

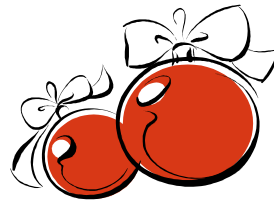
*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service*

@

Christ Presbyterian Church

6:00 PM

Everyone welcome.



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December 2009 Newsletter

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The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14 NIV

Have you ever noticed that great people only socialize with great people? Rock stars date other rock stars; movie stars go to parties where there are other movie stars. Important people tend to fraternize with other “important” people. It’s the human way. Think about it. When was the last time the President, the Governor, or even the Mayor called you because he (or she) wanted you to go out to lunch with you?

This is why I love the verse quoted above from the prologue to John’s Gospel. Not just a great or famous person, but the Living God comes in the person of His Son, Jesus, to live among us that we might know His grace and truth. Literally, He pitched His tent, or “tabernacled” among us. Remember how God lived among His OT people in the tabernacle? Well now He does so as one of us, like us in every way. He was tempted like us, but He never gave way to sin. He was weak and grew weary like us, but He never turned aside from His Father’s will. He came to succeed where we have failed and so to save us.

May we all know the nearness of His presence among us in this Advent Season. Looking to Him, may we know from the deep places of the heart that Immanuel (Jesus—God with us!) did not come to exclude us or to hold us at a distance, but to draw us near.

Such indeed is the reason for this Season!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Wes & Family



Budget Report

General Fund — Thru November 22, 2009

Income	\$ 104,017.50
Needed	\$ 106,986.46
Difference	\$ 2,968.96 — deficit

Faith Promise — Thru November 22, 2009

Faith Promise Income	\$ 13,905.01
Needed	\$ 15,496.98
Difference	\$ 1,591.97 — deficit

Our total annual commitment to missionaries: \$ 17,146.00



Faith Promise checking account balance: \$ 10,210.88

*Wealth is something entrusted to us by God, something
God doesn't want us to trust. He wants us to trust Him.*

....Warren Wiersbe

Chapel Avenue Christmas

102 Chapel Avenue

Sweetwater, Tennessee

December 20th

6:00 — 8:00 PM

All from the CPC congregation are invited.

(Pease bring finger food)



Prayer Concerns



Shut Ins & Their Caregivers: Quincy Jones; Emmett & Dorothy Skaggs; Ruth Williams; Nancy Barton's husband, Tom; Marty McCampbell's dad, Clyde Stuntz; Betty Lou Turpin's mother, Leon Holder; Bobbie Nicholson's mother, Leila Horton; & Wes' mother, Nancy Alford.

Health Concerns: Bill & Sarah Stemen, Jewell & Suzy Wicker; Griff Harsh; Nancy Kennedy; Reba & John Wolfe; Kathleen Schultz; Wayne Sorensen as he recovers from back surgery. Pray that all of our young babies & children will stay healthy this winter.

Pray for our missionaries, that their needs be met.

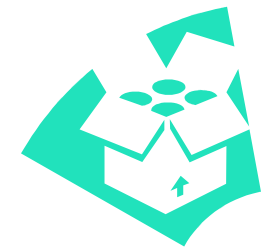
Pray for our church and its people, & our officers.

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, December 13th, immediately following the worship service, there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers and presentation of the 2010 budget.



Christmas Basket Delivery



On Saturday, December 19, we will have our annual Christmas Breakfast, followed by Christmas Basket delivery. We will meet at the church at 8:00 AM.

Birthdays

15—Jewell Wicker
18—Craig Harsh
27—Shannon Phillips
28—Barbara Rogers



Anniversaries

31—Nomon & Nancy Kennedy



A Christmas Musical by Camp Kirkland

“Celebrate the Gift”

Presented by Christ Presbyterian Church Choir

December 20, 2009

At

11:00 AM



Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the “away-time” at the time share in 2010! We’ll be looking forward to a late winter or early spring vacation and time for renewal and Refreshment. We are so Thankful for your love, generosity and kindness.

We love you,

Wes, Beth & Kids



News from the Lesondaks in Slovakia

After much prayer, research, and site visits, the Lesondaks decided that *Poprad* would be the next city from which to launch new church planting works. In July, along with the Talleys and the Frederes, they moved to Poprad. Goals for this first pioneering year are threefold: studying the Slovak language, get to know the community by “networking” and growing in unity and love as a team. The team will worship together in each other’s homes, have weekly prayer time, and monthly fun team events. Though it is clear that God has given motivation and desire to persevere in the Slovak language studies, it is equally clear there is a spiritual battle. In just two months there has been three classes, and finding a teacher who has experience teaching foreigners is proving to be difficult.

Prayer Concerns: The Gregoires in Trnava, who urgently need more support or they will have to return to the U.S.

Elders & leaders for The Fellowship.

Pray for God to do more than could be imagined in learning the Slovak language.

Pray for Nathan (the only child on the team in Poprad) to find a friend.

Pray for connections to open up future work.

Pray for wisdom and God’s clear direction as John leads this team.

Pray for John to get good medical help for his knee, which has given him constant pain for almost a year.

Gift Suggestions



To your enemy, forgiveness.
To and opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

...Oren Arnold

Christmas Cards



Rather than mailing your Christmas Cards to your CPC family, if you will bring them to church and leave them in a box provided in the foyer, we will sort and pass out those cards for you.

RUF News from Covenant College

The RUF Ministry at Covenant College has more students involved, than ever before. The Core Group (student leadership) is taking ownership of their leadership role in RUF. By the grace of God, the ministry is advancing size and in depth .

Ron Brown, RUF leader at Covenant has asked us to pray for the following:

1. That God would provide the funds necessary for RUF at Covenant College.
2. That God would give him wisdom in who to pursue as new student leaders for RUF.
3. That God would fill Ron with His Spirit to effectively lead his family and RUF at Covenant College.

Update on the Ebys in Peru

Some of you will remember Josh Eby from Knoxville. Josh and his family have been in Peru for one year. He oversees a Fellowship program with 15 Fellows, who serve in various capacities within the mission. He also oversee a campus ministry and teaches in the seminary. His wife, Robin participates in the ministries of the Fellowship program, women's Bible study at Wichanza church and at the orphanage Hogar de Esperanza. Their four children are adjusting well to life in Trujillo and enjoy participating in English classes and playing with kids at the orphanage.

The "Needy Family Auction" will be held Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Sweetwater Primary School. The auction will Starts @ 6:00 PM.



Wednesday Host

2 — Nelson

9 — Maxie

16 — Houser

23 — No Services This Week

30 — Mp Services This Week



Nursery

1—Nelson

29 — Snyder

8 — Davis

15 — Chastain

22 — Maxie

