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## Tomahawk Baptist Church December 2010 Newsletter

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### CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor,  
Dr. Dan Bagby

Associate Pastor,  
Music & Administration,  
Rev. Mary Mann

Interim Youth Minister,  
Rev. Drew Collier

Youth Intern,  
Emily Hodges

Administrative Assistant,  
Judy Young

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Deacons for  
December 2010:

Lynn Robertson &  
Susan Cheatham

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**Christmas Post Office Opens:**

Wednesday, December 1

**Odyssey Sunday School Class Christmas Party:**

Saturday, December 4, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Susan Cheatham

**Youth Christmas Party:**

Sunday, December 5, 5:00 p.m. at the home of Paul and Wendi Hare

**Guys and Dolls Christmas Luncheon:**

December 10, 11:00 a.m. at the home of Astra Thornton

**Family Movie Night:**

Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Samaritan Sunday School Class Party:**

Saturday, December 11

**Children's Christmas Pageant & Christmas Party:**

Presented by our Children's Choirs

Sunday, December 12—6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party:**

Friday, December 17, following our cantata dress rehearsal

**Christmas Cantata:**

Presented by our Sanctuary Choir, "A Baby Changes Everything"

Sunday, December 19—11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Deacon Christmas Dinner:**

Home of Lynn and Rob Robertson, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Caroling:**

Monday, December 20—6:00 p.m.—meet in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a snack to share after we come back from caroling.

**Christmas Eve Service:**

December 24—5:00 p.m. Worship with scripture lessons, carols and Communion

# Youth, Music and Children's Page

## Youth Happenings

### Youth Poinsettia Sale Flower Pick-Up

The poinsettias will be available to you on these dates:  
Saturday, December 4, 9:30—10:30 a.m. & Sunday, December 5 after worship  
Thank you for your support!

### Last Youth Group meeting of 2010

Wednesday, December 1st

### Christmas Party

Sunday, December 5th, 5:00 — 8:00 p.m. at the Hare's house!

*Talk to Drew or Emily for more details on this and other Youth Happenings!*

## Music Notes

**"A Baby Changes Everything"** Drama Team rehearsals will be on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15 (6:15 p.m.)

Friday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.

**Children's Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. (Led by our children's choirs,  
but all children are invited to participate)

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, December 1 & 8 (8th is the dress rehearsal)

**\*\*Children's Choir parents**—please note that the Choral Kids Choir will be singing with the adults for one piece of the cantata on Sunday, December 19 during 11:00 a.m. worship. We will rehearse with the Sanctuary Choir on Wednesday, December 8 from 8:00-8:15 p.m.

## Children's Ministry Update

### **FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – December 10 – 7:00 p.m.**

Join us at Tomahawk for Family Movie Night. We will be showing "The Search For Santa Paws," a movie appropriate for any member of the family, especially the kids. We will provide the popcorn and sodas. You bring your favorite candy and a blanket or bean bag seat. Chairs will be available for those who want them. The movie will start promptly at 7:00pm. Arrive early (after 6:30pm) for popcorn, drinks and premium seating.

### WEEKLY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday School for ages birth – 5th grade: 9:50 a.m.

Extended Session for ages 3 – Kindergarten: 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

Children's Choir for ages 2 – 5th grade: 6:15 p.m., Wednesday nights

Mission Groups for children ages 3-5th grade: 7:00 p.m., Wednesday nights

## Facts and Figures (as of November 28, 2010)

|                      |              |                                  |                    |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| November 28 Offering | \$4,871.18   | Worship Attendance               | 184                |
| Weekly Required      | \$6,910.71   | Sunday School Attendance         | 116                |
| Required to Date     | \$331,026.95 |                                  |                    |
| Given to Date        | \$324,214.40 | *Pledged to date for 2011 budget | \$227,310.00 (53%) |
| 2010 Budget          | \$359,357.00 | *2011 Budget                     | \$426,623.00       |

*Please remember to make your pledge for 2011. It's not too late!  
Pledge cards are still available in sanctuary pew wracks or in the church office.*

# Interim Pastor's Notes

## The Season of Advent

We have begun the season which the church has celebrated for many years: the season of Advent. Advent is the time of preparation for the birth of the Christ-child. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent helps us to meditate on the wonder of Christ's coming. Throughout the season, we will honor Christ's birth by adorning our church using songs and symbols of hope, peace, joy, and love, reminding us of God's glory and the incarnation of God's love in the world. For God loved us so much that Christ was given to the world, so that everyone who believes in the Messiah will not perish, but will have eternal life.

## Transition Team Conversations—Update

Thanks to all who dialogued with us three evenings this fall! Again we had a rich and productive time on November 21, as we discussed God's vision for Tomahawk's future through the eyes of its church members! We hope you continue to pray for the future of Tomahawk Baptist Church daily, and now we look forward to our next two steps in the "interim process": (1) pray about and plan to nominate a pastor search committee in January; we hope a slate of "pulpit committee" members can be approved by the January 2011 business meeting (January 16th); (2) read and reflect on our church's "mission" as defined in the church constitution, looking carefully at the declared "purposes" of Tomahawk as the Body of Christ. Do these statements of faith need to be revised, updated, or clarified? The Transition Team will soon supply you with a copy of the Preamble of the church constitution, in which the purposes of the church are enumerated, and we'll consult with the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to determine how to receive your suggestions. Please feel free to ask your Transition Team members any questions you may have, and remember: The Transition Team is NOT the Pastor Search Committee. –Dan Bagby

## Bible Studies Beginning in January & February

Two Bible study opportunities early next year afford us a thoughtful midweek study of Scripture at Tomahawk: (1) Beginning on Tuesday, January 11 (6-8pm), we will examine the Gospel of Mark for five weeks, and (2) On Wednesdays, at 7:15pm, we will study the Letter to the Galatians for six weeks beginning February 2nd.

## Prayer Needs

### Tomahawk Members

Mildred Bellamy  
Donna Bright  
Virginia Cash  
Charlie China  
Gwen Coalter  
Sue Connell  
Mickey Etter  
Frances Gibson  
Karen Hall  
Paul Hare  
Jane Hartman  
Marilyn Hendrick  
Charles & Gail King  
Helen Matthews  
Lloyd Mawyer  
Susan Pulley  
Eric Schardt  
Bill Smith  
Ruth Spaulding

### Family & Friends of Tomahawk

Michael Bazemore  
Carol & Ken Beckner  
Joe Bellamy  
Erna Bennett  
Ellie Bouchard  
Sandy Buhman  
Lindsey Burton & Family  
Beth Carrigan  
Tom Carter  
Bertha Carpio  
Betty and Bill Cobb  
Rich Conklin  
Mason Cook  
Curtis and Wesley Crostic  
Dawn Driskill  
David Drucker  
Russell Scott Everett  
Matt Fereria & family  
Shannon Gerrace  
Norman Gryder  
Larry Hollister

Bob Hopson  
Gwendolyn Hudlow  
Butch Johnson  
Daniel Jones  
Karen Jordan  
Colleen Kinsella  
Billie Jean McClung  
Ashleigh McDaniel  
Donnie McDearman  
Mary Kate McLenagan  
Judy Meador  
Al Moore, Jr.  
Luther Mullens  
Mitch Piazza  
Roy Richardson, Jr.  
Christie and Pat Rowe  
Catherine Sanderford  
Kammeron Shannon  
Burley Spivey  
Thomas Swoap  
Craig Urbano  
Ber Vandermeer

Helen Wilt

Chris Wolfe  
Glenda Wright

### Serving in the Military

Sam Abbott-McCune - Kuwait  
Dolph Davis - Caribbean  
Chris Gillispi - Iraq  
Jason Hehl - Korea  
Ryan Hehl, Ft. Gordon, GA  
Shanna Hehl - Ft. Gordon, GA  
Lloyd Morris - Ft. Lee  
Brian Pace - Iraq  
Jacob Robertson - Ft. Lee  
Kenny Tarrant - Ft. Bragg, NC

## Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_ (Price/flower=\$7.50)

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off this portion and place your order form and check/cash (in a labeled envelope) in the offering plate OR turn in your form and payment to the church office by Sunday, December 12. Poinsettias will be placed in the church on Sunday, December 19.

## Tomahawk Baptist Church Christmas Post Office

We will once again offer a church Post Office for you to send Christmas cards to members of the church. The post office box will be located outside of the Sanctuary, and will open on Wednesday, December 1. Please write the person's name and Sunday School class on the envelope. All cards need to be in the post office box by Wednesday, December 15.



**(50 YEARS +)**

### **Christmas Luncheon**

December 10th at 11:00 a.m.  
At the home of Astra Thornton.  
Please bring a small gift to exchange.  
Those who wish to carpool,  
please meet at the church at 10:30.

### **Annual Church-Wide Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 12  
6:00 p.m. — Pageant  
6:30 p.m. — Party

We need cookies and other  
goodies for the party. If you can  
help with food, please bring it by  
church either that Sunday  
morning or evening.

### **December Dinner Menu**

#### **December 1**

*Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread  
Kids: hot dog & chips*

#### **December 8**

*Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, broccoli  
Kids: grilled cheese & soup*

#### **December 15**

*Beef pot roast, parsley potatoes, baby carrots  
Kids: chicken tenders, mac & cheese*

#### **December 22**

***NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES***

#### **December 29**

***NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES***

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

"Thank you" to Jim Cosby, Joe Savarie, and Joyce Ward, who orchestrated a small crowd of wonderful volunteers--and spent a lot of time here making sure that OCC exceeded its goal of Christmas boxes for overseas children. Jim and the "crew" are shipping 11,434 boxes from Tomahawk's drop-off headquarters to the Samaritan's Purse distribution center!

### **Church Christmas Trees**



**Memorial Tree:** Place ornaments on the tree just outside the Sanctuary in memory of loved ones. See the bulletin board in the Sunday School hallway if you would like to order an ornament for the tree. Ornaments are \$3.50.

**Gloves, Hats & Scarves Tree:** Please bring these items for donation and place them on the tree in the Sanctuary, to be given to people in need this winter season.

### **A Note from your Deacons**

Each year we collect a monetary donation to give to our church staff as a Christmas gift. We will be coming around to Sunday School classes in the next few weeks to allow those who wish to give the chance to do so. However, we know that there are some church members who are not a part of a Sunday School class, but would still like to contribute to this gift. Please see these deacons to make a donation: Lynn Robertson or Susan Cheatham, if you would like to give. Thank you.