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Newsletter of Crowfoot Baptist Church

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Greetings from the Griffiths

by Christina Taylor



Hi! We are the Griffiths family. The five of us at home are Adrian, Christina, Aliya (15), Alivia (13) and Alana (12) and sometimes Adrian's mother Hazel. Adrian has 2 adult sons Erik and Austin and 3 granddaughters who also live here in Lebanon. We have been attending Crowfoot Baptist for approximately 5 years. Before we found Crowfoot we didn't have a church of our own but visited Christina's parents church in Lyons. The girls also attended Awanas, summer vacation bible schools and the family attended holiday services at various churches. Since finding Crowfoot each of us have felt our faith grow and have strengthened our relationship with God. We have enjoyed meeting so many people here and have had many opportunities to serve the Church and the community.

Adrian and Christina will be celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary at the end of the month. Some of the more unique events of their marriage were living apart for the first 4 years while Christina served in the Navy. Also, the family was displaced to Christina's parents house for 8 months due to a house fire in 2008-9. Through many twists and turns we have learned about God, ourselves and each other.

The family enjoys traveling together. This last summer we traveled back to England where Adrian grew-up to visit his family and drop off Alivia. Another memorable trip was back in 2017 when Christina and the girls drove across the country to Florida and meet up with Adrian and the most of his clan to celebrate a wedding. The road trip took about 1 month. We saw 22 states and 12+ national parks!





Pastor Jeremy Zderad

Seeing Christ

Strangely enough, this month can be really distracting in our pursuit of Jesus. We want to get in on the pageants, the parties, the decorations, the shopping, the gifts, the food. All these things can *help* us celebrate Jesus' birth or they can *hinder* us from seeing him altogether.

But in the middle of a busy Temple the old man, Simeon, saw what he had been waiting to see his whole life.

"Simeon took [the newborn Jesus] in his arms and praised God, saying: 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'"
Luke 2:28-32

Seeing Jesus face to face was the only thing on Simeon's "bucket list." He knew Jesus was the only hope for him, for his nation and for the world. And when he sees this little child, all Simeon can do is to hold him and say, "God, you can let me die now. I've seen him and that's all I ever wanted."

This month, let's use the celebrations to whet our appetite for seeing Jesus face to face. Let's make that the one thing on our "bucket list" this Christmas.

Christmas: A Part of Christ's Story by Margaret Cagle

To me, Christmas has great meaning.
It is really a part of Christ's story.
He came to this earth to die for us
From His beautiful home in Glory.
I wonder how His own Father felt
When it was time for Him to depart.
When in His love, He sent Jesus,
Did great sadness fill His heart?

God, in His love, sent His only Son.
For our sins, He was crucified.
This was the reason for His coming.
For the sins of mankind, He died.
Christ's story then continues.
In three days, He arose from the dead.
He then had victory over death,
Just like to His disciples he said.

Jesus is now at God's right hand,
Interceding for us up in Glory.
If we call on Him to save our souls,
We can be a part of Christ's story.



John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that
He gave His one and only Son that
whoever believes in Him shall not
perish but have eternal life.*



Sermons

- 12/1: Luke 1:1-4
- 12/8: Luke 1:5-38
- 12/15: Luke 1:39-80
- 12/22: Luke 2:1-20
- 12/29: Luke 2:21-40

Missionary of the Month

Shyam and Paula Khatri

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Verse of the Month

Philippians 2:13
"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

Big Picture

What does the Holy Spirit do?
The Holy Spirit helps Christians

Lesson Schedule

- 12/1: The Holy Spirit Came
- 12/8: Peter Healed a Beggar
- 12/15: Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph
- 12/22: Jesus was Born
- 12/29: Stephen's Address



Come to the Library and check out all the Christmas books and DVD's. They are displayed on a table there. Take a few extra minutes to look around as well!

Greetings from the Griffiths *(continued from front page)*



Aliya and Christina traveled to the Philippines as a part of the church team with Mountaineer Outreach this past April. That was an amazing experience. They were challenged in ways that only God could carry them through.

Aliya is a busy girl. She is a sophomore at LHS and has several extracurricular activities. She is on the LHS swim team, JROTC rifle team and works as a life guard/swim instructor at the public pool. When she is not at school or practice, she is honing her driving skills so she can get her license in March.

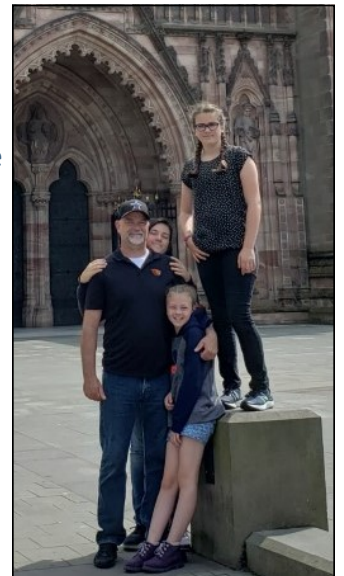
Currently, Alivia is living with her aunt in England. She is there attending school for the year. She has joined a full contact rugby team and is an Air Cadet which is a JROTC-like program. She loves her classes and has made lots of friends. The family is eager to have her home for Christmas break.

Alana is a 7th grader at 7 Oaks, which is her first year there. She previously attended Sand Ridge Charter school. She has taken up the Baritone and really likes playing in the school band.

Adrian works at Freres Lumber Co in Lyons with both his sons and is on the bowling league with his son Austin. If you want to start an argument with him tell him particle board is better than plywood or the Ducks are better than the Beavers then sit down, he will explain to you how you are wrong. Just don't say anything bad about the Dallas Cowboys!

You can find Christina working at the Lebanon Pill Box. She is also attending Corban University to get a teacher's license in science. She will be practicing her skills at 7 Oaks Middle school beginning in January.

We have benefited from prayers and mentoring by our Crowfoot family. Please continue to pray for Alivia as she returns to England to complete the school year. Hazel travels between each of her 6 children's homes so please pray for her safety. Also lift Erik and Austin up as young men building their lives so they may find God in the center.



PrimeTimers Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 18, Noon

All PrimeTimers mark your calendars! You all are invited to our annual Christmas potluck lunch. If your last name begins with the letter A-K, bring a dessert. If your last name begins with the letter L-Z, bring a salad.

We will have a white elephant gift exchange again this year, so each individual bring one wrapped gift. Remember this is for fun, so the gifts are not to be expensive, and they don't even need to be new!

Plan to come for a great time of fellowship and consider wearing your favorite casual Christmas shirt!



Missionary Focus

Shyam and Paula Khatri, Karuna, Micah & Sristi
Thailand and Nepal



In addition to reaching Nepali immigrants in Bangkok with the Gospel, Shyam frequently travels to Nepal to train and support the national leadership of Abba's House Orphanage and Nepali Baptist Theological Seminary. The seminary trains men to plant churches in the unreached regions of Nepal.

Paula teaches 4th grade at the International Community School in Bangkok.

This year, Shyam, Paula and children are settling in Snohomish, WA for a year's sabbatical. They have served these past seven years in Thailand. Karuna graduated from high school this year and is attending Seattle Pacific University. As they are on sabbatical, their desire is to help her adjust back to the U.S. Micah (grade 11) and Sristi (grade 9) will attend Snohomish High School. When the year is up, they will return to Thailand for another three years.

Prayer requests...

- ◆ The Khatri children would adjust to the American culture and education.
- ◆ God would provide Khatri family's needs (college tuition, etc.).
- ◆ House parents ManMaya and Sushil need God's guidance and strength to lead the children's home in Kathmandu.
- ◆ The Baitadi church needs \$10,000 to complete its building.
- ◆ The Bible College needs \$6,000 for the 2019-2020 year.
- ◆ Protection for Nepali Christians and foreign missionaries as the government continues to oppress them.

Angel Tree Program

A Ministry of Prison Fellowship

Every child has a story. For 2.7 million children in the U.S., that story may be filled with the abandonment, loneliness, and shame that come from having a mom or dad in prison. For many, it may also include following their parents down the same destructive road to incarceration. Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. Every Angel Tree parent's family is also given access to a free, easy-to-read copy of the Bible (available in English or Spanish).

Michelle Presley is the coordinator and contact for Crowfoot. If you are interested in buying gifts for children or teens, go to the sign-up table in the foyer. There Michelle or one of her helpers will assist you. The deadline for dropping off unwrapped gifts to the church is Sunday, Dec. 8. The wrapping party will be Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Activity Center.



December



01...Ed Meek
08...Michael Korcek
10...Kassandra Denué
12...Dorothy Grove
18...Aimee Andrews
20...Archie Hillsman
23...Bella Korcek
27...Gracie Wynn
28...Sara Glaser
30...Melissa Canniff
30...Isaac Straw
31...Zach Lee
31...Toby Korcek



12/19
Matthew & Emily Straw

12/26
Greg & Vickie Musil

12/26
Jeremy & Kristen Zderad

12/28
Walt & Beverly Darling

12/30
Stan & Karen Wilkinson

12/31
Adrian & Christina Griffiths

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