



Northwest News for January 2025

A Note from our pastor...

As I think back on this time last year, I could never have predicted that I would be here as your pastor! I feel confident that it was the Holy Spirit who brought me and my family to Ardmore and to Northwest Baptist Church, and I am grateful every day! But, it wasn't my own plan that brought me here. I'm trying to keep this in mind as I think about 2025. It's great to set some personal goals, especially goals we can achieve, but it's most important to abide in Christ, to live by faith, to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to be open to what God will do. This is not only my personal New Year's resolution, but my pastoral resolution, as well.

I wonder how God might be leading each of you? Has there been a ministry on your heart, a person who could use some encouragement, or a need you've noticed in our city? If nothing comes immediately to mind, pray that God would reveal how he might use you in service of his kingdom. You might be joyously surprised by where God leads you!

Lex

Thank you

Dear church family,

When I accepted the call to become your pastor, the search committee asked me if I had any fears about taking the role. As you know, this is my first time serving as a pastor, and my response was honest: "I'm most worried about what I don't know." I didn't know what it was like to be a pastor. (I'm still learning that!) But I did know that ministry, like all of life, is full of surprises.

Turns out, the biggest surprise so far is nothing to fear. It's the generous spirit of you, the body of Christ at Northwest Baptist. You have embraced my family and me with a warmth I have not experienced anywhere else. It's in your smiles and your words and your gifts—tangible and intangible—given with joy and faith.

Your Christmas love offering for our family is a wonderful surprise and a blessing. Thank you! We are so happy to be a part of this church family, and we're excited to see what God will do through Northwest Baptist in this New Year as we join together with you to do His work in Ardmore with joy and faith.

Grateful to be your pastor,

Lex

Mystery Dinner Tour-

2025!

January 24, 5:30 p.m.

Sign up by the office



End of Year Giving Statements will be available beginning Sunday, January 12. Stop by the church office before or after worship to pick up your statement.

Thank you for your faithful support of Northwest Baptist Church



Thank You Notes from the Madill Baptist Homes for Girls

(a few unedited notes from the children)

From Julian:

Thank you I had a great time Love the people there and I love pizza and we can do this every year, I also will like to thank you for the Owalla water bottle and extra goodies too. Have a blessed year.

From Morgan:

Dear NWBC, The Christmas party was very fun and food was yummy! I Thank you for the curtains! I can't wait to put them up.

From Bexley:

Northwest Baptist church thank you for the presents my favorite was The Pink Cloud slippers and the shark shoes. (hand drawn blue heart)

From Kenzie :

Thank you northwest Baptist Church, I've had so much Fun at the party. Thank you for putting effort and making sure I had a gift this season. The Earbuds Made my day. The food and drinks were good. I had so much fun singing and opening presents.

From Angie

Dear NWBC Thank you so much for having a party for all of us. I had so much fun. I love my present I can't wait to do my nails.

From Amelia

Dear Northwest Baptist church Thank you for the gift card and led lights they are so cute I love them. And the gift card is grate I love coffee and I will use it for that! Thank You!

From Autumn

Northwest Baptist Church - I had an amazing time at my first Christmas Party here. Thank you for my lava lamp I love it thank you so much.

From Ariel

Dear NW Baptist Church, I'm so thankful for the gifts tonight. I can't wait to use my cute new Christmas mug in the morning. I loved singing and laughing with everyone I wish you a marry Christmas and a happy new year. I had an amazing time tonight. Thank you for having us. I'm looking forward to seeing you guys again. Love & hugs!! (hand drawn heart)

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All of the thank you notes are posted in the hallway near the choir room. If there is a note addressed to you please feel free to take it with you. To all those who planned and attended the party, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

Below: photos from the Madill Home for Girls Christmas Party.



Women's Brown Bag Luncheon

Fellowship Hall

January 14

Noon

Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship and inspiration!



Church Calendar

January 1- Happy New Year- office closed-no prayer meeting

January 5

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

January 8

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Finance

January 12

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

January 14

Noon Women's Brown Bag Luncheon

January 15

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Business Meeting

January 19

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

January 15

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

January 24

5:30 p.m. Mystery Dinner Tour 2025

January 26

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

January 29

6:00 p.m. Prayer

A note from your church support staff...

We are so grateful to be remembered at Christmas with your generous gifts to us. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, your patience with your staff, and your care all year long!

Your church staff,
Linda, Eddie, Susan, and Kylie