

November 27, 2011

Breeze thru the Leaves



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 27

Harvest Sunday
Confirmation – 1 PM

Monday, November 28

Tuesday, November 29

Quilters' Corner – 9:30 AM
Concordia University – E2/E7&8 – 4:45-8:45 PM

Wednesday, November 30

Meal – 6:30 pm
Advent Service – 7:30 PM
Bells – following the service

Thursday, December 1

Bible Class – 10 AM
Choir – 7 PM

Friday, December 2

SIS Bible Study – 1-3 PM @ Tammy Dixon's home

Saturday, December 3

Jr & Sr Youth & Young Adult Christmas Party – 5 PM

Sunday, December 4

Dalrymple Newly-Wed Shower – after 2nd service
Confirmation – 1 PM

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For 11-20-11

Living Praise Service - 54
Traditional Service - 60
Sunday School - 55

Offerings

General: \$4,689, \$4,518, **\$4,767**
(Needed each week: \$ 5,068)

General for this month: \$13,974
(Needed for November: \$ 20,272)

"Growing Towards the Future": \$384
(Debt Retirement Fund)

This week's Mission Support Tithe: \$477



DID YOU KNOW...?

The TOL Angel Tree benefits two groups this year: Good Samaritans of Garland and the TOL College Connection.



Advent Services begin on Wednesday, Nov. 30th. There is a meal served at 6:30 pm and the service begins at 7:30 pm. There is no cost for the meal, but donations to cover the cost are appreciated. The Board of Fellowship prepares and serves the meal and the following groves are asked to assist by providing desserts and helping with the clean up.

November 30th – Hickory Grove

December 7th – Pecan & Olive Groves

December 14th – Maple Grove

December 21st – Live Oak Grove



Young at Heart is once again sponsoring the Angel Tree. This year's Angel Tree will benefit Good Samaritans of Garland and the Tree of Life College Connection. Good Samaritan is a comprehensive assistance program dedicated to the prevention of poverty, hunger, and homelessness in Garland. They provide utility and food assistance and provide coordination with other agencies. The TOL College Connection is a link to our youth who attend college. They receive cards and/or treats and gift cards several times throughout the year. This lets them know they are still an important part of our congregation and shows our love to them and our support of their education. To support the Angel Tree, just purchase \$10 gift cards from Walmart and deposit them in the box under the Angel Tree. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



TIME TO START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Young at Heart would like to help you get a head start on your Christmas shopping. Why not buy friends and family a garden stone? These stones are beautiful and most cost only \$35. Place your orders soon to be ready for Christmas. Or you could purchase TOL Cookbooks for those on your gift list. These sell for \$10.50 each, but if you purchase 5 or more the cost is \$10 each.

YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Young at Heart Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30 AM. We will have our traditional Christmas potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Also remember to bring items to fill the baskets for our homebound friends. Make plans to attend!



Calling all Junior and Senior Youth and Young Adults...It's time for our annual Christmas Party and Road Rally Scavenger Hunt! Please save the date: **Saturday, Dec. 3rd starting at 5 PM** at the church. Please bring a 6-pack of soda, \$5 for pizza, a white elephant gift, and an extra 50 cents. Friends are welcome to come, too. Sign up sheets are on the window by the office. Please fill up a sleigh – don't forget to sign up any friends you are bringing – and recruit an adult driver. Don't miss this exciting annual event!



The Senior Youth are hosting a Cookie Walk on Sunday, Dec. 11th before and after the Education Hour. You may bring your own tin or purchase one from the Youth. Cookies will be priced by the size of the tin. Anyone who would like to donate cookies to this event is greatly appreciated. The proceeds will go toward the Sr. Youth's trip to Glorybound Texas in July 2012.



Once again we will be ordering poinsettias to adorn the altar for Christmas. Order forms are in the bulletin. The cost is \$7.50 per plant and you may take your plant home following the 11:30 pm Christmas Eve service.



*Newly-Wed Shower for our own
Matt & Hailey Dalrymple
Sunday, December 4th
following the Late Service*

A Light Lunch is planned.

Please see sign-up sheets for sandwiches, chips, etc.

All Men and Women of our Congregation (and visitors, too) are invited to come and meet & greet our youngest Newly-weds and join in the fun of our own **WEDDED BLISS GAME.**

We have chosen **FOUR** of our own married couples to compete to see who knows "all about their spouse".

We are asking the Men to write down helpful hints about Household maintenance (sometimes known as "honey - do's") and Barbecue tips for Matt
AND

the Women to include their "favorite" holiday recipes on your gift tag. Be "Creative" in what you would like to give our couple.

Any questions, please contact Mary Mobley or Linda Hill.

Thank You,
Mary Mobley & Linda Hill



ITEMS NEEDED

Allie Banda is seeking the following items: electric wheelchair, walker, potty seat with back, and a power chair. If you have any of these items available please contact Allie at 972-613-6927 (home) or 972-841-1549 (cell).



**Midweek Advent Services
November 30th, December 7th, 14th, 21st
Meal 6:30 pm, Service 7:30 pm**

**Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 18th
10:00 am (Education Hour)**

**Christmas Eve
Family Service – 7:30 pm
Candlelight Service – 11:30 pm**

**Christmas Day
10:00 am
No Sunday School**

**New Year's Eve
Service at 7:30 pm
Game Night following**

**New Year's Day
10:00 am
No Sunday School**



**Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 18th
during Sunday School hour (10:00 AM)
in the Sanctuary**

Please come and "Follow the Star" with us to Bethlehem to honor the "new baby" in a manger - **Baby Jesus**. Our children - young and older - are depicting the **joy and wonder** of finding the "**True Star of Christmas**". Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall/Narthex immediately following, and a special guest will be there handing out the Children's Sunday School Christmas gifts.

WHITE ROCK CENTER OF HOPE

White Rock Center of Hope is in need of macaroni and cheese. **They are also in desperate need of coats, especially for adults.** Bring them to church, place them in the White Rock box on the table by the office, and Jan Keitch will deliver it to White Rock. Thank you in advance for helping those in need!