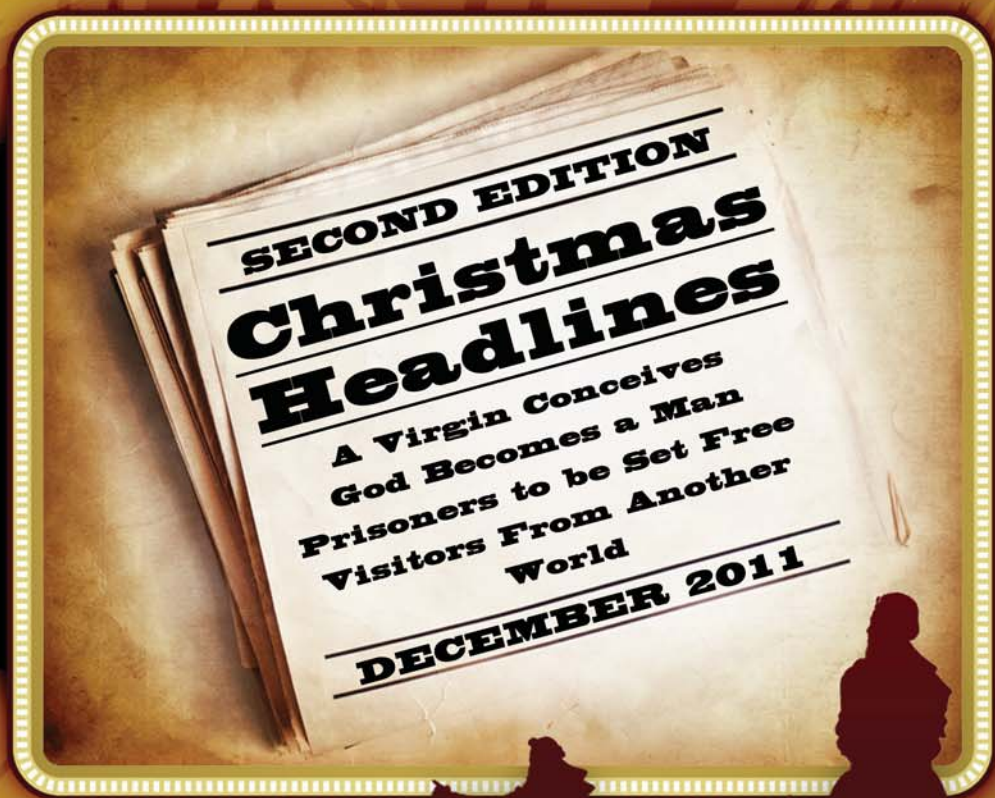


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## A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer  
Senior Minister

December is here, and that means everyone is talking about Christmas time. What a great time of the year if we really understand what it is all about. I know we think about the decorations, the traditions, the presents - and those things are all nice. But what Christmas is all about is God coming into our world so that we might come back home to His world. Christmas is about a new age. No wonder the angel said that there was "good news of great joy". The Messiah has come and the world has never been the same. I pray that this time of the year will be special for you as you remember the life changing message of Jesus the Christ.

But maybe this is also another time of the year for some of us; a time to make some changes in our lives. Is there someone you need to forgive, some relationship that you need to make right, some sin or other harmful action that you need to stop, some apology you need to extend? Why wait? Let the good news of the coming of Christ inspire you to know that you can be different. You are not stuck like you are, you can change.

Does the above paragraph cause you to say with Ebenezer Scrooge "bah, humbug"? Maybe the problem is not really others or even your circumstances, but like Dr. Seuss' character, The Grinch, your heart is too small. In those stories both Scrooge and the Grinch changed; and they're not bad stories because they portray what can happen when someone opens their life and heart to be transformed. And Jesus came to make transformation a reality.

Maybe for some this is a depressing time because you feel your life has no value. Read the following carefully; God made you "fearfully and wonderfully," and you are unique because He only made one of you. Read His Word to find out your value and worth and take Him at His Word that you are loved. As a little extra motivation you might watch that old classic, "It's A Wonderful Life." While that show is not exactly theologically correct, you might relate to George Bailey who thought it would have been better if he had never been born, but learned that his life had great value.

I love this time of the year, and I am looking forward to our worship together. I know you are busy, but I hope you will take time to be in worship every Sunday. Please notice our schedule for Christmas, which is on Sunday this year. Christmas Eve we will have two identical services at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please invite your family and friends to join you for one of these inspirational services. Usually the 5:00 service is very full, so, if you can, please come to the 7:00 service. Then on Christmas Day we will be having two services instead of our usual four. Service times will be 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There will be no Adult Bible Fellowships, no Bridge or Journey and no Celebration Station. We will offer nursery through preschool programming in both services.

These Christmas Day Services are going to be a Second Church of Christ Family Christmas. We will have something special for the children who are in the Worship Center with us, great music, and we will talk about a message that was so important it brought angels to this earth.

Judy, Deedra and I thank you for your many acts of kindness, your support, and your encouraging words over the last year. We count it a privilege to be part of Second. We also wish you a very wonderful Christmas Season and pray God's blessings on your life for the New Year.

**Drew**

# Preaching Schedule

## December Series:

### Christmas Headlines

December 4<sup>th</sup>

#### A Virgin Conceives

Luke 1:34

December 11<sup>th</sup>

#### God Becomes a Man

John 1:14

December 18<sup>th</sup>

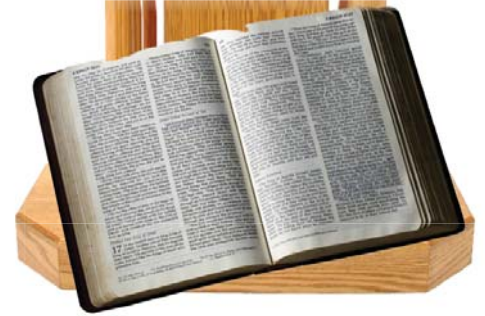
#### Prisoners to be Set Free

Matthew 1:21

December 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Visitors From Another World

Luke 2:9



# Christmas service Times

*Come & Worship with Us*



Our holiday weekend service times are:

## CHRISTMAS EVE

5p & 7p

## CHRISTMAS MORNING

9a & 10:30a

We hope you plan on making worship part of your Christmas weekend!



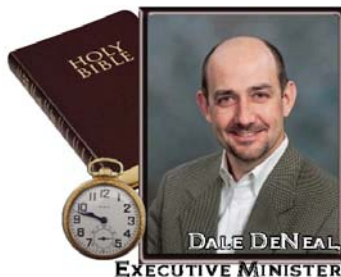
# Time In The Word

## God's Word is God's Mirror

Why is the act of reading and reflecting on scripture such a powerful catalyst for spiritual growth? One important reason is that reflecting on scripture is like looking into a mirror that allows us to see ourselves as we really are. Simply put, God's Word is God's mirror. The reflection we see of ourselves when we look into God's mirror is not our outward appearance but our inward appearance – the reflection of our heart and soul.

In his letter to the persecuted church, James talks about this concept of God's Word acting like a mirror. He said that people who read the Bible but don't do what it says are deceiving themselves. They are like a person who looks at himself in a mirror and then ignores his reflection. However, James continues, people who look intently (The Greek word means "to stoop down in order to look at something more closely") into the Word and does what it says will be blessed.

As we stoop down to gaze into God's mirror through daily reading and reflection on scripture, we should become aware of our sin and the dark nature of our soul. In other words, the more time we spend looking into God's mirror the greater awareness we should possess regarding our badness. While this activity seems



most unpleasant and one we would naturally be inclined to avoid, it is actually quite necessary and helpful. The realization of the badness in our soul is an important indication that we are actually getting better. C. S. Lewis says it this way:

Remember that, as I said, the right direction leads not only to peace but to knowledge. When a man is getting better, he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worse, he understands his own badness less and less. A moderately bad man knows he is not very good: a thoroughly bad man thinks he is all right. This is common sense, really. You understand sleep when you are awake, not while you are sleeping. You can see mistakes in arithmetic when your mind is working properly: while you are making them you cannot see them. You can understand the nature of drunkenness when you are sober, not when you are drunk. Good

people know about both good and evil: bad people do not know about either. (Lewis, C. S. (2009-05-28). Mere Christianity (p. 93). Harper Collins, Inc.)

Reflecting on scripture makes us aware of our inclination toward evil which means we have a grip on reality and truth. People who are not aware of their sinful nature are deceiving themselves.

However, coming to terms with who we really are doesn't mean we grope through life in a state of dismal despair. On the contrary, our realization of our sinfulness should lead us to a greater awareness and appreciation of God's limitless love and amazing grace. The apostle Paul reflected this concept this way: "*What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord*" (Romans 7:24-25, NIV)!

When we reflect on Scripture, two things should happen. First, like looking intently into a mirror, we should see ourselves for who we really are – sinful creatures inclined toward evil. But secondly, while gazing into the mirror of scripture, we should also see the reflection of Jesus as if he were standing behind us looking over our shoulder, and we should hear his gentle and loving voice whispering words of love and grace to remind us of the beauty we possess through him.

That is the power of spending time in the word.

Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 6 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

save the date

FAMILY LIFE  
PRESENTS

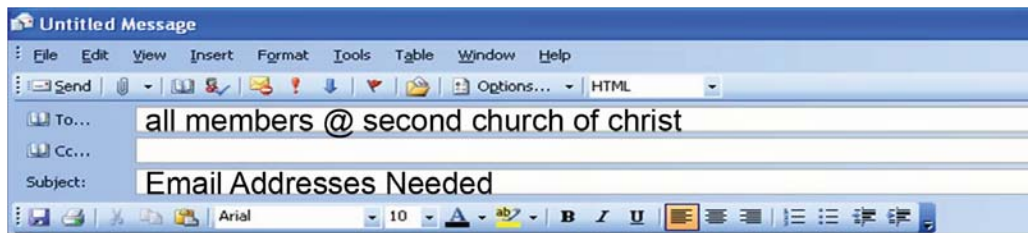
the art of  
**marriage**



Our monthly meeting will be in the Cafe, Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. OBK is still collecting basic household items. We currently

are in need of pots & pans, and blankets. For more information, call Barb Calvin at the church office, 442-7306, or Jeanette Hoss at Love INC's office, 442-5683.

Brother's  
Keeper



Over the next several weeks we are engaging in an email collection drive that will help improve our services and communication to the Second Church of Christ family. What we need is a primary email address for each adult 18 years and older. You can provide this email on a special card that is available on Sunday morning during the worship services.

You can also email the church at [secondchurch@secondchurchofchrist.org](mailto:secondchurch@secondchurchofchrist.org) from your preferred email account and include in the subject line "Use this email as my preferred email."

In January we will launch a new online service that will allow you to view church activities and events as well as find a listing of available small groups. In the coming months this service will also allow people to find ministry and service opportunities. However, to access this secure information people must have an active email address that is already loaded in the system. Thanks for your help.



## CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

With Christmas 2011 falling on a Sunday, we have decided to change things up a bit in order to allow families an opportunity to worship together. During all of our Christmas services, there will be no Children's Ministry programming, with the exception of nursery and preschool classes.

In order to staff the nursery and preschool classes for our children on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, we are in need of volunteers for all four services. Please contact Ms. Kenna as quickly as possible to volunteer yourself, your family or maybe even your small group to work in one of the four services.

Why not make our Christmas services a special time for the children of our church, our visitors, as well as the children's parents? By volunteering to work one of the four services, you will ensure that everyone in the family will be blessed by sharing together this Christmas weekend.

Christmas Eve services - 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - two identical services.

Christmas Day services - 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - two identical services.

By offering both special services twice, everyone is given the opportunity to both attend and volunteer. Call Ms. Kenna today at 442-7306 to volunteer!



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT H. R. C. A.

Check out: [www.hangingrock.org](http://www.hangingrock.org) for details on several upcoming events:

- "The Legend of Wiley Jake" – a story based on the story of Jacob & Esau. This is a special dinner theater event to introduce the new campaign; "A Future Hope – 2015 Vision" - Dec. 4, 2011
- "Pre-School Day Camps" - Feb. 10, 2012 hosted by Ms. Kenna
- "Ice-Breakers" a winter retreat for K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Feb. 11, 2012 hosted by Ms. Kenna
- "Winter Youth Retreat" a winter retreat for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Feb. 3-4, 2012 hosted by Mr. Terry

### SANCTITY OF LIFE

We will celebrate the birth of all babies born into our church family during the 2011 year in January, 2012. For each of these babies, we will need a newborn picture, a current picture, as well as a family picture. They can be e-mailed to Jenny for a video presentation at: [jenny@secondchurchofchrist.org](mailto:jenny@secondchurchofchrist.org)

We will also need information on all of our new babies. Please see Ms. Kenna as soon as possible if you have had an addition to your family in 2011.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of the children at 2CC, please give Ms. Kenna a call, 217-442-7306 or email her at [kenna@secondchurchofchrist.org](mailto:kenna@secondchurchofchrist.org) today. Our children need role models of God's love and you might just be the person to fill the spot. Pray about it and then talk to Kenna. You will be glad you did.



## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUR CHILD

Each year, I am asked for suggestions for a good Bible for you to purchase for your child, so this year, I thought I would give you a few suggestions for Christmas:

**BIBLE:** "Hands-On-Bible" by Group Publishing or "The Action Bible" by David C. Cook Publishing.

**MOVIES:** Veggie Tales has had several new releases, I love:

"Sweetpea Beauty" and "The Little Drummer Boy".

**MUSIC:** Any children's worship CDs.

All of these suggestions can be purchased from "Five Loaves and

4 Two Fish" book store located on Gilbert Street in Danville.





Don't forget to bring offering to The Bridge on Sundays. \$1 per person can go along way if we all work together!



**THE BRIDGE**  
Romans 12:1-2

Terry Goodwin Jr.  
High Minister  
terry@secondchurchofchrist.org

**Sunday Mornings at 10:15 AM**

**THE BRIDGE**  
Romans 12:1-2

Come join us every Sunday for a time of learning and fun. Bring your Bible and a friend.

- December 4<sup>th</sup> - "The Story" Part 1
- December 11<sup>th</sup> - "The Story" Part 2
- December 18<sup>th</sup> - "The Story" Part 3
- December 25<sup>th</sup> - It's Christmas! Go to church with your parents.

**Give This Christmas Away**

**Jr. High**

Date: Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Time: 2p - 4p

We will be travelling around delivering Christmas cheer to people in Danville.

### Jr. High Retreat @ Hanging Rock

**Who:**  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**When:**  
January 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

**Watch:**  
For more information soon!



**SUNDAYSCHOOL**  
Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. -

We meet every Sunday morning to spend time studying God's Word together. This is an opportunity to go a little deeper and truly challenge you to study the Bible.

- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - Why Should I Butt In?  
Genesis 3:1-13
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - Why Do I Get The Blame?  
Exodus 32:1-6
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - Why Can't We Just Get Along?  
Matthew 18:21-35
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - It's Christmas! Go to church with your parents.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**h.i.c. at a winter retreat**

All 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

# Student Ministry

Kiley Garrison - Student Minister

kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org



## Students Sharing the Spirit of Christmas

This month, students are working to make a difference in the lives of others. While our shopping lists are often filled with things like clothes, video games and other electronics, many people in other countries struggle to have the basic necessities of life.

Through World Vision, the high school students at 2CC are giving their weekly offerings to bless families in third world countries with farm animals that will help provide them with healthy milk, wool for clothing, and opportunities for a better future. Our goal is \$680.

If you would like more information about World Vision or to see how you can make a difference, visit [donate.worldvision.org](http://donate.worldvision.org) and click on "Gift Catalog" on the right.

ST. JAMES

**FOOD PANTRY** - St. James will not be running their food pantry in the month of December. The next time we will be serving there is January 18<sup>th</sup>.



## New Location for CIY MOVE 2012!

Next summer we are headed to Missouri for CIY MOVE! Windermere Conference Center in Roach, Missouri, offers a variety of recreation activities and facilities - hiking trails, horseshoe pit, swimming, sand volleyball and tennis courts, 35' tower with climbing wall, giant water inflatables and so much more. It's all you expect from CIY MOVE plus the great outdoors!

So mark your calendars for July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. We will plan to leave early on Sunday and return on Friday afternoon.

To register, turn in your \$75 deposit by Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.



Our college ministry will begin a Bible study every Sunday evening at 6:30 starting January 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, join our Facebook group. Just search "2CC College Ministry" and ask to join the group.

You can also get on our text message list by going to

[trunc.us/XSWv57](http://trunc.us/XSWv57) on the web.

## COLLIDE High School Ski Retreat

January 27-29, 2012

Cincinnati Christian University

Collide is a high impact weekend event that will set you on a direct course to explore what God has in store for your life. There will be great times of worship with the Mosteller band, thought provoking main sessions with speaker, Brad Tate, a service project and, of course, time to hit the slopes at Perfect North Slopes. If you don't want to ski, grab a tube and go tubing for the day! The cost is \$99, which covers lodging, transportation, food and skiing.

To register, turn in a \$50 deposit and drop it in the gray drop box by the Student Ministry Board across from the pop machines by Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.


\*\*NOTE: We will be leaving a little after lunch time on the 27<sup>th</sup>, so students will have to miss part of the school day on Friday in order to attend this event.





**THANK YOU....**

to all who helped with our Christmas Festival - Festival of Time. A special thank you to Jenny Taylor, Stephanie Spangler, Sharon Dixon, Michelle Vandiver, Sally Brash and Donna Sembar. We appreciate your help. Thanks also to all those who attended and helped make this a fun evening! Our next Women's Event will be our Spring Ladies Luncheon! Watch for details.



**Book Club.....** does not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Judy's house. The book for January is Priceless by Tom Davis. A list of books for 2012 will be mailed to all regular Christian Book Club attenders and will also be posted in the Church Library, on the Women's Bulletin Board at 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Book Store.

**Judy's** 

**WIDOW'S MIGHT...**  
Thurs., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. at Judy's house.

Devotions by Joan Deering, followed by our Christmas Gift Exchange. Please bring a \$5.00-\$10.00 gift if you want to participate in the Gift Exchange.

**corner**

**Singles @ SINGLES@**  
**SECOND.....**  
Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafe. We will share a meal of chili & soup, crackers, vegetable tray & chocolate cake and then enjoy a time of fellowship. Plan to come and join us.



**SECOND**

**Hanging Rock Christian Assembly** **MISSIONS MISSIONS MISSIONS**

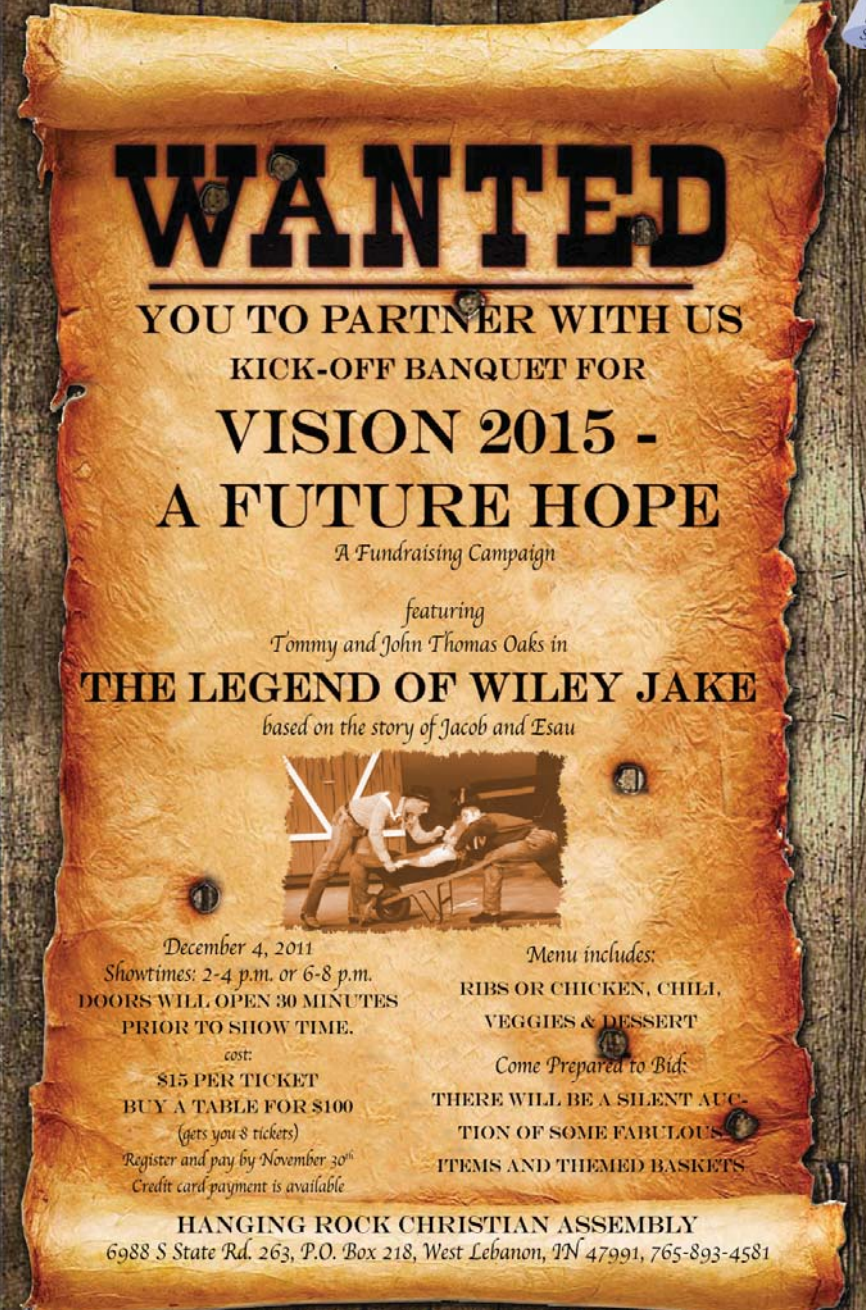
Our local camp that we support and volunteer at, is having a fundraiser. Check your calendar and see if you can take part.

Members of Second Church of Christ support several missions through weekly offerings. The mission team oversees the distribution of the monies to the various missions.

**Mission Spotlight**



**Knit & Crochet 4 Orphans** Our ministry just had its first anniversary. In our first year we have shipped 47 articles of warm clothing to World Vision Ministry. When their workers travel all over the world, they give sweaters to needy children. Making warm clothing for needy children blesses the makers as well as the children receiving the sweaters. This ministry is a wonderful way to show your gratitude for the blessings you have received in your own life. You don't have to be an advanced knitter or crocheter to take part in this ministry. The instructions and ministry story are on the Women's Bulletin Board. Sign up and take a tag for your sweater. Questions - call Carol Sheets (443-2869). Share God's love with us in this caring ministry. Matt. 25:40 Thank you to all who have given their time and talent to make this ministry a success!



**WANTED**

**YOU TO PARTNER WITH US**

**KICK-OFF BANQUET FOR**

**VISION 2015 -**


**A FUTURE HOPE**

*A Fundraising Campaign*

featuring  
Tommy and John Thomas Oaks in

**THE LEGEND OF WILEY JAKE**

*based on the story of Jacob and Esau*



December 4, 2011  
Showtimes: 2-4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.  
DOORS WILL OPEN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SHOW TIME.

cost:  
**\$15 PER TICKET**  
BUY A TABLE FOR \$100 (gets you 8 tickets)  
Register and pay by November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Credit card payment is available

Menu includes:  
RIBS OR CHICKEN, CHILI, VEGGIES & DESSERT

Come Prepared to Bid:  
THERE WILL BE A SILENT AUCTION OF SOME FABULOUS ITEMS AND THEMED BASKETS

**HANGING ROCK CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
6988 S State Rd. 263, P.O. Box 218, West Lebanon, TN 47991, 765-893-4581

# TELL IT!

JESUS CHRIST IS BORN

Christmas is a great time to invite friends and family to church.  
Why not share the truth of His birth this month?

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
217-442-7306

**TWO BY TWO** Daycare  
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## ELDER EMERITUS

Bob Haas  
Ed Walter

The Church Office



Will Be Closed:

The church office will be closed for the holidays on the following:  
Friday, Dec. 23 - Close @ Noon  
Monday, Dec. 26 - Closed  
Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Closed  
Friday, Dec. 30 - Close @ Noon  
Monday, Jan. 2 - Closed

## WELCOME to our Church Family

### TRANSFERS

October 30<sup>th</sup>

Dennis Crane  
Susan Crane

### BAPTISMS

October 30<sup>th</sup>

Madisyn Goodwin  
Allyson Holley

November 20<sup>th</sup>

Tiffanie Mull  
Casey Leach

## Our Deepest Sympathy



To David Bugle & family in the death of David's sister, Susie Abernathy.

To Marian Hughes & family in the death of Marian's husband, Ramon Hughes.

To Donny Nicoson & family in the death of Donny's grandmother, Viola Nicoson.

To Mae DeNeal & family in the death of Mae's brother-in-law, Lowell Miller.

To Jean Stewart & family in the death of Jean's sister, Shirley Wernigk.

## facts 'n' figures

building FUND

\$1,496,904.37  
Erase the Comma  
Second Church of Christ  
COUNTDOWN

Goal as of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

\$107,299.42

Received thru Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

\$2,620.00

New Target:

89,810.74

Weekly need: \$3,681.00

Monthly payment: \$15,950.00

8 Loan balance as of Nov. 23, 2011: \$1,089,809.74

## SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance	10/30	11/6	11/13	11/20
1 <sup>st</sup> Worship	130	154	154	120
2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship	212	311	328	284
3 <sup>rd</sup> Worship	594	557	592	529
4 <sup>th</sup> Worship	122	117	156	114
Total	1,058	1,139	1,230	1,047
A.B.F. Attendance	176	173	158	139

## Actual Offering Received

to meet operating costs & mortgage payment

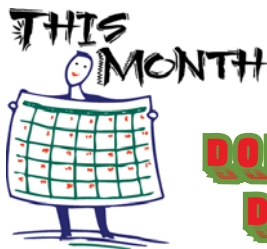
10/30/2011 - \$28,314.04

11/6/2011 - \$42,302.78

11/13/2011 - \$23,902.80

11/20/2011 - \$20,076.61

weekly goal is \$29,139.02



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS & DON'T MISS OUT! DECEMBER 2011

SUNDAYS  
MONDAYS  
THURSDAYS

Worship Services  
Men's Basketball  
Women's Bible Study

- 3<sup>rd</sup> MAN 2 MAN "Old Barn Shootout"
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jr. High Ministry "Give This Christmas Away"
- 6<sup>th</sup> OASIS
- 8<sup>th</sup> Widow's Might
- 13<sup>th</sup> OASIS
- 13<sup>th</sup> Our Brother's Keeper
- 19<sup>th</sup> Back to the Streets Ministry
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Church Office Closes at noon
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Services
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Morning Services
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closed
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pleasant Meadows
- 30<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closes at noon

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From all of us hanging out at the office:

Merry Christmas!  
and a Happy New Year!