

**Ladies Christmas Brunch**  
**Saturday, December 1st**  
 10 a.m. to Noon in Fellowship Hall

Invite a friend and bring a "brunch" item to share along with ONE UNWRAPPED Gift Item\* for the Baptist Mission Christmas Store.

\*Suggested items include: socks, nail polish, bath sets, scarves, hats, gloves, blankets, etc.  
 Please RSVP by calling 942-5539 or sign up at the Welcome Center by November 28th.

You are part of reaching every nation with the gospel.

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PABC Goal: \$10,000.00  
 Given to Date: \$1,855.10

In Christian Sympathy  
 The Portland family extends Christian love and sympathy to:

Shelly Brandon in the loss of her stepbrother  
 Betty Rose in the loss of her brother  
 Cindy Shelton in the loss of her brother-in-law

SENIOR ADULT  
 December Birthdays

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| 2 | Freida Sheldon | 10 | Virginia Miles                |
| 3 | Harvey Sparks  |    | Cindy Shelton                 |
| 4 | Lupe Hernandez | 11 | John Carnahan                 |
| 7 | Susan Lombard  |    | Julia Crews<br>William Ricker |

New message series beginning Dec. 2nd!

when **KINDNESS & LOVE** appeared

THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

**The Lottie Moon Post Office**  
 Is open for Business in the North Foyer

You are invited to address Christmas Cards to church members and place them in the appropriate alphabetized boxes.

A donation of 25 cents per card is suggested. Donations may be placed in the green box, put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office.

**Sr. Adult Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon**  
**Monday, December 3rd**  
 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

WEAR your favorite Christmas attire  
 BRING a delicious dish to share and a wrapped \$5 gift  
 BE PREPARED for a wonderful time of Food, Fellowship and Fun!

**JOY CHRISTMAS KIDS NIGHT OUT**  
**FRIDAY, DEC. 14th**  
 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
 For ages 3 months to Grade 6  
 Snacks, Games, Crafts, Movie & Christmas Light Tour\*  
 Reservations REQUIRED by Dec. 9th  
 Sign up at the Welcome Center or email gmckean@portlandavenue.org  
 \*Light tour for Kindergarten thru Grade 6

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up... 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**I CAN HELP!**  
 Boys Vs. Girls Canned Food Collection  
 NOW through Dec. 9 for Christmas Baskets.  
 We'll line the Children's Building Highway to see who brings the MOST!



**Fresh Food Mobile Market**  
**Tuesday, December 4th**  
**9am at Connection Center**

**Christmas Food Baskets**  
 Help us serve families at Christmas with food or monetary donations.

Items needed: Dressing, Green Beans, Corn, Cake Mixes, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Sugar, Flour, Soups, Coffee, Cereal, Rice, Pinto Beans and Potatoes.  
 A collection box is located at the Library.

Do you know a family that needs a Food Basket for Christmas?  
 Call the church office at 942-5539 with the family information.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace... Romans 15:13

**Christmas Lunch for Buchanan Teachers**  
**Wednesday, December 12th**  
 Volunteers to assist with serving and Homemade Cookies are needed  
 Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office for more info.

**OPEN WIDE dental clinic**

**NO CLINIC IN DECEMBER.**  
 The next Clinic will be Sat., January 19th.

Portland Kids & Families  
**CHRISTMAS Milk & Donuts**  
 Sunday, Dec. 23rd  
 9 to 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

**CONNECTED TO THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**

Our newsletter is full of upcoming Christmas activities getting ready to happen in the church family. And your calendar is filling with lots of Christmas activities with family, friends, school program, etc. You've survived another Black Friday if you were brave enough to get out there among all the shoppers! As believers we must stay connected to the real meaning of Christmas! Christmas is about the coming of the Savior into our world! Christmas is about Jesus! We celebrate his birth because it led to the cross and the resurrection and the promise of eternal life to all who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Don't shove Jesus out of Christmas by rushing past the real meaning of Christmas. Christmas is about HOPE so celebrate the hope of Jesus with your family and church family.

By now, you've probably heard that I will be having my left hip replaced on January 3rd! It's just worn out and keeping me from being as active as I want to be. I'll share more details as I get closer to surgery but I do thank you for praying for my surgery.

This issue of our church newsletter as a "wrap" around the Baptist Messenger is the last you will receive. The Baptist Messenger will no longer publish church newsletters, but you will continue to receive the Baptist Messenger twice a month. We will be publishing a newsletter once a month you will receive at church or online and will be mailed to our folks who are unable to attend. Have a wonderful Christmas! I Love You!

*Bro. Walter*

PABC MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

**THIS IS OUR Joy**

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 2018  
 10:45 am

**SECOND SUNDAY GATHERING**  
**Christmas Connection**  
**December 9 @ 6 pm**  
 staying connected to the real meaning of Christmas

- \* bring your favorite Christmas snacks to share
- \* fun interactive games
- \* make a Christmas craft
- \* connected-Christmas outfits contest

(dress in a connected theme with your family or small group. Example: everyone in your group dresses as elves/gingerbread men/reindeer)