WELCOME TO SLBC

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner is at 5pm in the Main Street Hallway. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$4 for children age 5 & under. Visit sugarlandbaptist.org/events to RSVP.

- December 10 Soup Bar
- December 17 Pizza

Let's commit together to a building and renovation



project that will allow us to consolidate all our children in a secure environment, and provide room for growth. If you



haven't already, scan the QR code to the right to complete an online pledge card. Visit sugarlandbaptist.org/building-tomorrow-together.

SLBC Email - New members of SLBC will begin receiving



our E-Newsletter that is sent out every other week. If you are not receiving emails and would like to, or to manage your email preferences, scan the QR code to the left.

How to Join SLBC - To join our church family you may talk to our pastor during the invitation time at the end of the sermon, visit the New Member Table located in the Trinity Café, or email, call, or come by the church office at your convenience.

There are several ways to join:

- By Profession of Faith and Request for Baptism: Professing faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord. After making your profession, you will be baptized by immersion as a symbol of your commitment.
- By Statement of Faith and Request for Baptism: If you've already trusted Christ as your Savior but have not yet been baptized, you can join by requesting baptism by immersion.
- By Statement of Faith: If you are already a Christian and have been baptized by immersion, you can join SLBC.
- By Transfer of Membership: You can transfer your membership from another Baptist church.

Fiscal Year April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 Annual Budget: \$4,397,314

MINISTRIES SUPPORT as of 10/31/25

YTD Budget Expenses \$2,597,159 \$2,332,028 YTD Actual Expenses: \$2,030,332 YTD Receipts: **Building Debt** \$870,000

As of 10/31/25, giving to the regular Ministries Budget is currently \$566,827 under planned expenses and \$301,696 under actual expenses.

MISSIONS SUPPORT as of 10/31/25

Budgeted Missions: \$376,500 YTD Designated Missions Giving: \$28,299 \$404,799 Total Missions: Receipts for week ending 12/5/25 \$96,483

Weekly Needs: \$84,564 **Total Building Tomorrow Together**

\$6,039,791 Pledges: Total BTT donations to date: \$2,326,461

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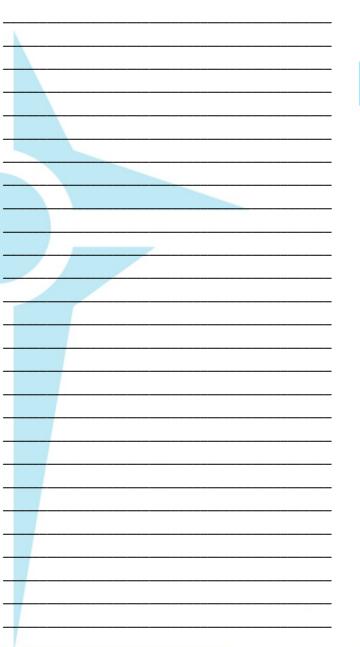
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Sermon Notes

Invitation: Come and Worship! Luke 2:8-21





Dr. Taylor Sandlin, Senior Pastor

Connecting with God, Each Other & the World

Prelude

Travis Worsham

Call to Worship

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Sing We Now of Christmas

Invocation & Welcome Clint Kimmel

Come and Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Peace

The Mayes Family

I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day Sanctuary Choir

Welcome to Our World

Message Pastor Taylor *Invitation: Come and Worship!*

Luke 2:8-21

Time of Response Congregation It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings Farandole (from "L'Arlesienne") Christmas & Keyboards

Sending

Pastor Taylor

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Postlude

Travis Worsham



TODAY at 5pm

Join us for our 5th annual program featuring festive holiday favorites performed on multiple instruments. Admission is free; no tickets are required.

> Childcare is available for children ages 4 & under. Doors open at 4:30pm.

Welcome!

If you are a guest in our service, please fill out an online connection card using your smart phone to scan this QR code.



Assisted listening devices are available in the North Fover at the chandelier.







HIGHLIGHTS

Bethel MinisTREE Toy Drive

Take the label from an ornament that is on the Bethel MinisTREE in the Trinity Café. Place the ornament in the ornament return box. Purchase and bring back an unwrapped Christmas gift by Sunday, **December 14**. **Volunteers** will be needed for set-up and distribution at Bethel Ministry at **9am** Friday, **December 19**, and Saturday, **December 20**.

A Sugar Land Christmas

Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, Ballet Grace, Children's Worship Arts, & Living Portraits

December 13, 7pm December 14, 3pm

Tickets are available today in the Trinity Café. Online ticket sales at sugarlandbaptist.org/aslc.

Premium seating is \$20; General seating is available for a suggested donation of \$5.

College Students Winter Retreat

Join us **December 18-21** as we head to the beach for a getaway of rest, worship, food, and fun. Cost is \$150; scholarships are available. Sign up today at sugarlandbaptist.org/events.

MISSION

When Helping Hurts - "Good intentions are not enough. A path forward is found, not through providing resources to the poor, but by walking 'with' them in humble relationships." This must-read is a foundational modern classic in global ministry by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. Part 2 discussion will be Wednesday, December 10, 6pm, room 222. Books are available in the church office. Come having read, and ready to discuss!

Interprefy Multilingual Interpretation of our 9:45am Sunday Worship service is available online in several languages. Scan the QR code to the right to connect.

STUDENTS

Disciple Now 2026 is January 16-18. Be real. Be authentic. Be a follower. Everyone searches for meaning, acceptance, and connection. Jesus taught that an authentic relationship with God came from becoming a follower of His Way. Learn to be a better follower as we discover what Jesus meant when He said. "Deny yourself. Take up your cross. Follow Me." **D-Now 2026** is a weekend for authentic worship, Bible study and discussion, and more fun than you can imagine. Registration is open now for all students in grades 7-12. Early registration is \$120 through Christmas. Sign up at sugarlandbaptist.org/events.

Our **Connection Card Ministry Partner** for **December** is *Kahawa Sukari Baptist Church*. This church was started by one of our own congregational members over 30 years ago in his hometown of Nairobi, Kenya. For each Connection Card completed today, a \$5 gift will be made to this Ministry Partner.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

Sugar Land Kids Live Nativity: Calling all Sugar Land Kids! We need you to fill our **Live Nativity Scene** at SLBC every **Sunday in December** after Worship. We need Mary, Joseph, angels, wisemen, shepherds, and animals, for each week. Sign up at *sugarlandbaptist.org/events* to choose your role!

WORSHIP & ARTS

Cookie Donations Needed! We need 125 dozen cookies for our receptions following *A Sugar Land Christmas*. They may be homemade, break-and-bake, slice-and-bake, or your bakery's freshly baked favorites. Email Holly Rose (mhrose08@yahoo.com) if you can help.

ADULTS

Poinsettias will be used to decorate our Sanctuary and may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$22 (tax included). To pay with check or cash, order forms are available at Welcome Centers. Credit/debit orders may be made online at *sugarlandbaptist.org/events*.

Our annual **Deacon election** will be held during a special called business meeting in the service on Sunday, **December 21**. Ballots with the nominees names will be provided.









THIS WEEK AT SLBC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Second Sunday of Advent - Peace

8:15am Grace Chinese Sunday School (302)

8:30am Bible Study*

Greece Field Trip Prep Meeting (222)

9:00am Grace Chinese Worship Service (302)

9:30am Deaf Heart Worship Service* (208)

9:45am Worship Service* (Sanctuary)

11:05am Bible Study*

Deaf Heart Sunday School* (104)

12:00pm Deaf Heart Church Christmas Party (Gym)

12:15pm Mission Task Force (Ofc Conf Rm)

1:00pm Youth Worship Band Practice (302)

5:00pm Christmas & Keyboards* (Sanctuary)

6:00pm Traveler's ABF Christmas Party (3rd Floor)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00am Grace Chinese Canaan Fellowship (302)

5:00pm Fellowship Dinner (Main St)

6:00pm Preschool Worship Arts (140)

Children's Worship Arts (2nd Floor)

Student Surge (302)

When Helping Hurts* (222)

Pastor's Bible Study* (107)

Sanctuary Choir ASLC Rehearsal*

(Sanctuary)

6:45pm Preschool & Children's Rotation Stations

8:00pm Frontline Singers Rehearsal (107)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00am Men's Bible Study (107)

6:30pm ASLC Tech Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30am MomCo**

5:30pm ASLC Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00pm A Sugar Land Christmas: Light, Love, Grace (Sanctuary)

8:30pm A Sugar Land Christmas Reception (Gym)

*Childcare available; **Childcare by reservation only Visit sugarlandbaptist.org for more information