



## From the Whyte House

On Sunday, December 3 we will be starting a Christmas series called, "The Scenes of Christmas." We will be looking at the specific scenes and characters of the original Christmas story. As I think about this series and this time of year I am left with a nagging question, "what will you do with Jesus at Christmas this year?" In a world that is becoming less and less Christian, Christ is becoming less and less the focal point of everything. When you read the whole story of Jesus' birth we see a very familiar scene where Jesus is born in a stable, laid in a manger, some worship Him, some seek Him and others try to kill Him. But where do we stand in this familiar story? Are we seeking Him? Are we worshipping Him? Are we dusting Him off and bringing Him out again for another year? Or are we removing Him? I would ask each of us to ponder these questions leading up to December 24 where we will be looking at this question of, "What will you do with Jesus at Christmas this year?" at our Christmas eve service at 6:00p.m. as we wrap up our "Scenes of Christmas" series. We Hope that you can join us. Have a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.

*The Whytes*

## What's Going On

- Dec 6 - Caring Tree gifts due back at The Farmers State Bank
- Dec 9 - 9:00 am at the UMC putting together Food Baskets
- Dec 10 - 10:30 am "The Christmas Story with a Double Twist" Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 12 - 10:00 am last women's Bible study for 2017
- Dec 14 - 9:30 am MOPS
- Dec 20 & Dec 27 - No Bible Club, D2BD or youth groups
- Dec 24 - 10:30 am worship service
- Dec 24 - 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service



THANK YOU to everyone who helped this year!! Oakley is an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox COLLECTION CENTER - we receive over 6,000 shoeboxes (packed in cartons) and we load them on two truck trailers to be transported to the Denver processing center. There are 11 towns in NWKS that bring their shoeboxes to Oakley. Thank you to our amazing logistics crew: Shawna Allison, Carla Pilkington, Camile Snow, Rena Whyte, Caroline Waugh. Our box loading specialists are: Dwight Abell, Ja Whyte, Jason Schmidt, Curtis Larshus, Jaymi Pfeifer, Kent Gladin, John Pilkington. Providing snacks / cookies were: Wendy Schmidt, April Teeter, Jaymi Pfeifer, Tami Gee, Danette Repshire. Greeters on Saturday were; Jeannie Burt, Michelle Renner, Danette Repshire. Daily shoebox counters & shoebox packers: Steve & Shawna Allison. **What a great team!!! Thank you to everyone that packed a shoebox!!**

OAKLEY TOTAL SHOEBOXES: 117  
Northwest Kansas TOTAL SHOEBOXES: 6,399  
AMAZING!!!!

Good News! Great Joy!



The OCC Annual Thanksgiving Feast was enjoyed by many!



A great bunch of kids and sponsors attended the MCC OASIS student conference in Manhattan in November!

Back Row: Wyatt Abell, Jackie Marshall, Karsten Whyte, Ainsley Wolf, Andelyn Johnson, Sean Runnalls, Addie Kestler, Lexi Shellito, Kent Gladin, Ethan Abell, Eric Annis

Front Row: Emily Whyte, Tegan Schmidt, Danielle Allison, DaNae Larshus, Jada Renner, Jason Schmidt



# Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 · 6:00 P.M.

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# CHRISTMAS

Join us Sundays in December for the sermon series "The Scenes of Christmas"

December 3 - The Announcement

December 10 - The Star (Children's Christmas Program)

December 17 - The Shepherds

December 24 - The Wise Men

Christmas Eve - The Manger



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 10:30 am**

Parents of all children (toddlers through 5th grade)! You won't want to miss "The Christmas Story with a double twist"! *Your kids will love being a part of this fun Christmas Story!* Bring your cameras, and invite the grandparents and aunts and uncles!



## OMA Caring Tree

The Oakley Ministerial Alliance Caring Tree is at the Farmer's State Bank. You can choose tags and purchase gifts for children in need in the Oakley area. Wrapped gifts with tags attached need to be returned to the FSB by **Wednesday, December 6th**

On Saturday, **December 9th** the OMA will meet at the United Methodist Church at 9:00 am to put together the food boxes and the caring tree gifts for families in the area. Everyone is invited to come and help put the

## December Birthdays

14 Mary Ochs

17 James Wright

25 Tori Harter

28 James Kitch



## Anniversaries

1 Jay & Mary Ochs

12 James & Sondra Kitch

20 Jason & Wendy Schmidt

23 Scott & Delia Gee

27 Robert & Connie Renner

28 Curtis & Kara Larshus

28 Ja & Heidi Whyte

30 Steve & Shawna Allison

31 Michael & Tami Gee

31 John & Carla Pilkington

## Wednesdays at The Cave

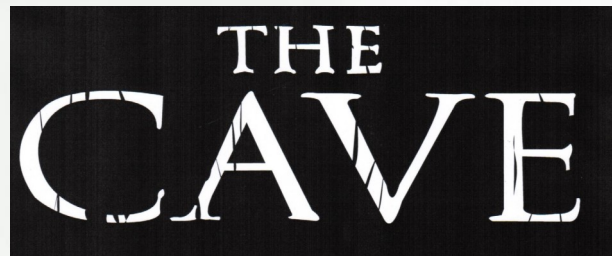
Bible Club (K-4th) at 2:30 pm

Dare To Be A Daniel (5th) at 3:30 pm (at the church)

Middle School Youth Group at 6:00 pm

High School Youth Group at 7:30 pm

**NO Bible Club/D2BD/Youth Groups  
on 12/20 and 12/27**



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