a child here in Ellis County. Just choose an "angel" off the tree and return the specified gift to the church by December 12. We will then take care of the delivery!
- Are you mailing Christmas cards to members of your Park Meadows family? Instead of going through the U.S. Post Office, go through the Park Meadows Christmas Post Office. Bring your cards to the Christmas Post Office along with the 44 cents postage per card. Your cards will be hand-delivered and the 44 cents will be donated to missions.
- Our newest giving opportunity is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship "gift catalog." The catalog contains over one hundred ministry needs. Just pick up a catalog at church and pick out your item. Then go to www.thefellowship.info/giftcatalog and pay with a credit or debit card. Order forms are also available in the church lobby if you want to mail in a check as payment. You can even request a card to let a loved one know about the gift you've made in his or her honor.

I hope that you will find this season of giving to be meaningful. But above all I hope we will remember the spiritual blessing we have received in Christ Jesus.

Have a blessed Christmas,
Joe

Men's breakfast
Saturday, December 10
8am @ PMBC




Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree will be going up on November 20th, representing children from around Ellis County. Gifts need to be returned by December 12th.


Give a Gift that Shares Christ
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Gift Catalog

What better way to celebrate Christmas than by sharing Christ's presence with someone in need? This Christmas, give these life-changing gifts a try. Ask your loved ones to purchase a gift in your name or avoid a trip to the crowded mall and buy a life-changing gift online.

There will be people around the world who thank you!
Laptops and catalogs will be available in the lobby to place orders on November 27 or you can to the website at www.thefellowship.info/giftcatalog.com.



Christmas Post Office



Bring your unstamped Christmas Cards for your church family beginning November 27th. Your donation (44 cents per card) will be given to Missions.

Our Christmas Post Office is located in the lobby.



LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
GINA LEWIS' HOUSE
9 MAREE COURT
6PM

Please bring a gift card from HEB or Wal-mart for any amount. These gift cards are used by school personnel at WHS to buy food and necessary items for students in need. The items are then put in a back-pack and given to the appropriate students. Contact Carol Ann for more information at 972-921-0488.

Children's Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14
Ages 4-12
7pm





Children's Christmas "Gift" Store

December 14
6:30 pm
Ages 4-12

We encourage kids to earn money at home and use the money to purchase gifts for their family members. Most items will be available from 50 cents-\$2.00
Proceeds will be used to buy new toys for the Children's Classrooms.