



From the Pastor

My wife and I would like to thank you for being here today. If there is anything that we can do to make your time at Victory Baptist special, please do not hesitate to let us know. We consider it a privilege to

be able to serve you! *Our greatest desire is that you would know the peace that comes from receiving Jesus as your Saviour. If you would like to know what the Bible says about how that heaven can be your home one day through faith in Jesus, please come forward during the invitation time at the end of the service, and one of the members of our church will share more with you about making this decision. We pray that you are blessed by the services today!*

Thank You Bags

To all those who are here as first-time guests, our church would like to thank you for choosing to be with us by presenting you with a gift bag that contains some things you may enjoy using along with a guest info card from our church.

If you would take a minute to fill-out the guest card and put it in the offering plate as it passes, we would greatly appreciate it! Please let one of our ushers know if we have failed to recognize that you are a guest, so that we can present you with one of these gift bags.



Infant Nursery

One of our goals is to provide an environment that is conducive to learning the Bible. To help achieve this, our church provides a nursery for the 11 AM and 6 PM services on Sundays as well as the 7 PM

Bible study on Wednesdays. Mothers can stay with their infant and watch the service livestreamed or join the congregation in the auditorium while our caring and responsible volunteers watch over their little one. *Please help us ensure that the nursery stays safe and clean by limiting its use to workers and mothers of infants!*

Church Theme

In 2 Chronicles, a book in the Old Testament, the Lord spoke the following words to a king by the name of Solomon: *“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and*

seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Every person who walks into Victory Baptist this year will be challenged to seek God’s face by spending at least five minutes a day praying and at least five minutes a day reading the Bible. Resources are available in the foyer to help you in this endeavor.



GPS Outreach

In the world today, many people are searching for direction. Their friends may lead them one way, while their feelings may lead them another way. True direction can only be found in the Word of God and in a relationship with

God. The Bible says in Proverbs 3:5-6, *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart...and he shall direct thy paths.”* Every Saturday morning, people from our church meet here, partner up and go out into our community with the hopes of sharing this news with someone who is searching. If you would like to join us, we will be meeting at 10 AM!

Attention Teens

Our church offers a variety of opportunities for young people in 7th thru 12th grade. On Sunday mornings at 10 AM, a special class led by Pastor and Mrs. Stephanie is offered downstairs in Classroom #1.



There is also a church cleaning ministry every Friday at 4 PM for those who would like to earn money for youth conference in June. Finally, a social activity that consists of eating, singing, playing games, and studying God’s Word is offered once a month.

Atwater Parade

Pastor Miller would like to invite everyone to come out to the church property on **Friday, December 7th** for the annual Atwater Christmas Parade. The main gate, located on Sierra Vista Street, will be open at 5:30 PM. Church family and friends can park their vehicle in the parking lot and then walk with pastor's family over to Winton Way to watch the parade. The main gate will be closed around 5:55 PM to ensure that everyone has time to walk over and find a place to sit before the parade starts at 6 PM. While hot chocolate, coffee and snacks will be provided, you may want to bring a lawn chair and a blanket to keep warm!



Kids' Christmas

The young people in our toddler department and junior department will be performing a musical entitled "Peanut Butter Christmas" on **Sunday, December 16th**. There will be two performances that day. The first will be at 11 in the morning, and the second will be at 6 that evening. There is no cost to attend these performances, and they are open to the public; so please feel free to invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to attend. There will be flyers available for distribution on one of the tables in the foyer by Sunday morning, December 2nd.

Christmas Caroling

There is nothing quite like going out through the streets of our community to share the good news of Jesus in song. Everyone, young and old alike, can do just that when they join us for



Christmas caroling on **Wednesday, December 19th**. We will meet at the church property around 6 PM to get instructions and to break up into carpooling groups. Our goal is to leave the church property by 6:30 PM to head to our first location. We will not be taking nominations for caroling stops like we have in years past; instead, our group will be caroling to homes in our community at random.

Choir Program

The children in our church aren't the only ones getting into the holiday spirit. The men and women who compose our church choir have been practicing some Christmas songs that you may not be familiar with. They will be performing these songs on **Sunday, December 23rd** in correlation with Pastor Miller's retelling of the Christmas story. The service will begin that morning at 11 AM, so plan on being early to get a good seat. A nursery will be provided for this service, so feel free to invite your family and friends who have little ones to attend with you!



Anberry Christmas

In Acts 20:35, Paul the Apostle told a group of believers, *"remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."* It has become a tradition for our church over the past few years to purchase small gifts for the people who attend our Sunday school outreach class at the Anberry Rehabilitation Center here in Atwater. You can have a part in this wonderful ministry by either: (1) Meeting us at Anberry's on **Sunday, December 23rd** at 10 AM to hand out gifts and celebrate Christmas with these dear saints, or (2) Giving a monetary gift to help with the expense of purchasing these items.

Candlelight Service

Another tradition that our church started a few years ago was having a special service beneath the glow of lighted candles to sing Christmas carols and to listen to the reading of the Nativity story as we are challenged to keep Christ at the center of our Christmas celebration. This special candlelight service will be held on **Sunday, December 23rd** at 5 PM. A staffed nursery will not be provided for this service; however, the nursery itself will be open. Our annual Christmas fellowship, consisting of food, games and gifts, will follow in the basement of the church at 6 PM.

