

# December 14, 2008

**Pastor's Corner.....** One of my favorite Christmas songs is "Mary Did You Know?". It says so many things about what Mary may have pondered on the night she gave birth to the baby Jesus. It asks her if she realized she had given birth to and was holding in her loving arms The Great I Am and her Redeemer. I wonder if we truly realize these things at Christmas time. I know we sing the songs, but do we truly realize "Who This Baby Really Is". This morning I want to preach a message about that subject. I pray that we will see far beyond the little baby in the manger to all that Immanuel - God with us- entails.

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CHILD CARE - TODAY	Next Week
Nursery: Pam Janney & Betty Newsome	MaryAnn Hill & Jenni Compton
Jr. Church: Wendy & Jessica Spencer	Virginia Compton & Carrie Ann Wielenbeck

**GREETERS:** TODAY: Ron and Lena Ellis  
 Next Week: Bob and Chris Nitz

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## Christmas Caroling Tuesday Dec. 16



We will meet at the church at 6:00 PM.  
 After caroling we will return to the social hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Everyone is invited! We have a great time!  
*Please bring finger food and drinks.*

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## Birthday Party for Jesus Wednesday, Dec. 17



Prayer meeting will be dismissed at 7:30 to attend the party in the social hall after the Awana group shares their Christmas Carols from the choir.  
*Please bring finger desserts, chips and drinks.*



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The beautiful poinsettia was donated by Donald and Betty Comer in memory of: Barrow Family, Comer Family, Bartlett Family, Roscoe Johnson and Texie Ladd.

**Service Times:**

Sunday School: 9:30

Morning Worship: 10:45

Evening Worship: 7:00

Wednesday Evening Prayer Service: 7:00

Awana Program: Wed. 6:30-8:00 PM



*Ministry and Fellowship Opportunities*

- Dec.16**      **Christmas Caroling** 6:00 PM
- Dec. 18**      **Sonshiners Outing to Lapp’s Family Restaurant**  
will leave at 1:30
- Dec. 21**      **Jesus Offering** AM service
- Dec. 21**      **“A Peanut Butter Christmas”**  
**and “The Shepherd’s Story”**      6:00 PM
- Dec. 24**      **Christmas Eve Service** 6:00 PM
- Dec. 31**      **Revival Service at Charlestown Baptist Church**  
**w/ Pastor Tim** 7:00 PM      (no service here)

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**“A Peanut Butter Christmas” and “The Shepherd’s Story”**  
**next Sunday night at 6:00..**

We will be having a time of fellowship and refreshments following the play. *Please bring finger foods, chips, and drinks.*

Please come out and see the kids. They have worked very hard.

Note:TODAY: Lunch & Christmas Play Practice  
immediately after AM service

**Saturday Dec. 20 6:00 PM** Christmas Play Practice and Pizza

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We will be receiving our annual JESUS OFFERING next Sunday morning. This offering is used to help those in need throughout the upcoming year.



# Prayer Concerns

Ted Burkholder

Luke Sharpless

Alanna Brown

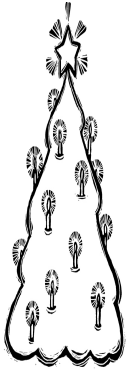
Jeff Morehead (surgery 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>)

Christy Janney (surgery 18<sup>th</sup>)

Ronnie Ellis (surgery 29<sup>th</sup>)

All other on December prayer list

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*Christmas Giving*

*Christmas is the season for giving. God gave us His Son, and we have an opportunity to give to those in need as well. Listed below are a few opportunities to help others at this time of year.*

\*\* We have a family in the church that has a need of \$260. If you can help in this area simply put your gift in an envelope in the offering plate or give to the pastor and mark "Church Family" on it.

\*\* We have adopted a family in need for Christmas. The children's name, age, size and gift suggestion is on the bulletin board.

If any questions, see Lena Ellis.

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*We are still in need of volunteers for two more events for next year.*

Feb - Valentine's Banquet

Apr - Father/Son Outing

*If you wish to head up either of these activities see Pastor or Alanna*

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Praise the Lord! Beginning in January, we will be supporting 8 individual mission works. They are the following:



Claire Loquois (Phillipines)  
Henry Chatata (Malawi)  
Gardiner Gentry (Malawi)  
The Hendersons (Tanzania)  
The Reeds (Amazon)  
The Tavareses (Brazil)



The Davis' (Wyoming - church builders)

Homestead Community Fellowship Church (Jason Johnson)

Beginning the first week in January, there will be envelopes marked "missions" for you to place your Faith Promise mission's offering in.