

What's Going On This Week?						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FH = Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary K = Kitchen				8 AM - Retirees' Breakfast @ Christo's 7:00 PM New Year's Eve Party (FH) 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Practice	New Year's Day Church Office Closed	9:00 AM - 1n3 Men's Bible Study @ McDonalds on 231 S
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8:30 AM - Prayer (Rm203) 8:30 AM - Praise Team Practice 9:00 AM - Traditional Worship 10:15 AM - Sunday School 11:15 AM - Contemporary Worship	7:00 PM Elders Room 203 7:30 PM Atwell (S)	12:00 PM Pioneer Women for Christ Luncheon meeting (FH)	3-10 PM - Atwell (S)	8 AM - Retirees' Breakfast @ Christo's 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Practice		9:00 AM - 1n3 Men's Bible Study @ McDonalds on 231 S 11:00 AM Fellowship Team De-Decorating and Meeting

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Join Us Each Sunday

Traditional Worship
9:00 AM

Sunday School
10:15 AM

Contemporary Worship
11:15 AM

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Elder on Call
For Dec. 27 - Jan. 2
Paul McKowen (564-4585)

Events & Notes

New Year's Eve Party

Join us at 7:00 PM for a family New Year's Eve Party (Dec. 31). Please bring your favorite snack, favorite game, and even your favorite friends! Everyone is invited to enjoy some Christian fellowship as we welcome 2010.

Welcome Dinner. The fellowship team will host a "pot luck" dinner to welcome Eric, Kim, & Beckham Hash to Brady Lane on January 10th immediately following 2nd service. Drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Team. Please bring your favorite dishes to share.

Fellowship Team. The fellowship team will be taking down the Christmas decorations and hold their January meeting on Saturday, January 9th at 11:00 am.

Lights, Camera, Action! Don't forget to sign up for the Hanging Rock Christian Assembly Ladies overnight retreat on January 29-30, 2010. It is \$35.00 for the Friday night and will end at noon on Saturday. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk. The Money and registration sheet needs to be in by January 10th to get the discount, otherwise, the cost is \$40. We would like to take several ladies from Brady and will try to carpool. Contact Rhonda Culbertson with any questions, 474-3783.

Directory Update. A new phone directory will be published the first week of January. This will be the last Sunday to check the directory mock-up at the Welcome Desk and note any changes that need to be made. Thanks.

Offering Envelopes. The 2010 offering envelope sets are available in the Foyer. Please pick your set up if you have not already. If you are not using envelopes, and would like to be using them, please call the church office. Thanks for supporting Brady lane.

Add to Your Prayer List

Our Congregation: Leadership Team



Hospital: Indy IU: **Kenny Tarr**; St. Elizabeth: **Bob Nicholson** (science teacher at East Tipp, failing kidney and liver dysfunction); Kalamazoo, MI: **Keith Balcom** (Deb Holcombe's dad, in ICU for chest, arm, jaw pain, having angioplasty); **Clarinda Skinner's Mother** (in the hospital with heart problems)

Now Home: **Shell Edmondson** (gallbladder surgery, Jane Boyer's brother)

Health Concerns: **Danny Johnson** (Rehab following knee surgery); **Dick Clawson** (more testing); **Bob Bennett** (Trudy Smidler's father); **Adam Wireman** (completing more tests, in Florida for the Winter); **Tom Anderson** (moved to Rosewalk for rehab); **Lillian McKowen**; **Linda** (Clarinda Skinner's aunt, breathing problems)

Cancer Patients: **Rosemary Hoard**; **Art Hill**

Special Needs: Please keep Friends and Family in prayer as they make their daily travels in the inclement weather this season.

Thanks:
"Merry Christmas,
and thanks to every-
one for your
thoughts and
prayers."

-Bruce Heriges

Minister's Minute

I knew the discussion would come up. It was inevitable. "When do you want to take the Christmas decorations down?" I suppose that never is not an option!

Putting the decorations away is just a part of getting them out. I don't know if it's the actual work of storing them, because they do come down faster than they went up; or if it is because it is a subtle signal that the Christmas season has come to a close. You do know that the season is not officially over in many Christian traditions, don't you?

Sunday we started the service with a spoof on the "Twelve Days of Christmas." Many think the song is about the twelve days leading up to Christmas, but that is not correct. The "Twelve Days of Christmas" begin on Christmas day and run to Epiphany which is the traditional day that the visit of the Wisemen is celebrated in the Orthodox church. So if you embrace this holiday tradition you get twelve more days of Christmas!

In some European communities the twelve days are actually the gift giving observance of the holiday, as they remember the gifts shared by the Wisemen. Some kids in those communities will receive a gift on each of the twelve days. Think about that for a minute.

Perhaps you also know that the song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas* may have a more serious side. Some believe the song dates to the Middle Ages, and was actually a teaching tool to help kids remember important facts about the Christian faith. In this context, the song's "true love" is none other than God the Father. The "me" of the song is every believer. The numbered gifts are:

1...The Partridge is Jesus Christ. Of-

ten when depicted in this way, the bird is shedding tears, and is said to reflect Luke 13:34, Jesus' sadness related to the rejection of Jerusalem.

- 2...The Two Turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.
- 3...The French hens are faith, hope and love of 1 Corinthians 13.
- 4...The calling birds represent the gospels.
- 5...The golden rings recall the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- 6...The geese are God's provision envisioned in the six days of creation.
- 7...The swans may recall the seven special gifts of the Holy Spirit outlined in Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12.
- 8...The milking maids as the eight Beatitudes.
- 9...The nine dancing ladies are the nine Fruit of the Spirit outlined in Galatians 5.
- 10...The leaping lords are the ten commandments of Exodus 20.
- 11...The pipers are identified as the eleven faithful apostles--the group without Judas.
- 12...The drum line recalls the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed, still used by many liturgical churches today.

There you have it. Christmas is not over yet. Who says you need to start taking those lights down now. When you think about it, some nice balmy day in April will be must nicer than standing on a ladder in the snow and ice now. I think I'm for the 120 days of Christmas!

I hope that the spirit of Christmas, Twelve Days notwithstanding, lasts all year.

See you Sunday.

Bill

Faithful
to the
Future
Fifth Sundays

Jan. 31, 2010