

## A Note from the Pastor

by Dr. Steven Weems

Dear FBC Leeds Family,

Whether your eight years old or eighty, for the vast majority of people, Christmas Eve is a special night. Maybe you fellowship with family or friends, try to squeeze in some last-minute shopping (gentleman!), or just sit and enjoy a classic Christmas movie—Christmas Eve is one of those nights made for building memories. I know for the Weems' family it sure is! For dinner we make homemade pizzas (how that started I have no idea), and then we gather in the living-room and watch the

movie "Polar Express." After that we put on our PJ's and head off to bed trying to get to sleep before we hear the sound of Reindeer hoofs on the roof. But before we do any of that, we are always together as a family in church for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service worshipping of the King of Kings. Before we eat our homemade pizzas, watch any movies, or listen for anyone coming down the chimney, we celebrate the TRUE meaning of Christmas—the Birth of Immanuel! I know Christmas Eve can be a very busy night and many of us have a lot going on, but for

my family, we have found that the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service helps us to slow down, refocus our minds and hearts on the true meaning of CHRIST-mas, and to gain a proper perspective for this special time of year.

Please plan to join us in our beautifully-decorated sanctuary on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM for a Christ-centered time of worship featuring classic Christmas hymns, Scripture readings, and a special Christmas message and prayer.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steven Weems

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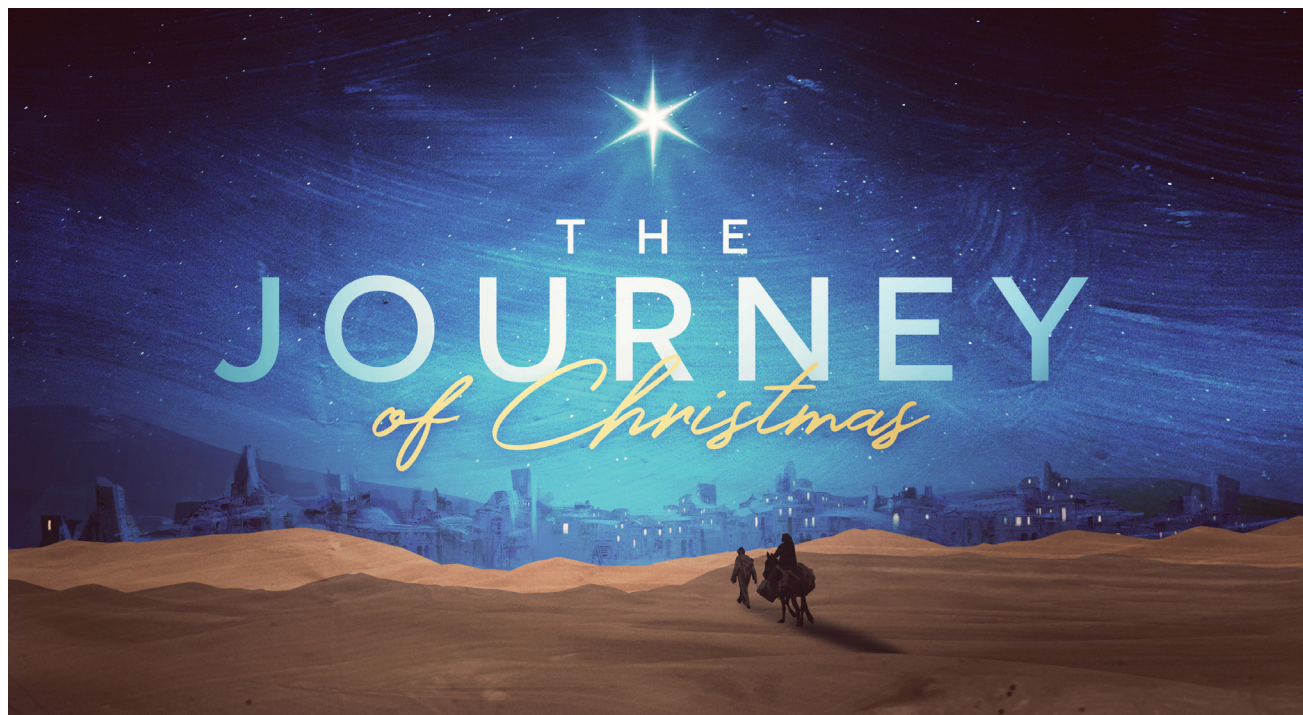
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## BENEVOLENCE: Kids Get Shoes for Christmas

A local charitable organization in partnership with the Benevolence Ministry at FBC Leeds will be providing new Nike tennis shoes for the children of 25 families this year. "We basically have a bunch of children getting new shoes right before the holidays...a real blessing for everyone." Volunteers take the shoe sizes and gender of the children ranging from ages 6-16 and select carefully for each child.

Benevolence at FBC Leeds will also serve 19 families with holiday food vouchers and some with clothing vouchers. In addition, the Backpack Buddies ministry is now providing weekend food bags for 35 students at the Leeds Primary School.

If you'd like to receive a blessing by being a blessing, get involved this holiday season with giving through our Benevolence Ministry at FBC Leeds.

