



## WELCOME GUESTS

We are delighted you have come to worship with us. If you did not receive a guest packet upon your arrival, please pick up one at the welcome desk in the lobby. We would appreciate if you would also sign the guest book there. We hope to see you again!

## Adjusted Schedule Today – see announcement



## Announcements

### ❖ SCHEDULE FOR TODAY AND CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

- Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. for coffee.
  - All children will participate in the worship service. No nursery care provided.
  - Kidz for Christ will not meet.
  - Part 2 groups/classes will not meet.
- ❖ **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are in racks on the benches. If you wish to submit a request, **print** it on a card and place it in the offering plate.

❖ **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available upon request. Please check with the technician at the sound booth for assistance.

❖ **GROCERY GIFT CARDS** – An ongoing fundraiser for the youth. Gift cards are purchased from Darrenkamps, Giant, and Weis at a discount and sold at face value for a 5% profit. Check with Zane Harnish if you would like to purchase cards this morning.

❖ **BRING IN THE NEW YEAR** with the 8th annual Buggy Drop on Saturday, December 31 from 8 p.m.-12:00 a.m. at the Chapel. Bring a drink, snack, and game to share. Inviting friends is encouraged. There will be a Piñata at 9:30 p.m. for the kids.

❖ **THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be studying "Agents of Babylon: What the Prophecies of Daniel tell us about the End of Days" by Dr. David Jeremiah. We will begin Wednesday January 18 at 10:00 a.m. In these 12 sessions, Dr. Jeremiah introduces the agents and the role they played in the most exciting prophetic book in the old testament. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby. If you have any questions see Geri Heilman.

❖ **LOVE OFFERING** – Here is a bit of background on the love gift for Chris Newswanger. Chris has been serving in missions with Cowboys with A Mission for almost three years as a volunteer. His living costs and related ministry costs are paid for completely with donated funds and his own savings. We learned recently that he was likely needing to dip further into his savings to meet his expenses. In light of this the AC decided to bless him with a love gift and allow others to add to that if they so desire. The love gift will allow him to preserve his savings. This seemed important to the AC, especially knowing that Chris will have extra expenses due to his upcoming wedding. Check with Cliff or Pastor Dave if you have additional questions. To contribute to the love gift, add it to your offering this week or Dec 25 and designate the amount for "Chris Newswanger Love Gift".

❖ **MARIETTA FIRE VICTIMS** - We are collecting Gift Cards that will be passed along to the two families whose homes burned. The cards that would be useful are to the following stores: **Weis, Darrenkamp's, Giant, Sheetz, Kohl's, Target, Walmart, K-Mart, Lowes, and Home Depot.** We will be collecting these cards on today and Sunday Dec 25. Place them in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary.

❖ **CHRISTMAS CAROLING** in Reading, PA will be held on Thursday, Dec 22. Meet at the Chapel at 5:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby. Please see Deb with any questions.

## YOUTH

- "ST&" ... will meet Jan 15 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel for worship and Bible study. All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend.

## I WILL LIGHT CANDLES THIS CHRISTMAS

Candles of joy, despite all sadness,

Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.

Candles of courage for fears ever present,

Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,

Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,

Candles of love to inspire all my living,

Candles that will burn all the year long.

*Howard Thurman*

