

# Austin Avenews—December 2017

## Letters from Timothy

This Sunday marks the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a busy month at AAUMC! I hope you will participate fully in all the awesome opportunities between now and Christmas!

Let me share a quick peek:

- \*Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>—the Central District is hosting a booth at the Winter Wonderland at City Hall and next to the Silo's
- \*Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>—3pm we will host "The Miracle of Jesus," a family Christmas Experience in Fellowship Hall
- \*Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>— Book Club will enjoy lunch and reflection on Kristin Hannah's book, *The Nightingale*, here in Pipkin Center
- \*Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>—we will host all the pastors and their families from the Central District for the annual Christmas Gathering
- \*Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>—11am Choir Presentation of Lessons and Carols, and at 3pm Youth Chorus of Central Texas will perform their Christmas Concert in our sanctuary
- \*Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>—Rev. Ryan Barnett from FUMC Waco will preach at our 11am service and I will be preaching his 11am service
- \*Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>—11am regular 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent service, 5:30pm Carols, Candles and Communion – Christmas Eve Service

I also want to thank you for your generosity and support throughout the first 11 months of the year. We will need a strong December to finish the year well and to pay in full our missional support to the Annual Conference. Last year, we were not able to meet those commitments for the second time in our history. Meeting the goal of our anticipated December expenses and our Conference Missional Giving will require about \$85,000 of support in December. Will you check your giving records and see how you can help us finish the year well?

A quick reminder that if you are 70.5 and are required to take a mandatory minimum distribution from your IRA, you can have donations sent directly from your IRA to AAUMC. This donation is counted toward your required distribution and you avoid the taxes that would be required if you received the distribution as income. If you have any questions, I would be glad to visit with you or you can consult your CPA or tax specialist.

Thank you for all you do to make Austin Avenue an awesome place of worship and service!

Keep the SON in your eyes!

*Pastor Tim*

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#### WORSHIP INFO

Sundays  
Sunday School..... 9:45 AM  
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM  
Radio Broadcast  
92.9 Shooter FM



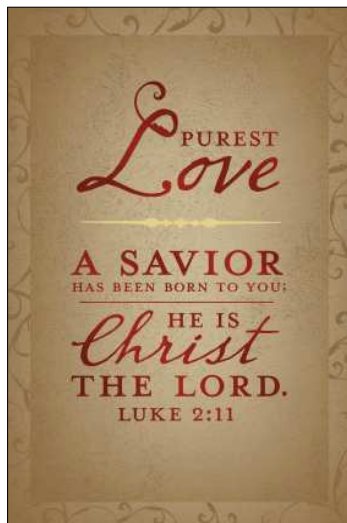
**First Sunday of Each Month**  
Nonperishable Food Collection  
(even pet food)  
Morning Worship

### Austin Avenue Preschool

Contact 254-754-4685 or  
cbrigham@austinavenueumc.org

### December Worship Assistants

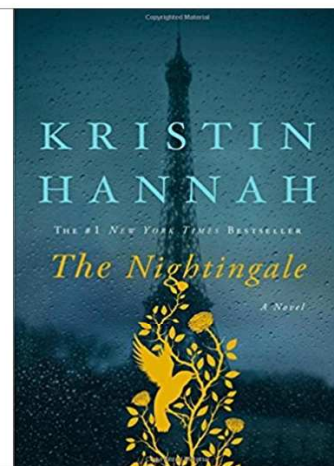
3-Dec	Angelynn Roberts
10-Dec	Paula Floeck
17-Dec	Bob McEachern
24-Dec	Dick Turner
31-Dec	Kirsten Graber



**Book Club**  
**Monday,**  
**December 4**  
**12:00 pm**



*Pipkin Center*  
*Lunch provided*



West Avenue  
Elementary School  
Angel Tree



Please take an angel from our tree in the 13th St Foyer beginning Sunday, November 26. Sign the sheet next to the number you choose.

Please include 1 shirt, 1 pair of pants and, 1 pair of shoes.

Please include a note about the child's interests.

Please take a picture of the child's name and age and bring it to the school on Sunday, November 26.

Please Join Us  
Austin Avenue Preschool  
Winter Showcase  
Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall



\*Light refreshments will be served\*

The children have worked hard this semester and would like to present to you their finest work. They will take the stage to showcase their multi-lingual talents, using music and movement. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 for light refreshments and begin the program shortly after.



**COFFEE WITH PASTOR-COOKIE LIST FOR December Schedule:**

- Dec. 3rd-Della Thomas
- Dec. 10th-Amanda Schubert
- Dec. 17th-Melinda Reid
- Dec. 24th-Christmas Eve
- Dec. 31st-New Years Eve

Please bring 4 dozen doughnut holes and 3 dozen cookies. You will need to provide serveware (trays, bowls, etc.) for your refreshments along with plates and napkins. Water and coffee will be provided. Please have your refreshments set up by 10:35am in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Foyer.

Also, if you cannot bring refreshments on your assigned Sunday you will need to call another person to trade with you or take your place. It is very important that we have refreshments in place on Sunday morning.

Our hospitality is one of the great gifts we have here at Austin Avenue and this program has reaped rewards in many ways with our congregants as well as our visitors. We appreciate the support this program receives from all of you who participate.

You are invited:

**A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Austin Avenue United Methodist Church  
1300 Austin Avenue—Waco  
Sunday, December 10, 2017  
11:00 AM

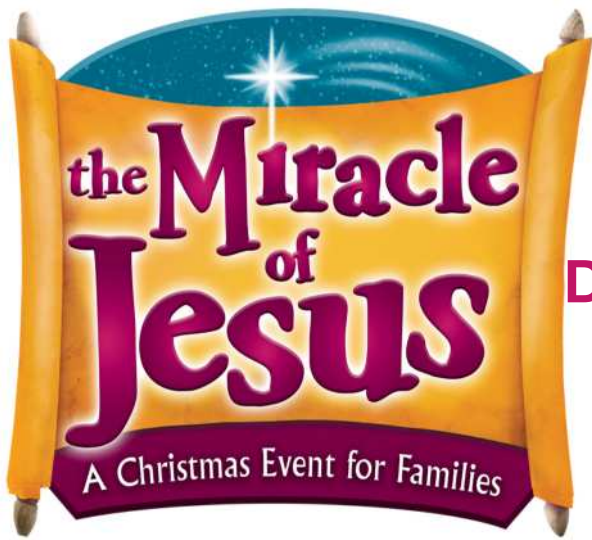
Featuring:

Chancel Choir Handbells Organ

David Willcocks- Once in Royal David's City  
Bryan Greer- On This Day Earth Shall Ring  
Gregg Smith- A Long, Long Time Ago  
Jon Paige- Advent celebration  
G.F. Handel- "For Unto Us A Child Is Born" *The Messiah*  
June Nixon- Sussex Carol  
Tony Alonso- Gabriel's Message  
Mack Wilberg- The First Nowell  
David Willcocks- God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen  
Will Todd- My Lord has Come  
David Willcocks- O Come, All Ye Faithful  
David Willcocks- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service**

**Traditional Service @ 5:30 PM**  
**CAROLS, COMMUNION AND CANDLES**



**Sunday,  
December 3  
3 pm**

**Join us for an unforgettable family experience this Christmas as we learn about Jesus' miraculous birth and life!**

**Step back in time to Bible-times Bethlehem, exploring Jesus' miraculous love in an interactive marketplace setting—complete with experiences you'll remember and keepsake crafts you'll treasure.**

**This experience is an adventure for the whole family, and will help you discover more about Jesus in a way you'll never forget.**

### **Christmas Card Project for AAUMC Special Members**

Below please find a list of our very special members. They are not able to be at church during this time to share in our services and activities, but they do love to hear from us. So as you are addressing your Christmas cards this year, please save a few to send to our special members. If you need an address, please call the church at 254-754-4685.

Your cards and notes will mean so much to our special members! Thank you for helping the Member Care Team spread Christmas cheer!

Martha Akins	Bonnie Hoge
Bill Curry	Carolyn Holford
Mary Gillenwater	Marge Juren
Eleanor Hoffman	Carl Long
Bonnie Hoge	Sharon Mansfield
Carolyn Holford	Jacque Schuster
Jane Scruggs	
Juanita Tompkins	



Jan 1—New Year's Day—church closed  
Jan 19—Family Movie Night  
Jan 22—Trustee & Finance Teams

# Place the Dates

*Austin Avenues*

«FamilyLabelName»  
«Address1»  
«Address2»  
«City», «State» «ZIPCode»

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Waco, Texas  
Permit No. 12

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