

NOVEMBER 26, 2023



FRANKLIN ROAD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Think on These Things

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance." (Rom. 8:25)

As we enter this season of Advent (yes, already), I try to picture what those living during Old Testament times thought and felt. I imagine that they were thinking of the prophecies which foretold the Messiah to come and were probably wondering when He would ever arrive. I imagine many of those people living during the 400 years of silence between the words of Malachi and Matthew even wondered IF the Messiah would come. Well, we know of at least one man who was expectantly waiting on the Messiah, and that he had been promised "...by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So (Simeon) came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 'Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.'" (Luke 2:26b-32) What strikes me is this: the same Scriptures were available to all, but seemingly only a very, very few were waiting on the Promise of God to be fulfilled within their lifetime (eagerly waiting with perseverance (patience)). Times were indeed hard on the Jewish people as they were under Roman rule and had heard no fresh word from the

LORD for some 400 years. They were not the great nation that they once had been and probably wondered if God even cared about them anymore. They wanted to believe, but reality kept getting in the way. Who would deliver them and when would that deliverer appear?

Praise God, He always preserves a remnant of people faithful to Him! Simeon was one of that believing remnant. He was ready and he was rewarded.

Jesus came from heaven and has since gone back to heaven, but Scripture promises that He will be returning again some day to retrieve His children and to establish His kingdom (Mt 24:30ff; Jn 14:3; Rev 21; 22:7,12,13,16,20). My questions for us in this Advent season are these: "Am I eagerly awaiting His return? Am I even ready for His return when it happens?" I pray that we can all answer "Yes" to both questions because, and make no mistake in this:

The King IS Coming!

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers, and blessings,
Trace

(I will be out of the office at the beginning of this week as I am scheduled for a colonoscopy on Tuesday. Thank you for your prayers. If you need anything, you can contact Jerry at 706-573-2035. Love y'all and see you soon!)

CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY

TUESDAY, NOV. 28TH
IN THE SANCTUARY



SUNSHINE PROJECT

FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF DECEMBER WE WILL BE COLLECTING CARDS/LETTERS FOR ALL OF OUR SUNSHINE PROJECT MEMBERS.

GO TO THE TABLE IN THE FOYER FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE,

November Birthdays

11/01 Greg Couch
11/12 Will Wyzykowski
11/15 Sandra Golden
11/16 Lynn Hammond
11/27 Kerry Wegienka
11/29 Joeddi Smith
11/29 Chris Wyke

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (NOV 26)

Sunday School.....9:30a
Worship.....10:45a
Children's Church
GriefShare.....5:00p
H.O.P.E ESL (Volunteers should plan to arrive @ 4:30)

TUESDAY (NOV 28)

Senior Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel.....9:30a

WEDNESDAY (NOV 29)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p
i220 Youth Bible Study
Journey Kids - Bible Alive!

FRIDAY (DEC 01)

Parents Night Out.....5:30p - 8:00p

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

THIS FRIDAY
5:30 - 8:00
IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL

THRIFT STORE ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to announce we are again accepting donations for the Thrift Store. We can take anything except for large furniture and clothes. We will accept and can really use coats, sweaters, and jackets for the winter season.

Also, we are asking that you DO NOT drop off things at church for the store, but that you call either Rebecca or myself so we can meet you here to put the donations in the proper place or so we don't collect things we can't use.

The number is Rebecca 706-637-6469 or Jerry 706-573-2035. Thanks for your help!

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Dec 03	Steve Thomas
Dec 10	Chris Wyke