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OUR MISSION
*changing, connecting
and caring for people in a
Christ-centered community*



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8:15am traditional worship
9:30am ABF/sunday school
9:30 am contemporary worship
11:00am contemporary worship



An increasing number of children rely on free school lunch during the week but have no food security on the weekend. Would you like to help? The ornaments on our Christmas tree list child friendly pop-top, individual serving, nutritional foods that can be sent home with children to ensure their food needs are met [approximate cost: \$10]. Help our local children by taking an ornament or two to help a child in need. Place food items under the tree in the east foyer between now and New Year's day.



Dan Asche

Our church leadership for a number of years has asked the church family for a special Christmas and Easter offering. Typically those funds have been designed for mission projects and larger capital expenses on our church campus. This year the goal for our Christmas offering is \$7,000. The breakdown is: \$1,000 to help our Compassion Ministry Team help more people; \$1,000 for helping to build a church building in India; \$1,000 to help a new church plant in Lake Marion, South Carolina (Mike & Teresa Grant are planting this new church work); and the last, \$4,000 to go toward repairs and painting on our present building.

I know there is nothing exciting about repairing wood trim and painting our present facility. However, it is one of the things we need to do and have talked about for some time. We have been saving funds [over \$4,000 for this project] We put this project out for bid this past summer and the low bid came in at over \$11,000. With your generous giving now and most likely in the spring offering we will be able to paint the building this summer.

At various times I am asked about how goes it with the selling of the north 28 acres of our State Route 125 property. There are some lookers, but no movement on the property. The good news is that we continue to be able to make our monthly principle and interest payment of \$5,300 between your giving to the *Can You Imagine* fund and our current general fund. Most likely in the months ahead we will need to use saving funds to continue our payments. Our leadership continues to pray for the sale of the 28 acres and ask you to join with them in this.

I realize Christmas is a time for family, but it is also a time of the year when people are open to hearing about Jesus. Pray for people you know who need Christ in their life and pray that as you continue to be a Christ like example, you will have opportunity to speak with them about knowing Christ as their Lord and Savior.

dan



Join us for one of our special
Christmas Worship events
Saturday, December 24, 5:00pm or
Sunday, December 25, 10:30am
(Kids programming nursery-kindergarten)

2012 Christmas Offering

\$7,000

- \$1,000: Build a Church in India (Jay & Romola Henry)
- \$1,000: Compassion Ministry
- \$1,000: Church Plant/SC (Mike & Teresa Grant)
- \$4,000: Exterior Building Paint & Repair



teens



kurt charlton



winterBLAST '12
jan 13-15 [fri-sun]
a winter retreat that just happens to have skiing/tubing!
grades 8-12
2 nights lodging and all meals are included

\$54-no skiing \$79-tubing \$99-skiing/snowboarding



RIGHTURN

CHRISTmas party sunday dec 11

6-8pm. bring a wrapped, anonymous, unisex gift that is worth around \$5. be creative...and please no gift cards!

YOUTURN movie night! friday, dec 16 9:30-midnight

we will watch the movie *Elf* [PG, 2003] with will ferrell and have free pizza!

[more info at communitychristian.cc or email kurt at 3cfamilylife@gmail.com]

"your ATTITUDE should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" —phil. 2:5



[the deeper stuff]

every sunday 9:45-10:45am
[grades 7-12]



[for everyone]

sunday evenings 6-8pm
WILL RETURN ON JAN 8
[eat 6-6:30] [grades 7-12]



[just for fun!]

friday, dec 16 9:30pm-midnight
[grades 7-12]



Lori Conley, Director



Kids Kove: Birth-Kindergarten every **Sunday mornings at 9:30 & 11am!**

The Track: Elementary Kids ministry. **Sunday mornings at 9:30 & 11am!**

Neon Kids Choir
Final practices: too late to be in the Christmas program - stay tuned for 2012 opportunities!

Family Traditions: Blending a family has definitely had its challenges over the last couple of years. As with any family, sometimes the months of November and December are just a blur. Scott and I have attempted to make the most of the craziness and make sure "Jesus as Lord of our family" is the focal point. It is difficult for children to grasp that Jesus is the reason for the season, if all they see is your frustration at crazy schedules caused by the task of "Christmas". Here are a few ideas that Scott and I do with our children:

#1 In December, we choose a book to read each night around the dinner table. After the meal begins, no one is allowed to leave the table until we have read the passages we've selected.

#2 The first week of December, each of our children write down three things they want to do to celebrate Jesus and family. The rules: One idea has to be completely free. One idea has to cost a total of \$10. One idea cannot cost more than \$40 TOTAL. The kids write each idea on a separate slip of paper and put it in our Christmas jar. About every other night we draw an activity and complete it to the best of our ability. Last year, we drew out the free idea of making ornaments out of "LEGOs" - guess who put that in there?

#3 Go shopping with your children. Give them a certain amount of money [or supplement the money they have] and teach them to buy gifts for each member of the family [siblings, steps included, and all the moms and dads and grandparents]. These gifts are not to be expensive, just thoughtful. We gave our children the stipulation that whatever they bought for each other it had to be the persons favorite color. We made it more fun by taking the kids to Traders World so the gifts would be cheap and unique.

#4 This year, we are doing 24 days of Christmas baking, all the children get to dictate what we bake by putting their favorite cookie or candy ideas in the old mason jar for me to draw out and make.

#5 We make sure we take all of our children together to a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service. We want our children to worship together with us. The leadership of 3C has seen the importance of family worship and has given all of us the opportunity to choose to attend Dec 24 or 25 with our entire family in order to have this unique experience. Otherwise, for a family like mine, I might miss out on worshipping with Chris and Kayla as they will be with their mom on Christmas Eve and Scott will be volunteering in Kids Kove.

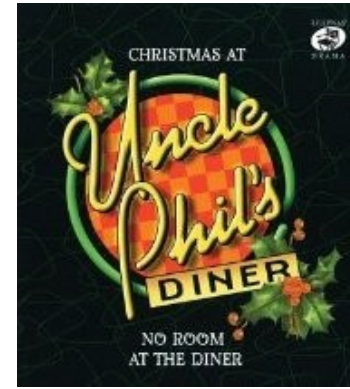
Family traditions may come and go as our children grow older, but one thing remains - we are committed to constantly remind them that Jesus loves them, that He was born for their salvation, and that He will never leave them. Blending a family is not much different than blending a church. All of us have different traditions that we bring to the family and there is much give and take - but in the end, we must all remember that change of style or venue does not ever negate the fact that Jesus loves you, He was born for your salvation, and He will never leave You - even if your schedule is disrupted, you burnt the Christmas cookies, or your tree won't light!

Love you all and Merry Christmas, Lori C

Register for events by using your Connection Card on Sundays.
Pay at the Connection Counter or through your offering envelope.



Dave Hess



Christmas Dinner Theatre

Thursday, December 8
[doors open 6:30pm/performance @ 7:00pm]

Friday, December 9
[doors open 6:30pm/performance @ 7:00pm]

Saturday, December 10
[doors open 5:30pm/performance @ 6:00pm]

Don't forget to bring a canned food item per ticket.
All items will be donated to a local food pantry.

welcome to community

We welcome Jay Rubenstein, who transferred his membership, along with Jessica Roark and Chris Conley who were baptized.

men's ministry

Jan 5 ROMEOs [retired old men eating out]
Watch for details in the weekly bulletin [Noon]
Contact: Bill Graham

primetimer's ministry

Jan 27 Movie Night [fh] 6pm
Second Hand Lion, Bring \$2 for pizza
Contact: Mabel Gelter

women's ministry

Mon: Piecemakers [quilting] [fh] 7pm
Contact: Carol Lawson
Tues/Th: Zumba [fh] 7pm Dec 6, 13 & 15
Open to adult women of all ages. Exercise at your own pace. Bring a friend. It's free!

Contact: Jerrie Browne
Wed: Ladies Bible Study in November
Contact: Becky Conover

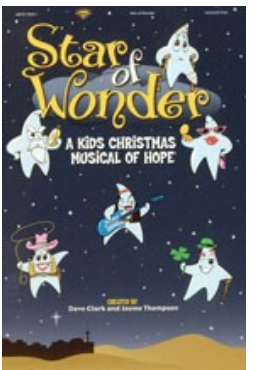
Sat: Women's Healthy Class [cp] 8am
Contact: Barb Turner

goodsearch

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office hours: monday-friday, 8am-5pm, closed noon-1pm

Dec 18:
Kids Christmas Musical, 9:30 & 11am
Don't miss the excitement as our 1st-6th graders bring you a story of *Superstar*, *Shooting Star*, *Lucky Star*, *Falling Star*, *Rock Star*, *the North Star* and *a constellation full of stars* as they anxiously watch the biggest announcement in history unfold - the birth of Jesus!



important December dates

- 1:** ROMEOs [parking lot] 11:30am
- 4:** PrimeTimers [parking lot] 2pm
- 7 & 21:** Soup Kitchen
- 8-10:** Christmas Dinner Theatre
- 11:** Prayer Warriors [Rm 207] 5pm
- 12:** Missions Team [Nichols] 7pm
- 15:** Finance Team [Rm 209] 7pm
- 18:** Kids Christmas Musical [wc] 9:30 & 11am
- 19:** Elder's Meeting [Rm 209] 7pm
- 24:** Christmas Eve Service 5pm
- 25:** Christmas Service 10:30am
- 23 & 26:** Office Closed