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Advent Visitor

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“Be There”

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Electronic Newsletter - If you would like to receive your newsletter via email instead of a paper copy please email : office@cedarbayou.org



Join us this advent season for activities. Rev. Carol Clifford Turner will present her sermon series: *Be There* through the advent season.

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| November 28 | Sermon - “Be There: Facing Evil” at 8:15 & 10:45
Hanging of The Greens |
| December 4 | Christmas On The Bayou Boat Parade - 6:00 P.M. |
| December 5 | Sermon - “Be There: Facing The Unknown” at 8:15 & 10:45
Christ Child Celebration from 5 - 6 p.m. - Join us as we celebrate the advent season by making an ornament to adorn our homes. For children of all ages.
Figurine Service at 6 p.m. - Worship with the Children as they receive the figurines for their nativity. |
| December 10 | Christmas Cantata: “Were You There On That Christmas Night”
Presented by Cedar Bayou Grace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir at The Pruett St. campus. Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Musical begins at 7:00 P.M. |
| December 11 | 9:30 to 11:00 am Bible Study of Mary, Mother of Jesus led by Beth Brady
Sign up across from the Guest Center. |
| December 12 | Sermon - “Be There: Facing Nobody Status” at 8:15 & 10:45
Fine Arts Academy Christmas Recital at 2:00 P.M.
Mission Maniacs go shopping for Penny Drive at 4:00 P.M. |
| December 19 | Sermon - “Be There: Facing Too Much Responsibility” at 8:15 & 10:45
Church wide caroling from 3 –5 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards. |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
“We Would See Jesus”
4 p.m. - Children’s Service
6 p.m. - Scripture & Carols
11 p.m. - Carols & Candles |

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Announcements



Luis and Heather Ramirez will be leading a 4 week study of **Christmas: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly** on the Sunday evenings of Advent, November 28 to December 19 from 4:00 to 5:00. This study is the basis for the Advent sermon series. Child care will be provided. Please sign up for this study at the table across from the Guest Center.



Join your church family and share the Christmas Spirit with our home bound members by joining us for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 19 from 3:00 to 5:00. We will gather at the Busch center afterwards for hot chocolate and refreshments.



Christmas Family Brunch

Our annual Family Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 19th from 9:30 to 10:30 (our Sunday School hour). Bring a dish to share and enjoy visiting with your church family.



Christmas Retiree Gathering

Come join us on Thursday, December 9th at 11:30 for a pot luck luncheon and Christmas party. Bring a dish or dessert to share and your favorite CD of Christmas music. Drinks will be provided. After lunch we will be gift wrapping the Christmas boxes for the Seafarers and listening to our Christmas favorites.



2nd Saturday Women's Bible Study

Grab your bible, invite a friend and enjoy a study of Mary the Mom led by Beth Brady on Saturday, December 11th at 11:30 in the parlor. Child care will be provided. Please sign up at the table across from the guest center.



Join Cedar Bayou Grace UMC at the Baytown Christmas parade on Friday, December 3. CBGUMC will have a float in the parade. If you would like to have your child ride the float, please call the church office at 281-427-4754. There are a limited number of spots so call today. Line up starts at 5:30 P.M. and the parade starts at 6:30 P.M. Join us!

Christmas Cantata



"Were You There On That Christmas Night"

A Christmas musical presented by the Chancel Choir, Cedar Bayou Grace Players, and Orchestra
December 10, 2010

At the Pruett Street campus

Dinner: 6:00pm

Musical: 7:00pm

Tickets: \$10.00 for dinner

Musical is free of charge

Proceeds go to support youth ministries

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to have witnessed Jesus' birth? Have you ever tried to put yourself in the place of the ordinary people who lived in the area where he was born, or where he lived? "Were You There On That Christmas Night", written by Chris, Doug, and Paula Harrison, explores the lives of a few of these people. The action occurs about thirty years after Jesus' birth, when a crowd of people has gathered to hear him teach. Within the crowd are several people who either saw him as a baby or knew his family. Their dialogues, together with music from the choir and orchestra, help to tell the Christmas story from a very personal perspective.

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Children Advent Activities

Christ Child Sunday, Dec. 5
5pm –6pm

Children of all ages are invited to join us as we celebrate the advent season by making an ornament to adorn our homes. This will be a Christmas party you won't want to miss. Children will have the opportunity to "shop" for gifts for the parents. We are asking that children to bring a non-perishable food item or baby item to Christ Child to donate.



Penny Drive
Collection Time is now
through Dec 12

Save your change to make a difference in a life of a child this Christmas. We have many children here in Baytown who without our help will not be able to have Christmas presents under their tree. Please help donate so we can make an impact on these families. Donations can be brought to the church office.

Figurine Service

Registration for the Christmas figurines is under way. There will be a table set up by the front door in the main hallway for registration. The Figurine Ministry of CBUMC has been ongoing for more than 40 years. Members volunteer their time to make the figurines for the children of our church. The Nativity set consists of 12 figurines. This year's Figurine service will be Sunday, December 5 at 6 p.m.. Make sure you register to ensure your child receives a figurine.



Youth Advent Activities

December 17

Come as we gather for a full night of Food, Fun, and Fellowship with our District. Activities will include a dance, worship service, snack supper, and 3 unlimited play hours at Main Event. The cost is \$25. Meet at the church at 8 p.m.



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Order Christmas Poinsettias



Name _____

Phone _____

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Poinsettias are \$10 each. Please make sure to notate if the poinsettia you are ordering is in honor or in memory of your loved one. To order please fill out this order form and return it to the church office, 2714 Ferry Rd. Baytown, TX 77520. Deadline to order is Wednesday, December 8.

Christmas On The Bayou

Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Pass the Word! It's time again for Christmas on the Bayou Boat Parade, Saturday December 4 at 6 p.m. We need boats, lighted for the season and ready to launch from Roseland Park at sunset. Please, call the church office at 281-427-4754 or fill out the information below to register. Be ready to set sail by 5 p.m. We need parade goers to assemble in Cedar Bayou UMC's parking lot at 6 for food, fun and Baytown's best boat parade yet. It's a great opportunity to bring a friend. We need helpers also to register boats, prepare food or clean up.



Name _____

Phone Number _____

Type/Size Boat _____