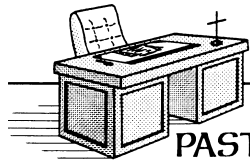


THE GOOD NEWS BULLETIN OF WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELLSVILLE, KANSAS
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A missionary from northern Rhodesia tells of a prayer composed by an African schoolgirl:

O Thou Great Chief, light a candle within our hearts that we may see what is therein, and sweep the rubbish from Thy dwelling place.

This is one of the purposes of observing Advent and Christmas, and we accomplish it when we clearly see who it is that comes, and how decisive our response to Him will be.

Advent means “to come”, and this is the season of people coming toward Christmas.

- ◇ Like Mary and Joseph coming to Bethlehem!
- ◇ Like shepherds and wise men coming!
- ◇ And us coming too!

For we have a journey to make too — a journey to Christmas, a “coming to” the Christ event. We have some preparations to make within ourselves or Christmas simply does not happen for us!

Preparations like making room for Christ in our thinking and busy schedules! Things like singing carols and listening to what the words really say. Things like looking up at winter’s stars and thinking about what that first Advent was like!

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

Let every heart prepare Him room in these days of December ahead.

Dear God, who so loved the world that You gave us Jesus to light and guide our way, guide us through this season of preparation, as we welcome Jesus into our lives, Amen. rr

P.S. Join us for worship at either 8:30 or 10:50 for Advent Sundays. Here’s the preaching plan:

December 7 “Christmas: Birth and Re-Birth”
Romans 8:3-11

December 14 “Why God Became Man”
Hebrews 2:5-18

December 21 “The Theology of Christmas”
Philippians 2:5-11

December 24 Candlelight service of baptism and communion

December 28 “Will Jesus Come Again in 2009?”
Mark 13:32-33

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



AND DINNER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008

DINNER – 5:00 P.M.

In the Family Center

MENU:

Roasted Pork Loin
Roasted Potatoes & Fall Vegetables
Green Beans
Dessert
Beverage



PROGRAM – 6:00 P.M.

In the Sanctuary



A special evening of songs and scripture is being planned. We hope you will come and join us. Cost for the evening is a free-will offering.

To make a reservation for this evening, call the church office 785-883-2640



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



You are invited to join us at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

The evening service will feature baptisms, communion and songs of the season by candlelight.

God bless you during this special season.

BAPTISM SERVICE



We are planning a baptism service for Sunday December 28th and another Sunday in January or February. If you are interested in participating, contact Pastor Roger or Heather soon.

INFANT DEDICATION



We will have a infant dedication service (at both services) on Sunday, December 14th. If you and your family would like to take part, contact Pastor Roger.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Monday, December 8, 2008

6:30 P.M.

Special Blessings Preschool invites you to join them for their Christmas Celebration! They will have a short program in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. (Should the program need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be held on the following Monday, December 15th.)

JAN VACATION



December 26th—January 2nd

The church office will be open between 9:00 a.m. and noon on December 29th, 30th and 31st while Jan is on vacation. Earline McGinnis, Pastor Roger and Heather will be in the office answering the phones and taking care of business.

The office will be closed on Friday, January 26th and Friday, January 2nd. Regular schedules will resume on Monday, January 5th.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008



All are invited to join us at for special morning worship services on Sunday, December 21st. We will have both 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services as well as Sunday School. Our services on that day will feature special musical numbers as well as God's Word.

We are planning to decorate the front of the sanctuary with poinsettias, if you would like to dedicate one to a loved one, let the church office know.

CANCELLATIONS

If we need to cancel an activity due to inclement weather, we will notify WDAF-TV (FOX 4), KSHB-TV (NBC in Kansas City), KCTV 5 (CBS in Kansas City) and KMBC-TV (ABC in Kansas City).

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on the following dates. Thursday, December 25, Friday, December 26, Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2nd.

THANK OFFERING

We received the Thank Offering during the month of November. We raised \$2,666.00. This year the offering is dedicated to updating the parsonage so it will be ready when the new Senior Pastor comes. We plan to remove all the carpeting on the main floor and refinish the hardwood floors underneath.

TEEN ICE SKATING PARTY

Our teens are planning an outing to go ice skating and then shopping on the Plaza on Saturday, December 13th. Any teen who is interested in joining in the fun should call Heather for details.

BEREAN CLASS PARTY

The Berean Class Christmas party and gift exchange will be on Thursday, December 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS



The Secret Prayer Partner Program is a yearlong commitment to pray for a person and remember them on special days. If you would like to be part of this special ministry during 2009, return this to the church office.

Yes, I am interested in joining the Secret Prayer Partner Program.

Name _____

Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

Please tell us a bit about yourself (likes and dislikes, hobbies, prayer needs, etc.).

ABSORBING GUILT

By Y'Vonne O'Dea

I grew up having both Grandma and Mother say to me, "Great-Grandma Graybill said the one doing the tempting is just as guilty as the thief." That was hard for me too rationalize because in my thinking there just wasn't anyone worse than a thief.

When we moved to Wellsville, I was the only kid in the whole town with a bicycle having 28" wheels and small tires. All the other kids had bicycles with balloon tires. Did I ever want one, too.

Mother reminded me that she had no money to buy bicycles and as long as mine was rideable then I should be content. "Write your Dad. Maybe he will get you a new bicycle."

So, I did – after a lot of mental anguish about how to word the letter. True, my bike was rideable, but I really did want a bicycle with balloon tires like all the other kids had.

Sure enough, Dad responded immediately and sent a \$20.00 check. Good heavens! Now Allen and I both could have bicycles with balloon tires.

We sent our order for the bicycles to Sears Roebuck. They came in boxes. Not to worry, Mother and Allen got the bikes assembled in record time. Oh, did that balloon-tired bicycle ride smooth!

Months later, Allen rushed up to me and said, "Come with me and see what had happened to your old bicycle!"

A dilapidated old house stood next to ours. Inside on the floor of what had once been the front room lay my old bicycle with the axle cut out! "I think I know who did this. I'm going over to see," and he rode away.

When he got to Elmer's house, sure enough there he was in the process of putting my axle onto his bicycle.

"That's my sister's axle you have," Allen told him accusingly.

"So? What are going to do about it?" Elmer shot back, never slacking in his work at all.

(Do? Why Allen was going home as quick as he could, tell me and tell our Mom. She'd do something about it! Just wait until Elmer tangled with our Mom!)

Mother was in the process of making bread when Allen burst into the kitchen with the news of his discovery. Both of us held our breath in anxious anticipation.

Mother stopped kneading, looked at me and asked, "Did you have your old bike in the shed, Y'Vonne?"

"No, it was laying out there where I left it – under the pear tree in plain sight."

Mother went back to kneading and said, "Great-Grandma Graybill always said the one doing the tempting is just as guilty as the thief."

What a let-down.

Years and years later, imagine my thrill when I came across this verse in Matthew. "Woe to the world because of offenses. For it must needs be that offenses comes: but woe to the man by whom the offence comes."

Wise old Great-Grandma Graybill.

*Please be
Praying for...*

Heather Horn recovering from dental surgery
Y'Vonne O'Dea recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
Liz O'Connor recovering at home from surgery
Charlene McAuley recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
Patricia Londo with health concerns and recovering from a fall
Barb Wright at home recovering from surgery
Bob Dunaway with health concerns
Rick Thornton, Erick Thornton's father, awaiting surgery on December 16th
Roy Elrod, Sandie Elrod's husband with health concerns
Harry Lillich, Nadine Gale's nephew, undergoing chemotherapy
Lenny Hall, friend of Tom Reynolds, in a coma in Heartland Hospital in St Jo

TINSEL — HOLLY — HOW HOLY??

Earline McGinnis

This is the season for all to be jolly,
There's hustle, bustle, tinsel and holly;
All round us there seems to be a feverish air,
As folks all rush here and hurry up there!

The stores are crowded with gifts everywhere,
To find the right one gives us all a nightmare!
We spend hours and hours and much money, too,
To please our dear ones and make their skies blue.

That's all well and good, but what do we bring
To the little Christ Child, our Savior and King?
Do we bring Him our best to lay at His Feet?
Do we bring Him our love, so sincere, so sweet?

Ah, please, let's remember that HE is the reason
We celebrate this Blessed Christmas Season!

Joy to the world—the Lord is come — Hallelujah!
Glory to God in the highest — Hallelujah!

For unto you is born this day a Savior—Christ the Lord!

Peace on Earth—Good will to all men!!

THE ROBERTSON FAMILY INVITES YOU

Cheryl, Greg and I have a special Christmas gift to share with you. We invite you to drop by the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 14th between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. to enjoy special Christmas goodies, treats and beverages before you head to Sunday School. This will be our only chance to say THANKS for your warm welcome to Wellsville Baptist Church, so we hope you will come to enjoy this holiday treat with us!

Pastor Roger

DECEMBER, 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:30 a Church Staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	3** 8:00 p Deacon's Meeting	4	5 7:00 p Teen Movie Night at Heather's house	6 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
7* 5:00 p Fellowship Christmas dinner, 6:00 p Christmas program	8 6:30 p Preschool Christmas program	9 8:30 a Church Staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies Bible Study	10**	11 10:00 a Bingo at Wellsville Retirement Center	12	13 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, Teen ice skating & Plaza shopping outing
14* 12:10 p Angel tree shopping	15	16 8:30 a Church Staff meeting, 9:15 a Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p Stephen Ministry Supervision	17** 6:30 p Final AWANA meeting until January 2009	18 1:00 p Berean Class Party, 7:00 p Christian Education meeting, 7:00 p Trustees' meeting	19	20 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast
21* 8:30 a & 10:50 a Special Christmas Worship Service in music and Word, 5:30 p Youth group Christmas Party, (no choir)	22	23 8:30 a Church Staff meeting	24** 7:00 p Christmas Eve Candlelight & Baptism Service	25 Christmas Day (Church office closed) Family Center Rented	26 Church office closed today	27 7:00 a Men's Prayer Breakfast, Family Center Rented
28* (No choir practice)	29 Jan gone on vacation this week	30	31** All regularly scheduled evening services cancelled due to the holidays, Teen New Year's Eve party	*Sunday—Regular Weekly Services — 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship Service, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group for ages 7th—12th grades; 6:00 P.M. Choir; 7:00 P.M. Worship Team Practice. **Wednesday—Regular Weekly Services—6:30 p.m. AWANA Youth Groups, 6:45 p.m. Adult Coffee & Dessert Time, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study		

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed below, please call the church office and let us know.

Anniversaries

- 14-M/M Brett Kyle
- 20-M/M Tom Christian
- 29-M/M George Wingert

Birthdays

- 1-Sharon (Hale) Vaughn
- 2-Charles Ware
- 3-Deanna Groshong
- 4-Will Guthrie, Fred Schnoke
- 5-Tamara Mosher
- 6-Tom Christian
- 9-Seth Wenenn
- 12-Debbi Fouts
- 14-Scott Coffman

Birthdays (cont.)

- 15-Sandy Rogers
- 16-Emery Ishmael
- 17-Cathy Hinds, Luke Christian, Heather Horn
- 18-Alicia McAuley, Kim Robbs
- 22-Julie Coffey
- 23-Ryan Young, Elba Unruh
- 24-Kara West
- 25-Rebecca Oshel
- 26-Sheila Brecheisen
- 28-Carol Taylor
- 29-Aaron Childers
- 30-David Johnson, Jeff Courter
- 31-Rachel Wenenn, Lanette Neel

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