



Choral Call to Worship

With Grateful Hearts We Thank You, Lord

We thank you Lord, for each new day, for meadows white with dew, for the sun's warm hand up on the earth, for skies of endless blue, for fruit and flower, for lamb and leaf, for every bird that sings, with grateful hearts we thank you, Lord, for all those simple things. We thank you, Lord, for hands and heart to offer up your praise. We thank you, Lord, for tongue to speak of all your loving ways. For health and strength, for work and play, for loved ones far and near, with grateful hearts we thank you, Lord, for all that we hold dear. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns, reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore. Amen!

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. Psalms 69:30

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Dec. 4** Ladies' Reading Fellowship (7:00 p.m., Kathy Steiner's home)
Dec. 6 Women's Christmas Tea (9:32 a.m., CMC)
 Ambassador & Berean ABF Class Christmas Potluck Supper (5:30 p.m., CMC)
 Maranatha ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Dec. 7 *Messiah* at BU (4:00 p.m., no Evening Fellowship Service)
Dec. 8 **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
Dec. 10 Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
Dec. 14 Children's Choir Rehearsal (5:00 p.m., Rooms 118 & 119)
Dec. 20 Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (9:00 a.m., CMC)
Dec. 21 Combined Christmas Service (10:00 a.m., CMC)
No 8:15 a.m. service, Sunday School, or ABF
 Children's Christmas Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
Dec. 28 No Evening Fellowship Service
Jan. 3 Potter's Clay Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Jan. 10 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 p.m., FH)
Jan. 12 **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
Jan. 18 Chili Festival (5:00 p.m., CMC)
Jan. 26 **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
Jan. 30-Feb. 1 Senior High Winter Retreat (Miracle Camp)
Feb. 1-7 SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, NC)
Feb. 20-22 Junior High Winter Retreat (Miracle Camp)

New Service Times - Beginning January 4, 2009

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

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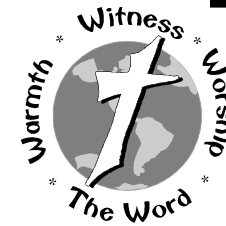
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Emissary Weekly
 November 23, 2008

45th Annual Festival of Missions

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service - Paul Windsor (*Sanctuary*)
9:30 a.m. **Missionaries in all classes** -
 Adult Bible Fellowship
 Sunday School (*2-year-olds - High School*)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Paul Windsor (*Sanctuary*)
 Children's Church (*2-year-old - grade 3, 106*)
12:00 p.m. Carry-in Lunch for all Missionaries (*Gym*)
Hosted by Berean/Maranatha/Genesis Classes
6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (*2-year-old - K, Room 105*)
 Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, Rooms 118&119*)
7:00 p.m. Paul Windsor, speaker (*Sanctuary*)
 Children's Missionary Adventure (*CMC*)
8:00 p.m. Afterglow (*please bring finger foods to share, CMC*)

Welcome to each missionary participating in our 45th Annual Festival of Missions, *A World Waiting for JESUS* (Matthew 9:37, 38). Paul Windsor, from New Zealand is our guest speaker this morning and in the evening service as well.

Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of Jack & Kathy Adair's 50th wedding anniversary (November 23) given by their children.

Our sympathy to the family of Marcele Diller. Marcele, the step-mother of Jim, went home to be with her Lord Friday, November 14. Services were held Tuesday, November 18, here at the church.

Our sympathy to the family of O'Rielly Cage Rhodes. O'Rielly, the son of Jason and the grandson of Roger & Nancy Rhodes, was stillborn on Friday, November 14. Private services were held in Columbus Grove.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on November 16:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	198
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	324
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	211
Missions Conference	(7:00 p.m.)	264

Giving on November 16:

\$19,968.49

Benevolent Fund	25.00
Building Fund	160.00
Christian Education Fund	2,281.49
Current Expense Fund	9,748.00
Missions Fund	4,459.00
New Building Fund	3,295.00

Our sympathy to the family of Ernest Slechter. Ernest, the grandfather of Pastor Wade, passed away on Wednesday, November 19. Services were held Friday, November 21, in Columbus Grove.

Scheduled surgery: Dave Brauen, Monday, November 24, Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio. Jay Lugibihl, Wednesday, November 26, Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio. Rhody Hartman's surgery has been postponed to December 12.

Please Notice: There will be Children Church today. Barb Steiner will be teaching grades 1-3. Next week grades 1-3 will not have Children's Church.

Afterglow tonight: This is the last afterglow of Missions Conference and we will be serving many guests so don't forget to bring your favorite finger food. A big thank you to all who have provided food this week, I greatly appreciate it. – *Ginny Moser*

Wednesday Night Children's and Junior High Ministries will not meet the night before Thanksgiving, November 26. Also there will be no Wednesday Night Family Meal. We will meet again on December 3.

Opportunities of the Week: November 24-30

Monday-Wednesday & Friday 7:30 a.m.

Walking Program – CMC

Monday	9:00 a.m. <i>MOPS</i> (FH)
	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
	7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball Game (CMC)
Tuesday	6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH)
	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
	6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (CMC)
Thursday	* Church office closed – Happy Thanksgiving!
Sunday	9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
	10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service (CMC)
	- No 8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service -
	11:30 a.m. ABF Class Officers/Leaders Meeting (FH)
	5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (FH)
	7:00 p.m. Christmas Praise Night (Sanctuary)
	Afterglow (CMC)

Nursery workers for next Sunday, November 30

Sarah Amstutz, Andy & Natalie Armstrong,
Amber Bewsey, Deb Hilty, Alexis Moser,
Rachel & Molly Moser, Victoria Parsons

On November 30, after the combined morning worship service, the Adult Bible Fellowship class officers/leaders will be meeting for a brief informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall (Rooms 112-114). This regards how the ABF classes will be handling the extended part of the class time starting in January, emphasizing how we plan to encourage *Caring* for each other and *Reaching* others for Christ.

Missing from the Library: Armageddon from the *Left Behind* Series by Jerry Jenkins. Please return if found!

TODAY'S GREETERS

Richard & Arlene Garmatter, *Sanctuary Foyer*
Bob & Patty Geiger, *Missions Center*
Bart & Joy Moser, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Please notice: We will have a combined service on Sunday, November 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship will meet at 9:30 a.m. **There will not be an early 8:15 a.m. service that day.**

Christmas Praise Night: Make plans now to join us next Sunday evening at 7:00 as we gather in the Sanctuary for a beautiful and reflective Christmas Praise and Worship Service led by our Worship Team. As we join voices and sing many of our favorite and traditional Christmas carols, this service will usher in the joyous celebration of the time when Jesus came to the earth in the form of a baby. Please bring your favorite Christmas goodies to share at a special Christmas afterglow.

Anniversary Open House: Please join Kathy & Jack Adair in celebration of their fifty years of marriage next Sunday, November 30, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. An informal Open House is being held to honor this special occasion. No gifts please.

A Children's Church Superintendent is needed to finish out the 2009 term. Please prayerfully consider taking on this ministry. Teachers and helpers are needed for the 2 & 3-year-old class and 4 & 5-year-old class for the month of December. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested please contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486.

SIM workers needed February 1-7. Contact Ruth Bixel as soon as possible at 419-358-5078.

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to the annual **Christmas Tea** on Saturday, December 6, at 9:32 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. This year we have *Witness* entertaining us. Please bring your own tea cup. We will have extra cups to share if you do not have one. A free will offering will be collected. Sign up on the Missions Center bulletin board if you plan to attend or check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communication Card.

Dear Church Family: As this year's Missions Conference draws to conclusion, we would like to say *Thank You* for your continued commitment to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your prayers, financial support, and words of encouragement play a huge part in making it possible for us to minister here in SE Alaska. - *With Christ's never ending love, Rick and Pat Shaner*