

## December

Dec 24 NO Wednesday Night Services  
Dec 31 Wednesday Night New Years Eve Celebration  
Jan 04 Wellington Health & Rehab Devotional at 3:00 p.m.  
Jan 11 Wellington Health & Rehab Devotional at 3:00 p.m.  
Jan 18 Wellington Health & Rehab Devotional at 3:00 p.m.  
Jan 25 Wellington Health & Rehab Devotional at 3:00 p.m.

## NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

Come say good-bye to the Old Year and welcome the New Year with your brothers and sisters! We plan to have a devotional at 7:00 pm on Dec 31, then head to the fellowship room for fellowship, pizza, snacks and games. Pizza will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite snacks and desserts to share-along with your favorite games. Hoping to see you there!

## BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Thank you church family for the continued donations to the Blessing Box pantry. We appreciate your donations, especially during the holiday season and these colder months!

A special thank you to Wellington Christian Academy for their large donation this month! We also want to thank the ladies of the church and the children's classes for making grab bags.

We are accepting all items at this time. If you ever stop by the church during the week or even during our service time and notice it is empty or running low, please stop in the Nursery in the west hallway and fill it up!

Praise God! This ministry has been a HUGE blessing to our community and has taught many of us to be more thoughtful and giving. The children's classes especially love filling up the box each week and it is teaching them lifelong service to others. God bless you and your service to our community! Much love, Kendall

## BLESSING BOX IDEAS

### Non-Perishable Food Items:

Peanut Butter  
Granola/Protein Bars  
Nuts, Oatmeal, Cereal, Crackers  
Beans, Rice, Lentils, Pasta, Pasta Sauce  
One Box Meals or Mixes  
Kitchen Staples (Flour, Sugar, salt/pepper)  
Dry Soup Mixes, Seasoning Packets  
Canned Goods

### Hygiene Items:

Shampoo/Conditioner  
Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss  
Brushes/Combs  
Deodorant  
Body Wash  
Hats & Gloves  
Scarves  
Socks

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

### December

Dec 21—Volunteer Needed!

Dec 28—Darlene Cooney

If you can volunteer, please see Darlene Cooney!

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

### Relatable

One of the things that I enjoy most about my study of the Scripture is when I come across people that I personally relate to. These are people that I feel, whether it is true or not, like I understand.

One such person, identified only as, "a woman," in Luke 7:37 and described in the same verse only as, "a sinner," which most literally would be translated as "devoted to sin," or "especially wicked," is one that I identify with.

Currently, I strive to live a righteous life, but the time of my life that I did not is still fresh in my mind. So, first, I feel that I can relate to this woman because, I too, could have once been described as especially wicked.

That is not where the similarities end though, and might I add, all praise be to the good Lord. In the rest of the passage, which you can read in Luke 7:36-50, this woman comes uninvited into a dinner party, and weeping all the while, washes Jesus' feet with her tears, dries them with her own hair, kisses His feet, and rubs perfume upon his feet.

Jesus does nothing to hinder her actions to the amazement of the dinner host and explains that her actions are a result of her appreciation to Him. He explains that her sins have been forgiven. He also explains that her faith in Him has given her salvation.

There are many teaching points within this passage, but what I feel that I identify with most is her desperation to thank Jesus – to do something for Him that expresses gratitude.

How I desperately wish to do something for Jesus (I do realize that living in faithful obedience to Him, especially in how I treat other people is doing something for Jesus). But not only that, but I want to be in His physical presence and to make physical contact with God in the flesh. I feel a desperation to see Jesus, face to face as Paul says we will in 1 Corinthians 13:12 and as John says we will in 1 John 3:2.

This woman, like you and I, had to live out the rest of her life after she entered into a saving relationship with Jesus. To me, that's the hardest thing about following Him – the slow grind of day-by-day faithful living. It's not easy, but it is possible, and one of the chief ways that it is possible is a regular remembrance of how much we have been forgiven.

Remember frequently!

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Daniel was faithful to God, and he was blessed with wisdom. Our Theme for Children's & Teens Bible Classes for December is "Daniel Obeyed God." Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and Bible Verse.

Dec 21—Daniel in the Lions Den (Daniel 6)

Dec 28—Daniel's Prophecies (Daniel 7-12)

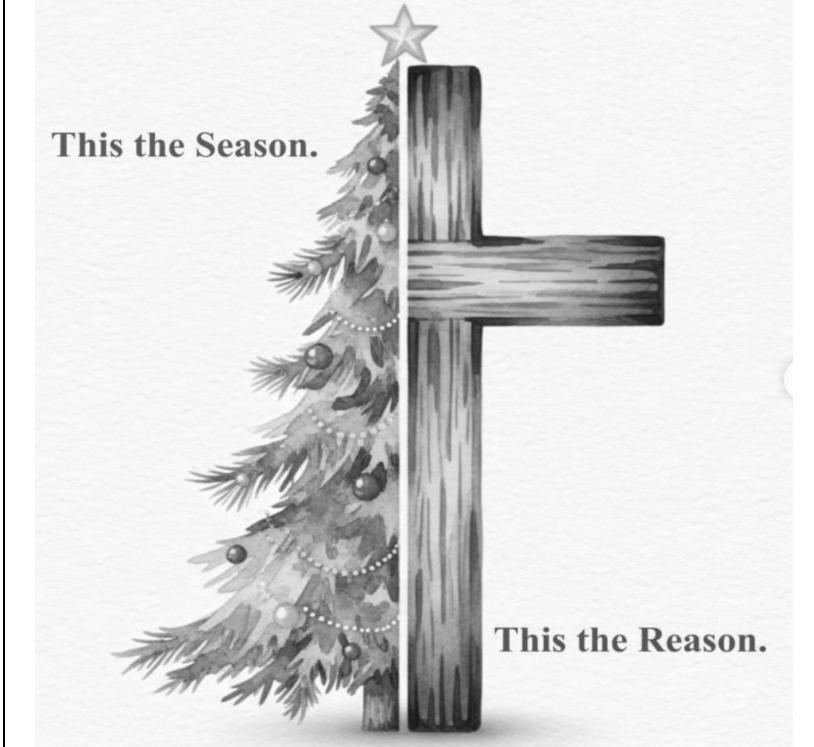
### Big Picture Question:

Q: How can we glorify God?

A: We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him

*Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do,  
do all to the glory of God.*

—I Corinthians 10:31



Instead of Elf on the Shelf, how about you in the pew!  
See you next Sunday.

