

December 6th, 2009

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24). The season of Advent serves as a dual reminder of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah as well as the waiting that Christians today endure as they await the second coming of Christ. Starting today and each Sunday until Christmas we will read scripture, light a candle on the Advent Wreath, and reflect upon God's word regarding the first and Second Advent of Jesus Christ our Lord... This morning we light the "Magi" candle. You are welcome to read Matthew 1:18-25 in preparation for the lighting of our second candle.

**"TELL ME THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS"**

Join our children this morning as they tell us the story of Christmas – every detail of that incredible night! Special THANKS to Autumn & Dan DeNayer and their ministry workers for assisting our kids in presenting the true Christmas story...

**ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER TONIGHT!**

Just a reminder to those of you who purchased tickets to the church Christmas Dinner... Please join us from 5pm to 7:30pm at Cross Road Fellowship Bible Church located at 7315 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St. (just west of 13<sup>th</sup> and Ridge Rd.) We will have a great night of fellowship, food, games, and the always popular "Talent Show!" See you there!

**THE PRAYER CHAIN HAS CHANGED HANDS:**

The prayer chain has changed hands from Janette to Miriam Savage. A huge Thank You to Miriam for being so willing to serve in this ministry area! Please send all prayer requests to Miriam at savagefamily99@gmail.com or call her at 734-7538!

**ELEMENT 26 NEWS:**

Element 26 will be sending packages to Cory Denton on a regular basis while he is deployed and we are inviting the church to participate with us. We plan to send our first package on Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. On the table in the foyer is a list of suggested items to send. Please contact Dave Carson Jr or Grant Landenberger if you have any questions.

**A CHRISTMAS BLESSING!**

The Christmas Blessing, an important LOCC tradition, is an opportunity for you to share your financial blessings with those connected to our congregation who could use a blessing this holiday season. To participate, place a financial gift of any size in an offering envelope, write "Christmas Blessing" on the envelope and place it in our offering box TODAY or by next Sunday (ending December 13). The MD Leadership team will direct your "Love Gifts" to those they know could use a financial blessing. THANK YOU for participating!

**CAROLING AT SANDPIPER BAY – WED, DEC. 16, 6 PM**

Each year this annual singing of carols brings precious meaning to our Christmas celebration. Please join us at Sandpiper Wednesday, 12/16 at 6:00 PM. We will begin by singing through the halls at Sandpiper then make our way to the Waterfront where we will sing with the residents, visit, and share refreshments with them. Please bring one dozen goodies to share. Hope to see you and your family there!

**"THANK YOU" FOR FACILITATING PAINTBALL!**

Special thanks to Kaleb Spunaugle and his parents, Scott and Kim, for facilitating an excellent paintball event at the Edge. We had fun with one another, got some exercise, and met new friends as we included them in our group. This "Friday after Thanksgiving paintball gathering" may become an annual event...!

All Church Calendar

Sunday, December 6th:

Worship Service	10:00-11:30am Auditorium
Nursery & Toddlers (Birth-3yrs)	10:00-11:30am 300 Hall
J-Kids Junior (4 yrs—1st grade)	10:50-11:30am 300 Hall
J-Kids (2nd-5th grade)	10:50-11:30am 300 Hall
<b>Children's Christmas Program</b>	During service
LOCC Christmas Dinner	5-7:30pm @ Cross Road

Wednesday, December 9th:

Element 26 7-8:30pm @ Kensler

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 16th	All Church Caroling 6:30pm @ Sandpiper Bay Nursing Home
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Svc.	6pm @ LaQuinta Inn (5500 W. Kellogg)
Dec. 27th	10am @ LaQuinta Inn



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

None!

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please fill out a "Welcome Card" with the correct information and place it in the offering box on the back table.*