



# THE BUILDER

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## *Storyline... Wait With Purpose!*

In the sermon Sunday I said that the season of Advent is a season of waiting, of making ready to receive the Christ in our hearts. I also said that waiting is not our favorite thing. None of us like to wait for anything. We have evolved into a “do it now” generation. With the coming of the computer age we have information, ideas, finance, and most everything we want or need at our fingertips. We don’t like to wait.

In the text that we used for Sunday Jesus declares that we wait with purpose, that is, that while we wait we are actively involved in the kingdom of God and that we are working in God’s kingdom.

We are not called to simply wait for his arrival, but to wait with purpose, to be about the business of ministry in the life of the church, bearing witness to our faith and doing what we can to win others to Christ.

The good news is that we have received 12 members thus far this year, with several other regular visitors showing interest in joining our church family. The bad news is that we are facing some difficult times financially — not unlike some we have faced before. I ask that you lift the church in prayer as we have continued to remain faithful in sharing with others and God has blessed us. I believe that God will continue to bless us if we remain faithful to our call. Now is not the time to give up or give in, but rather the time to give our time, talent and treasure that we will be found faithful in our ministry together.

I invite you to meet me around the Lord’s table this week as we continue in the season of Advent and take the opportunity to invite someone that you know who does not have a church home. We will continue to wait with purpose and that purpose is to extend the kingdom of God to all who will receive it.

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## Serving In December

**Elders:** David McMahan,  
Kayla Rosas

**Worship Leader:** Connie  
Jefferson

**Deaconess:** Carole Anne  
Murphy

**Deacons:** Pete Almanza,  
Rhonda Clay, J.T. Copeland,  
Angie Goette

**Greeters:** Pete Almanza,  
Melissa Almanza

**Acolyte:** Dylan Summey

**Building Closing:** John  
Westmoreland, Sandra West-  
moreland

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## **A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - LINDA TUSA**

“Oh come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, oh come all ye citizens of heaven above.”

This is the time to anticipate the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The wreaths and garlands have been hung, and the Chrismon tree has been trimmed. Now all we need is YOU.

Please join us as we remember the real reason for the season.

## *Memorials Received*

We have received the following memorial gifts to be used to the glory of God and the ministry of Richfield Christian Church:

In Memory of: **Marshall Organ**

From: Charles & Shirley McCoy  
 Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy  
 George Tabor  
 David Hyskell  
 Charles & Connie Jefferson  
 James & Frances Clay

In Memory of: **Leslie Holle**

From: Charles & Shirley McCoy  
 Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy  
 Charles & Connie Jefferson  
 James & Frances Clay

In Memory of: **Helen Ware**

From: Clint & Inez Montgomery  
 Chick Lewis  
 Charles & Connie Jefferson  
 Charles & Shirley McCoy  
 Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy  
 James & Frances Clay  
 Valera Labit  
 Dorothy Smith

In Memory of: **Al Dewlen**

From: Charles & Shirley McCoy

In Memory of: **Daniel Petter**

From: Clint & Inez Montgomery

In Memory of: **Travis Roebuck**

From: Minor & Vivian Helm  
 Melba Maddox  
 Bill & Shirley Fuller  
 Valera Labit  
 Margaret Latimer  
 James & Frances Clay  
 Dorothy Smith

## CUB SCOUT NEWS AND INFORMATION

Pack 403 would like to thank Richfield members for helping with the annual Food for Families community project. We collected 713 pounds of food. The scouts also collected food from the neighborhood around Richfield, their own neighborhoods and some businesses. It was a great group effort. We will represent Richfield in the annual Waco Holiday Parade on December 3. A camping trip is planned at Fort Parker in Mexia on December 10, and then our Christmas party will wrap up the year on December 15 at 6:00 pm. Our meetings will resume in January. Merry Christmas from Pack 403.

Submitted by Kayla Rosas, Committee Chair

## Outreach News

Mission Waco has requested our assistance in stocking their annual Toy Store for the children of low-income families. Parents are able to purchase the toys at an 80% discount, allowing the children to shop with dignity. If you would like to assist in this project, make your check out to the church and mark it "Toy Store." No child should be required to experience a Christmas without a toy due to no fault of their own.

David McMahan, Outreach

## For Your Care and Concern

Adams, Carol	Labit, Valera
Anderson, Bob	Laird, Peggy
Anderson, Brynn	Long, Dewayne
Basquez, Lupe	Lothlen, Glenn
Benson, Christian	Lothlen, Patsy
Bigham, Travis	Martinez, Anselmo
Boatright, Jaiden	Maxon, Eric
Bratten, Don	Maynard, Ginna
Burge, Susan	McCance, Richard
Burns, Marian	McFarling, Kristi
Cargile, Melvin	McGee, Lynda
Castro, Dolores	McKim, Carol
Catchings, Nial	McLellan, Kendall
Christian, Jerre	Moffatt, Rachel
Church, Inga	Moix, Zachary
Clay, James	Montgomery, George
Clouatre, Gary	Moore, Tommy
Cohn, Christina	Moses, John
Davis, Don	Munson, Kathy
Davis, Josh	Munson, Nancy
Dawson, Karen	O'Conner, Mary
Derrick, Charlie	Painter, Todd
Devault, Danielle	Patterson, Peggy
Dickson, Wendal	Pearson, Brandy
Duncan, Mark	Picard, Jana
Evans, Debbie	Pilla, Steve
Nicholas Flowers	Pryor, June
Foster, Brie	Quinlan, Dan
Fredrich, Karen	Quinn, Michael
Fuller, Hester	Richardson, Steve
Gleissner, Nicholas	Robertson, Janet
Hancock, Patricia	Saucedo, Nelda
Harper, Lindsey	Shreeve, Judy
Helm, Bea	Skinner, Jim
Hill, Sandra	Snyder, Shawna
Horner, Davis	Stidvent, Vivian
Houston, Peggy	Story, Grant
Ibarra, Samantha	Story, Joleta
Jones, Brandie	Surface, Doris
Jones, Patsy	Upham, Emily
Jordan, Marie	Urbel, David
Judd, Marsha	Vernon, Robert
Kattness, Michael	Whalia, Teresa
Keck, Don	Wilson, Bob
Kelley, Caleb	Wogg, Gina
Kelley, Linda	Woodard, Ann
Knowles, Kenneth	Yates, Phillip

## AMONG OUR PEOPLE

### To Remember in Prayer

**Bob Wilson** continues his recuperation at home. **James Clay** had a dental issue develop and is waiting for the swelling to subside; he is still fighting with respiratory issues. At this writing, **Doris Surface** is in ICU at Providence suffering from pneumonia. **Valera Labit** continues her rehab at Regent Care and is supposed to return to Stillwell before the week is over. **Marie Jordan** is suffering with a bout of shingles but is doing better.

Serving in Kuwait: Sgt. Joseph Thorn

Pray for all of these and pray for the **parents** of our congregation and parents around the world as they lead their families in **building Christian homes**.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations, Bunting family, and a big welcome to Evan James, born November 9, to Jim and Stacie, and to his three big sisters, Kaelin, McKenna, and Cassidy! Helen and Max are thankful and proud grandparents, and all are doing well.

### CWF/DW Update

Our women's group has been really busy. The outreach service projects for November were gifts of \$100 each to Storybook Christmas and Mission Waco Toy Store. Thanks to our hostesses, Angie Goette and Cheyanne Butler, for providing our meal. The "Pies-A-Plenty" fundraiser was held on November 20. As of this date we have made \$210.00 for future outreach projects. The December project is Talitha Koum and \$200.00 was sent to them. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 at Red Lobster. We will be exchanging \$10.00 Christmas gifts. A nursery will be provided. All women of Richfield are invited.

Connie Jefferson, Publicity

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

As we begin this Advent season may our focus remain on Jesus. He is our reason for preparation and celebration. With that in mind, prayerfully note these important dates and information for our young people:

- Friday, Dec 2 - 6:30 p.m.-9:00 a.m. Saturday morning— CYF Lock-In (6th -12 grades). Bring pillow, sleeping bag, favorite game and fun stories. I can bring the kids home Saturday morning.
- Sunday, Dec 4 - 12:noon-3:00 p.m.— JYF Movie & Pizza & Games (ages 5 through 5th grade). Movie: *The Smurfs!* Bring pillow and blanket if you like. I am available to bring the kids home. Please let me know if that is what you want.
- Sunday, Dec 11 - Church Christmas Luncheon/ Party— Watch for that Jolly Fella' from the North Pole.
- January 2012 - Youth Fundraiser—details to be announced.
- MID-Winter Retreat Dates for 2012: JYF Jan. 27-29; Chi Rho, Feb. 3-5; CYF, Feb. 24-26. Let me know if you would like to attend.
- Thanks to our church family who help with the snack suppers with donations of cash or snacks. It is greatly appreciated.

• See ya Sunday... *Angie*

### Special Thanks to Advent Volunteers

Thanks to the following volunteers for the Advent workday: Helen Bunting, Kent Holguin, Charles and Connie Jefferson, Sean McKeag, Clint and Inez Montgomery, Jack and Nancy Munson, Jerry and Carole Anne Murphy, Dee Schmidt, Max and Lorenzo Vargas, Joe Webb and John and Sandra Westmoreland. Your gifts of time and energy have made our sanctuary and narthex look great.

### Education Ministry

December 2011 Bible Verse: Matthew 1:21 "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin."

Christmas Luncheon - The Education Ministry will host the annual Christmas lunch/party after the church service on Dec. 11. Please join us in our Second Sunday fellowship potluck lunch and stay as our children receive an early visit from Santa.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Education Ministry at Richfield in 2011. It has been a year of various challenges and changes, but God has been with us through it all. I pray that our church family continues to grow in faithfulness in 2012. Let us respond in love to all of God's goodness and greatness.

Kent Holguin, Education Ministry Chair

## Boy Scout News

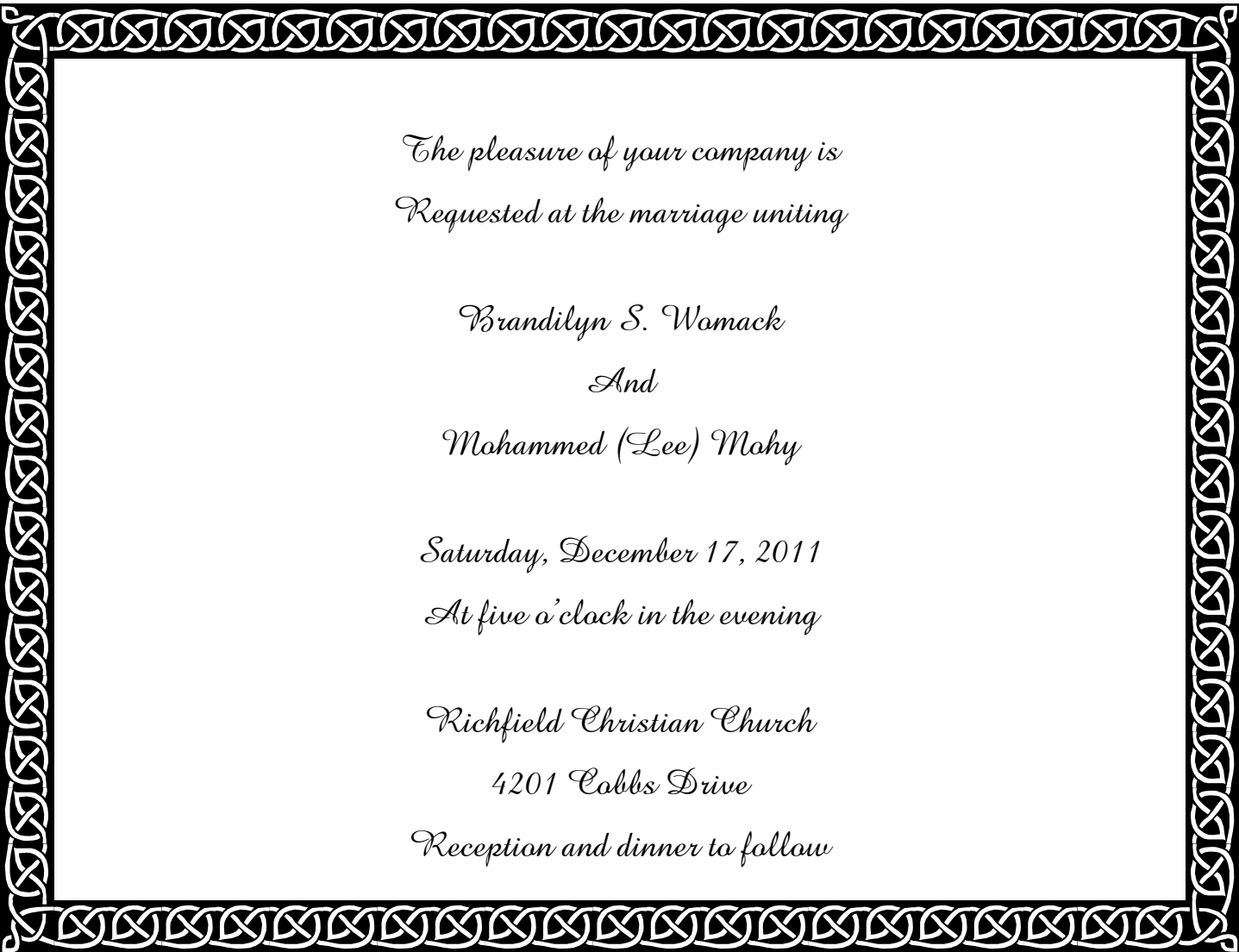
Our Boy Scout troop will participate in the City of Waco Christmas parade, which will be held on December 3. They will also participate in a winter campout the weekend of December 9-11 and work on their backpacking skills and complete any needed outdoor skills for their merit badges and rank requirements.

A Court of Honor for our scouts will be held on Tuesday, December 20 at Richfield. Church members and Webelos scouts from the Cub Scout Pack are invited to attend. Scout parents will host a dinner for our guests following the ceremony.

Youth Leadership Training - Lorenzo Vargas will be attending this session on December 26-31 at Camp Tahuaya in Belton, Texas.

We are still collecting aluminum cans to recycle to help with our scout funds.

Angela Vargas, Committee Chair



*The pleasure of your company is  
Requested at the marriage uniting*

*Brandilyn S. Womack*

*And*

*Mohammed (Lee) Mahy*

*Saturday, December 17, 2011*

*At five o'clock in the evening*

*Richfield Christian Church*

*4201 Cobbs Drive*

*Reception and dinner to follow*

Christmas Special Day Offering will be taken December 11-18.

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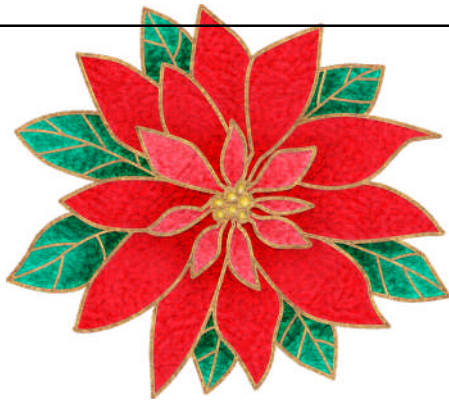
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## FACTS AND FIGURES

<b>Attendance:</b>	Nov. 6 -	81
	Nov. 13-	80
	Nov. 20-	85
	Nov. 27 -	100

### **Giving 11/6/11**

General Fund	\$ 5,062.65
Building Fund	\$ 40.00

### **Giving 11/13/11**

General Fund	\$ 2,282.11
Building Fund	\$ 0.00

### **Giving 11/21/11**

General Fund	\$ 1,992.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00

### **Giving 11/27/11**

General Fund	\$ 2,125.00
Building Fund	20.00

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"As members of the body of Christ known as Richfield Christian Church, we believe that we are called to share the Good News that leads people to Jesus Christ; called to provide a place of worship, spiritual support and nurture to all who come; called to support the growth and development of outreach and mission at home and abroad; and called to help train and educate those persons chosen by God to service in ministry, both lay and ordained - so help us God."*

## Second Sunday Fellowship

The second Sunday fellowship will be held Sunday, December 11, following worship and will be hosted by the Education Ministry. Please join us in our potluck lunch and stay as our children receive an early visit from Santa.