

*Ogden Baptist Church
December 2025 Newsletter
“A Place to Call Home”*



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From Pastor Carol

My mother told the story many times over the years of a Christmas when I was seven and she had no money for Christmas presents. There was a drawing in a grocery store for a wagon full of toys. She decided that she was going to win the wagon so that we would have Christmas. No one was more surprised than she when on the day of the drawing, she had the winning ticket!

SURPRISE! You and I have the winning ticket for heaven! Jesus has come; He really is the "Reason for the Season!" We have reason to celebrate, and the story never grows old! Jesus was born to a carpenter named Joseph and a maiden named Mary in a stable in Bethlehem. Angels announced, shepherds traveled and the wise men arrived! Christmas lights adorn the streets and sugar plums dance in our heads and legends tell us Santa arrives with a sleigh full of toys and eight reindeer with Rudolph leading the way on every roof top around the world!

Churches sing carols and go caroling and families gather for Christmas ham, candied yams and pecan pie. It's most people's best time of the year!!

With all the tradition, all the shopping, and all the trimmings of this time of year, you and I, as Christians, have a great responsibility and that is to make sure that we celebrate Jesus. As we prepare our gifts for each other, let us remember whose birthday it is and make sure we give Him a gift. I think of the little poem that says:

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him?
Give Him my heart.*

I believe Jesus wants us to love Him more than we love ourselves. He desires that we trust Him and never lose sight of the gift He gives in coming to earth. He desires that our hope lie in Him rather than in the things of this world and that we live life to it's fullest by walking in obedience to His plan for us.

I wish you each a joyous Christmas season and God's special blessings!

Pastor Carol

We are saddened to learn of Jim Braker's death on November 16. Flo's address is: 999 Hood Road NE.
Apt 112, Marietta GA 30068-2267

December



5 - Catrina Link
11 - Liam Butler
15 - Hannah White
16 - Karen Weathers

21 - Terry Cole
28 - Shanna Newland
29 - Fred Dean
31 - Jensen Specksgoor



Church Board Information



- * Deacons' meeting will be held December 2 at 3:00pm.
- * Trustees' meeting will be held December 9 at 6:00pm.
- * Council meeting will be held December 9 at 7:00pm.



December JOY Continued



The Choir will be singing at Evergreen Place on
Sunday, December 7th at 1:00pm.
We leave the church at 12:30 and will have a party there after we sing.
Come join the fun! *With A Voice Of Singing, Sue*



LET'S CAROL! Sunday, December 14

Caroling to people at home
Please join us in a little caroling fun
after church. We will have some
soup then leave at 1:00pm.



A Christmas Play

On Sunday, December 14, our children and youth will
present a Christmas Play during worship as the
Family Devotion time. As part of our larger family,
we hope you can join with us to celebrate God's gift.
Merry Christmas from the Christian Education department!

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK—Sunday, December 21

following worship. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass and
your table service. We hope everyone will join us for this feast.

Deacons will provide coffee and cider.



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 9a & 10:15am Chair Yoga 5:30p & 7p Gentle Yoga | 2 3p Deacons 7:30p AA meets | 3 7p Choir | 4 5:45- 7:00p Gentle Yoga | 5 5:30p AA meets | 6 10a Karate |
| 7  9:30 S School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 1:00 Evergreen | 8 9a & 10:15am Chair Yoga 5:30p & 7p Gentle Yoga | 9 6p Trustees 7p Council 7:30p AA meets | 10 7p Choir | 11 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga | 12 5:30p AA meets | 13 10a Karate |
| 14  9:30 S school 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 1 Caroling | 15 9a & 10:15am Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga | 16 7:30p AA meets | 17 7p Choir | 18 5:45- 7:00p Gentle Yoga | 19 5:30p AA meets | 20 10a Karate |
| 21  9:30 S School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Potluck | 22 9a & 10:15am Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga | 23 7:30p AA meets | 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 7:00p Christmas Eve Worship | 25 <i>Christmas</i>  | 26 5:30p AA meets | 27 10a Karate |
| 28 9:30a S School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee | 29 9a & 10:15am Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga | 30 7:30p AA meets | 31  New Years Eve January 1, 2026 Happy New Year! | | | |

Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00a-2:00pm

