

## Christmas Without My Father Franklin Graham

Dear Friend,

It has been almost a year since [my father passed away](#). This is our family's first Christmas without him, and to be honest, it is sad, as it is for everyone who has lost loved ones. But the joy we have is knowing that my father is with [the Author of Christmas](#).

He's with God, who designed the plan to send His Son to earth to be born of a virgin. When He was born, He was placed in a manger because there was no room in the inn. This is how Jesus came—it was the humblest of beginnings. Then He died on a cross with common criminals to [pay the penalty for our sins](#). That was His purpose from birth, and it's the reason for Christmas.

When I was a child, it was a tradition to gather around my father near the fireplace and listen while he read the Christmas story. I remember sitting on his lap, or sometimes my mother's lap, as my father opened his Bible to read about Jesus' birth.

Jane Austin and I did the same thing with our children, and now our children are doing it with their children, passing down the tradition of Christmas. It is a time of looking back at what God has done and looking forward to what [He will do in the hearts and lives of everyone who will trust Him](#).

### Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible study is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We will continue our study on Romans.



We do not pass an offering plate here at LFTB. Tithes or offerings can be placed in the little wooden church building. Thanks!



**Brother Dale & Mitzi  
Our Church  
Our Deacon  
Our President  
Our Country & Military  
Solid Rock Global Ministry  
Faith Connections Ministry  
Eastham Prison Ministry  
Kings Rein Ministries  
Bylinda Figueredo  
Nick, Shelby & Girls  
Bill Garlock  
Vera Smith  
Jeanine Shelton & Family  
Margaret Bostick  
Robert & Dorothy Bailey  
Bryan Kettle  
Tonya McFarlin  
Nicole  
Cody, Collin & Conner Hancock**

**Kyleigh White  
Larry Johnson  
Vanessa Holmes  
the Farm  
Kolton Lindsey  
Toby Evans  
Mary Pool  
Mitzi Perry Family  
Jr. Dickerson Family  
Kyleigh Fernandez  
Don Womble  
Mary Jo Davis  
Don Gunter  
Karen Wesson  
Carol Barton  
Tommy Thompson  
Kathryn Smith  
Demetra Pride**

**Kids, Grandkids, Great-Grandkids & others caring  
for Aging Parents.**

### Sermon Notes



*December 23, 2018*

**Office Hours M-Th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
(903) 675-9177  
[www.lftbcowboychurch.com](http://www.lftbcowboychurch.com)**

### Weekly Schedule

**Sunday** ..... Bible Study: 9:00 am – 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 10:00 am  
Children's Church: 10:00 am (4 yrs. thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Bible Study & prayer: 6:00 pm  
Branded Kids and Youth: 6:00 pm

**Tuesday** ..... Branded Seniors Game Day: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Grief Share: 5:00 pm  
Arena Service: Will Resume in January 8, 2019

**Wednesday** ..... Ladies' Bible Study: Will Resume in January 2019  
Men's Bible Study: 6:30 pm

**Thursday** ..... Agape Knitters: 9:30 am

### Welcome Visitors!

Exchange your visitor card at the  
Welcome Desk for a bag of goodies.

## Sunday Bible Study

Adult Discussion – Teacher: Jim Raleigh  
Explore the Bible – Teacher: Jared Smith  
Upper Room – Teacher:  
Young Married Couples – Teacher: Art Pool

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

**Nursery – Babies**  
Mandy Hancock  
**TODDLERS 2 - 3 yrs. old**  
Teachers: Brenda Tarter, Sandy Hoffmeyer  
**Pre-K & Kindergarten**  
Teachers: Deb Scarbrough, Elaine Simmons  
**1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**  
Teacher: Mary Scott  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade**  
Teacher:  
**5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade**  
Teacher: Barbara Raleigh  
**7<sup>th</sup> grade thru college**  
Teacher: Rod Millsap  
**Ask at the Welcome Desk to be directed to the appropriate classroom(s).**  
**Loving Child Care provided during Bible study and worship.**

## Deacons:

Jeff Ingram, John Friman, Kenneth Hancock, John Lam, Art Pool, Kevin Proctor, Jim Raleigh, Terry Rhodes, John Sheets, Gerald Skiles, Jared Smith, John Tarter and Sam Walzel

## Pastors:

Dale Perry - Pastor  
Rod Millsap - Youth Minister and Associate Pastor

## Office Staff

Wendy Brumit – Financial Secretary  
Elizabeth Kellow - Ministry Coordinator  
Johanna Rhodes – Secretary

## Mission Support

Livada Orphan Care, Solid Rock Global Ministries, First Crow Indian Baptist Church, Faith Comes by Hearing, Roever Evangelistic Assoc., Trails to Recovery, The Farm, Eastham Prison Ministry, Christian Appalachian Project, Fortress of Faith and The King's Rein.

## Ongoing Ministries

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY** - 2:00 pm at Athens Health Care Center for the residents' birthday party on November 12th. See Cynthia Smith for details.

**BRANDED SENIORS** - TUESDAY GAMES (pot luck lunch)

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**GRIEF SHARE**- TUESDAY @ 5:00 pm

**TUESDAY NIGHT ARENA SERVICE** - 7:00 pm

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** – WILL RESUME IN JANUARY 2019

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

**AGAPE KNITTERS** – THURSDAY - 9:30-11:30 am

**MOVIE NIGHT** – THIRD FRIDAY – 6:30 pm

**SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP** – SECOND FRIDAY - 6:30pm  
Contact Elizabeth Kellow at 903-677-1535

**HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM** - call the church office to join this important ministry.

**PRAYER WARRIORS** - call Steve Foster at 903-286-7948 to participate in this vital ministry.



**CHURCH OFFICE  
CLOSED  
DECEMBER  
24th – 29th & 31st  
thru  
January 1, 2019**

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# Merry Christmas



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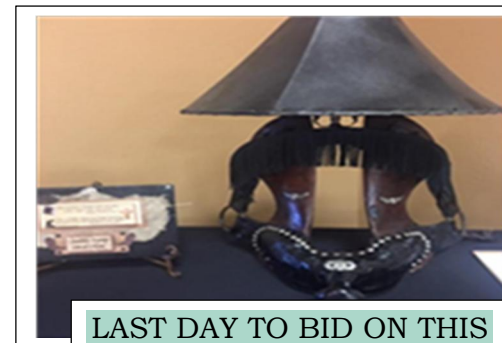
**December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**REGULAR SUNDAY  
SERVICE**

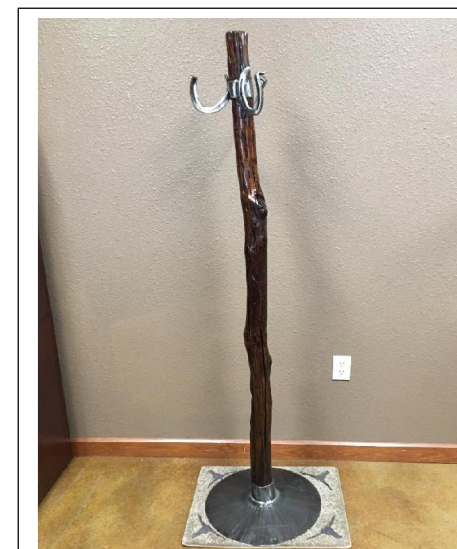
**December 23, 2018 &  
December 30, 2018**

**NO SUNDAY EVENING  
SERVICE**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>**



**LAST DAY TO BID ON THIS  
BEAUTIFUL SADDLE  
LAMP December 23<sup>rd</sup>**



**NEXT AUCTION IS  
THIS BEAUTIFUL RUSTIC  
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