

## DECEMBER





Our Mission Minded Focus for the Month of December is our Adopt a Family program. Each year we help out local families by purchasing Christmas presents for them. You can sign up using this green QR Code.

You can participate in this program in 3 ways.



- 1) You can donate money designated for Adopt a Family in your weekly giving and we will purchase gifts for you
- 2) You can sign up to adopt a child or 2 from a family and shop from a wish list
- 3) You can sign up to just purchase 1 or 2 gifts. You will be sent a specific gift (or style of gift) to purchase for a family .

\*All wrapped presents are due back at BRC by Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>



AN ADOPTED FAMILY

In 2020, I left an abusive relationship and started my life over with my son. We moved into the Brunswick city school district in the Spring of 2021. During that time, I was working two jobs just to make ends meet. In December of last year, I was notified by Pastor Jay at BRC that my son would be the recipient of Christmas gifts by a family in their church. At first I was hesitant to receive such a generous gift. I felt like my situation wasn't "that bad" & I knew there were people worse off than me, so how

could I just be given a bunch of Christmas gifts for free?? I was raised to work hard and do whatever is necessary to support my family, so this was very difficult for me to accept. After speaking to a close friend of mine and telling her my feelings about being chosen for this, she said "You deserve it. You do so much for others & you have been through a lot the past 2 years —let someone be a blessing to you if they want!" I still tear up thinking about what a tremendous blessing that family was to me and my son on Christmas morning! After seeing the happiness on his face, I made a promise that when I was in a better place in life and able to do it, I would pay it forward. Almost one year later, I got a much better paying job (and am only working ONE job!) God has been so good to us and this year I was able to purchase enough toys to hopefully make a lot of kids happy on Christmas morning. I want to continue to do this as long as I am able to! I believe this is what Christmas is all about and I am so thankful for this church and the families who give! Thank you again from the bottom of my heart. I am forever grateful for the willingness of this church family to be a blessing to families in this community. Merry Christmas!











JANUARY 1ST
COMMUNION SUNDAY
SERVICES 9AM & 10:45AM