

Teen News

Thanks to all of you who continue to attend our Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday. Thanks also for your support our activities and for serving as great example to others. This Sunday night we will have the Youth gift exchange at the home of Brandy Ricard after the evening worship service. Before long we will be sharing information about L.T.C. that will take place on the weekend of March 30th and 31th. Of this next year. A lot of congregations are already gearing up with various events. We have several planned and want each of you to be involved. If you have ideas, please share them with me and Brandy. BLAKE

Sister to Sister Program

“Our goal is to develop opportunities for women to participate in women’s bible studies, conferences, retreats, service-oriented activities, and other special events as we seek a more meaningful relationship with God and others.” This ministry encourages intergenerational fellowship with women of all ages through personal interaction and activities monthly.

Mission is to share Jesus Christ, encourage service, help people in need, and provide fellowship in the body.

Vision Statement:

To glorify God by becoming one in the spirit and by living the love of Jesus Christ

“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.” (2 Cor. 9:12)

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN CHILD PROTECTION CUSTODY

We will again this year be providing Christmas gifts to the needy children of Anderson County. There are sixty plus children that are in Child Protection custody and we wanted to give you an opportunity to help make their Christmas a little brighter. The ages of these children and their names are on the tree ornaments. We ask that you consider taking at least one of the children, and then sign your name beside the corresponding name on the list posted on the glass. It will need to be wrapped and brought to the building by Wed., Dec. 19th with the name of the child on top of the box. You may use the ornament if you wish. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class
10:30 AM Worship
6 :00 PM Evening
Wed: 7:00 PM

The Christian And Television

By Mike Riley

As Christians, we should watch TV with the realization that God is watching us! (Hebrews 4:13). When we watch television, we should always remember that the device that is in our hand (the remote control), is one of the most dangerous devices in our house! (Ephesians 6:10-13). Guns, knives, and poison can kill the body, but what comes through the TV can ruin our eternal soul! (Matthew 10:28). There is more involved than just innocent entertainment. Through the medium of television, the devil is waging a daily battle for our hearts, minds, and souls (1 Peter 5:8). Our Lord made a “different” observation (Matthew 12:36; cf. Psalm 39:1; Proverbs 13:3; Proverbs 21:23).

Having Our Minds “Set”

Before we watch TV, we should already have our minds set on the fact that “sin is sin and wrong is wrong” (Psalm 119:97-105). We ought to read the Bible before we watch TV, so our minds will already be “fixed” as to the content we will be watching (Psalm 57:7). Our minds should already be made up concerning moral issues, realizing that television is not a reliable teacher when it comes to determining what is right and what is wrong. This is exactly why children’s TV should be severely limited. Enemies that come out in broad daylight brandishing a gun (or any other weapon) are much easier to conquer than ones that “sneak” in under cover of darkness. Physical persecution would be hard to bear, but at least we would know we were under attack. Satan attacks through TV (Ephesians 2:2) by eroding our character, spoiling our innocent pleasures, and cheapening our view of life. He does it so subtly that most are unaware of what is happening (2 Corinthians 11:3).

The Devil Usually Writes The Script!

We need to remember that the devil is the one usually writing the script (Gal. 5:16, 19-21). Professors S. Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman interviewed 240 broadcasters and journalists from national media outlets, such as the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Time magazine, Newsweek, CBS, NBC, ABC, and PBS (1979, 1980). They reported that very few broadcasters and journalists are regular churchgoers. Only 8 percent go to church or synagogue weekly, and 85 percent seldom or never attend. 90 percent agree that a woman has the right to decide for herself whether or not to have abortion; 79 percent agree strongly. Although most Americans believe that homosexuality is wrong, Lichter and Rothman found that 75 percent of the media elite believe it is okay. A mere 9 percent felt strongly that homosexuality is wrong. The majority (54 percent) do not regard adultery as wrong, with only 15 percent strongly agreeing that extramarital affairs are immoral. Their conclusion? “Members of the media elite emerge as strong supporters of sexual freedom or permissiveness.” Should it surprise us, then, that the plot of many prime time shows promotes one or more of the offensive behaviors listed by Paul as keeping one out of the kingdom of heaven, when those who create the programs aren’t offended by them? Is it really any wonder that the perspective of news reporters tends to be favorable to homosexual radicals and abortionists? When you turn on your TV, **proceed with caution!** (Psalm 32:8; Proverbs 2:1).

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**Christmas Fellowship Dinner
Largest attendance in years
Everyone enjoyed**



From Dan's desk:

The Annual Christian Dinner was a wonderful time of fellowship, good food and laughter. Out thanks to all who helped in any way to make it a great success. Thanks to Audrey for the beautiful decorations and several others who helped in make the building attractive for the occasion. The food was wonderful, and we heard no complaints. Sam did an outstanding job along with those who assisted him. Ike Weatherly did a great job of playing the make with the white beard and red suit that night. The children about 25 of them delighted sitting in Santa's lap and telling him what they wanted for Christmas. They all like the little Christmas gifts that he gave them. Times like these draw us closer together. The evening is one we will remember for years to come. Thanks also to those who helped clean up after the event was over. We really appreciate your help. It always goes faster when other help with the clean-up. Several other events are planned for those in the congregation. This afternoon, Sonda Baker will host the annual "ornament exchange at her home after services this morning. A meal has been planned for those attending. Our thanks to her for organizing this effort having the ladies in her home. Also The Ladies Bible that meets on Tuesday morning will share in a meal together on Tuesday Dec. 18th here at the building. It will be a covered dish luncheon. The youth have a schedule of activities also planned. They recently carried blankets to the shut-in's in the church. On Dec. 13th, Pam Galloway will host a card signing party at her home for all in the church who would like to attend. We will carry the bus that night. Details later. As you can see much has been planned for coming days. Thanks for being present this morning. If you're visiting, thanks for coming. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES



**TO KEEP
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

GARY OLIVER continues to need our prayers as he has a viral infection.

ELIZABETH ATTAWAY, daughter-in-law of Fred & Beth Freeman, has learned she has breast cancer and will have surgery on Friday, December 14th.

MELVIN MANNING, brother of Sandy Singleterry is in very serious condition in Oklahoma.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WITH CONTINUING ILLNESSES: Dennis Ellison, Ed Furman, Sandra Ives, Maggie Larsen, Carrie Bell, LaShun Miller, Michael Morris.

PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR U.S. SERVICEMEN.

CARD SIGNING

Please join us on Thurs. night, December 13th, at 6:30 PM, at the home of V.J. & Pam Galloway, 515 ACR 431, to sign Christmas cards for the shut-in's. We will eat and have fellowship. The soup will be furnished by Pam, Lois & Sue. You may bring finger foods to go with the soup, if you would like. Bus will leave the building at 6 PM.

We will congregation devotionals on Both Weds. Nights Dec. 19th and 26th, due to the holiday and several being out of town.

Please make a note of this change in schedule.

WEDDING

You are invited to the wedding of Lindsey Gibson & Zachary McEwen on Saturday, December 22nd, here at the church building at 7 PM.

The reception will follow at Harvey Women's Building.

If you did not receive a personal invitation or if your received one and cannot RSVP on the computer and would like to attend the reception, please sign the list on the bulletin board indicating that you will be attending, so adequate preparations can be made.



Ornament Exchange

The annual ornament exchange will take place today at noon at the home of Sonda & Henry Baker. The meal will be provided by Sonda. No finger foods are needed as announced before. Bring an ornament and join us.

LADIES

The ladies are reminded to check the bulletin board for various activities that have been planned on the SISTER to SISTER list. Several things are planned for December.