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By Annabeth Miller, SMT Editor

A community Christmas tradition will continue this Saturday evening as Greg and Lisa Mathis again host the Dexter Christmas Reading.

The event is simple – yet poignant. With folks gathered together in Downtown Dexter, the Christmas Story is read from the Bible. There are carols, a prayer, and fellowship.

The Christmas Reading will be held at 6 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 3 across from Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Stoddard Street.

The Mathis family began what has quickly become a community holiday tradition in 2009. It is a time to remember what the season is all about, a time for community fellowship, a time to pause from the hustle and bustle to remember and celebrate and share. It's a short event, outside with folks bundled up and huddled around fire pits, and enjoying a few moments of simple Christmas fellowship.

Greg Mathis keeps some information on a "need to know" basis – like who will read the Nativity Story and who will lead the group in prayer.

"Lisa doesn't even know," he said. The reader the first year was Jim Hall, whose family home once stood on the Stoddard Street location where the holiday event is held. Lynda Lovins read the Christmas Story in 2010.

Dexter choir students under the direction of Jamie Sepulvado will sing Christmas carols. Following the reading, cider, hot chocolate and another Dexter tradition – Mrs. Menley's Cookies – will be shared.

Photo Above: Greg Mathis, and participants Lynda Lovins and Cory Mouser, at the 2010 Dexter Christmas Reading. (SMT File Photo)

What's Happening

- WHAT: Dexter Christmas Reading
- WHEN: 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3
- WHERE: 130 West Stoddard Street, across from Rainey-Mathis Funeral Hoe
- WEBSITE: The Christmas Reading

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