

News from the Hill

Antelope Hills Christian Church

December 2025

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Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Sunday School for kids
& Adult Bible Study

10:00 am — Worship Service

6:00 pm—Praise & Prayer Time

Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesdays

8:30 am— Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm—Connecting with Christ
Bible Study

7:00 pm—Youth Group

Saturdays

9:00 am—Women's Bible Study

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YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED
THROUGH FAITH.
AND THIS IS NOT OF
YOUR OWN DOING;
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The Gift of Grace

If you remember from last month, I shared about the first five verses of Ephesians 2. There we learned about how we have all failed to live up to God's standards and were part of the kingdom of darkness and, therefore, were fighting against God. Yet, God saved us through His Son, Jesus Christ because He is a gracious and merciful God. It wasn't because we were good enough or deserved it. He saved us because He loves us. But God didn't only save us through Jesus, but actually elevated us and recreated us to be His prized

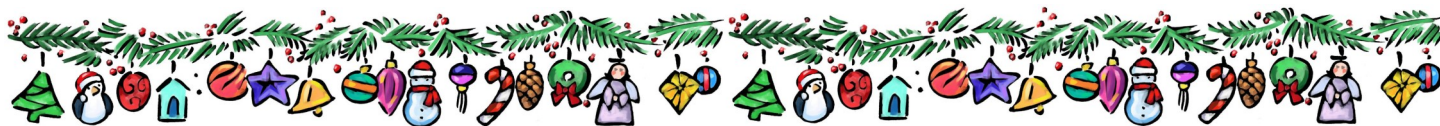
handiwork. Ephesians 2:6-10 (ESV) reads,

"And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

This Scripture tells us that on a spiritual level all who believe in Jesus are seated with Him in the heavenly places where He currently reigns and rules. God has raised us far above our station, further than we could have ever imagined, considering how we treated Him and turned away from Him before He saved us. We get to share in Christ's reign that He alone earned and deserves. It reminds us that our place in Christ isn't ours by our own effort, but His alone. He has graciously given it to us. Yet this doesn't mean we don't have something to do. God has actually prepared for us in Christ, good works to do and we are to walk in them. Yet we always do good works because of the gracious goodness of God, not because we are trying to earn God's favor. We already have it. Let us walk in the grace of God and do the good works He has prepared for us.



Grace & Peace,
Matthew Hopkins



Tues., December 2 & 16 **Young At Heart**

The Young at Heart Senior Gatherings are for anyone age 60+ who would like to come for a time of devotions, prayer, games, coffee and visiting. Invite your friends and neighbors and come enjoy a relaxing afternoon!

Thursday, December 4 **Sew Blessed** **Mission Sewing**



All ladies are invited to come for a day of sewing each month at Marsha Schutte's home. Quilts are made for a mission in Mexico. These are basic quilts so no fancy sewing skills are required and all fabric is provided. Talk to Kay if you have any questions. Potluck lunch.



Sunday, December 7 **Living Nativity**

The Canby Community Living Nativity will be held at 5:30 on Sunday, December 2nd at the corner of St. Olaf and 2nd St. E.

Come and hear the Christmas story and the real Reason for the Season! The Nativity is outdoors, so dress for the weather!

Sunday, December 7 **Parade of Lights**



Check out the AHCC Float in the Parade of Lights on Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 pm! We are in need of people to walk the parade and handout items as well. Please talk to Lisa Thorpe if you are able to help.



Thursday, Dec. 18 **Ladies' Craft Night**

All ladies are invited to a Craft Fellowship Night on Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 pm. Come and learn how to make a Christmas card! Supplies will be provided and cost is \$2 per card. Make as many as you like!

Sunday, Dec. 21 **Christmas** **Program**



Join us on Sunday, December 21 for our AHCC Christmas program during our Worship Service. The kids will be presenting a play called "The 12 Days of Christmas" and show us the real reason for the season! There will be an adult choir as well sharing some traditional Christmas songs. There is still time to join the choir if you aren't in there already! Talk to Nancy or Julie if you are interested.



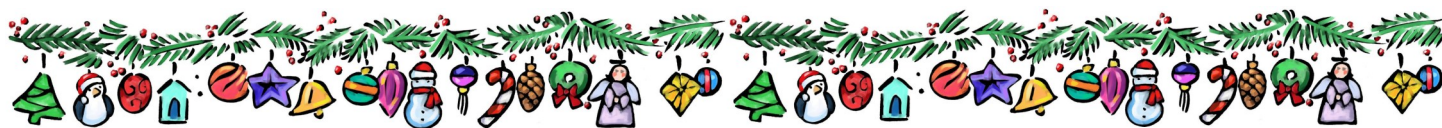
Sunday December 21 **Soup & Sandwich** **Potluck**

We will also have our annual Soup and Sandwich Potluck on Sunday, December 21st following the Worship Service. Tabithas serve. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the fellowship hall for bringing soup or sandwiches. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of goodies to share as well.

Wednesday, December 24 **Christmas Eve** **Candlelight Service**

Take time to focus on how much God loves us by celebrating Christmas Eve with a special Candlelight service at First Baptist Church. It will start at 5:00 pm. (AHCC does not have a Christmas Eve service.) Everyone welcome!





Wednesday, December 31 New Year's Eve Party

Join us as we host a community New Year's Eve Family Party at AHCC at 7:00 on December 31st. Bring snacks to share and games to play. Invite your friends and join the fun! This is a non-alcohol, nondrug event focused on family fun.

Wednesdays Youth Group



Join the fun!

All kids in grades 7-12 are invited to join the Youth Group! They meet each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at the church. Invite your friends!



Thank you, Thank you!!

Thank you to the many people who packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. We packed 177 boxes with the Youth Group and had families donate 58 boxes for a total of **235 boxes** going to children in need! That's 235 more kids who will hear the Good News about Jesus this year! Keep your eyes open for sales throughout the year as we build our stash for next year! Items can be given to Renee for storage until next year. Thanks again!



Check It Out Book Suggestions From the Library Corner

In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado

Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us? That's the question. Can I drift too far? Wait too long? Slip too much? Did I out-sin the love of God? The answer is found in one of life's sweetest words—GRACE! Author Max Lucado invites you to walk the peaks of God's mercy. "In the Grip of Grace" will remind you that the God who first made you is strong enough to sustain you!

On the lighter side check out A Prairie Christmas Collection by various authors. It's a treasury of 9 historical Christmas romances from America's Great Plains. The short stories depict settling the open prairie, weather storms, and finding joy to celebrate during Christmas, epitomizing the pioneer experience. Each story is filled with inspiration and faith. A great read on a cold winter night!

Find these and many more exciting books in our own church library!

"Books are nourishment for the soul."



*"Because they didn't have e-mail then.
That's why God sent an angel
to proclaim the baby's birth."*



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	<u>December 7</u>	<u>December 14</u>	<u>December 21</u>	<u>December 28</u>	<u>January 4</u>
Comm. Meditation:	Nathan	Delroy	Ted	Darren	Kent
Servers:	Delroy, Matt J, Craig	Dan, Will, Levi T.	Jim T., Grant, Andrew	Ted, Dale. P, Brian	Jim S., Wes, Loren
Greeters:	Dale P./Judy B.	Will & Koyla	Dennis & Mary	Ralph & Lynda	Darren & Angela
Nursery:	Juliette & Sophie B.	Rachel & Hatti	Juliette & Leah	Rachel & Chevelle	Juliette & Cheyenne
Joys & Concerns:	Julie	Danielle	Nathan	Delroy	Judy
Songleader:	Carrie	Quartet	Christmas Program	Worship Band	Worship Band
Sound System:	George	Val	Darren	Grant	Isaac
Computer:	Lynn	Grant	Mary	Levi	Morgan
After Service Prayer:	Danielle	Jane	Kent	Nathan	Wes