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LOVE OTHERS.  
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# THE VISITOR

## DECEMBER 2021

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

#### Electronic Newsletter

If you would like to receive our newsletter via email instead of a paper copy, please email: [office@cedarbayougrace.org](mailto:office@cedarbayougrace.org)

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters of Cedar Bayou Grace Methodist Church,

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Christmas is fast approaching and 2022 is almost here. My first year of ministry with you has gone by too quickly and yet your love, kindness, commitment and generosity never cease to amaze me. I praise God for all of you!

This Christmas season, remember that before Christmas, there is Advent. Advent is the appointed time during the church year in which we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. Not only the coming of Christ as baby Jesus in the manger, but the coming of Christ in the Church as the Body of Christ, and the ultimate coming of Christ victorious.

During Advent, I will be preaching on a simple question, "Why Advent?" Why is it that we must prepare for Christ as Blessed Baby, Risen Savior and Triumphant King? The season of Advent is meant for our personal spiritual benefit if we so allow it. As you prepare for each Sunday in Advent and the busyness of Christmas takes over every aspect of daily life, consider reading these Scriptures in preparation for each Sunday and focus on God's word as the source of life and light for the weeks ahead. As you read these, pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you a portion of God's wisdom and discernment for the days ahead.

Date	Scripture Reading	Sermon Title
11/28/2021	Luke 21:25-28	The Meaning of Advent
12/5/2021	Luke 3:1-6	The Meaning of Repentance
12/12/2021	Luke 3:3-16	The Meaning of Christmas
12/19/2021	Luke 1:39-45	The Meaning of Forgiveness

During Advent, there will be many reasons to celebrate at CBG. On Sunday, December 5, we will celebrate Holy Communion during all worship services and, in the 10 am service, we will have the Figurine Service. On Sunday, December 12, CBG's newest Stephen Ministers will be commissioned. On Sunday, December 19, the Chancel Choir will present its Christmas cantata during 8:30 Traditional Worship. On Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, we will celebrate the birth of Christ with Communion and Candlelight services as follows:

- 2:00 PM FX "The Family Experience" Worship
- 5:00 PM Traditional Worship
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Carols and Lessons

Consider inviting a friend, a family member and/or a neighbor to join you at church on Christmas Eve. What if this Christmas you gave the gift of Christ to someone who, otherwise, would be alone on Christmas Eve?

In the meantime, may the Lord bless you and keep you, and hold you in his arms of love, mercy and grace. Amen.

Remember that if we are willing, God is able!

Peace, Pastor Luis

The Rev. Luis E. Ramirez, *Senior Pastor*  
[pastorluis@cedarbayougrace.org](mailto:pastorluis@cedarbayougrace.org)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Experience – Sundays at 10 am**

**Celebrate!**

*...because Jesus gives us reason to celebrate.*

The best gift God ever gave us was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known. Join us every Sunday in Advent as we celebrate Jesus—because Jesus gives us a reason to celebrate!

**CHRISTMAS**  
AT CEDAR BAYOU GRACE

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES • DEC. 24 @ 2PM, 5PM & 7PM  
SERVICES AVAILABLE IN PERSON OR ONLINE AT [WWW.CEDARBAYOUGRACE.ORG](http://WWW.CEDARBAYOUGRACE.ORG)



**POINSETTIA**

ORDERS

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POINSETTIA ORDERS  
CLOSE ON  
DECEMBER 12, 2021.

REGISTER USING THE  
CHURCH CENTER APP  
OR FOLLOW THE LINK IN THE  
THIS WEEK AT CBG EMAIL

**Day School  
Supper With Santa 2021**

Day School Facebook LIVE  
Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 to 7:00 pm

Virtual Auction Bidding on Day School Fb page  
Mon., Dec 6 from 9:30 am to Tues., Dec 7 at 12 noon

Virtual Auction winners will be announced during  
the LIVE on Tuesday night!

**OLD TIME  
Religion**

Tue. Dec. 7 at 11:00 am in the Busch Center

**Come for worship and stay for lunch.**

CEDAR  
BAYOU  
GRACE

**COFFEE AND  
A DEVOTIONAL**

Wednesdays at 9:00  
in the Coffee Bar.  
All are welcome!

**Men's Breakfast**

Friday, December 3 at 8:00 am in  
the Café

# CBG KIDS

December 2021

LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. SERVE THE WORLD.

**FX:FamilyExperience**  
&  
**FIGURINE  
SERVICE**

*Sunday, December 5th*  
**10am**

*Register for your child's 2021 figurine  
on the Church Center app*

We are so excited to incorporate our long lasting tradition of the Figurine Service with our FX: Family Experience again this year! Mark your calendars for December 5th.

When registering online, please be sure to register each child/teenager that will be receiving a figurine. You will receive an email confirmation that will serve as your figurine pickup receipt.

We look forward to celebrating BIG with you this Christmas season!

## Friday Night FRIENDzy 4th & 5th graders

Friday Night FRIENDzy is a monthly event for our 4th & 5th graders! Kids are encouraged to bring a friend or two or ten! At FRIENDzy, we take our monthly virtue to the next level as we play zany games and eat pizza. You can always expect the unexpected at FRIENDzy! ☺ Registration is on the Church Center app.

## FRIDAY NIGHT FRIENDZY

"Merry & Bright" Christmas Party

**DEC. 10  
6-8PM**

4TH & 5TH GRADE  
"THE CREW" PRETEEN MINISTRY



# cbg student ministry DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTIVITIES  
FOR TEENAGERS  
(6TH - 12TH GRADE)



## THANK YOU X4358...

For every dollar raised at the pumpkin patch! On behalf of all the students, we want to thank you for your business, signing up to volunteer, bringing your friends, sharing invitations and for all your love towards the youth ministry! Thanks to you, we have raised \$4,358 that will go to youth missions and camps. We thank God for your generosity and pray to be blessed overabundantly!

## YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD

**RISE  
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SUNDAYS  
DEC 12 & 19  
10:00 AM



METHODIST YOUTH  
FELLOWSHIP

**MYF**

SUNDAY DEC 5  
5-7PM



### HOLIDAY HOOPLA

**Date: DEC 17 9:00PM - DEC 18 7:00AM**  
The annual Christmas season lock in organized by the South District is back! Join us for a full night of fun, worship, food, music and more! We'll depart from church at 9pm and come back at 7am. Worship will be at Bay Harbour UMC, then we'll go to jumping world and wrap up the night at main event. SIGN UP HERE!



CEDAR BAYOU GRACE

**CHURCH  
MERCH**

**SALE**

COMING SOON



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Memorials

### In Memory of Mary Guenther

- Kathryn Scheffler
- Diane Gillet
- Lynn & Bonnie Walker
- Robert Craig
- Judy Leggett

### In Memory of Ray Moorman

- Emmitt & Carolyn Waugh

### In Memory of Gary Bruns

- Sonny & Jo Beaty

## Sunday Worship Times

### Traditional - 8:30 AM

- A traditional service with choir that is rooted in what is familiar and lasting

### The Experience - 10:00 AM

- The Experience is a contemporary worship service design for parents who still have children living at home, however, all are welcome.

### Contemporary - 11:15 AM

- A high-energy contemporary service with praise team



### Budget and Online Giving - \$601,136.95

October 26, 2021 - November 21, 2021

As a reminder, if you haven't turned in your estimate of giving card for 2022 Budget, please mail or bring by the church office. Thank you for your faithful giving.



**November Communion Offering  
received for Curt's Kitchen \$138.00**



## Have Prayer Requests?

office@cedarbayougrace.org

cedarbayougrace.org

Click on "Prayer Needs" button.



## WAYS TO GIVE

Online at cedarbayougrace.org

Text the amount you want to give to #84321

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