



Winter Newsletter

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What's Important?

There are a lot of things that are important in life, however, it seems sometimes that the most important things many times get left out or pushed aside. It seems to me that if we keep our focus on that which is most important that all other things will fall into their right place.

People were made to have fellowship with God. This fellowship was lost at the fall, and given the fact that we all sin, we found ourselves in a place where we were unable to do that one thing that was most important.

Since Christ has found us, he has opened the door of fellowship once again, that we may have true relationship with the one true God. John writes:

1John 1:3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

John links complete joy with our fellowship with God and other Christians. It is my prayer that we at Ashland will know this kind of joy, and it starts with us being in fellowship with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ, and with each other. When we are in fellowship, we are where we were created to be. A place of joy, peace, and purpose.

It's Great to be your Pastor,

Jamie Cupschalk

Attention All Church Members and Attendees : We Need You!!!

In the spirit of these times we want to say to you "Yes, we can!" Yes we can? YES! We can clean up the Ashland Church campus! Saturday, Nov. 21 we will be raking and trimming and cleaning the exterior of Ashland and we need you to help. We will be starting at 8:30 AM but if you can't make it then, come out later. Bring rakes, gloves, etc. Pizza will be provided.

Again, show up Saturday, Nov. 21 at 8:30 AM or show up after. (Oh... and be sure to dress for the weather.)

Thanksgiving Basket Collections

The Deacons are once again collecting non-perishable food items and fresh or frozen turkeys and hams for our annual Thanksgiving food drive. **The food will be distributed on Sunday morning, November 22, so please bring your donations before then.** Turkeys should not be brought to the church before Saturday, November 21st and can be placed in the church refrigerator. A variety of food items are helpful; they do not just have to be traditional Thanksgiving dinner items. Food items can be placed in the hallways near the church office and the library. Clearly mark them for the Thanksgiving baskets so the donations do not get mixed in with the food pantry donations. The baskets are given to needy families within our church family, the Somerdale food bank run by the Park Avenue church and Camden Ministries. They are very much appreciated each and every year!

Please call (627-1334) or email Karen Witt (wittkj@dca.net) if you are able to donate a turkey or ham or with any other questions.

Thanks again for your support!

Karen Witt

Thanksgiving Giving

We have the opportunity to reach out to families in need through a local elementary school this Thanksgiving. We will be collecting gift cards for local grocery stores that will be given through the school administration. Please consider picking one up as you shop and drop it in the box outside the sanctuary. This is a great way to love your neighbor.

Deadline is Sunday, November 22nd.

Christmas Gift Giving

If you know of a family that could use a little extra help with presents this Christmas please contact Terri Dyck (terridyck@yahoo.com) with items of their children's wish lists. We don't need to know the children's or family's names, just a contact person to drop the presents to. There are many who want to give so please don't hesitate.

Deadline is Sunday, December 6th.

Also - if you'd like to donate a gift please keep an eye out for the giving tree in the church hall. There will be specific gifts and also non specific gifts for Youth on the Move, a Camden area ministry.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Musical selections and the Christmas story performed by our children and youth. We invite you to come and join us on Sunday evening, December 13th at 6:00, as we celebrate and honor our Lord, Jesus Christ, born to save us. Please bring a dessert to share after the play.

Always Going On...

Wee Worship & Bell Choir - age 4 - 2nd grade starting
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Kid's Worship - grades 3 - 6 Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Youth Choir - grades 6 - 12 Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Adult Choir - Wednesdays @ 7:30pm

Wednesday Night Kids - Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00pm

English as a Second Language - Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

FougCrew - Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Middle School & Sr. High Youth Groups - every Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Blanket Making /Knitting - the 2nd Monday of each month

Men's Prayer Group - every Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 am

Worship Team - every Tuesday @ 8:00pm

Children's Dance Class

Children will learn basic dance and work on worship dance routines to be performed at special events or in worship services
Preschool - 2nd grade Saturdays from 10:00 - 10:45 am
Suggested donation \$10 for school year.

Poinsettias

The Youth are selling poinsettias again this year as a fundraiser. The cost is \$10.00. Look for the envelopes in the pews in upcoming weeks if you would like to purchase a poinsettia. Please fill out one envelope per plant and place the envelope in the offering plate. **Last date to order is December 16th.** Poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Services.

Worship Arts Program

The upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas are times during which we may draw closer to our Lord: to break from our usual routines to experience Him in a fresh new way. During Advent we may identify with Israel in the days of the prophet Isaiah, as she waited in hope and longing for the coming Messiah and the perfection of God's kingdom. Christmas is a time of exuberant joy and celebration of the incarnation of the Christ.

My hope is that our worship may fully reflect the hope and joy that we have in Christ Jesus. Many wonderful songs of the season allow us to worship using instruments of brass, strings, percussion, woodwinds, etc. It is a time to worship using all of the arts that God has given us (dance, art, media...) Our Chancel Choir will rehearse special music for Christmas on Wednesday evenings, at 7:20, Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, and 16th, for anyone who might wish to join us. I will arrange rehearsal times for additional instrumentalists: please contact me!

Blessings!
Carol Holmes

Volunteer & Leader Training

All Session, Trustees, Deacons, Youth Ministry volunteers, Children's Ministry volunteers, office workers, Worship Team and ANYONE who volunteers at Ashland church are invited to join together for a potluck dinner Thursday, February 11th @ 6:15pm. Dinner will be followed with a time of prayer and teaching.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner & Service

Bring a dish and a dessert to share and join us on Wednesday, November 25th @6:00pm for our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner. After dinner, we will gather in the sanctuary for our Thanksgiving service.

Note: There are no evening programs on November 25th.

Christmas Break

Right now our Wednesday night kids are working on their part in the Christmas program. We're concentrating our lessons on the birth of Jesus and we've got plenty of fun games along the way. We will resume our adventure with Rock Solid Followers, on January 6, 2010 as kids discover more about Jesus' love for them and the world.

Youth Christmas Pollyanna & Party

Calling all youth (Junior and Senior High) to join us on Friday, December 11th @ 7:00pm for our annual Pollyanna and party. Bring a \$5-\$10 gift to exchange and a snack

Allegiance Band - Free Concert!

Join us, Wednesday, January 13th from 7:00 - 8:45pm in Ashland Church's Horner Hall for an evening of Contemporary Christian Worship Music. Free snacks and refreshments! Bring the whole family, all your friends, and anyone who wants to hear some great inspirational music that is off the charts! Event sponsored by FougCrew.

Financial Seminar

Ashland Church will hold a Financial Seminar on Sunday, January 24th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, which will overview the following three topics:

1. Biblical Stewardship - discovering what the bible says about money and principals related to money.
2. Budgeting - learning how to manage your finances and setup a budget for your home.
3. Investing - principals, basic strategies and techniques for short and long term investments.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the new year.

Financial Education Class

Following the Financial Seminar will be a weekly class beginning Sunday, January 31st, 2010 @ 9:30am. Check the bulletin for more details coming soon.

A Heart of Thanksgiving

Autumn is filled with the business of our lives. It's marked by the shift in seasons and the signs, smells and celebrations of our annual barrage of holidays. 'Tis the season where we overload our calendars, and are tempted to live beyond our means in order to express joy, happiness and love for those near and dear to us. Now before I sound like a complete Grinch, I want to shift the conversation towards an act, an attitude, a spiritual discipline that will help guide us through these hectic times.

Thankfulness.

Listen to the Psalmist when he writes in Psalm 100:

- ¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*
- ² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*
- ³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*
- ⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

We approach God through thankfulness (vs. 4) because he is so good to us! Amidst all the pressure to have the holidays happen flawlessly, be sure to add the activity of thankfulness to your daily routine. I recommend trying one or more of the following exercises in offering thanks.

1. Add to your prayer time a specific prayer of thanks. Be specific and current, as the old hymn goes "Count your blessings, name them one by one."
2. Journal things that you are thankful for. Write them in a diary, or online somewhere so that you can look at them again in seasons of discouragement.
3. Share three things you are thankful for with your close friends and family every day. I have done this and honestly, after a few days of this I found it hard to limit it to just three!

What keeps us from being thankful? Selfishness. Our preoccupation and obsessions with ourselves tend to make us miss out on what God is doing in our midst and keep us from entering into His presence. The discipline of thanksgiving challenges us at our self-absorbed core and will in time change our perspectives and our priorities to those that see and know God and what is good. So during this season, that is supposed to be filled with joy and celebration, help make it happen for you and your family through the spiritual practice of being thankful.

Ken Buck
Youth Ministries Director

Fall Outreach

The rainy day didn't stop our annual Fall Festival on October 31st. Not only did all of our dedicated volunteers show up in full force, our neighbors joined us from near and far as well! It was another great opportunity to get to know our community.

The word from my kids was that the box maze was awesome (at 4 days before my due date I opted not to try it this year) and was better than the last. Once again John Winther's maze design wowed them all. Many thanks to the Campbells and their helpers for keeping us well fed with hot-dogs and thanks to all who provided the delicious hot soups. A big thanks as well to the Lopilatos (though you may have seen them as a pirate and Mario) our new games people, and their fun games which had to keep moving indoors and out with all the weather changes. The kids all loved the crafts that Terri Dyck and her table full of helpers put together, thank you to our crafty ladies.

It was such a joy to gather as a church family and meet with our community over hot food, games, crafts and maze while the costumed children ran around enjoying the night. I especially enjoyed seeing all of the tiny ones in their first costumes, too cute. It was another wonderful year and I can't wait till the next!

Janine Fleming
Children's Ministries Director
& Outreach Administrator

Leadership Training Course

Congratulations to Barry Campbell, Janine Fleming, Fred Tahan, and Barb Gleeson! They are the first members to complete the Leadership Training Course. The Session would like to see all Elders and Deacons to take the Leadership Training Course by the end of 2010.

If you are interested in taking the Leadership Training Course in the coming year, please speak with Greg Goss

Cherry Hill Harvest Festival

Our first year representing Ashland Church at Cherry Hill Township's Harvest Festival and Fire Safety Day was a success thanks to all of our volunteers. Our talented and crafty volunteers helped all of the children who visited our booth make decorations and turkeys out of seashells and pinecones. While the children worked, other volunteers had the opportunity to talk with the parents. Thank you for your hard work.

We had another group of volunteers from Ashland who helped the Cherry Hill Fire Department, including a dedicated volunteer who dressed as "Sparky", the fire dog! Here's an excerpt from a note from Cherry Hill

"On behalf of the Recreation Department and Fire Department, I want to thank you both for the tremendous support your volunteers provided on Sunday at the Harvest Festival event. The Fire Department was thrilled to have someone wear the "Sparky" costume and having the extra hands all around was really helpful.

Also, the tent and activity your group set up was fabulous. I hope you got to mix and mingle with lots of residents while also having a little fun of your own.

Thank you for participating in the event. I will look forward to working with you again in the future."

Job well done!

Janine Fleming
Outreach Administrator

Small Groups: An Open Invitation

As each season passes our calendars tend to get filled up by the loudest and most urgent matters. Practice schedules, doctors appointments, service people, etc. all get their slot of our time based upon their urgency to our family's lives. However, I often find that we tend to neglect some of our most important needs as our schedules get too full of the demands that come at us out of nowhere or from demands that others perceive that we need. What needs tend to get neglected? Our Spiritual needs.

This neglect tends to take on two forms, one of private and one of communal neglect. Do you take time to have quiet prayer, study and worship with God? I am often reminded that even Jesus took this sort of time away with his Father as it is recorded in the Gospel of Mark "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." (Mark 1:35) We need to have routine and regular time with God to grow and experience the goodness of our faith.

We also need our communities of faith! God has brought us into his family to be just that, family. We need each other in order to know and enjoy God fully. Without regular meeting and real connection with other believers our spiritual lives become stunted and weaker. However, this need does not scream out to us in the same way that our kid's practices do, nor with the same tenacity as our doctor's appointments, but the signs of a neglected spiritual life do surface.

Here at Ashland Church we try to offer many means of becoming connected to other people of faith in meaningful ways. Our Small Groups are specifically devoted to meet these needs. They meet regularly across the S. Jersey area on different days and locations. Now I know it can be very nerve racking to try a new thing and to meet new people so here is what you will expect if you come to one of Ashland Church's Small Groups: Good people, good coffee and good conversation.

Each group is between 8-15 people gathering in the host's home. There will be time set aside for a prepared Bible study that is designed to connect with your life in a real and genuine way. But be sure, there will also be time just to talk and get to know to others in the church. Over the years I have found that my time participating in Small Groups has introduced me to many amazing people and developed real and encouraging friendships that I would never have had were it not for Small Groups. Below is a list of our current group leaders, times and places that they meet, usually meeting every other week. If you are interested in joining a group please feel free to contact Darrell Proctor at dproc-tor@source1sys.com or Claudia Tahan at ctahan@verizon.net for further information.

There are groups that meet Tuesday (at Fougerays), Thursday (at Gallaghers), Friday (at Blizzard's), Saturday (at Taits and Bucks) and Sunday (at Buzards and Campbells), as well as a group the meets Tuesday mornings (lead by Ed Smith) and Wednesday mornings (lead by Kitty Gleeson) at the church.

Ken Buck

Women in Ministry

**“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD.
“And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.”
Isaiah 55:8 (NLT)**

We are grieving the loss of a very special woman in our church, Judy Saltzgueber, who passed away in October. She was the president of our Women’s Ministry for four years and contributed tirelessly to the work of the Kingdom, not just in women’s ministry but in children’s programs and the choir (she’s singing with the angels now!). Judy was an avid prayer warrior and I challenge all of us to continue to pray for her family, just as she always sent out prayer requests for so many people. Judy always had a smile on her face and her warm sense of humor always put a positive spin on a negative situation. She will be sorely missed.



When we find ourselves wondering why innocent people get killed by a madman, or a child is stricken with a deadly illness, or we lose a loved one, we can’t help but look into His Word and memorize this verse (among many others). God tells us over and over, to trust Him, not to be afraid, that He will never leave us or forsake us, and yet how quickly we forget – because our thoughts are nothing like His thoughts, and His ways are far beyond anything we can imagine, and as hard as we try we won’t be able to make sense of some things. But we press on to have that faith that He has it all under control. What a sovereign and merciful God we serve!

Claudia Tahan
Director of Women in Ministry

Happenings

Bible Study

We are thoroughly enjoying our women’s bible study, Beth Moore’s “Esther, It’s Tough Being a Woman”. We are re-connecting with each other and at the same time being challenged by what we are learning.

Women’s Christmas Dinner

Join us as we kick off the Christmas Season at our annual Women’s Christmas Dinner Friday, December 4th @ 6:30pm in Horner Hall. It is a wonderful evening of fellowship, singing, beautiful decorations, and enjoying each other’s company with women of all ages. Invite your mothers, sisters, aunts, daughters, neighbors and friends. The food is being catered by Masso’s, and we will be graced with the beautiful voices of the Malawi Singers from Urban Promise after dinner. Reserve your seats now as they go quickly. Cost is \$16 per person. Please note that the Malawi Singers will begin their program at 8pm and everyone (men, women, and children) are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary at that time. We will end the evening by singing some Christmas Carols. Babysitting will be provided.

A One Day Women’s Retreat

“Sweet Life Café” where women savor time with God. Women will be treated and their cravings satisfied for friends, God, and spiritual growth. We’ll see that Jesus is the bread of life as we encounter a buffet of refreshing group experiences and personal time alone with God. Cost will be \$15 which will include lunch. Join us on Saturday, February 6th.

Please stay tuned for training opportunities for mentoring and leadership in 2010.

Monthly Women’s Meetings

All women are welcome to attend the monthly planning meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. As a matter of fact, the more input we have the better we can serve you and our community.

African Book Challenge (ABC) Outreach Ministry

The ABC committee is delighted to announce that, through your generous donations to the **Scholarship Fund** and an offer by two couples to sponsor a child each, the ministry recently awarded 3-year full scholarship to **four (4)** needy JHS (Middle School) graduates in Kwabeng, Ghana. The awards are enabling the "ABC Scholars" to attend various Senior High (Boarding) Schools in the country. The ministry has just paid the first term fees for the four students and they have all reported to their new schools for classes.

The annual award is **\$512.00** per student; the amount covers tuition, boarding fees, books, school uniforms, and other fees. The ABC Committee is very excited about this new initiative, which we strongly believe will make a big impact in the lives of those smart and ambitious children from very poor families. Without ABC's financial assistance, these four kids would most likely have ended their education at the Middle school level. It is our prayer that our Ashland Church family will continue to support this worthy cause by donating to the scholarship fund. You may also consider sponsoring a child and may also appeal to family members, friends and co-workers for their financial support.

Finally, the ABC Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks and gratitude to the **Coursen** family and to another Ashland Church family that wants to remain anonymous, for their generous offer to sponsor two of the four ABC scholars by paying the total cost of their High School education.

Special thanks to everyone who supports the ABC Outreach Ministry. For all others, please consider prayerfully and reach out in love to those needy kids. You can make a difference in a child's life! Please, donate to the ABC Scholarship Fund. Thank you all and may the good Lord continue to bless you!

"Education is the most important weapon which we can use to change the world" – (Nelson Mandela)

Fred Twum-Acheampong

(For the ABC Committee)

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman

This fall the ladies of our church were treated to Beth Moore's newest Bible Study called ***It's Tough Being a Woman***. This is an in depth study of the short but dramatic Old Testament book of Esther. Each week Beth has grabbed our attention by sharing some unusual tips with us. Having warmed us up with a heaping helping of laughter, Beth then has brought us to a banquet table groaning with precious truths and promises from God's Word. Each week we have in turn been comforted, convicted and challenged as we study God's Word together. We have never gone away from the table hungry.

Here are just a few of the truths that we shared that will give you just a glimpse of the scope of the study. **We began by learning that there is the total absence of any reference to God in the book of Esther.** I have always felt God's presence to be so real in this book that I was totally surprised by that fact. But Beth pointed out to us that **God is never more present than when he is strangely absent.** What a comfort!! That is what providence is all about.

Another truth shared early in the study turned out to be one of my favorites. **You cannot amputate your history from your destiny.** Our heritage, our experiences, our choices mold our present and our future and need to be acknowledged but not used as a crutch. We need to allow God to use our history, however negative or positive it was, to live more fully for Him and to accomplish what He means to do with our lives.

Beth also continuously challenged us to think about the messages of the culture in which we live and the way they can subtly or boldly influence us. One week she wrote in our study guide **that our culture has strangely confused significance with independence and subservience with weakness. Yet, only a person strong in character and steadfast in spirit can follow someone else's instructions for long.**

Finally, as we watched Esther breath deep and take the steps to save her people from annihilation, putting her own life in jeopardy, we had a powerful session about courage. **Did you know that one of the most frequent commands in the Bible is "Don't be afraid!"** We were reminded of the quote that says, **"Courage is not the absence of fear but the realization that something more important is at stake!"** Take courage! Trust God!

I am so thankful that God allowed me the time this fall to study Esther with some of the dear ladies in our church. As Beth says, studying together can intensify our walk with Christ. I look forward to the last weeks of this study and seeing where our walk with the Lord will take us next.

Family Discipleship: To Teach or Not to Teach...

It has long been considered the norm for people to get their kids into church so that the church can teach and train their kids in life and faith. This takes on many forms of expectations, but the root of them all stems from this: We take our children to professionals to gain what they have to offer. Medical treatment from M.D.s, education from schools, piano lessons from musicians, and very often, religion from the church, seems to be the way that we operate. This however, is not the way that God designed the faith to be passed on.

Psalms 78 captures this very well. Read vs. 4-7.

⁴ *We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.*

⁵ *He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our forefathers
to teach their children,*

⁶ *so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.*

⁷ *Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.*

Here at Ashland we provide and offer a multitude of ministry options for children. It could even be said that Ashland is a place "Where kids Count", but that does not replace the family's role as the primary discipler of their kids! We are here to augment and support the children's faith in ways that work together with the faith being passed on at home.

Not every child has the privilege of having parents who also know Christ, but for those who do, they learn so much from how the parents practice their faith at home. (Its important to note, that this is the way it works no matter how active or inactive the parent's faith is!) It is also important to highlight that the church *is family*. We are the family centered on God's covenant or promise to his people. Therefore, we all have the shared responsibility to help the whole community grow and mature in faith. But again, this is not at the expense of expressions of prayer, learning Scripture, worship and devotion at home together.

So, the hard part is getting started, but it is absolutely important to just get started. Here are a couple of online resources that can be used to help families start to grow in their faith together.

- www.thehighcalling.org The "Daily Reflection" by Rev. Mark Roberts is a devotion tool that I use personally. It emails a devotion to you everyday. This is great for you personally to grow, but can also be used as a starting point for you and your family.
- [Training Hearts Teaching Minds](http://www.amazon.com/Training-Hearts-Teaching-Minds-Devotions/dp/0875523927/ref=cm_cr_pr_product_top) by Starr Meade is a family devotional that is both inexpensive and recommended. http://www.amazon.com/Training-Hearts-Teaching-Minds-Devotions/dp/0875523927/ref=cm_cr_pr_product_top
- www.cpyu.org This is a great resource for parents of Teens. Walt Mueller is a legend in youth ministry and his people have a lot of good things for parents and youth workers here.

Ken Buck
Youth Ministries Director

What Are You Thankful For?

ASHLAND YOUTH

I am thankful for my family.	Ryan R.	I am thankful for my friends and family. I am also thankful for a good education.	Tianna F.
I am thankful for my loving family and my best friends. I am also thankful for my chance at a good education.	Jaime G.	I am thankful for my friends and family.	Alex C.
All of the people around me who love and care for me.	Noah K.	My friends.	Stephen C.
I am thankful for my wonderful life and friends and family.	Jake C.	I am thankful for my loving family and friends. They support me in everything I do and strive for.	Jon G.

ASHLAND KIDS

I am thankful for my parents and I am also thankful I have all 5 senses and I am most grateful that Jesus died on the cross for us.	Markus S.	Brothers.	Crystal 3yrs old
I am thankful for my family and a place to live because some kids don't have that.	Alex M.	Food, my dad & mom, brother and sister, school and games.	Noah 7yrs old
I am thankful for my family, my house, my dogs, the food I eat, the water I drink, and the clothes I wear.	Brittany E.	Family, TV, Video Games	Capone 7yrs old
I am thankful for my family, my home, food to eat, and clothes to wear. And my mom to boss me around with homework.	Rebecca A.	Mom, Dad, brother & cat	Houston 4yrs old
I am thankful for my family, friends, and my life.	Brandon D.	My brothers	Erin 6yrs old
Food, video games, TV, people, church, Foug's Crew, being alive, and Jesus.	Kyle F.	Mom, Dad, brother & sister	Sara 6yrs old
I'm thankful that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our salvation and that I can grow spiritually at church.	Liam F.	Jesus	Christy 2yrs old
I am thankful for my house, family, food, and friends.	Nevin B.	My mom and my dad	Tiffany 4yrs old
I am thankful for everything God gave us to have a successful life.	C.K.Y.	Everyone and Jesus	Kenneth 5yrs old
I am thankful for my family.	Nicole B.	My family, friends, people, food, toys, pets.	Alyera 8yrs old
I am thankful for my family, friends, food, and house. I'm also thankful for God, Jesus, and church!	Emma W.	School friends	Eric 6yrs old
I am thankful for my family, friends, food, my house, and my dog. And, lastly, I am thankful for Jesus, God, and church.	Lindsay D.	I love my mom and my friend Emily.	Ashley 4yrs old
I am thankful for everything.	Matt	My mom and my dad.	Hailey yrs old
I am thankful for my family and friends.	Josh H.	I am thankful for food and shelter and Christmas and a baby brother that I can tease.	Conner 8yrs old
		I'm thankful for my family and friends and important stuff we need like food, water, shelter, and clothing.	Elyse 8yrs old
		I am thankful for having an older brother.	Nick 8yrs old
		My family, friends, pets, food and school.	Autumn 8yrs old
		I am thankful for my mom because she helps me do my homework.	Michael 8yrs old
		My mom and dad, food and water, and, especially the world.	Star 9yrs old
		I am thankful for Jesus and my school and friends.	Nathan 8yrs old
		I am thankful for God making the world and giving us food, clothes, church and the Bible.	Hannah 8yrs old

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Our Mission

To seek the lost and grow disciples
who worship and enjoy our Lord.

Our Vision

To be a Covenant Family in our community which is transformed by the
Gospel, empowered by the Spirit, and focused by our Mission.

Service Times

Sunday School - Age appropriate and fun Christian Education for everyone (from infants to adults) at 9:30 AM. There is also an adult class @ 11:00 AM for those who attend the 9:30 AM service.

KIDS Church - Elementary children are dismissed during the 11 AM worship services for a multi-media, Biblical and (of course) fun lesson during the sermon time of the worship service. *Children whose parents are in Sunday School or worship team can sit in the front left pew and will be supervised 'til KIDS Church starts.*

Nursery - While their parents worship at the 11:00 AM service, infants through Pre-K have a fun playtime and lessons at their level.

Parents - *the Sunday Children's Programs are set up so that you can be in a Worship Service and an Adult Education Class on Sunday mornings so please feel free to take advantage of this.*

Coming Soon

Thanksgiving Potluck & Service - Wednesday, November 25th @ 6:00pm

Annual Women's Christmas Dinner - Friday, December 4th @ 6:30pm

Annual Youth Christmas Pollyanna and Party - Friday, December 11th from 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Annual Christmas Play - Sunday, December 13 @ 6:00pm

Women's Cookie Exchange - Thursday, December 17th @ 7:00pm

Youth Caroling - Wednesday, December 16th

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service @ 5:00pm - An interactive service where children participate in the telling of the Christmas story.

Candlelight Service @ 11:00pm

Free Concert - Wednesday, January 13th from 7:00 - 8:45pm

Financial Seminar - Sunday, January 24th, 2010 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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Thank-you to all who contributed to this newsletter. Our next newsletter is scheduled to go out in March. If you would like to write an article to include in the next newsletter please email it to terridyck@yahoo.com or drop it in Janine's mailbox in the office, by the end of February, for staff approval. We love to receive articles from people of ALL ages! Thank-you and God Bless.