

Festival of Lights Christmas Parade
Presented By First Baptist Wylie and the Downtown Merchants
5:30 p.m., Saturday, December 5, 2009

First Baptist Wylie and the downtown merchants would like to cordially invite you and/or your group to participate in the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday December 5, 2009 in Historic Downtown Wylie. The entry fee is \$25.00. The day starts with the Wylie Arts Festival at 10:00 am, followed by the parade at 5:30 p.m. concluding with the Christmas tree lighting at 7:00 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARADE ROUTE AND STAGING AREA HAVE
CHANGED THIS YEAR:**

The Parade line-up will take place from multiple streets of entrance this year. Floats will enter for staging on the north side of HWY 78 on Birmingham, the north side of HWY 78 on Jackson or the northwest quadrant of E. Jefferson and 2nd street. Please know that you will be given specific staging assignments the week of the parade. The parade route will begin at Jefferson and Jackson, heading east on Jefferson to Ballard Avenue, then heading south toward 78 on Ballard. From there it will turn west on Oak and disperse beyond Oak and Jackson. Floats will be lined-up based on the quadrants given. However, if you are not at your staging area at the time noted when assignments are give your float will be in jeopardy of not being included in the parade. Please begin arriving at 4:00 p.m. so that we can get everyone lined up and ready to go by 5:15 p.m.

As always, we want as many individuals, community groups, and civic organizations in the parade as possible. All floats must have quality decorations. Please provide skirting if possible and lights for your entry. We want you to be creative and festive and decorate those floats, cars and yourself for the Christmas Parade. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, matching theme. Have fun preparing and we look forward to seeing you in the parade. If you are entering a classic or hot rod car please **DO NOT** rev up the engine as this scares the children, and **please no dry hops or burnouts.** **PLEASE, NO SANTA CLAUSE ENTRIES. WE HAVE A SANTA IN THE PARADE AND DON'T WANT ANY CONFUSION.**

Return bottom portion to First Baptist Wylie, 200 N. First St., Wylie, TX 75098.



PARADE ENTRY FORM

Entry to be submitted by WEDNESDAY, November 25, 2009

Name of organization, family, or business: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address to contact:

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: (i.e. float, walkers, car/truck/motorcycles, equestrian, band, cheerleaders, drill team, etc.). Please make a note if you have music/sound on your float. **ALL floats must have lights and skirting. *Non decorated floats will not be permitted.***

The parade entry fee is \$ 25.00 (non-refundable) payable to the First Baptist Wylie. Return the completed form along with payment to the First Baptist no later than **Wednesday, November 25**, to 100 N. First St. or fax to Debra at 972-442-6154. **Payment must be received prior to the parade. For safety purposes, City of Wylie and First Baptist Wylie will not allow any candy, objects or projectiles of any kind to be thrown to the parade spectators from a parade unit.**

However, walkers are allowed to hand such items to the spectators. All proceeds generated minus expense will benefit the Christian Care Center.

If you have any questions please contact Debra Tobolka at First Baptist Wylie
972-442-2261

The undersigned, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the First Baptist Wylie Parade of lights to be held on **Saturday, December 5, 2009** does for myself, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharge the City of Wylie and First Baptist Wylie of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatever kind of nature, either in law or equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, death or property damage resulting or to result from any accident which may occur as a result of participation in the Parade of Lights or any activities in connection therewith, whether by negligence or not. I do hereby agree to abide by all parade rules and regulations set forth.

Signature _____