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# Circuit Rider



*“The mission of Kavanaugh United Methodist Church is:  
 Learning from Christ, Living for Christ,  
 Loving as Christ and Leading to Christ.*

*Kavanaugh Motto:  
 In the Spirit of Christ we seek to:  
 Learn, Live, Love, and Lead.*

Dear Members of the Kavanaugh Family,

Thanks have been given, turkeys eaten, pumpkins pied, and Friday blackened! We can officially look forward to Christmas! What will you be doing to get ready? Will you be preparing the house for family and friends? Searching for the perfect gifts for the loved ones on your list? Baking goodies to share with the people who visit? Are you getting out decorations to make your home Christmasy? All these things are part of looking forward to what happens at Christmas!

It’s the first week of the Advent season, the week of hope – anticipation of the gift that God holds for the world. There is a lot of getting ready to do. What is it for which you, your family or your friends need new hope? What is the disappointment for which you or someone you know needs the seed of hope planted in their life? Christians are people of hope. How can we share the hope for a new, vibrant, future that begins right now? We are the seeds of hope that Christ has planted in the earth. We are the ones who have a story to tell about the newness of life, the refreshing, rebooting of life that a little babe in Bethlehem can bring.

As we look forward with visions of sugar plums dancing in our heads, take time to take hope in your lives and into the lives of your family and friends, your working acquaintances and unexpected meetings. Your hope may be just the prescription that can heal one of the many people with whom you mingle. Smile, look forward with great expectations to the child that is to be born. Pray with hope for a hopeful life to be kindled in the hearts of all who have given up hope. That is why Christmas – and Christ comes.

Look forward with anticipation to Handel’s Messiah being presented on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. by the Chancel and Community Choirs joined with an orchestral ensemble. This will be in our sanctuary at Kavanaugh UMC. The choirs have been rehearsing for months. You do not want to miss this incredible concert opportunity. Invite your friends and family to hear the sounds of Christmas through one of the greatest compositions ever written.

You have much to share, much to give, after all, you are hope-full! Together, let’s anticipate great things to come for Christmas.

God’s best to you and yours,

Stephen Cotten, Pastor

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



- December 2** Greenville Christmas Parade~  
7:00 p.m.
- December 3** Park Street Tour of Homes ~  
3:00 p.m.. ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Texas A&M ~ Commerce ~  
Choir Concert ~ 7:30 p.m.
- December 9** Park Street Wagon Rides ~  
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.  
Texas A&M ~ Commerce ~  
Annual Holiday Gala Concert ~  
7:30 p.m.. ~ \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00  
Children ~ See Randy Hooper for  
ticket information
- December 10** Park Street Wagon Rides ~  
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.  
Texas A&M ~ Commerce ~  
Annual Holiday Gala Concert ~  
7:30 p.m. ~ \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00  
Children ~ See Randy Hooper for  
ticket information
- December 11** Chancel Choir Presentation of  
Handel’s “Messiah” ~ 5:00 p.m.
- December 16** Park Street Wagon Rides ~  
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.
- December 17** Park Street Wagon Rides ~  
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.
- December 18** Kavanaugh Annual Christmas  
Dinner and Christmas Program ~  
5:30 p.m.. (Program immediately  
following dinner)
- December 24** CHRISTMAS EVE  
Communion ~ Chapel ~ 5:30  
Candlelight Service ~ Sanctuary  
~ 6:30
- December 25** MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Lessons and Carols Worship  
Service ~ 10:55

## What to give?

To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance.  
 To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service.  
 To all men, charity. To every child, a good example.  
 To yourself, respect. —Oren Arnold

## Prayer Concerns...

### Church Members

Mary Lloyd Murray Pickens Lucy & Allen Stephenson Owen Felkel Joe & Bobbie Day  
 Gary Reed Jerry Fuller

### Family and Friends of our Church

James Bowie, *Jane Martyn's* Brother-in-law Cindy Caceras, *Mary Lloyd's* daughter  
 Howard Reese, *Perks Family* Friend Jennifer Edwards, *Beasley* Family Friend  
 Kaitlyn Perry, Friends of *Shay & Natalie Walsh* Bill Buchanan, *Elaine Hooper's* Father  
 Matt Skelton, Jean Andrews', Grandson Debra Howard, *Jo Cook's* Daughter  
 Bobby & Anabela Nguyen, Family of *Jim & Sara Bobbitt*  
 Amber Caceras, *Mary Lloyd's* Granddaughter-in-law  
 Amy Estes, *Vernon & Nona Holzwarth's* Granddaughter  
 Ken & Diane Steele, Friends of *Mike & Pat Brock*

### Others to Remember in Prayer...

Briarcliff Center: Faye Wade Doris Faulkner  
Colonial Lodge: Nell Johnston Aldene Williams  
Colonial Lodge ~ Tender Care: Pete Coley  
Harrison House: Merle Jamison Don & Carolyn Cartwright Jane Wood  
Bentley Retirement Community ~ Dallas: Jean Adcock  
Summer Ridge ~ Rockwall: Rosemary Grady  
The Madison on Marsh ~ Carrollton: Motsie Ellis

### Expectant Moms... Jennifer Oliver-McNulty

### Remembering our Military Personnel...

- Adam McCaw, US Army, grandson of Katherine McCaw
- Jim Johnston, son of Diane Johnston
- Keith McBride, Son of Don & Beth McBride
- Matt Skelton, US Air Force, grandson of Jean Andrews
- George Whisler, US Air Force, grandson of Travis Kirk
- Tom Shuler, US Air Force, Son-in-law of Rick Porter
- Michael James Adcock, Grandson of Jean Adcock
- Kristen Ratcliff, Daughter of David Ratcliff and Granddaughter of Barbara Ratcliff
- Timothy Carraway, Grandson of Vernon and Nona Holzwarth
- Preston Russell Chapman, Grandson of Hollis Russell
- John Santiago, Jr., Grandson of Jane Martyn
- Tim Lewallen, Son-in-law of Rick Porter

### Sunday~ December 4

#### Worship Service

10:55 a.m.

#### Worship Helpers

#### Greeters:

#### Sanctuary

Jim Coe

#### Choir Hall

Ted & Linda Bolch

#### Education Building

John & Nancy Henson

#### Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 6	90
Sunday, November 13	104
Sunday, November 20	80
Sunday, November 27	96

### WELCOME VISITORS

#### November 27, 2011

Randy, Lisa and Parker Hooten  
 Gary Davis  
 Rebecca Loehr

## SOLID ROCK CAFÉ

### Wednesday, December 7

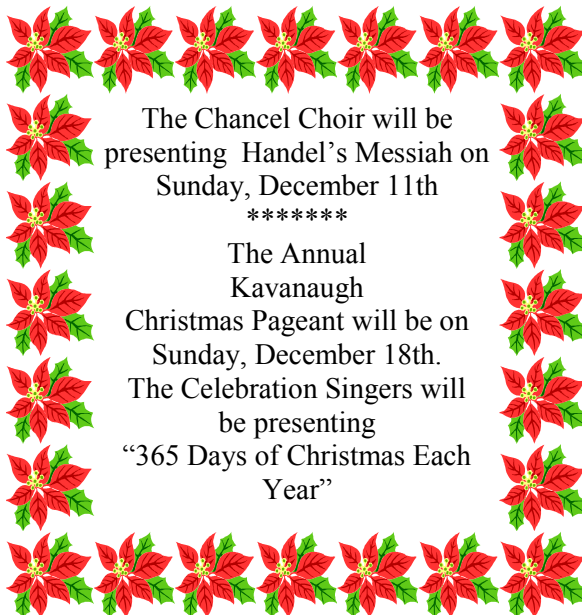
#### Menu:

Lasagna, Salad, Bread  
 and  
 Dessert

Under 6 ~ \$1.00,

6 and Over ~ \$5.00

Family of 4 or more \$15.00



The Chancel Choir will be  
 presenting Handel's Messiah on  
 Sunday, December 11th

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The Annual  
 Kavanaugh

Christmas Pageant will be on  
 Sunday, December 18th.

The Celebration Singers will  
 be presenting

"365 Days of Christmas Each  
 Year"

## LOOKING AHEAD....

### Wednesday, November 30

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.  
 KKDO ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.  
 Solid Rock ~ 5:45 p.m.  
 Celebration Singers~ 6:15 p.m.  
 Cherub Choir ~ 6:30 p.m.  
 Handbell Choir ~ 6:45 p.m.  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~  
 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 2

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.  
 Greenville Christmas Parade ~  
 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 3

Park Street Tour of Homes ~  
 3:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent  
 Young Adults Bible Study ~  
 5:00 p.m.

### Monday, December 5

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.  
 KKDO ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.  
 Christian Believers ~ 6:00 p.m.  
 NETGC 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 6

Lay Ministry Committee ~  
 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 7

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.  
 KKDO ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.  
 Solid Rock ~ 5:45 p.m.  
 Finance Committee Meeting ~  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Celebration Singers~ 6:15 p.m.  
 Trustees Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.  
 Cherub Choir ~ 6:30 p.m.  
 Handbell Choir ~ 6:45 p.m.  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~  
 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 8

Cotton Strippers Quilt Circle ~  
 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 9

Park Street Wagon Rides ~  
 6:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.

TAMU~ Commerce Holiday Gala  
 Concert ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ \$10.00

See Randy Hooper for tickets

### Saturday, December 10

Park Street Wagon Rides ~  
 6:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.

TAMU~ Commerce Holiday Gala  
 Concert ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ \$10.00

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### Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent  
 Chancel Choir presentation  
 "Messiah" ~ 5:00 p.m.



## Socks and Undies

For

Travis Elementary School  
 Students

Kindergarten thru Sixth grade

We will be collecting  
 socks and undies

## The Christmas heart

"Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost 2,000 years ... underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart."