
The Banner

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One of our great hymns says in part, "Another year is dawning, dear Father let it be...another year with thee."

For many people in our church, 2009 was a very difficult year: loss of job (or greatly reduced hours); death of a family member or friend; marital strife; serious illness; or feelings of failure on a personal level.

Will 2010 be better than 2009? For all of us; hopefully so. But, there are no guarantees.

One thing is certain, though: God loves us, and has promised to walk with us through whatever the new year brings (Hebrews 13.5).

With such a promise, we can face 2010 with confidence and optimism. (This is not true for a person who does not follow Jesus Christ.)

God's love is shown in part in the people he gives us to love us. At times they will not like something we say or do, but they will love us in spite of them. And, at times, people who love us will correct us, but will always encourage us. Thank God today for the people who love you!

The circle of love is not complete until we love others. It may be thoughtful words to our spouse, our children or friends. It may be a good deed done in secret. Wouldn't you agree that there is no greater feeling in the world than to give love?

In 2010; work at allowing God to love you and in giving love to others. This is what Jesus did; we can do no better.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Terry

Worship Cancellation Notice

We hope you got the word in time regarding cancellation of the worship service December 20. After consulting with others, Lynn Johnson, chair of deacons, and our interim pastor made the call to cancel. We notified Channel 2 immediately, and asked all deacons to call members or friends on their Family Care list.

In the future we will also notify Channel 12, and send out an e-mail. We will also consider the possibility of having the worship service later in the day, possibly at 4pm, weather and ground conditions permitting.

This and That

--Boxes of offering envelopes for 2010 will be available the first Sunday of January.

--Our Living Nativity, presented December 13 and 14, saw well over a hundred cars (and an estimated 300-400 people) viewing our four scenes. And, a good many of these people stopped by for cookies and hot chocolate or cider.

We thank God for the many people in our church who gave so generously of their time and effort to this ministry.

--We need volunteers to step forward to fill the following roles in our church life: church clerk; an additional member of the Stewardship Committee; and a Grades 5&6 Sunday School teacher. If you feel led by God to fill one or more of these roles, please contact Morris Bock, chair, Nominating Committee (282-9471).

Deacon Contact Information

Your deacons are here to assist the pastor in serving and ministering to you in whatever way you may require. Please do not hesitate to call on one of us whenever you may have a need.

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From Your Deacons.....

I pray your Christmas was filled with love, hope and joy. The Christmas holiday is filled with bustle, shopping and lots of times; stress. We have long forgotten the real reason for the season. We worry about giving gifts that others will love or we stress about not having the money to buy gifts to go under the tree. Christmas IS about giving, but not the kind of giving we are accustomed to. Christmas is about giving the gift of life: the life only our Lord Jesus Christ can give and the celebration of His birth.

As this "New Year" begins, I pray that we all consider giving of ourselves to those who are less fortunate. Open your hearts, souls and minds to those who need you both spiritually and physically. Let us step beyond ourselves and give the greatest gift of all; the gift of love! Jesus Christ commands us to love one another.

I challenge you to study Scripture more, pray with more fervency, and love with all you have in your heart! God bless and I pray your new year will be a year of great success and joy beyond your wildest dreams!

In His grip, Anna

February Banner Deadline is January 20!
Be sure to get your articles in to the church office on time!



NURSERY CAREGIVERS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

January 3
January 10
January 17
January 24
January 31

Mary Via and Matt Albright
Angela Tipton and Morris Brock
Kathy Heater and Steve Tipton
Susan Welborn and Jim Albright
Kelli Free and Lynn Johnson

February 7
February 14
February 21
February 28

Mary Via and Randy Stinson
Angela Tipton and Matt Albright
Kathy Heater and Morris Brock
Susan Welborn and Steve Tipton