

The Newsleaf



December 2007

Christmas Play

"Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever"
Sunday, December 23rd
11:00 a.m.



Cast & Choir Members:

Dress Rehearsal, Sunday, December 16th at 6 pm.

Patty Watson, Director



Craft Fair

Saturday, Dec. 1st
8 am—3 pm

Family Prayer Service

Sunday, Dec 2nd
8:45 am

Christmas 1-Day Bible School

Saturday, Dec. 8th
10 am to 2 pm

Potluck Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 9th

Women's Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec 11th
7 pm

Christmas Play

Sunday, Dec 23rd
11:00 am

Outreach

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Education

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Spiritual Growth

**Junior Church/Kids Church
Sunday, December 16th
11:00 a.m.**

Junior Church (1st—6 grades) We will be doing fun Christmas crafts and singing Christmas Carols.

Kids Church (2 yrs thru Kindergarten)

Meeting in their own special setting too, in worship and praise! Big Group! Busy from the time they step in the door! Teachers are leading them in class session and Kids Church having a great time singing songs, lesson, snacks (Gold Fish favorites), coloring, stringing beads, puzzles, manners, prayer and much more. The importance of "little things" make for "big things" in the lives of our children! A big THANK YOU teachers and leaders!

REMEMBER ___3rd Sunday each month!



**Children's Choir
(K-6th grade)**

All Children's Choir needs to be present for the 12-16 Play practice in the evening. We will be fitting for our choir robes etc.!

College Ministry___Graceland students will be having 2 fundraisers a year for "college matching funds". We have 4 students at Graceland with three others looking into possibilities.

One of our future Graceland students eagerly shares with us___

Airelle Kramer writes*"This is me asking for your help to get me there! Graceland University has a congregational matching grant where they will match dollar for dollar up to \$750 a semester for each dollar donated by a congregation. This donation can come from a fundraiser. I would like to wrap presents, scrub floors, clean cars, babysit kids and almost anything to earn money towards this grant. Please call me if you are interested in hiring my services . . . 660-238-9058. Donation deadline for spring semester is January 1. Thanks!"*

Our college students have been home for the holidays and always found in a huddle with friends catching up on all the news! We have an ever-growing college group and it is wonderful to see them stepping out into new areas of learning! Hang in there! You're doing great!

Y.O.U.
(Youth Onward & Upward)
Sundays 5:30 pm

Our young teens are keeping very busy this fall with school activities and their church youth activities. We have seen our youth out there, receiving honors in sports, academic, band competition, appearing in our newspapers and on the lips of proud parents and friends, telling us we have some very special kids doing some really special things in the life of their community! Keep them in your prayers as they continue to excite the world and challenge the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Casey Anthony and Levi Corn, Gold Coin Winners at McQuerry Elementary School! Great job!



**Peacemakers
Club
(K-6)
5:30 pm
4th Sunday nights**

Mindy Cutshall, Leader



Young Adults ___A great group of Young Adults met at a Game Night this past month leaving the church later than anticipated since everyone having such a fun time!

They also held an unforgettable Chief's Party at Brian Corn's house last Sunday immediately after church .

Join our Young Adults as they meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays for fellowship. Watch bulletin for December activities.

WATCH OUT WOMEN!! And Older Girls!

What a slumber party we had at Pauline Watson's house! You can only imagine the games she came up with involving toilet paper, hair curlers, dressing up? The snacks were delicious and plentiful. The laughs just kept coming. Jenny Kramer pampered and relaxed everyone with lavish salon

treatments. Prizes went to Mindy Day and Jeri Meyers on winning the Music Fashion Show awards and Bunco play-offs. Event ended Saturday morning with sleepy ladies gathered in the kitchen to build their very own scrumptious Omelets-in-a-bag. Wow! A Good Time! We hope there will be a third annual slumber party next year.

On Tuesday, December 11th, Mindy Day and Clara Frank have planned a stupendous evening for our Christmas Party. Rumor has it that the Higginsville people are entertaining the rest of us and intend to share the details in the bulletin this next week. We will be meeting at the church that evening and carpooling. I can't wait! Need a ride? Call me. 816-616-5697 Ilene Sheets

LADIES . . . REMEMBER OUR . . . Annual Christmas Craft Fair is THIS Saturday, December 1, 2007.

Family Night __this past month was "Hanging of the Greens" getting our church ready for the Christmas season and our Annual Christmas Craft Fair the following Saturday morning (Dec. 1st). Watch bulletin for special activity planned for December! Nice job!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT__ Tracy Dyer, choir director, led a beautiful service of Music Celebration Sunday, November 25th. Service included special ministry of music from choir members and the ordination of Lucas Watson to the office of Priest. What a special ministry offered.

December finds the choirs practicing for the Christmas Play the 23rd of December. Sounding really good guys and gals! Thanks for such dedication!

BREAKFAST GATHERING__

- Dec 2- Ilene Sheets—Sunday School Worship
- Dec 9- Elaine Smith
- Dec 16- Hatteys
- Dec 23- Hatteys
- Dec 30- Pauline Watson

WHAT ARE THE MIRACLES IN YOUR LIFE?

Monthly testimonies are being inserted in the bulletin. Please write your testimonies about "the miracles in your life", and share your experience with others. Written testimonies should be submitted to Bruce Watson or Elaine Smith.



MIRACLES ! _____

We truly have seen a miracle in our congregation as Karlee Cole is recuperating after her life threatening automobile accident

in October! So nice to see Karlee's smiling face at services

on visits home! She has been staying at the Ronald McDonald House and doing really well yet continues to need prayer in her rigorous rehab! Truly an inspiration to us all.

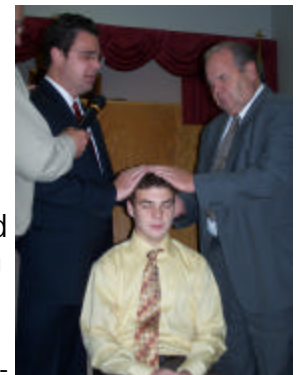
TEMPLE BOOKSTORE HOURS __hours are: M-Sat 9am-5pm. Closed 11:50 am — 1:15 pm for lunch and Prayer for Peace service.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE at Temple Book Shop. December 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A time to remember the Christ. Select gifts that will Witness of Him to Others. Come share Christmas cookies while you shop.

2008 Proposed Budget__was presented to the congregation to consider for approval in December. Please take the time to look your copy over and give prayerful consideration to the needs of our congregation and the financial planning in efforts to offer adequate ministry throughout this next year.

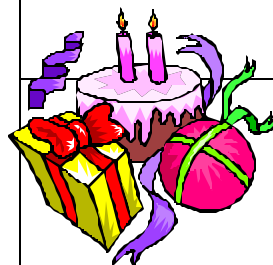
ORDINATIONS _____

Ordinations have recently taken place for Eric Cutshall to the office of Elder and Lucas Watson to the office of Priest. Our



prayers and support as the Lord moves in the life of the church and his people.

Brandon Fletcher has accepted a call to Deacon and we look forward to his ordination and ministry in the near future. The Lord continues to lead our congregation broadening our ministry in all areas of discipleship.



December
Happy Birthdays

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| 01- Jennifer Anthony | 15- Pam Hart |
| 03- Bryan Phelps | 15- Shane Solst |
| 06- Gary Ramsey | 20- Hunter Phelps |
| 08- Donn Quick | 23- Jeff Kem |
| 09- Shelly Frank | 24- Joshua Sowerwine |
| 09- Amber Hallier | 26- Clara Frank |
| 10- Dante' Quick | 30- Henry Lee Grubb |
| 14- Ina Urness | 30- Quintin Mackey |



Community of Christ

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:
 9:15 AM Breakfast Gathering
 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 5:30 PM Youth Meeting
 Peacemakers - 4th Sunday
 7:00 PM Choir Practice

1st Sunday of the Month:
 8:45 AM Family Prayer Service
 9:30 AM Sunday School Worship
 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes

3rd Sunday of the Month:
 11:00 AM Junior Church

Wednesday:
 7:00 PM Prayer Service

Pastor: Bruce Watson 816-565-2153

Mission Statement -
*"We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote
 Communities of Joy, Hope, Love and Peace"*

*"Glory to God in the highest,
 And on earth peace, good will
 toward men." —Luke 2:14*



Craft Fair

Saturday, Dec. 1
 8 am to 3 pm

Crafts! Bake Sale! Gifts!
 Fellowship!

Breakfast & lunch too!

A Christmas delight!
 See you there!




Christmas One-Day Bible School

A Hands-On Christmas Event

Take a trip to Bethlehem!

Hear festive music... nibble treats from a first-century bakery... create fun projects in marketplace shops... encounter a frantic census taker... and meet shepherds who can't wait to share a remarkable story

Saturday, December 8th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ages 3 yrs - 6th grade

