

## PLAN FOR THE WEEK

Times are p.m. unless otherwise noted

**Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening**  
Sunday morning before and after the 10:30 service, in the gym.

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast (F.H.)  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages including 3 Adult Bible Fellowships  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
4:00 Christmas Concert "Behold & Believe"  
6:00 Epicenter

### Monday

6:30 Telecare  
7:00 Merge (18-25 yr olds) (ROOM 11)  
7:00 Salt n' Light (20 something young adults) (F.H.)

### Tuesday

12:00 Parish Nurse  
3:00 Prayer Shawl Meeting at Mary's House  
6:30 Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday

4:30 Girlspace Jr. Hi Dinner at Organ Piper Pizza  
6:30 Expedition 56 Event (Grades 5 & 6)  
6:30 Choir  
7:30 Christmas Eve Team Rehearsal  
8:30 Men's Team

### Thursday

8:45 a.m. MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) Annual Christmas Program  
6:30 Jr. Hi Guys Bowling  
6:30 Worship Team (JEFF) (MUSIC ROOM)  
6:30 Worship Band (W.C.)

### Friday

6:00 PALS sleepover event  
7:00 Middle Age Singles at Lynette Jackson's

### Saturday

5:00 Saturday Community Contemporary Worship

## PRAYER CONCERNS

A detailed prayer list is available at the information centers in the lobby.

### Retired Missionary Focus

**Bruce Helland** - (39 years in Japan with TEAM and currently back in Japan serving)

AND

**Wilfred Hart** - (40 years in South Africa with TEAM)



### Prayer requests:

- Pray that the real meaning of Christmas reaches from their heads to their hearts.
- Pray for the English Bible classes. Pray that the students will have Enough confidence in them to talk to us about eternal things.

### Our Family

Ken Morrison - recovering from shoulder surgery  
Shawn Aspinall - facing open heart surgery on Wednesday  
Brad Ellis - recovering from knee surgery  
Barb Carter - recovering from hip surgery  
Carol Dunn - undergoing chemo and radiation

### Bereavement

John and Gert Suhajda, his father passed away on December 3rd. The funeral was held this past Monday.

### Emergency Prayer Chain

Please call one of the following if you have an emergency request:

Bea Nieubuurt	262-740-2434
Barb Hinzpeter	262-275-3803
Valerie Troast	262-745-6605

## COMING EVENTS

12/20	SR HI REFUGE PROGRESSIVE DINNER	1/8-10	SR. HI BLIZZARD
12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (5:00 P.M., 6:30 P.M., AND 8:30 P.M.)	1/9	MEN'S BREAKFAST
12/31	NEW YEAR'S EVE (5:00 P.M. POTLUCK, 6:30 P.M. SERVICE)	1/16	CONNECTED ONES PROGRESSIVE DINNER
1/4 & 1/7	FOREVER FIT RESUMES	1/31	CORNERSTONE ABF WHITE OUT (3:00 P.M.)
1/6	SUMMIT RESUMES	2/6	SUPERBOWL BREAKFAST AND DAVID TROPHY
1/8-10	JR HI AT DISTRICTS		

### God's work done God's way in God's time brings God's resources

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009 Income Budget</u>
Year-to-date General Fund Income	\$1,184,333.52	\$1,113,052.13	\$1,230,553.26
Year-to-date General Fund Expenses	\$1,185,816.15		
Year-to-date Missions Income	\$ 250,251.32	\$ 266,573.65	\$ 260,568.00
Benevolent Offering	\$ 71,893.11	\$ 35,673.31	

**"THE MIRACLES"**  
*"Nothing is impossible with God"*  
(Luke 1:37)

➤ **Christmas...Not just improbable, but IMPOSSIBLE!**

- Bridge the "God gap" in a believable way? (Incarnation?)
- How to engage people in the incarnation miracle? Or simply impose God upon humanity?
- God's pattern of involving us in His miraculous mission:
  - Noah...build an ark, trust Me for a flood rescue
  - Abraham...move your family, trust Me for a son
  - Joseph...handle rejection, trust Me for a role
  - Moses...face your Pharaoh, trust Me for deliverance
  - Mary...allow your pregnancy, trust Me for the Son
  - Joseph...marry Mary, trust Me for your future
  - \_\_\_\_\_, trust Me for \_\_\_\_\_
- *"I am Gabriel, I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and tell you this good news..."* (Luke 1:19)
- Angels,...who are they, where do they come from, what power or authority do they have, will I ever see one?

➤ **Behold but not Believe (John 10)**

- *"...if You are the Christ, tell us plainly..."* (10:24) How does He?
- *"the miracles I do in my Father's name speak for Me, but you do not believe, because..."* (10:25,26) Why don't we believe?
- *"I and the Father are one"* (10:30) If true, what implications?

➤ **Believe to Behold (John 14)**

- *"Trust in God, trust also in Me..."* (14:1) it's a matter of TRUST
- *"I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* (14:6) The fork in life's road!
- *"Don't you know Me? Believe Me when I say, I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves....because I am going to the Father."* (14:9-12)

➤ **Refuse to Believe and never Behold**

Christmas. . . . Xmas . . . . . Holidays . . . . new year transition?

- How far are we on the continuum of removing Jesus Christ?
- With what or whom will we replace Him?
- What do we give up as we remove Christ from Christmas?
- What do we gain without Him...as we approach eternity?