

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 Holidaysnew 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?