

Look At What's Comin'

Day Care CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

This Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 7:00 p.m. the Day Care will present their annual Christmas presentation. This is usually 30 minutes long with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. Punch, coffee, cookies, will be served. Approximately 150 relatives of our Day Care children will be present. Let's put a "welcoming face" on our church and greet each one as they enter our church building. What a great opportunity!

Dec. 9th, Sat. at 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study!
Breakfast Fellowship Bible Study Prayer

Dec. 17th (Sun.) Church—Wide Christmas Dinner

Following the morning services, let's gather in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy dinner together. Bring neighbors, friends, and family. Ladies please help by bringing salads and desserts.

A—L bring salads / M—Z bring desserts
(no evening services)

Dec. 24th, Sun. Christmas Eve

Please note: Regular Scheduled morning services at 10 am & 11 am
No evening service on Christmas eve.

Dec. 31st New Years eve Sunday. Morning services at regular Times, with **No Evening Service**

Jan. 12th, (Friday) Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m. Deacons and Trustees

Jan. 21st, (Sunday) 6:00 p.m. Annual church business meeting

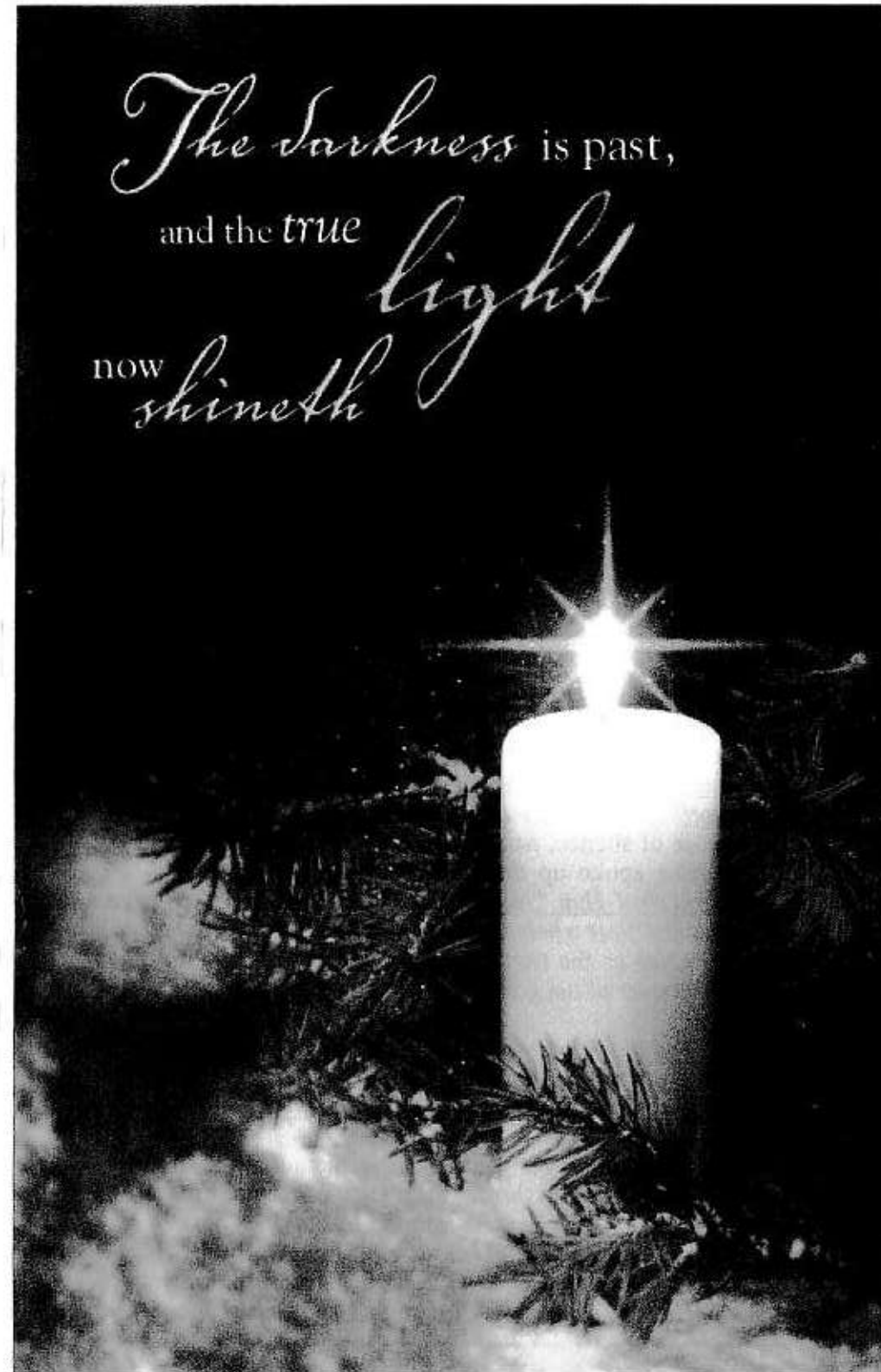
Schedule of Services

Sun. Sch. 10 am / Worship 11 am
Sun. Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Last Sunday's Report

Attendance 78
General Offering \$ 2,501.00.
Missions 564.00

The darkness is past,
and the true
light
now
shineth



Friendship Baptist Church

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Ray Melugin, Pastor

Dec. 3, 2017

What Has Christmas Become?

In a world that appreciates very little, if anything, of God's word, or of Jesus Christ, just what has Christmas become. A lady doing her last minute Christmas shopping answers the question.

Doing her last minute shopping at a crowded mall, she approached the elevator. She was tired of fighting the crowds, standing in long lines, walking through long aisles looking for a certain item only to find out it had sold out the day before. Her arms were full of bulky packages when the elevator door opened. Wouldn't you know it! The elevator was full of people! However, the people squeezed together and allowed her enough room to get in. As the doors closed, she blurted out, "Whoever is responsible for this whole Christmas thing ought to be arrested, strung up, and shot!" Most were aghast at what she said. After a long pause of silence, some unseen person in the corner of the elevator spoke up and said, "Don't worry. They already crucified Him." We need to remember Who is responsible for "this whole Christmas thing."

John gives us the true answer to the above question in the first chapter of his gospel: (Jn. 1:14

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

It was not about a baby in a manger, but about the Creator and Sustainer of all things, the source of eternal life, coming to dwell with His creation. The story does not end there but goes on to tell how God so love the world the He gave his only begotten Son to die for the sins of the world that whosoever believes on Him might have eternal life.

*We Cannot Do Without Our
Missionaries*

**Leslie & Donna Garner
Missionaries to Mexico since 1971**

Thirty five years ago, the Garners started a new work in Chihuahua, Mexico, known as the Templo Bautista Biblico. We would call it the Temple Bible Baptist Church. In a recent 35th anniversary, 28 of the 114 charter members were present. Many of those first members are now present with the Lord. There are now several four generation families in the church. Over the years, thousands have been saved and baptized in the church and missions. Eleven other churches have been started as missions out of the church over the years. Eight men have gone out from the church and are pastors. Two young ladies from the church are pastor's wives. From the beginning, the church has been involved in giving to missions, and being the financial means in starting other churches. We thank the Lord for the ministry of this church.

Donna and I have been missionaries for 46 years in Mexico. God has blessed us so much. We are working with seven young pastors and their wives and one young single lady that God is using to help us to continue to make disciples. We celebrated the special week of anniversary with special meetings. Bruce, our son, was the evangelist. There were 92 adult visitors and 19 professions of faith made in these services. Soul winning has always been a priority of our church and each year we discover that discipleship is becoming more difficult. However, we continue to do it in spite of the hardened hearts of the people. Thank you for many years of faithful prayer and support for this work. Your prayer and support are a great support. We are blessed to be a part of your missionary family!

Les and Donna Garner