

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday Bible Study: Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no Bible study on December 25th
- Men's Annual Budget Meeting: December 29th after services

December Birthdays:

23rd Blake Williams

POINTS TO PONDER:

"We cannot truly love one another without loving God. And we cannot truly love God without loving one another."

Ladies Bread Ministry

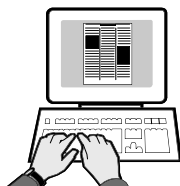
December 22: Betty

SNACKS!

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December 29: Jan

BULLETIN ITEMS: If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Terry Schmidt at 284-9191 or e-mail at tls654b@zwi.net



"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12



Without prayer, you can never get close to God. At its core, prayer is giving yourself to God.

Order of Worship

"Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."
- Matthew 2:2 -

Song Leader: *Nate Hios*

Song

Opening Prayer: *George Nick*

Song

Scripture Reading: *George Nick*
~ Matthew 2:1-12 ~

Song

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Terry Schmidt

Contribution

Song

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Christmas Spirit"

Song

Announcements: *Terry Schmidt*

Closing Prayer: *Tony Grant*

Greeters: *George and/or Caren Nick*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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December 22, 2013

Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am - Bible Classes for all ages
10:30 am—Worship
6:00—Bible Study

Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 - Bible Study for all ages

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Prayer Requests:

- Anthony - cyst removal surgery successful!
- Larry Bosworth - rehabilitating from "brain bleed" & other injuries sustained in a fall
- Caren - planned trip to South Africa in June
- Carrie - has auto-immune disease; chemo
- Frances Dudley - inoperable lung tumor
- Paul & Sandy and family - making steady progress with Paul's rehabilitation
- Sandy Gagnon - right foot doing better; but is still a concern
- Grabowski's - recently hired as managers of a 55 & older community in MA ☺
- Nancy Grant - safe travel to & from NC
- Greg (Sandy's friend) - requests prayers for a family member diagnosed with mental illness
- Heather (friend of Vivian) - facing some rather challenging circumstances
- Richard Judkins - having serious health issues prayers for strength for Kathleen as well
- Karen - six months pregnant; hospitalized with a large blood clot
- Terry Kennedy - prayers for continued healing from knee replacement surgery
- Kim Murray & family (friend of Amber) - 2 year old son Tripp has a very aggressive form of cancer; undergoing aggressive chemo
- Nick Family - prayers for strength
- Ariana - struggling with complications from her surgery; needs shots on a daily basis
- Nicholas & family (George's nephew) - twin son has a growth that needs to be removed
- Megan Perry (Ernie & Wealthie's granddaughter) - suffering with diabetes, neuropathy, and problems with addictions
- Philip (Terry & Betty's son) - experiencing difficulties & challenging circumstances
- Jan Sampson - prayers for her ankle to heal; also experiencing shoulder pain
- Teal & Mike - for a normal pregnancy; that the baby will be healthy in all respects
- Prayers for those not with us today



The Greatest Gift of All

I wonder how we would feel on Christmas

Day if we were to receive, from a friend or relative, a leftover gift from a previous year? And let's emphasize the fact that you would *know* it was a recycled gift. How would this make you feel? What is it that gives a gift worth, value, or meaning?

In Proverbs 3:9 we are told to honor the Lord with the "first-fruits" of our increase. This means we are to give God our best. We honor God by the act of sacrificing and offering to Him the very best we have.

The Apostle Paul teaches that we are to offer ourselves as "living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1). King David, in 2 Samuel 24:24, affirmed that he would not offer to the Lord that which had cost him nothing. I wonder, are we guilty of this? Are we as "living sacrifices" offering to God that which really doesn't cost us anything?

During this holiday season with its admirable emphasis on giving, let's be reminded that *each day of the year* we are to give God our best—a sacrifice that costs us something—a gift that's worth giving.

After all, God gave His best for us: Jesus Christ our Savior—the greatest gift of all! Merry Christmas. And have a joyous and blessed holiday season!

— Terry Schmidt ✍

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING



The men will be meeting on December 29th for the annual budget meeting. Anyone having input is asked to contact one of the men with your proposal or concerns.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9;
 Rev 2:10

Our Current Bible Classes:

Sunday AM—Book of James

Sunday PM — Worship

Wednesday — People Jesus Taught



"They received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily...." - Acts 17:11

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card and sign our guest book before you depart. Have a great week!