



KMBC

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 2018

Dysfunctional Families

Every now and then I hear people say, "*Oh, I came from a dysfunctional home.*" "*Oh, you did*", I would like to say, but then I would like to add, "*Will you get over that, already?*" We all came from dysfunctional homes -- every one of us. And we lead dysfunctional homes.

There is an old song that says, "*Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays.*" And I would agree. I want to be with my family on the holidays. But there are lots of things that can happen when families get together during the Christmas season; right?

Some people have unreasonable expectations about the holidays. They say, "*Happy Holidays*" or "*Happy Thanksgiving*" or other words as this. But if in-laws are sniping at you, while some don't like your food that you have prepared, or the presents you bought, one can find happiness can be a tall order to fill.

Media sources do not give an accurate picture of the holidays. Hallmark is filled with people who live vicariously through the sadness (which no one really seems to get angry) and the happiness of people getting together. And millions watch with glee and with a warm heart as they view a Hallmark program.

Ideal families sit around eating their bountiful supply of food, outside the people are caroling, the snow is falling, and the fire place is roaring. We feel as if we have fallen short because our family doesn't look like that. Very few families today even slightly resemble the Hallmark unrealities or most of the happy animated Christmas shows for children.

The fact is none of us has the perfect family. Every family has its share of problems, skeletons, dysfunctions, and weird dynamics.

Please remember that while our family tree may be messed up, know this, that the family tree of Jesus was crooked as well. He had in his family tree liars, cheats, adulterers, and prostitutes. He had relatives that might embarrass you. So, you are not alone.

Why did Jesus come into the world? We see God doing for sinners what we cannot do for ourselves. He heals broken lives and He places together shattered hopes. Jesus did not come into this world to make good people better but better people righteous. He came to give this world hope. He is Immanuel meaning "*God with us*". He will save us from our sins.

Do not allow yourself to be stressed with Christmas, Christians, non-Christians, or family members. But do allow yourself to be acquainted with the One who places us into His family tree and in His Life to live for us and through us.

I love you,

Pastor Don



SENIOR ADULTS/ FRONTRUNNERS

- December 1** Trip to Billy Graham Library
No cost - only your meal @ Library
- December 6** Free movie @ 9:30 AM
Graham Cinema
- December 11** Sr. Adults Christmas breakfast
8:30 AM, Western Steak House.
Bring a \$2 gift
- December 13** Free movie @ 9:30 AM
Paramount Theater
- December 17** Crossroad Ministry @ 6 PM
Covered dish meal at Janeen
Bryant's home, 1116 W. Old
Glencoe Road
- December 18** Prayer Warrior teams & visitation
9 AM in KMBC Prayer Room

MUSIC Ministry

- December 2** - KMBC Worship Choir travel to Summerville, SC, for Christmas concert with Miles Road Baptist Church & Mike Speck.
- December 8** - Practice at 10 AM for Kidz & Teens Christmas program
- December 9** - Kidz Choir & Teen Choir Christmas Program @ 6 PM
- December 16** - KMBC Worship Choir Christmas Program @ 5 PM with special guest vocalist Melissa Porshia, Terry Harper, Bass guitarist, & Randy Porshia, Drums
- December 23** - All Choirs Christmas Celebration during AM service. (There will be no evening service)



December 21 - Christmas Party at Matthew & Hannah Fearnow's house (2933 Deepwood Drive, Apt. 7305, Burlington) from 6 - 9 PM

December 31 - All-Night New Year's Eve Party at Ron Euliss' house (3738 Euliss Road, Burlington). Parents meet @ 7:30 PM. Pick up students at 9 AM on January 1st.



OLYMPIAN MINISTRY

- December 5 - Discipleship Measure Up**
Do your quiet time for the week.
Boys vs. girls - who has the most days completed
- December 12 - Birthday Christmas Party**
Bring a new \$1 wrapped gift, appropriate for either boy or girl (Sometimes they get their own gift so bring something good)
- December 19 - Highlight Jesus - Highlight Others**
During club we will travel from church to sing at an extended care home. Bring a new or clean, gently used stuffed animal as a gift for residents. Parents will need to sign permission form for child to attend.



LOOKING AHEAD



December 8 - Fellowship SS Class Christmas party @ 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

December 8 - College SS Class Christmas party @ 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall

December 23 - Christmas Celebration service @ 10:55 AM. There will be NO Evening service.

December 24-26 - The church office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays.

December 26 - There will be NO prayer service or WOL clubs.

December 31-January 1 - The church office will be closed for the New Year Holiday.

January 6 - "We Remember" @ 6 PM service

January 25-27, 2019 - Men's Conference at YMCA Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Pastor Don Pegg	12/04
Cheryl Fox	12/06
Kristyn Orozco	12/07
Cynthia Cash	12/12
Seth Euliss	12/13
Barry Davis	12/14
Noah Coleman	12/16
Logan Ann Rudd	12/18
Jeanne Fernandez	12/21
Sherri Hendrix	12/22
Nicholas Gibson	12/25
Brenda Adams	12/26
Angela Coley	12/26
Haley Harrell	12/27

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Dewey & Judy Willen	12/08
Eddie & Danice Gibson	12/23



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 9 @ 6 PM

Kidz Choir & Teen Choir Christmas Program

Sunday, December 16 @ 5 PM

KMBC Worship Choir Christmas Program with special guest vocalist Melissa Porshia, Terry Harper, Bass Guitarist & Randy Porshia, Drums

Sunday, December 23 @ 10:55 AM

All Choir / All Church Christmas Celebration
Christmas treat bags will be given out!
(There will be no evening service)

"A TIME TO REMEMBER"

Sunday, January 6, 2019 @ 6 PM

We will have a special service honoring those who passed away during 2017-18. Please turn in names and a photo no later than **December 9**.



Men's Conference 2019

January 25-27

YMCA Conference Center

Black Mountain, NC