



“Rainy days and Mondays!” Do you remember that song? What do you suppose happens when the rainy day is a Monday? Well, if you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, it’s just another day to praise and glorify Him. You and I both know how easy it is to let our circumstances get us down, but we have the ability to overcome those circumstances simply by looking to our Heavenly Father and recognizing all the reasons that we have to rejoice. And that should be just a little bit easier as we celebrate the Christmas season.

And can I say that we have kicked off the Christmas season in a great way here at First Baptist. Thank you to the ladies (and their husbands) who worked so hard to decorate our church. Everything looks so beautiful. And also

thank you to our WMU ladies who put on a fantastic Christmas extravaganza last Friday. I can't mention everyone who worked hard to make it happen, but a special thank you to Linda Kilgore and Brenda Bagley. What a blessing. Then we had a beautiful float for our Dadeville Christmas parade. Thank you to Forrest and all of the volunteers who spent many hours making it happen. They did a great job. But the fun isn't over. We have Christmas parties and musical presentations that will carry us through this Christmas season with hearts filled with praise and adoration for the gift the Father has given us.

Mark on your calendar December 19. We will be going back to our old schedule of Sunday School at 9 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. We decided to move it up to this day so that we can all celebrate our Christmas Cantata as a family gathered together in one place at one time. It is going to be fantastic, so plan to be here and bring your family and friends with you. Chapel, Austin, and the choir have worked hard to bring us a time of

worship we will all enjoy.

But we need to keep in mind that Christmas is all about giving. That's what we will be doing on Dec. 15 and 16. We will be giving out Christmas dinners to 120 needy families, so, we need your help. Please sign up in the church office if you are willing to greet, pray with and share your faith, write post cards, OR carry boxes. We want to make this a ministry of love that goes beyond these two days.

As we approach the new year, I need your help. We want to expand our Guest Ministry. If you are familiar with the Welcome Wagon from years gone by, you know what I am going for. I need volunteers who would be willing to carry a gift bag that contains information about our church to our first time guests. If you would be interested in helping me out, please let me know.

One last thing: Welcome Mrs. Nanci Speagle to the family of First Baptist Church. She joined us

yesterday, and if you would like to reach out to welcome her, this is her contact information.

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Can I tell you something that is on my heart this morning? I love you all, and I am so proud to be the pastor of this great church.

Merry Christmas,

Bro. Ben