BIRTH*days*



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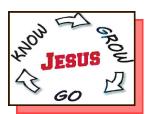


CHURCH*events*

- **December 6th—COMMUNION**
- December 12th—Church Clean Up Day
- **December 13th—CANTATA** Christmas Event/Youth
- December 17th-55+ Luncheon & Bible Study
- December 20th—Christmas Fellowship Meal and Tony & **Heather Berry Mabe Concert**
- **December 23rd-Christmas** Caroling —6:30pm
- December 24th-Christmas Eve Service—7:00pm
- December 25th—CHRISTMAS

OUR VISION:

To be transformed lives being used to transform the world.



JUST Athought

There's no doubt in my mind that we are living in a culture that is. at the very least, distancing itself from the Savior. Jesus has been subject to those finding it offensive to speak of Him, pray in His name, or declare Him "the way, the truth. and the life." He is finding Himself being painted into a smaller and smaller corner of society and even then being looked upon with disdain. Among those who still associate with His name, the question is less, "What would Jesus do?" and more, "Did Jesus really mean that?" He's no longer freely invited into general life but told to stay put and out of the way.

As much as society would do its best to contain the light of the world in order to keep it from exposing darkness and ultimately bring freedom to many. Jesus won't be contained. His life is bookended by two miracles: "a virgin's womb and an empty tomb". Jesus entered this world through a door marked, "No Entrance" and left through a door marked "No Exit."

(Continued after Board Minutes)

READING*plan*



Open your Bible to the reading found under today's date of your Bible bookmark. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day and write it in your journal.

Observation:

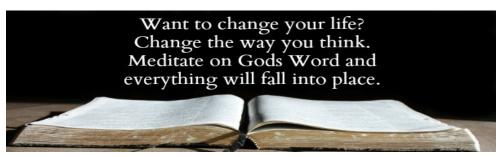
What do you think God is saying in this Scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this Scripture down in your own words in your journal.

Application:

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

Prayer:

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say. Now, write it out.



DECEMBER

1 - Rom. 5-8 2 - Rom. 9-12 3 - Rom. 13-16 4 - Eph. 1-4 5 - Eph. 5-6; Ps. 119; 1-80

6 - Phil. 1-4

7 - Col. 1-4 8 - 1 Tim. 1-4 9 - 1 Tim. 5-6; Tit. 1-3

10 - 2 Tim. 1-4

11 - Philem .: Heb. 1-4

12 - Heb. 5-8 13 - Heb. 9-11

14 - Heb. 12-13; Jude

15 - Jas. 1-5

16 - 1 Pet. 1-5

17 - 2 Pet. 1-3; Jn. 1

18 - Jn. 2-4

19 - Jn. 5-6

20 - Jn. 7-8

21 - Jn, 9-11 22 - Jn. 12-14

23 - Jn. 15-18

24 - Jn. 19-21

25 - 1 Jn.1-5

26 - Ps. 117; 119: 81-176; 2 Jn.; 3 Jn.

27 - Rev. 1-428 - Rev. 5-9

29 - Rev. 10-14

30 - Rev. 15-18

31 - Rev. 19-22

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS **MEETING**

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Dwight Roetto, Moderator, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Motion was made to accept today's Agenda as written. Seconded. Motion carried.

Motion was made to accept the approval of our Ushers as our Tellers. Seconded. Motion carried. Motion was made to accept the following minutes as presented: November 16, 2014, February 8, 2015, August 9, 2015, June 28, 2015, October 18, 2015. Seconded. Motion carried

Motion was made, to accept as presented and with the following writeins, the Ballot for Election of Church Officers for 2016:

Spiritual Formation Ministry Team Secretary - Curtis Beyeler Fellowship Ministry Team Secretary - Karen Thompson.

There are 2 openings for the Gifts & Discernment Committee (please contact Sharon Burtner, if interested) Church Board Vice Chairman is open (please contact Duane Burtner, if interested)

Seconded. Motion carried. Proposed Budget for 2016

A question of Polity was presented to the Congregation asking if the annual staff evaluations had been completed.

(Staff would be both pastors and the church secretary -- Pastor Dave, Pastor Jim and Edna) After much discussion, the following motion was made: "to move forward with the Proposed Budget as it is presented today, with a commitment by the Leadership Ministry Team to put in place those staff evaluations by the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2015)." Seconded. Motion carried.

There were no questions or discussion regarding the Proposed Budget for 2016. Motion was made to accept the Proposed Budget for 2016. Seconded. Motion carried. The following items on the Agenda were for information only:

Item #6 - Treasurer's Report January 2015 - September 2015 Item #7 - Cemetery Financial Report

Item #8 - Register: Building Fund Savings Account (January 1, 2015 -September 2015). Lane Thomas, member of the Finance Ministry Team, stated that a balance of \$70,000 is maintained for emergency purposes only. When you give monies to the Building Fund in your offering, it goes to the church loan payment, not into the Building Fund Savings Account. Our loan is being renewed (every 3 years) and an appraisal is process. It should be ready by December

(Continued after MISSIONS highlight.)

MISSIONS highlight



Greetings from Zimbabwe

We continue with our usual schedules of administrative tasks and 4 weekly Bible studies, masters studies, and homeschooling. Our lives are hopping these days, but we are doing well, staying connected to Jesus and longing to abide more and more. Our relationships with several Shona friends and teammates are growing and uplifting our hearts as Jesus encourages and sanctifies all of us together.

lan continues to meet with four teenager Shona boys every week for mentoring. Elijah, Victor, Tinotenda and Tinashe are all doing guite well and nearing the completion of their education. Please pray for each of these young men as they wrestle with choosing Jesus, persevering in education, and seeking His will for their next step in life. Each is a born leader with tremendous potential, and we are asking God to set them each aside for powerful and purposeful ministry in Jesus' name! Pray for these Monday night Boy's Bible Study continues to flourish with 55 boys attending now. The guys are just over the half -way mark for earning their trip to see the Zambezi, and we have only had about 8 get disqualified by failing to come to study 3 times or being late 9 times. The motivation of going on a trip out of Doma seems to be a powerful one. We are studying Romans, and the impact of the study seems to be going very deep in many of the older boys.

Thank you for making it possible for us to share Jesus name, grace and goodness in rural Zimbabwe! Blessings, The Frys

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING minutes (continued)

Andrew Campbell reported that his Eagle Scout project to build a 20×40 pavilion is moving along. The blue-prints are in process, and the 4 corners have been marked off. No date on ground-breaking, but his hopes are to have it ready by the summer of 2016

There was no other discussion. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion carried. Pastor Dave closed with prayer. Meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Teresa Beard, Church Board Clerk

JUST Athought (continued)

What Jesus, our great gift, has begun, He will bring to completion. He will not be stopped and He will fulfill all that has been planned:

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

—Isaiah 9:6–7

That is the joy we find this Christmas!! PASTOR DAVE



BUILDING CATHERDRALS *Update*

Power Up! Family Empowered Event



Have you ever struggled as a family to live your lives as believers in the power of the Holy Spirit? Our next Family Empowered Event will focus on the theme "Power Up!" On Wednesday, January 13, we'll have our regular Wednesday night meal provided by the church form 5:00-6:00p.m. Then, instead of our regular class time, from 6:00-7:30pm, families will learn together about living a life empowered by God as each family rotates through devotional activity stations.

This event is designed for all families of Pre-K through school-age children to grow together spiritually with some fun devotional activity stations. Our goal is not only to help children grow spiritually, but also to support parents in becoming better equipped in their ole as the primary spiritual nurturers of their children's faith. As with the last Family Empowered Event, each station will be supplied with everything parents will need to guide their family through that particular activity. Resource persons will be available at each station to give families a brief overview of what to do and be available for questions if needed. At the end of the evening, we'll have a time for parents to meet together while the children have some supervised activities of their own.

MINISTRY *Highlight*



Guess what time it is...Upward
Basketball Time!

Can you believe we are getting ready for our 4th Season of Upward Basketball to begin in December and we couldn't be more excited!! What better way to teach young kids and teens the game of basketball while learning more about Jesus Christ. The season will begin the week of December 7th and our 1st game will be January 9th. I encourage each one of you to join us one Saturday. Come prepared for lots of cheering, laughing, getting a snack from our Snack Shack and so much more. It is pretty amazing to see the kindness shown from one player to another on the court while a game is being played, not something you see at just any basketball game....that is a small portion of what makes Upward so different. We ask you to continue to pray for our Upward program that we as leaders will follow in the direction that God has called us. AMY MAWYER

BUILDING CATHERDRALS (Cont.)

Come for a fun evening of learning together as a family about God's power, the power we have as believers in Him, and how we can live in the power of God each moment of our lives!

MEGAN SHARPES



INthis LIFE



We will be observing <u>COMMUNION</u> on Sunday, Dec. 6th, during our Morning Worship Service.

December 23rd 6:30pm Hot chocolate & cookies to follow at the church.





7:00pm



BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP classes will be held during the month of January. If you are interested in becoming a member of White Hill Church or being baptized, please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Jim or call the church office (337-2444).



For many years, White Hill Church members have been able to bring their CHRISTMAS CARDS to church to be distributed to other members. This service will be provided again this year. Instruction sheets are available in the foyer. Questions, please contact Teresa Beard (241-3589). All cards must be in by December 16th.



December 22, 2015 5;30pm Christmas Fellowship Meal 6:45pm Tony & Heather Berry Mabe in Concert.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR DECEMBER

December 6th Krissy Thompson Emily Flippin

December 13th Megan Beyeler

Ashley Harvey

December 20th Candee and Isaiah Renard

Leisa Stumpf

December 27th Leisa Stump

Amanda Flavin

FOR THE RECORD

November 2015

Offering \$28,262.72
Building Fund \$2,698.83
"Heart Of God' \$330.00
HEBRONS \$170.00
Wed. Night Meals \$60.36
Restoration Ministry/food \$210.00
Love, INC \$20.00
Eagle Scout Project/Pavilion

\$50.00

Eagle Scout Project/Defibulator

\$50.00

Reimbursement/District Conference

\$60.00 Church Directories \$12.00 BLANKETS \$787.00

Nov. 29th info will be available in the church office upon request.

OTHERnews



2016 Brethren Disaster Ministries Sched-

ule is Set—Plan Now!

Mark your calendar now to participate in a work crew with Brethren Disaster Ministries.

Feb. 21-27 Aug. 21-27
March 13-19 Sept. 18-24
April 10-23 Oct. 9-15
May 1-7 Oct. 30-Nov. 5
June 12-18 Dec. 11-17

July 17-23

If you have questions or feel that you would like to be a part of one of the work crews, please contact Lane Thomas (337-1056).



Christmas
 Open House!
 Treasures For Love
 Resale Store—Nov.
 30-Dec. 5th

"Loving Your Neighbor"

graduation, Thursday, Dec. 10th at 6:00pm at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church.

For further information, please see Miriam Weaver or Sherry Bunyard.

Christmas Benefit Concert for SACRA Monday, December 14th, 7:00pm at Memorial Baptist Church, Staunton. Featuring Local Musical Artists— Christopher Bono, organist, Valley Harmony Chorus, Faithful Men & Mr. Jefferson's Bones. Complete details are on the posters on the bulletin boards.

SUNDAY MORNING studies 9:30am

OVERCOMING

Joseph's life gives insight into how godly choices free us to be used by God in a way we could never imagine. We will study decisions Joseph made and how God turned negative circumstances into a life of victory for Joseph and how He wants to do the same for us.

Location: Balcony

Teacher: Sharon Chappell



A DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 video lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett, instructor of Christian Worldview at the Focus leadership institute and a former Senior Vice President of Focus On the Family. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

Location: Room 7 (Basement Teacher: Duane Burtner



Studying the Word—growing in relationship with

the Lord.

Location: Family Life Center
Teacher: Lane Thomas