

Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

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WELCOME

Week of December 3, 2023 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

Secret Sister Meeting: If you participated in the Secret Sister program this past year, please stay after the services this morning for a brief meeting in the Adult Sunday School classroom.

Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Men's Prayer Group 6:00 P.M.

* Special Prayer Request: Pulpit Committee and
God's direction for a new pastor

Wednesday, Mid-Week Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday: Adlynn Williams (Nov. 28th)

Church Note: The youth of our church will be preparing and delivering a meal to our **shut-ins** on Saturday, December 9th. Stocking stuffers and goodies are being prepared by Connie, Brandy, and the younger Sunday School classes. All youth should meet at the church Fellowship Hall at 1:00 P.M. on December 9th to help assemble and deliver the food and goodies to our shut-ins.

In addition, on that same date at 1:00 P.M., Gwen will be preparing meals and boxes of needed items for the **homeless shelter** with assistance from Dennis & Emma. Donations of the following items are requested: socks, hats, gloves, cleaning wipes, travel size deodorant, and thermal shirts. **Please bring your donated item(s) to the church by Wednesday December 6th.** If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the purchase of the needed items, see Dennis, Emma, or Gwen. There is a donation box in front of the church office for your donated item(s). Thank you in advance for giving!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book,
And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look.
And that is when I realize that these names are a part,
Not of the book they're written in, but in my very heart.

For each name stands for someone, whose path touched mine and then,
Left a print of friendship, that I want to touch again.
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel I am composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of any special link,
Just meeting you shaped my life more than you think.
For once you've met someone, the years cannot erase,
The memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between.
For when I send a Christmas card, that is addressed to you,
It's because you're on that list of folks I am indebted to.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew,
The biggest gift life can give is meeting folks like you.
And may the Spirit of Christmas that forever, and ever endures,
Leave its richest blessing on the heart of you and yours.

Author Unknown



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN

Put your problems on probation, Run your troubles off the track,
Throw your worries out the window, Get the monkeys off your back.
Silence all your inner critics, With your conscience make amends,
And allow yourself some happiness, It's Christmas time again!

Call a truce with those who bother you, Let all the fighting cease,
Give your differences a breather, And declare a time of peace,
Don't let angry feelings taint, The precious time you have to spend,
And allow yourself some happiness, It's Christmas time again!

Like some cool refreshing water, Or a gentle summer breeze,
Like a fresh bouquet of flowers, Or the smell of autumn leaves,
It's a banquet for the spirit, Filled with family, food and friends,
So allow yourself some happiness, It's Christmas time again!

Bob Lozzar-Arwood