

THIS SABBATH:

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas with the beautiful decorations in the lobby and sanctuary. Thank you to our amazing Decorating Team for the hours of time spent making sure the house of God always reflects beauty.

Hey, don't forget about "Breakfast With the Family" this Sabbath from 9:15-10:00. We're going to splurge and make this our Christmas Breakfast, so you won't want to miss it!



We have another treat this Sabbath; the Chisholm Trail Academy Choir will be presenting a concert during the worship hour. Thank you for making them feel very welcome! We will also hear from our SWAU Student Pastor, Alan Diaz, as he brings the Message of Hope titled, "The End of the Story."

The **offering emphasis** will be for the Local Church Budget. Thank you for your generous support of our church and its various ministries and physical needs.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

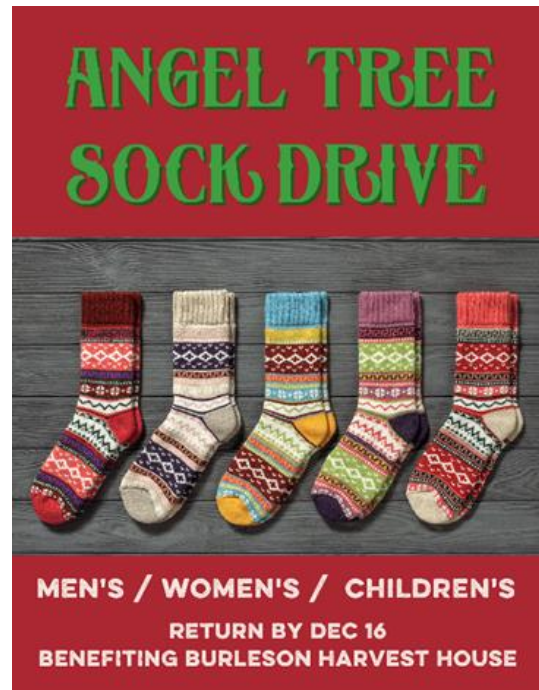
What's the Christmas season without children enacting the Christmas story?! On December 16, the worship service will include just, that along with specials from the Church Choir and congregational carols. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the greatest story ever told!



ANGEL TREE SOCK DRIVE:

Our Angel Tree initiative is going to be simple and straightforward this year. There will be nothing to take off the tree; just pick up some socks for men, women, or children, and leave them under the tree by December 16. This benefits the Burleson Harvest House and is one of the items they request the most.

If you know of a family that needs a helping hand this time of year, please reach out to Pastor Kevin or Pastor Danny and let us know how we can help.



NEXT STEP WOMEN'S CENTER:

Thank you to those of you who are already praying by name for the Next Step staff member you chose. The work these women (and men, I believe) do is emotionally draining as they counsel women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. They are literally engaged in spiritual warfare on a daily basis and ask that we cover them in prayer.

There are still a few names available if you have it in your heart to participate in this ministry. Bring your card of encouragement back to the Connect Corner any time up to December 16 and we will make sure they receive them in time for their office Christmas party.



FROSTY FIESTA WINTER SOCIAL:

Our next church social is coming up! Bring your friends and family to our Frosty Fiesta as we enjoy a hot chocolate bar, ugly sweater runway (I've got a real gaudy one!), games and much more. See you at the Burleson Church Fellowship Hall on December 9th at 6 pm, and don't forget the ugly sweater and your favorite table game!



PATHFINDER ENCHILADA FUNDRAISER:

You've only got one more day to place an order for your yummy enchilada dinner(s)! Save yourself some time in the kitchen and order enough enchilada dinners for the whole family by tomorrow, Nov 29. You can pick them up at the church on Sunday, Dec 3, between 12:30 and 2:00. Click on this [LINK](#) to place your order and even pay for it. Let's help the Burleson Bears get to the International Camporee this summer!

A blue poster for a fundraiser. The word 'Fundraiser' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, 'Support the Burleson Bears Pathfinders' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The menu '2 CHEESE ENCHILADAS RICE, BEANS, & SALAD' is listed in white. A large yellow '\$10' is followed by 'Per Plate' in white. A clock icon indicates the time 'Sunday, 12/3/23 12:30 - 2:00 pm'. The location 'BURLESON ADVENTIST CHURCH 601 S. Burleson Blvd. Burleson, TX 76028' is listed. A 'Prepay by Wednesday, 11/29/23' section includes a QR code and the text 'SCAN ME'. A hand holding a plate of enchiladas is shown at the bottom left. The text 'QUESTIONS? eMail: burlesonbearspathfinders@gmail.com' is at the bottom.

BAS ITEMS OF INTEREST:

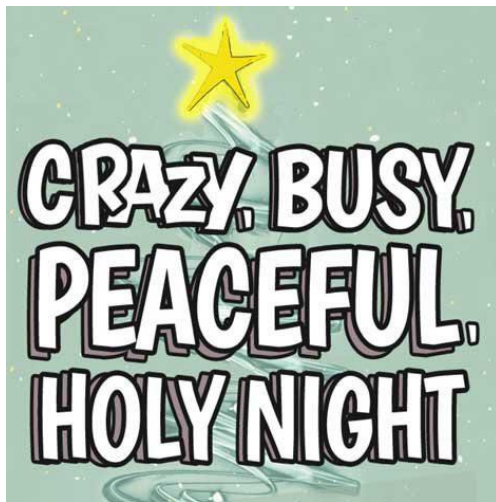
- Burleson Adventist School is fundraising for Student Financial Aid and much needed projects by selling delicious naval oranges and grapefruit. I got in on this information at the tail end of their offer, so if you are interested, you'll need to call the school (817-295-6812) by Thursday, November 30. When you call to place your order, they will instruct you on payment. Delivery will be December 12th or 13th.

Citrus Pricing Guide

<u>Navel Oranges</u>	<u>RR Grapefruit</u>	<u>Combo NO/GF</u>
20 lbs. \$32	20 lbs. \$32	20 lbs. \$40
40 lbs. \$55	40 lbs. \$55	

Mammoth Pecan Halves 1 lb Bag \$18

**Donations also accepted for student prize credits.
Make checks/cash payable to: Burleson Adventist School**



You are invited to the annual **BAS CHRISTMAS PLAY** on December 13th at 7:00 pm in the BAS Gymnasium. Enjoy a beautiful play acted by our 7/8th graders and sung by our PreK-8th grade choir and discover what a "Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night" is really all about. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Please remember there is additional parking in the upper lot behind the shed. Please do not park on any grassy areas. Thank you.

ITEM OF POTENTIAL INTEREST:

I was asked to share the following announcement with you:

Partner with ASAP Ministries in serving the marginalized and reaching the unreached in Southeast Asia with the wholistic gospel. What you do today can change a life for eternity! To learn more visit asapministries.org. Subscribe to our weekly Mission Matters videos. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube: asapministries

Well, this letter always ends up longer than I think it's going to be! Thanks for taking the time to stay up to date with all that's going on. Have a blessed week, friends. ~ Liz ~



The good news
is that
grace
still heals.

“If you would tell me, tell me true,” a wise old man once said. “There isn’t time enough for lies.”

And when we’ve polished all our trophies, and sung again our victory songs, we come at last to stories too painful to be false. Each honest story unwraps our wounds, our hurts—as well as those we’ve given.

We grieve the loved ones whom we’ve lost—a spouse; a friend; a much-loved child—though some of them still live and breathe. We mourn the loss of innocence; we’ve soaked up toxic sums of greed. We laugh at violence and war; we cheer for “heroes” who display our poorest human qualities. We feel the sadness for what’s never fixed or mended or repaired.

And so it’s not an accident that we know more of Jesus as a healer than any other role. He stepped into the broken story of our world with grace that made the lepers dance and unlocked tongues that never spoke. He gave the parents back lost children; He cast out evil spirits and refashioned sin-sick attitudes. He told us of a Father who kindly waits for us to finish playing prodigal.

And when He died to heal us of our greatest hurt, He took our pain and made it His. “He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed” (Isa 53:5-6).

The good news is that grace still heals. It closes wounds; it soothes our scars. And someday soon, it leads us home.

So stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

RANDOM FUN FACTS:

- Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints. You can't blame your crimes on your twin, after all. This is because environmental factors during development in the womb (umbilical cord length, position in the womb, and the rate of finger growth) impact your fingerprint.
- All the world's bacteria stacked on top of each other would stretch for 10 billion light-years. Together, Earth's 0.001mm-long microbes could wrap around the Milky Way over 20,000 times.
- The world's oldest dog lived to 29.5 years old. While the median age a dog reaches tends to be about 10-15 years, one Australian cattle dog, 'Bluey', survived to the ripe old age of 29.5. The world's oldest cat lived to 38 years and three days old. Creme Puff was the oldest cat to ever live.
- The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. The 36-letter word was first used by the Roman poet Horace in the first century BC to criticize those writers with an unreasonable penchant for long words. It was American poet Aimee Nezheukumatathil, possibly afraid of her own surname, who coined the term how we know it in 2000.