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## **Christmas Program Highlights**

This past Thursday evening Sunshine had it's annual Christmas Program here at the building. The actual program was a simple telling of the story found in scripture of how the Christ child came into the world. The narrators told the story. The children acted out the parts. And the congregation sang the appropriate songs along the way. After the program all were invited to the annex for some refreshments. The children were delighted to see a "winter wonderland" of lights and decorations and activities all set up for them. By all accounts the kids had a wonderful time and the parents and grandparents and other guests had a great time watching the kids have a great time. A tremendous amount of work and preparation went into the

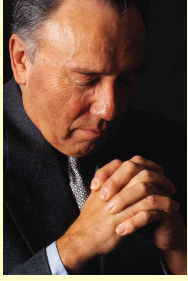
program, the reception, the decorating, the rehearsing, the refreshments, the clean up--all the ingredients that made this evening very special. See the insert in the bulletin this morning to see some of the scenes from the program and the reception. For myself (and I think I speak for every person who was present) "thank you" to those who gave freely of their time and energy to make this a special evening for the kids and for the glory which the Father and the Son received in this program.

— Steve Miller.

*To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.*



## Prayer Requests



**For our national leaders and world leaders** as they lead their respective nations.

**For our troops** in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

**For the innocent** who are suffering in the midst of war.

**For the lost in** our families and community.

**For the ban on partial birth abortion** to stand as law.

**For marriage to stand** in our laws as God ordained it.

**For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri**

**For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process**

**Sam Miller** asks us to continue in prayer for him in his flight training

**Diane Piccone** (Lisa Haskins' mother) is battling cancer.

**Arlene Knore** was released on Thursday afternoon. She is home recuperating.

**Rick Richmond** will be having surgery soon to remove a mass on the right front lobe of his brain.

**Josh Berry** (John's son) has been sent to Iraq for a one year tour of duty. He is not in a combat unit but he will be doing a lot of travel into and out of and around Iraq. Prayers requested.

**Angela Eckhart** (Bill Gammon's daughter in North Carolina) had surgery this past week and is recuperating.

**Bob Crabtree** (Bill Gammon's brother-in-law) is in the hospital in Cincinnati with serious heart problems.

**Jane Ruggles** had surgery on Thursday to remove pins from her arm. She is home recuperating

**Gene Kuhn** (Dale Kuhn's father) is having a spot on his lung tested. Results in about 2 weeks.

**Ashley Allen** (Eric Miller & Aaron Kallner's 37 year old cousin) has been diagnosed with cancer.

## Some Family Activities for Tonight

This all depends on the age-level of the people involved:

**For the young ones**, take the figures from a nativity scene and talk about each one and how they fit into the story of the birth of Christ. Sing the carols that your kids like best. Have each person say a short prayer thanking the Father for sending His Son and thanking the Son for agreeing to come.

**For older ones**, talk about the gifts that the wise men brought to the Christ child. Some questions to follow up: If you had to bring a gift to Jesus, what would you select? What kind of gift do you think he might want? Does the Son of God need gifts from us? Why do you suppose he tells us to be givers and not takers? What is the ultimate gift that Christ has given to us? Have you ever received a gift that was wrapped in really nice paper

and ribbon but was very disappointing when you finally opened it? How are people sometimes like that gift wrapped up really pretty and nice, but when the box is opened, the gift inside is very disappointing? What kind of gift are you making to the Lord?

## What's New in the Library?

**The Power of a Praying Parent** by *Stormie Omartian*. In 30 easy to read chapters, Stormie shares from personal experience how parents can pray for their children's safety, character, school experiences, handling of peer pressure, future mate, career choices, etc.

**Battlefield of the Mind** by *Joyce Meyer*. Like a chessboard, your mind is a battlefield. And doubt, worry, confusion, depression, anger and condemnation are the enemy's weapons against you. Find out how every thought can be taken captive for Christ.

## Changes for Sunday, December 24

1. There will be **no Children's Bible Time today**. There will be some packets available in the foyer for children of CBT age to use during the lesson.

2. Due to Christmas Eve and Sunday coinciding, there will be **no evening services here at the building evening**. There will be some alternative family-devotion ideas published in the bulletin for families to use as they see fit. Also, the Lily Chapel church will be having services this evening at 6:30 pm.

## Shepherds Prayer Session

On Thursday this week, at 7:30 pm, our elders will be meeting to pray for the congregation, families and individuals. If you have requests, please give it to one of the elders before Thursday.

## Changes in Services Coming in January

As of the first Sunday in January (7<sup>th</sup>) the church will be implementing a new schedule for Sunday services. Please note the changes:

1. **There will be no Sunday morning Bible classes.** The church will meet Sunday morning (10 am) for the purpose of worship.

2. Sunday evening we will be meeting at 6:30 pm. The first 10-15 minutes of the hour will be reserved for a brief period of worship and the serving of the Lord's Supper. The last 45 minutes of the hour we will be breaking out into classes for all ages—the same teachers and room assignments as what we have had on Sunday mornings up to this day.

These changes are being made by the elders in keeping with their desire to make every meeting time of the church more “kid-friendly.”

**Fifth Sunday evenings** will be set aside for a service led by our teens and young adults.

When time for **Sunday PM Home Groups** comes around, we will discontinue classes at the building and meet in homes.

The elders also want to continue to encourage our young men to prepare lessons and preach for the church on Sunday evenings. From time to time, we expect that the auditorium class will not be a class, but a time for the church to hear preaching.

## Budget for 2007

There are copies of the budget for 2007 available on the table in the foyer for the congregation to review. Please pick up your copy today.

# COMING EVENTS

- 1/7 New Schedule for Services Begins
- 2/3 Father-Daughter Gala
- 3/4 Sun PM Home Groups Begin

## Bible Study Curriculum

### Sunday

12/24 Matthew 5  
12/31 Matthew 6

### Wednesday

12/27 1 Kings 9-10

### 2007 Directory Review

Gary Glispie has been working on updating our Quick Reference Version of the Sunshine Directory over the last few weeks. A copy of his work is on the table in the foyer for everyone to review before he publishes the directory. The review period starts today and ends on January 14, 2007, after evening services. Please check the directory to make sure that we have not omitted anyone and the info is correct. If you want to add or delete information, just write it on the review copy and initial it. If everything is fine for your name/family, please put your initials by your name/family. Remember this is not a membership directory. It is a directory of names and addresses/phone numbers of those who attend Sunshine on some kind of regular basis whether they are Christians or not, and whether they are members of this congregation or not.

### Some Comments About Men & Gift Wrapping

This is the time of year when we think back to the very first Christmas, when the wise men went to see the baby Jesus and, according to the Book of Matthew, “presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

These are simple words, but if we analyze them carefully, we discover an important, yet often overlooked fact: there is no mention of wrapping paper.

If there had been wrapping paper, Matthew would have said so: “*And lo, the gifts were within 6 square cubits of paper festooned with pictures of snowmen. And Joseph was going to throweth it away, but Mary said unto him, ‘Holdeth it! That is nice paper! Saveth it for next year!’ And Joseph did rolleth his eyes. And the baby Jesus was more interested in the paper than the frankincense.*”

But these words do not appear, which means that the very first Christmas gifts were NOT wrapped. This is because the people giving those gifts had two important characteristics: 1. They were wise, and 2. They were men.

Men are not gift wrappers. Men do not understand the point of putting paper on a gift just so somebody else can tear it off. The only time a man wraps a gift is if it's such a poor gift that he doesn't want to be there when the person opens it.

Men can take a gift the size of a deck of cards and put it the exact center of a piece of wrapping paper the size of a volleyball court and when they are done folding and taping, you can still see part of the gift peeking out.

On the other hand, if you give a woman a 12-inch square of wrapping paper, she can wrap a C-130 cargo plane.

In conclusion, remember that the important thing is not what you give, or how you wrap it. The important thing, during this very special time of year, is that you save the receipt.

Author Unknown

## Schedule of Worship Services

### Regular Service Times

#### Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am  
Worship - 10:30 am  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m

#### Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text  
Welcome & Prayer  
Song Director  
Scripture Reading  
Prayer  
Lord's Supper –Bread  
Wine  
Server 1  
Server 2  
Server 3  
Server 4  
Server 5  
Server 6  
Message  
Closing Prayer

#### December 24

Matthew 5  
Jon Coriell  
Scott Gamp  
Steve Williams  
Terry Sullivan  
John Berry  
Aaron Kallner  
Eric Copas  
Ryan Coriell  
Tim Coriell  
Michael Dixon  
Aaron Franke  
Lane Raiser  
Jamie Riley  
Rich Book

#### December 31

Matthew 6  
Wayne Gamp  
Shaun McCray  
Mark Gamp  
Dewey Cordle  
Barry Gamp  
Jeff Hayward  
Chuck Allison  
Greg Coriell  
Ira Coriell  
Price Gammon  
Shawn Gragg  
Matt Hoskins  
Steve Miller  
Gabe Coriell

#### Sunday Evening

Song Leader  
Opening Prayer  
Lord's Supper  
Closing Prayer

#### Christmas Eve

*No evening  
services.*

Zach Coriell  
Jason Coriell  
Josh Coriell  
Nick Gamp

#### Wednesday Evening

Song Director  
Prayer  
Bible Class Text

#### December 27

Caleb Miller  
Zack Sims  
1 Kings 9-10

#### January 3

Bud Coriell  
Aaron McCray  
1 Kings 11

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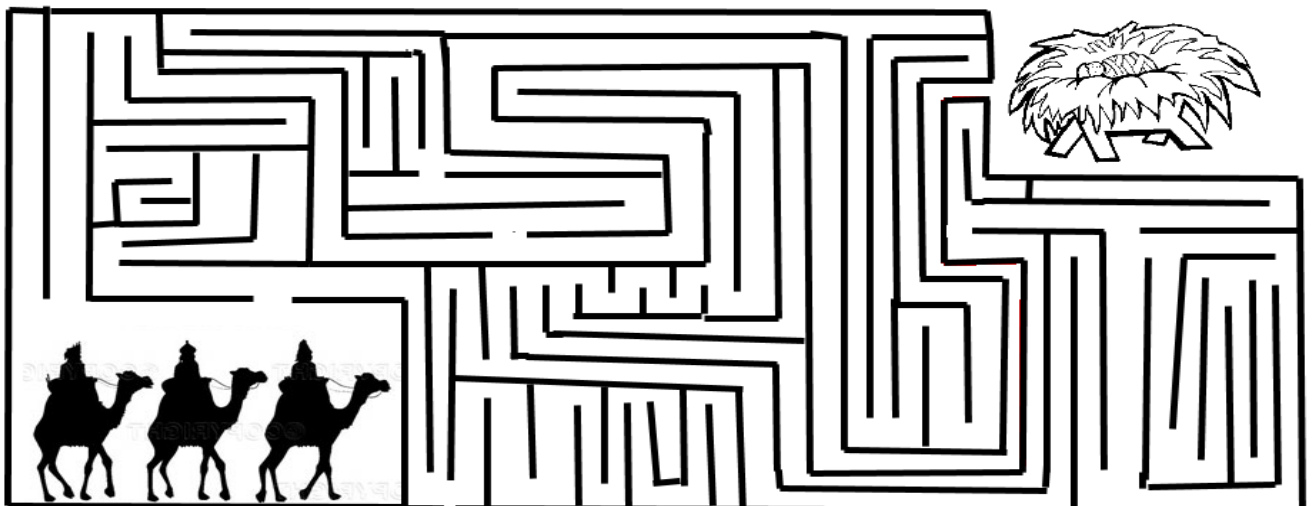
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*Men, if you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.*

# KIDS



## CORNER



Lead the wise men through the maze to find baby Jesus