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*One of the great things about living in **Williamson County** is the abundance of events, parties, and activities going on in our area, especially in the next few weeks, as we get deeper into the holiday season.*

We have gathered a list of events (abundant but by no means comprehensive) for your consideration this season as you entertain family and friends.

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FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE

DATES & TIME: SAT., DECEMBER 7, 2 PM – 4 PM
LOCATION: JIM WARREN PARK, HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN

The Franklin Kiwanis Christmas Parade is a gift to the city of Franklin from the Kiwanis Club of Historic Downtown Franklin. Winding through the streets of downtown Franklin, the parade is a celebration of the holidays and the official welcome of Santa Claus to Franklin. Come join the parade!



CHRISTMAS TIME WITH LOUIS YORK & THE SHIDELLAS

DATES & TIME: DEC. 7, 8 PM
LOCATION: FRANKLIN THEATRE

“Louis York” is the musical creation of Claude Kelly and Chuck Harmony, who’ve worked with everyone from Celine Dion and Michael Jackson to Ne-Yo, Rihanna, Whitney Houston, Janet Jackson, and Bruno Mars. When stepping behind the mic for the first time in their careers, the Grammy nominated songwriter and producer threw out every rule the business. The two have tapped into their eclectic backgrounds and respective New York and St. Louis. Every lyric and vocal you hear is straight from Claude’s heart. Every sound a product of Harmony’s mind. But words simply don’t do the justice a play button can.

More info: franklintheatre.com

LEIPER’S FORK PARADE

DATES & TIME: DEC. 14, 4 PM
LOCATION: LEIPER’S FORK

The Leiper’s Fork Christmas Parade is a unique parade in this area! There will be tractors, old cars & trucks, beautiful floats, cute floats, wacky floats, people dressed in crazy costumes, pigs, dogs, horses, donkeys, mules, horse & buggies, chuck wagons, horse-drawn wagons & of course Santa Claus.

IMPORTANT: COME EARLY! The parade begins at 2 PM and the road through the village closes just before 2 PM and will not reopen until the parade is over.

More info: Search Leiper’s Fork Christmas Parade on Facebook



DAVID ARCHULETA CHRISTMAS SHOW

DATES & TIME: DEC. 11 & 12; TWO SHOWS EACH NIGHT, 6 PM & 8 PM. **LOCATION:** FRANKLIN THEATRE

David Archuleta became a star when he was just 16. In 2008 more than 30 million television viewers fell in love with his angelic voice, and their 44 million votes made him runner-up in Season 7 of “American Idol.”

In 2012, David, as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, put his singing career on hiatus so he could serve a two-year stint as a missionary outside of Santiago, Chile, at the La Misión Chile Rancagua.

David returned from Chile in March 2014, eager to perform and record once again. He has been touring all around the U.S., Canada, Asia and even performed in the Middle East for the U.S. troops. He relocated to Nashville and last year released his seventh album “Postcards In The Sky,” featuring all original songs that he co-wrote. David says it was an album of finding his own voice and that what he had to say mattered.

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“OVER THE RHINE” CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DATES & TIME: DEC. 13, 8 PM
LOCATION: FRANKLIN THEATRE

One December, not long after “Over the Rhine” began recording and touring, they were invited to perform some seasonal songs on a public radio station. So they worked up a few carols and traditional tunes. “It actually felt really good and conjured up an unusual mix of feelings from childhood: innocence, loss, wonder, joy, sadness. They were surprised.”

“We began playing concerts around the Midwest every December and found that the rooms were usually packed full of people who had bundled in out of the cold. If you stepped outside during intermission, you could make ghosts with your breath in the crisp night air. And it was dark - oh so dark: a time of year with its own music.”

More info: franklintheatre.com

BEAUSOLEIL CAJUN CHRISTMAS AVEC MICHAEL DOUCET

DATES & TIME: DEC. 18, 8PM
LOCATION: FRANKLIN THEATRE

For the past 40 years, BeauSoleil Avec Michael Doucet has been making some of the most potent and popular Cajun music on the planet. Born out of the rich Acadian ancestry of its members, and created and driven by bandleader Michael Doucet’s spellbinding fiddle playing and soulful vocals, BeauSoleil is notorious for bringing even the most staid audience to its feet.

BeauSoleil’s distinctive sound derives from the distilled spirits of New Orleans jazz, blues rock, folk, swamp pop, Zydeco, country and bluegrass, captivating listeners from the Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans, to Carnegie Hall, then across the pond to Richard Thompson’s Meltdown Festival in England.

More info: franklintheatre.com



EXILE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DATES & TIME: THURSDAY, DEC 19
LOCATION: FRANKLIN THEATRE

Exile formed in 1963 looking to play small clubs in Richmond, KY, but managed to top both the pop and country charts during their more than 50 year-long run. Their most successful hit, “Kiss You All Over,” spent four weeks at the top of the Billboard’s pop chart in 1978. In the early 1980s, they started to focus on country music. During their run on the country charts, Exile has successfully had ten No. 1 singles and many more top 20’s. The band released two new recording projects in 2018 featuring their latest music as well as the greatest hits. The five original members of the band reformed in 2008 and continue to tour today.

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DATES & TIME: DEC. 20 & 21; 8 PM
LOCATION: FRANKLIN THEATRE

Larry, Steve, & Rudy, the Gatlin Brothers, are a Grammy Award-winning trio who have dazzled audiences for more than sixty years. With a lifetime of noteworthy achievements in their storybook career, including a Grammy for Best Country Song ("Broken Lady"), three ACM awards for Single of the Year ("All The Gold In California"), Album of the Year (Straight Ahead) and Male Vocalist of the Year for Larry Gatlin, along with five nominations for CMA Vocal Group of the Year, Single, Album and Male Vocalist of the Year. For more than 62 years now, the Gatlin Brothers have entertained audiences in some of the world's largest venues and from some of the most iconic stages, including the GRAMMY Awards, the American Music Awards, the People's Choice Awards, the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, Oprah, Hee Haw, Love Boat, the Midnight Special with Wolfman Jack, the Merv Griffin Show, Solid Gold, the Barbara Mandrell Show and their own variety special on ABC - "Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers."

More info: franklintheatre.com



DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN FESTIVAL

DATES & TIME: DEC 14 & 15
LOCATION: DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN

The festival will recreate the time of Charles Dickens using historic downtown Franklin's Victorian architecture as the backdrop. Some 200 musicians, dancers, and characters will fill the streets, including several from Charles Dickens's stories. Expect to see and interact with the nefarious Fagin from Oliver Twist; Jacob Marley, Ebenezer Scrooge and Tiny Tim Cratchit with his parents from A Christmas Carol; and of course, a Victorian Father and Mother Christmas with treats for children. The event is free and open to the public; some attractions will involve a small fee.

More info: Williamsonheritage.org



CATCH A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC MOVIE

DATES & TIME: VARIOUS DATES AND TIMES
LOCATION: FRANKLIN THEATRE

Featured movies in December include: Elf, Christmas Vacation, The Polar Express, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, A Christmas Story, White Christmas (1954), Scrooge, It's a Wonderful Life
More info: franklintheatre.com





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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ON THE SQUARE

DATES & TIME: DEC. 6, 6 PM TO 8:30 PM

LOCATION: DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN

The City of Franklin is excited to light up the square Friday, December 6th, for the 2019 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, the best tree lighting event in Middle Tennessee! Freedom Intermediate School Honors Choir will sing. We'll also have special guest performances from Jars of Clay, led by local Franklin resident Dan Haseltine. Former Today Show cohost and new Franklin resident, Kathie Lee Gifford, will emcee the event. "Cinderella" from the Studio Tenn presentation of "Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" will give a pre-show performance with a couple of songs from the upcoming musical. "Rudolph" and "Hermie" from Gaylord Opryland's "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" will be available for photo opportunities as well.

The Downtown Franklin Association is participating with fun happenings in the downtown stores. They will stay open a little later that night so that shoppers can get an early start on their Christmas shopping. The Franklin Art Scene will also have the Art Crawl that night happening in many stores. The Franklin Noon Rotary and the Downtown Franklin Rotary will provide free refreshments.

More info: franklin.tn.gov



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DATES & TIME: NOV. 22 THROUGH DEC. 29, 6 PM – 10 PM

LOCATION: WILLIAMSON COUNTY

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More info: franktownlights.com



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DATES & TIME: DAILY DEC. 1 THROUGH DEC 23

LOCATION: WILLIAMSON COUNTY

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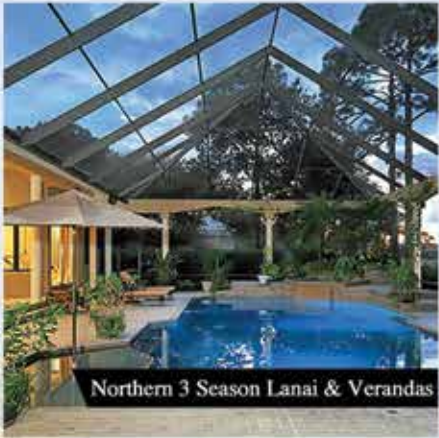
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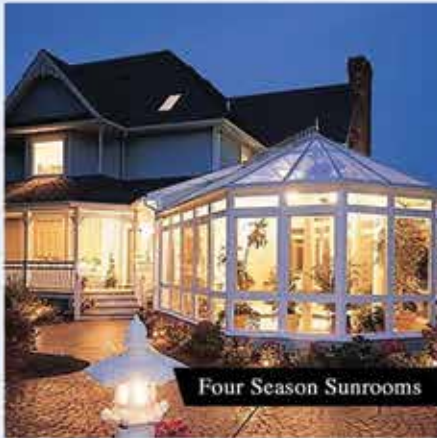
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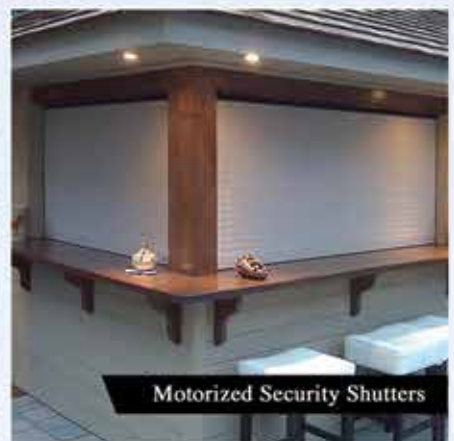
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Players will work together with engineered props and gadgets while feeling like a kid as they travel through hidden passageways, trap doors, and encounter plenty of jaw-dropping moments. These escape games are appropriate for all ages that range from 6 to 100. Two of the rooms require you to interact with live characters, which have guests filled with adrenaline as they interact with the actors!

Each room will help your family/team develop fun problem-solving skills, improve communication, deepen friendships, and unite behind a common goal! The only way to escape is to work together. It is the perfect activity to unify your family/team and have fun in the process.

Extreme Escape Games does require a scheduled appointment and can occasionally take walk-ins. They are located across from Target just north of Cool Springs Mall in Franklin. Open seven days a week and excited to provide plenty of comedy and theatrics for some great holiday memories!

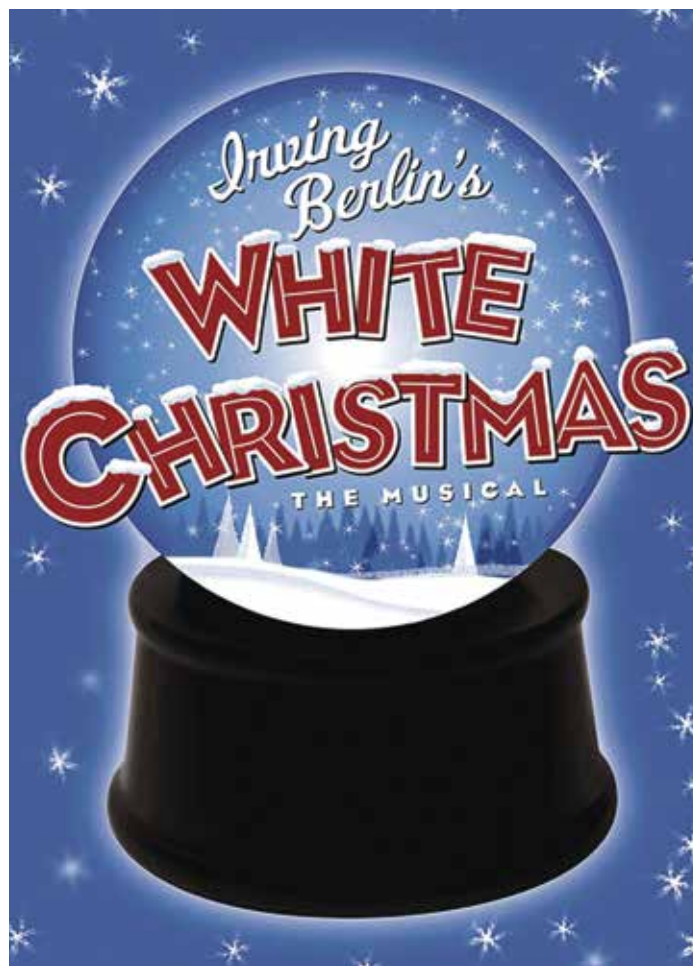
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DATES & TIME: DEC 6 – 21
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More info: pull-tight.com



LOTZ HOUSE TO HOST CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS

DATES: EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IN DECEMBER, 6 PM TO 9 PM. LOCATION: 1111 COLUMBIA AVENUE, FRANKLIN

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The Lotz House is hosting a Christmas Candlelight Tour at the historic home every Friday and Saturday in December. The tour will showcase the decorations of the period of the 1864 Battle of Franklin including fresh décor of pulled cotton, harvested nuts, fresh apples, magnolia branches, and cut holly.

“Christmas Candlelight Tours have been a Franklin tradition for many years and we’re happy to continue that tradition throughout December,” said Lotz House Executive Director Thomas Cartwright. “We like to share what life was like in the 1800’s during the holidays. Many guests find the natural decorations appealing today and want to emulate the look in their own homes for Christmas.”

Guests will be treated to hot cider and holiday cookies during the tour of the home while they learn about how families decorated and celebrated Christmas.

The tour includes all rooms of the house with a special emphasis on the dining room complete with holiday decorations and even a country ham on display. The fragrances translate Christmas and will get visitors in the holiday spirit.

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December 13: 19 Miles Presents The Grateful Bluegrass Band Local Church & Worship events

It's a Grateful Bluegrass kind of Christmas. Join us for The Grateful Bluegrass Band CD release concert just in time for the holidays with some of your favorite songs of the season including I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, Silent Night, Fezziwig's Jig, Svend's Tune, Sledd Ridin' and more. Their debut CDs will be available for purchase for the first time to the public at the show. \$5 tickets while seating lasts. <https://franklinfumc.org/events/>

December 24: Christmas Eve at Franklin First UMC

Join us for Christmas Eve services at Franklin First UMC on **Tuesday, December 24** at our Main Campus: We are offering four services at our Main Campus:

- 2 p.m. Interactive Family service
- 4 p.m. Modern Worship
- 6 p.m. Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir & Brass

• 8 p.m. Traditional Worship with Brass

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We are also offering four services at our Franklin First UMC Historic Sanctuary at Fifth Avenue, located at 148 Fifth Ave., South.

- 2 p.m. Traditional Worship
- 4 p.m. Traditional Worship
- 6 p.m. Traditional Worship
- 11 p.m. Late Night Casual

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LOCATION: 1161 LEWISBURG PIKE, FRANKLIN

December 1st: Services at 9:15 am, and 10:30 am
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December 8- 5 pm and 7 pm Night of Glory: An Advent Celebration An All generation Christmas Concert Presented by Oak Valley Baptist Church Choir and Musicians featuring the McCrory Sisters.

December 15th- Services 9:15 am, and 10:30 am

The Stories and Songs of Advent featuring Sarah Hart

December 22nd-9:15 am and 10:30 am Carols and Communion

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50 years of Giving – St. Philip's Christmas Basket Program They start with nothing -- no money, no food -- and end with nothing. But more than 300 families receive baskets of food and gifts each Christmas because of the generosity of our parish. This year on December 14 and 15, when a Men's Club representative makes the Christmas Basket Appeal at the Masses this year, he will be carrying on a legacy 50 years in the making – one that has spread throughout the county to other parishes and churches. The true sense of "loving thy neighbor." Since 1969, St. Philip has provided baskets of food, clothing, and gifts to Williamson County residents in need through our Annual Christmas Basket Program. The first year they modestly served

six families. Now, baskets, some accompanied by bicycles, are delivered to more than 300 families.

Parishioner Angie Mayer, whose family helps wrap gifts annually, said delivering the boxes brings the most joy for her children.

"That was the game-changer for them because they were able to see some of the dire situations that people are living in. Being able to give the gifts they wrapped and being able to pray with them, It moves them."

Each year after all the work and controlled chaos of Basket Week are over, expenses are taken care of, and the Men's Club distributes any money left to other established charities. And the process to fill empty Christmas baskets begins anew. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves . . .

Philippians 2:3

For More information: (615) 794-8588 www.stphilipfranklin.com

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