



# Gifts for Jesus

1. Daily **Prayer** for one person inside the church and one person outside the church; and for one concern inside the church and one concern outside the church.
2. **Presence** at weekly worship, Christmas Eve worship and one learning opportunity
3. **Gifts** to complete my support of the general (budgeted) ministry of the church and a commitment to give at least 10% (a tithe) of my Christmas gift budget to the Christmas Eve offering, Matete Kenya, or another of our Christian mission efforts.
4. **Service** in one volunteer opportunity inside the church and one outside the church
5. **Witness** by sharing my faith with someone who needs Christ and by bringing at least one person to worship with me.

*For More Ideas for Gifts for Jesus, continue to the next page!*



## Possible “Gift for Jesus” Ideas

### MISSIONS

- ◆ **Bags of Grace**—contact Rita Auerbach, 512-250-3455, [www.BagsofGrace.org](http://www.BagsofGrace.org)
- ◆ **Bethany Foster-Adopt Group**—contact Michele Bredahl, 512-293-3803, [mdh0202@yahoo.com](mailto:mdh0202@yahoo.com)
- ◆ **Drive a Senior Northwest**—contact Carla Young, 512-250-5021, [www.driveaseniornorthwest.org](http://www.driveaseniornorthwest.org).
- ◆ **Feed My People**—contact Debbie Childers, 512-496-7620, [bdschilders@juno.com](mailto:bdschilders@juno.com)
- ◆ **Hill Country Christmas Bureau**—contact Diane Gattuso, 512-773-5878, [www.hillcountrychristmas.com](http://www.hillcountrychristmas.com).
- ◆ **Hill Country Community Ministries**— contact Tiesa Holloway, 512-259-0360 x200, [www.hccm.org](http://www.hccm.org).
- ◆ **House of Friends (HOF) activities**—contact Susie Petersen at 512-258-6017 x254 or [s.petersen419@gmail.com](mailto:s.petersen419@gmail.com)
- ◆ **Maua AIDS Orphans Project (UMCOR)**—contact Gail Buckley, 512-250-5276, [buckleyg@austin.rr.com](mailto:buckleyg@austin.rr.com)
- ◆ **Mobile Loaves & Fishes**—contact Gayle Kneupper, 512-267-1812, [kneupper@yahoo.com](mailto:kneupper@yahoo.com)
- ◆ **Mobility Worldwide, TX-Austin (PET®) Carts**—contact John Rudd, 512-918-0213, [www.mwaustin.org](http://www.mwaustin.org)
- ◆ **Nothing But Nets**—contact Gail Buckley, 512-250-5276, [www.nothingbutnets.net](http://www.nothingbutnets.net)
- ◆ **Samaritan Health Ministries**—contact Rich Wilcox, 512-471-5199, [www.theshm.org](http://www.theshm.org)
- ◆ **Shalom Children's Home in El Salvador**— <https://harvesting.org/>
- ◆ **World Vision / Matete Kenya Child Sponsorship**—contact Kerry Stevens, [KerryLStevens@gmail.com](mailto:KerryLStevens@gmail.com)

### CARE MINISTRIES - volunteering during the holidays:

- ◆ Deliver a care basket
- ◆ Visit someone in the hospital

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### INVITING MINISTRIES

- ◆ **Invite a friend, neighbor or family member** to our Advent and Christmas Eve services.
- ◆ **Be a welcoming presence by serving as a greeter, shuttle driver or Welcome Desk volunteer** during this season when we have many first-time visitors. We particularly need help during Christmas Eve services!
- ◆ **Assist with hospitality/food for staff members** who are here all day on Christmas Eve.

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**ADULT CLASSES** - Some classes are participating in Advent studies. Complete descriptions can be found on the website or in the *Epistle*

- ◆ **Faith, Family, and Fellowship** will be studying *The Gift of the Nutcracker* this advent season by Matt Rawle. Join us as we look at the story of the Nutcracker to help us understand God's gift of the Christ child and the kingdom Christ came to establish. It is a four-week study with DVD.
- ◆ **Friendship Class** is studying *ADVENT – The Gift of New Hope* by Christopher L. Weber. Five sessions beginning November 25 at 9:30am in the Ministry Center D105. Contact Bill Ambrose, [william.ambrose@beg.utexas.edu](mailto:william.ambrose@beg.utexas.edu)
- ◆ **Interpreters Class** is studying *Down to Earth* by Mike Slaughter. Four sessions beginning November 25, room D203-204 at 11:00am. Contact Ray Speas, 512-331-6070
- ◆ **LIFE Class** will be studying the movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Four sessions beginning November 25. Viewing of the movie will be on Saturday, December 1, 6-9pm in The Cove. Sunday meetings are in D305-306 at 11:00am. Contact Beverly Smythia, [bsmythia@gmail.com](mailto:bsmythia@gmail.com) or 409-351-8332
- ◆ **Potter's Wheel** is studying *The Coming of the Babe*, a topical study on babies in the Bible. Four sessions beginning November 25, room D302-303 at 11:00am. Contact Neil and Sally McCulloch, [sallyandneilmcculloch@gmail.com](mailto:sallyandneilmcculloch@gmail.com)

## CHILDREN

- ◆ Teach, help or substitute in **Children's Sunday School**.
- ◆ **Live Nativity & Blessing of the Animals** is Friday and Saturday, December 7th & 8th, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Families are encouraged to participate together:
  - ◇ **New parents** are encouraged to participate with their infants to bring the roles of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus to life. It's a lot of fun for the whole family!
  - ◇ **Help behind the scenes** (Take pictures, set-up, kitchen help, costume room, counter)
  - ◇ **Be in the Nativity** as a shepherd, angel, wiseone or as the Holy Family. All roles are non-speaking.
- ◆ **Bethany School Giving Trees** provide gifts for Hill Country Christmas Bureau. Trees are in the Galilee Building and at the entrance to the Pre K hall in the Disciple Building. Bring unwrapped gifts to the Bethany School office by Tuesday, December 18, at noon.
- ◆ **The Children's Christmas Eve Service** at 3:00 p.m. is an interactive experience where children participate in the celebration of our Savior's birth. Opportunities to help with this fun service include:
  - ◇ **Dress as angels, kings and shepherds** to lead children during story
  - ◇ **Assist with costumes** before and after service
  - ◇ **Assist with Worship Center clean up** after the service
  - ◇ **Hand out headgear** (halos, crowns and shepherd headbands) to the children as they come in.

Contact Lori Pierce, Children's Ministry Volunteer Coordinator, at 512-258-6017 x413 or [lori.pierce@bethany-umc.org](mailto:lori.pierce@bethany-umc.org) for more information.

