

# Our Members Serving

<u>Nursery Dec 2</u>	<u>Nursery Dec 9</u>	<u>Nursery Dec 16</u>	<u>Nursery Dec 23</u>	<u>Nursery Dec 30</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
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Brian Bumgarner Mark Carpenter Mike Stamey Josh Carpenter	Bob Goode Brian Bumgarner Matt Farmer Kyle Withers	Mark Carpenter Josiah Coffey Jerry Reynolds Josh Carpenter	Matt Farmer Allen Dudley Mike Stamey Jerry Reynolds	Bob Goode Allen Dudley Mark Carpenter Josiah Coffey	Dec 2 Brian Crisson Dec 9 David Coffey Dec 16 Mark Carpenter Dec 23 Brian Crisson Dec 30 Chris Poole

## December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Church 11:00AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Choir Practice 4:30 PM Evening Worship 6:00 PM <b>Church Council Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	3 <b>Devotions Brian Center 6:45 AM</b>	4	5 AWANA, Youth Bible Study, Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 PM	6 <b>DivorceCare 6:30 PM</b>	7	8
<b>Week of Prayer for International Missions</b>						
9 Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Church 11:00 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Choir Practice 4:30 PM <b>Business Meeting 6:00 PM</b> Evening Worship 6:00 PM	10 <b>Devotions Brian Center 6:45 PM</b>  <b>Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM</b>	11 <b>WOW Meeting 10:00 AM</b>	12 AWANA, Youth Bible Study, Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 PM <b>Stewardship Meeting 8:15 PM</b>	13 <b>DivorceCare 6:30 PM</b>	14	15
<b>Week of Prayer continued</b>						
16 Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Worship 11:00 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Cantata 6:00 PM	17 <b>Devotions Brian Center 6:45 AM</b>	18	19 Children & Youth Christmas party & Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 PM	20	21	22 <b>Play Practice 10:00 AM—12:00PM</b>
23 Sunday School 9:45 AM <b>Children's Christmas Play 11:00 AM</b> <b>Church-wide Christmas Covered Dish Fellowship 6:00 PM</b>	24 <b>No Devotions Brian Center</b>  <b>Christmas Eve Communion 7:00 PM</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26 No Wednesday Evening services	27	28	29
30 Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Church 11:00 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM <b>Communion 11:00 AM</b> Choir Practice 4:30 PM <b>Movie Night &amp; Church-wide Fellowship 6:00 PM</b>	31 <b>Devotions Brian Center 6:45 PM</b>					

# THE LINK

Connecting the members of River View Baptist Church



### If I Had Not Come

The night before Christmas little Bobby had read in his Bible Lesson with his Dad, just before bedtime, the words, "If I had not come." When he awoke Christmas morning there was no stockings hanging by the fireplace, no tree decorated with lights or ornaments, and no presents. He went for a walk and found factories busy at work. He then went to the orphanage and found only a vacant lot. Then he went to his church and found a for sale sign with "If I had not come" written at the bottom. Again he found these words over a gate post of an empty lot, where he went to find a hospital. Disconsolate, he ran home and picked up his Bible, but all the last part of the book had blank pages. Suddenly, he awoke and realized it was all a dream. So he slipped out of bed and got down on his knees and said, "Oh, dear Jesus, I am so glad that You did come! Help me to tell others about You."

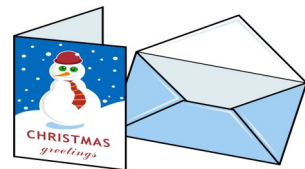
Can you imagine how different our world and life would be had Jesus not come. Surely one of the greatest evidences for His coming is how our world has been shaped around Him. The theme of Him and the character He revealed permeates and influences every aspect of our life. Had Jesus not come the world would be a hopeless place, with very little joy or certainty about tomorrow. So if I am dreaming let me dream on because a world without Jesus is a place I do not wish to know.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Merry Christmas, Jesus has come and will come again!

Pastor Ricky

*River View Baptist Church is prayerfully focused on Christ, our community, and the people of the world with the mandate to reach and equip individuals for spiritually healthy lives.*



THE WOMEN'S III SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL BE HAVING A CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE THIS YEAR. BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND OUR CHURCH ONLY AND THE LADIES WILL SEE THEY ARE PLACED IN THE CHURCH POST OFFICE FOR YOU. COST IS 10 CENTS PER CARD.

IT IS VERY HELPFUL IF YOU HAVE THEM IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. THE POST OFFICE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING CARDS ON DEC 2ND. THE CUT OFF DATE FOR CARDS IS DEC 23RD.

THE MONEY MADE FROM THE POST OFFICE WILL GO TO THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING.



**December is RVBC's month to collect food for the Christian Ministry Pantry/Soup Kitchen. Most needed items are canned beans, bar soap, detergent, cooking oil, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, rice, grits and toilet paper. They also need plastic grocery bags. There is a box in the hallway for donations.**



*Our Church-wide Christmas Fellowship will be held on Sunday, December 23rd at 6:00 PM.*

*This will be a covered dish meal and will be held in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Bring your favorite Christmas dish and be ready to have lots of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the season.*



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**


- 5 Ayden Hooper
- 7 Danny Parker
- 8 Jerry Reynolds III
- 9 Brian Bumgarner
- 10 Debbie Keever
- Debbie Whitworth
- 14 Cheryl Bumgarner
- 22 Kyle Withers
- 23 Marilyn Auton
- 25 Decie Reid
- 26 David Poovey
- 30 Thomasine Black
- Myrlene Calloway



**December 2nd- December 9th has been designated as the week of prayer for International Missions.**

**Please commit to pray for our missionaries around the world as they faithfully strive to share God's love and the message of salvation.**

**Please be in prayer for what God would have you give to the Lottie Moon Offering.**

Lottie Moon Offering Goal	\$6500.00	 <b>Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</b>
Lottie Moon Offering received to date:	\$ 341.25	
Amount needed to reach goal:	\$6158.75	



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Danny & Linda Parker
- 9 David & Robin Coffey
- 20 Hubert & Carol Lambert



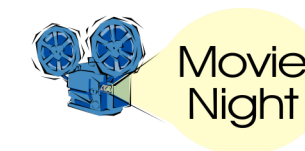
**The Choir will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, "Good News from Home" on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 PM.**



**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 23RD at 11:00 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**



Women Of Wisdom  
*Women of Wisdom will be meeting on Tuesday, December 11th at 10:00 AM. The meeting will take place in the church library.*



**On Sunday, December 30th, we will be having Movie Night and Church-wide Fellowship in place of our regular evening worship service. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM**  
**Bring your favorite movie snack and join for a great time of fellowship.**



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