

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday classes during both worship services for birth - 6th grade. Children are cared for and taught at age appropriate levels by teachers who love the Lord. On **December 31** however, we will have an amended Sunday School Schedule in which only the pre-schoolers will be cared for. Kinder - 6th grade will not have Sunday School on this day and will have the opportunity to worship with their parents.

Tuesday morning care and teaching for birth - 6th grade while mothers attend Ladies Bible Study.

Wednesday and Friday - LITTLE LEARNERS, a Mother's Day Out drop off Program for birth - 3rd grade **from 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.** Children are cared for and taught in a loving Christian environment. There is a nominal fee. We will be **closed the last week of December and the first Wednesday of January 2007**. We re-open on January 5, 2007.

Wednesday night care and teaching from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for birth - pre-kinder while parents participate in Adult Bible Studies. For ages 3 - 6th grade, the **A.W.A.N.A. CLUB** which runs only during the school year, is a Bible based curriculum which entails Bible Memory, Handbook time, and Game Time. Parents of kindergarteners - 6th grade may stay for adult studies or drop off their children during this time. A.W.A.N.A. Club will not **meet again** until **January 17**.

Wednesday night - CHILDREN'S CHOIR during the summer for children having completed kinder through those who have completed 6th grade. Preschool classes continue during that time for parents who will be here at church.

Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month - MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) during the school year only. MOPS encourages mothers with preschool children through resources and relationships with other mothers. Preschool children are cared for and taught with age appropriate curriculum. There is a nominal fee.

First Friday of the Month - PARENTS' NITE OUT from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. for birth - 6th grade for those parents who attend our church. Parents can attend a small group fellowship or have an evening away from the children. There is a nominal fee if parents are not attending a fellowship. **Sign-up for the January 5th PNO begins today.**

One week during the summer - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. For children who have completed 1st grade through those who have completed 6th grade. It is a fun time **from 8:30 - 12:30 p.m.** each day where children have the opportunity to sing, complete crafts, participate in recreation, learn about missions and about the Bible. Teachers plan for several months to make this a wonderful time for children.

One week camp in Aspendale from June 11-15 - PRETEEN CAMP for children who have completed 3rd grade through those who have completed 6th grade by the end of the school year. Children attend Aspendale Encampment (just outside of Cloudcroft) and learn about God and nature and it is a great time for them to spread their wings and be in a safe environment with loving adults. Cost is approximately \$150.00.

Twice a year - BASIC BELIEFS CLASS for children who have accepted Christ and are awaiting Baptism. Class is taught by Sandra Watson for five Sundays and covers:

1. Jesus as my Savior
2. Jesus as my Lord
3. My Bible and its teaching
4. What it means to "Go & Grow"
5. How to share my testimony

One parent will need to attend with each child. We are now offering it **January 7 - February 4** and it will be meeting in **Room L-2 at 9:00 a.m.** Please call Cheryl at 855-3798 to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRY

F.I.R.E. (Friendly, Intimate, Real, and Extreme) Student Ministry is a place for all youth in grades 7th - 12th. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, we're here to help you connect with God for yourself. Our purpose is to love God, to love people, and to engage and redeem our world.

Our weekly gatherings at our **Firehouse** youth center across Vista del Sol street next to Dollar General include:

- ✦ **Sunday Morning worship** service at **9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**
- ✦ **Mondays** (except the First Wednesday of the month) at **7:00-8:30 p.m.** **YOUNG LIFE CLUB** (for high school students only).
- ✦ **Wednesday** night casual hangout with a short message
- ✦ **Throughout the week** student-led small groups

Other events include:

- ✦ **City-wide events** (weekend conference, lock-ins, parties, etc)
- ✦ **A summer mission trip**
- ✦ **A summer week-long discipleship event**, called **SUPER SUMMER**
- ✦ **Monthly service projects and fun nights** at the **Firehouse**

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2006 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

As the year is coming to a close, please keep in mind that in order for your gift to be counted in 2006, it must be in the church office or postmarked no later than December 31.

Gifts received after that date will be credited to the 2007 budget year. **Bear in mind that the church office will be closed December 25 - January 1, 2007, so feel free to mail in your postmarked contribution.** Contact Nancy (finance secretary) if you have any questions. Thank you.



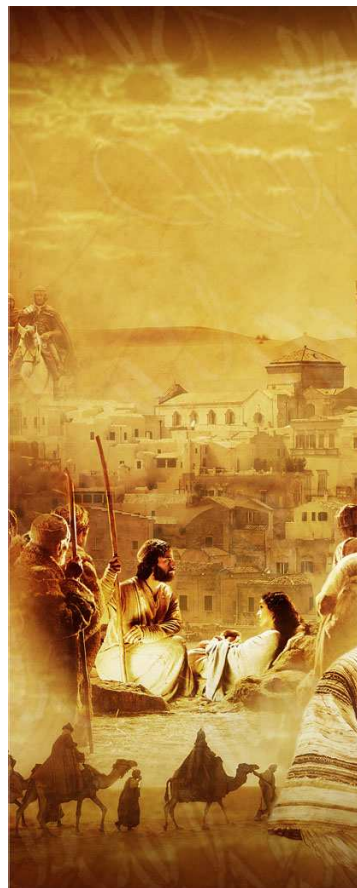
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*Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service*

December 24, 2006

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, 2006
3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 p.m.



*The
Nativity
Story

The
Reason
for the
Season*

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Christmas Ensemble
with dancers:
Almendra Fernandez and Madeline Clark

WELCOME

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
"Angels We Have Heard On High"
Singing Together

PRAYER

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

"We Three Kings"
Praise Band

"We Are The Reason"
Debbie and Craig Sikes

TODAY'S MESSAGE
"The Reason for the Season"
Walter Mueller

TIME OF COMMITMENT

"I Believe"
Cindy Lugo

CANDLE LIGHTING

"Silent Night"
Praise Band

"Silent Night"
Singing Together

CHRISTMAS PRAYER
Craig Sikes

"Joy To The Word"
Singing Together

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Luke: 2:8-12 (NIV) "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

TODAY'S OFFERING

Traditionally all of our Christmas Eve Offering has gone towards our Benevolence Fund from which we help people in our church and community throughout the year. Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, we need to give our regular offerings and the benevolence offering at the same time. If you want to give to the Benevolence Fund, please indicate that on your check or the offering envelope. Thank you for giving faithfully to the Lord through Vista del Sol during 2006.

If you are our guest today, please don't feel obligated to participate in the offering. The offering is for regular attendees who consider Vista del Sol their church home. Let this service be our gift to you.

NEW YEAR'S EVE - NEXT SUNDAY

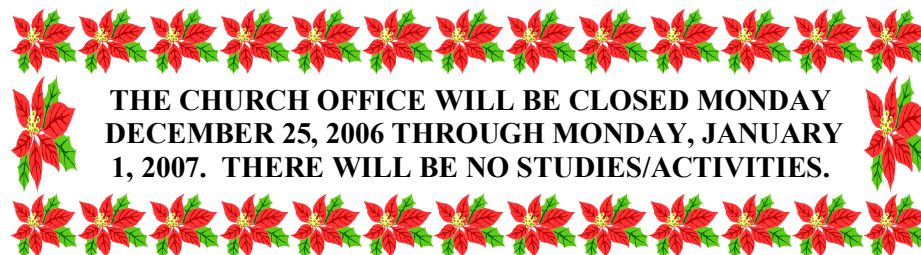
We will have our two regularly scheduled Worship Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. The Youth Ministry will lead us in worship.

Please note that there will be NO Adult, Children, or Youth Sunday School. Only our babies through pre-kinder will meet in their regular rooms.

COMING IN JANUARY

Sunday, January 7, Pastor Walter's message will be "How To Maintain Your Joy In The New Year." Because we will not have a first Wednesday celebration on January 3, we will observe communion on Sunday, January 7.

"Running From God" is the title of a new series of Sunday messages from the book of Jonah beginning later that month.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY
DECEMBER 25, 2006 THROUGH MONDAY,
JANUARY 1, 2007. THERE WILL BE NO STUDIES/ACTIVITIES.**

ADULT MINISTRY

"REFRESH" LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, January 16
at 9:00 a.m.

- **"Spiritual Gifts"** led by Donna McGrath
- **"Seeking God"** led by Jeanie Bannon
- **"Through the Bible" - New Testament** led by Ginny Brown

Beginning Thursday, January 18
at 7:00 p.m.

- **"La Esposa Excelente"** led by Rosy Nevarez
- **"Seeking God"** led by Jeanie Bannon

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

Resumes Thursday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.

- **"How to be a Peacemaker"**

MOPS meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month to encourage mothers of preschool children through resources and relationships with other mothers.

Contact Sandra Watson at 855-3798 both for MOPS and all studies listed above. Childcare is provided only during the 9:00 a.m. Bible Studies and MOPS. If enough participation is had during the 7:00 p.m. studies, then childcare will be made available.

STARTING POINT

What is Starting Point?

- A conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community
- An ideal setting for people with questions about faith as well as those who want to learn about the Bible and Christianity
- A non-threatening small group where your opinions and beliefs will be valued

Who is it for?

- People who are reconnecting with God after being away from church for a while
- People who are not sure about God or the Bible and want a safe place to discuss spiritual issues
- People who have recently started a relationship with God

When, where and how?

- A new group is starting Sunday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m. in Room L-10. The entire Starting Point experience is 10 weeks long with only 12-15 participants.
- We charge a nominal fee of \$20 for materials, including a conversational guide: 128 page, full color guide divided into 10 chapters and a media kit: 10 audio messages on five CD's and one short film on DVD.
- For more information, please attend an orientation on Sunday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. in Room L-10 or contact Teri Valdespino at 855-3798.