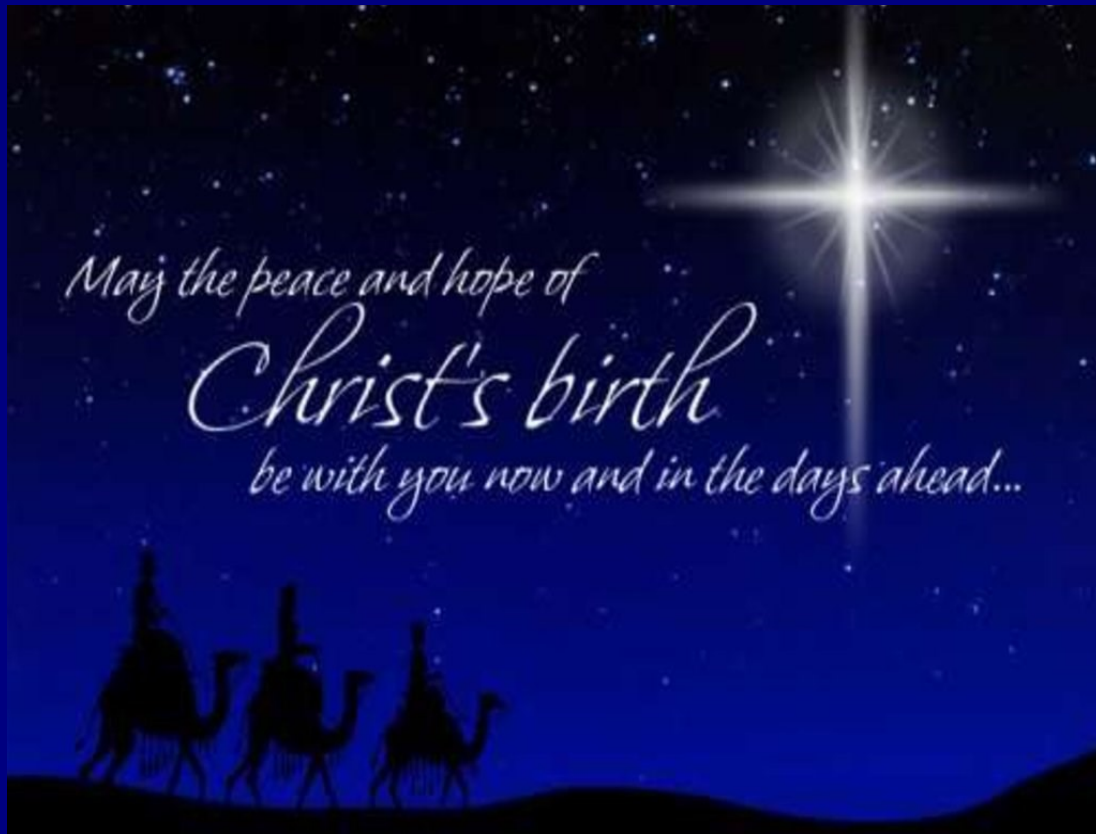


Central Baptist Association

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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*Wishing you a
Blessed Christmas*

WELCOME to the Central Baptist Association Newsletter.

In this newsletter you will find information about upcoming events, stay up to date with our associate ministries, new church staff and much more.

Three Words that Changed the World:

Growing up I was one of “those” kids. You know, the kids that didn’t quite fit into any real category; the kids that didn’t have athletic ability and were not the brightest bulb on the string. I didn’t have charisma or confidence. My “friends” list was very small and when it came to be chosen for any kind of activity I was almost always picked last. I was skinny and tall (six foot and 120 pounds wet) with little coordination. In ninth grade I was on the football team. Back then we played on dirt fields. There were two people on the third string and I was one of them. We were basically tackling dummies for the rest of the team. There was not a lot of encouragement from my parents for various reasons. Once I hit the teen years there was little oversight other than to stay out of trouble or else. I really had no direction or purpose in my life.

On the other hand, I had a few friends who were all the things I wasn’t. They were popular, involved, athletic and smart. They had many friends and support from family. It seemed they had everything I wanted, yet didn’t have.

We live in a world where the two scenarios are played out every day in individual lives. Along with these, there are individuals that fit between the two extremes. One truth is common for each one of us though, hopelessness. I really didn’t have hope in my life and those with seemingly everything didn’t have any real hope either. In fact, Ephesians 2:11-13 reads *“Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*

So, what are the three words that changed the world? The three words that have given us hope, promise, strength, love, grace and faith? Three words that were spoken eight hundred years before they became a life changing reality? The words come from Matthew 1:23 which is a reference to Isaiah 7:14 *“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel – which means ‘God with us.’* Yes, that’s it... *“God with us.”* He’s not distant, He is not just a religious icon. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord’s. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He is the Creator, sustainer and redeemer of life. He is with us who are sinners in need of a Savior. He sent His Son Jesus to pay a price for our sin we could never pay ourselves. He is the one who gives us hope, comfort, strength, guidance, grace and forgiveness. He is our “all in all.”

He is with us because He loves us..., He is with us because we need Him, and He is with us because He wants us to be with Him in His Kingdom forever. Christmas is the celebration of His coming to be with us, so we can be with Him. Celebrate Him, worship Him, share Him and reflect Him in your lives so that the world will see the wonderful gift our loving God has offered everyone, salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

John



Sandia Baptist



- \$12 per ticket (includes dinner)
- FREE ticket for children 6 and under
- Reservations and tickets are required.

Thursday, December 12 Dinner @ 5:30 pm, Musical @ 7 pm
Friday, December 13 Dinner @ 5:30 pm, Musical @ 7 pm
Saturday, December 14 Dinner @ 12 pm, Musical @ 1:30 pm

Tickets available at sandiabaptist.org
or <https://sbcdinnertheater.eventbrite.com>



Del Norte Baptist



Please join us as our choir presents "The Worship of Christmas" on December 15 at 8:30 am and again at 11:00 am. This is open to everyone and is free.



Hoffmantown Church



The Wonder of Christmas

Hoffmantown Church invites you to attend "The Wonder of Christmas" on December 13 & 14 at 7:00pm. Browse the Nativity Gallery in the Fellowship Mall while enjoying hot cocoa, cookies, and Christmas piano music. Interact with the sights and sounds of Christmas as you sing along to some of our most beloved Christmas carols led by our Choir and Orchestra. And reflect upon how the events that took place in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago still have an impact in your life today, as our Drama team presents the Living Nativity. Doors open at 6:30pm, bring your family, friends, and co-workers to this FREE event!



Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 4 -5 pm

JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE FOR A SPECIAL, FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE. WE'LL HAVE CHRISTMAS CAROLS, SCRIPTURE READING, A SPECIAL TIME FOR THE CHILDREN, AND CANDLE LIGHTING.

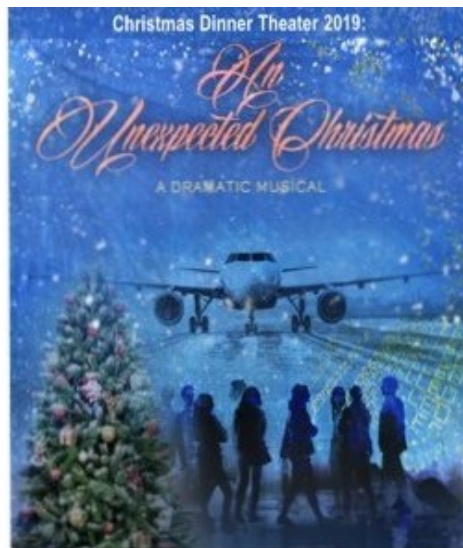
New Life Fellowship, Belen

New Life Fellowship-Belen is hosting a Parents Day out on December 14. Registration is at www.nlfbelen.org

Monterey Baptist

Monterey Baptist is seeking a part-time children's director. Send your resume to office@montereybaptist.church

FBC Rio Rancho



Wed. December 4: Family Night Meal at 6 p.m. - \$8 per ticket

Thurs. December 5—Sat. Dec. 7: Full Course Meal at 6 pm. - \$13 per ticket

Sat. December 7: Dessert Matinee Performance at 1 p.m. - \$7 per ticket

**Tickets go on sale Oct. 26 & 27 between services in the nursery,
if you bring a bag of candy for Harvest Festival**

Tickets can be purchased on our website (FBCRR.com) beginning Oct. 31
After 5 p.m.

Tickets can also be purchased in the nursery after Nov. 2 on Saturdays
5:30 - 7:30, Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Sunday mornings 8 am - 1 pm
and Tuesdays & Thursdays in the office 11 am -1 pm

Merry Christmas

Come celebrate with us!

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 15
6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services
Tuesday, December 24
4:00 p.m. & a bilingual service at 6
p.m.



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Behold a Savior!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 15
6:30PM

In the Worship Center

First Baptist Church of Rio Rancho
3906 19th Av SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124



Central Baptist Association Pastorless Churches

El Buen Pastor
610 N. Fourth St.
Gallup, NM 87301

Hoffmantown Church
8888 Harper Rd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Lindrith Baptist Church
PO Box 35
Lindrith, NM 87029

Vista Grande Church
PO Box 903
Sandia Park, NM 87047

FBC Cuba
PO Box 391
Cuba, NM 87013

Del Norte Baptist Church
5800 Montgomery NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109



Please be praying for these churches as they seek God's will for the person to lead their congregation.



2019 CBA Budget

Monthly needs:	\$15,000.00
Monthly income:	\$16,705.71
Monthly expenses:	\$20,023.60

The Central Baptist Association is a network of Southern Baptist Churches in Central New Mexico. The geographical area of the Association encompasses about 43% of the states' population centered around the Albuquerque metropolitan area including Bernalillo, Rio Rancho, Bosque Farms, Los Lunas, Belen, Cuba, Jemez Pueblo, Mountainair, Edgewood, Sandia Park, Tijeras, Cedar Crest, Moriarty, Estancia and Vaughn. We have recently added churches from Santa Fe and Gallup.

Partner Churches Serving Christ together for HIS Glory



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