



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 12/06 After the Parade Christmas Movie in the Youth Room
- 12/10 LTC Meeting following worship
- 12/12 Progressive Dinner & Gift Exchange (\$10 Gift)
- 12/14 Crash-A-Church
- 12/17 LTC Commitment Forms Due

**Getting ready for something BIG!**

**Point 1:** We all get ready for \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sometimes it is because they are \_\_\_\_\_;  
 sometimes it is because it is big for someone  
 \_\_\_\_\_; sometimes it is an artificial  
 event: but we always feel compelled to get ready  
 for a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Point 2:** When we \_\_\_\_\_ for a big event,  
 we can prepare ourselves first, or we can \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. The priority is what we perceive to be  
 the most important.

**Point 3:** Right now, our \_\_\_\_\_ is focused on  
 the Big Event of Christmas. This focuses on a  
 \_\_\_\_\_ event. What we need to remember is, Christ  
 is \_\_\_\_\_, not as a baby in a manger, but  
 as the King of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Lord of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Point 4:** The question then becomes, what are you  
 doing \_\_\_\_\_? There is no bigger  
 event for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Attendance**

Bible Class (9:30) .....	62
Worship A.M (10:30).....	98
Worship P.M (5:00) .....	48
Small Groups P.M. (6:00).....	NA
Wednesday (6:30).....	34

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Contribution: \$3,432.88

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**Welcome**

**December 7, 2014**

**Announcements**

**#464 Because He Lives (all)**

**#538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (1,3,4)**

**Opening Prayer**

**#962 Were you There (all)**

**#383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (1,3)**

**Communion Focus**

**Communion**

**#103 He Has Made me Glad**

**Offering**

**#647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise (all)**

**#648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (1,4)**

**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 64:1-9 (NLT)**

**Sermon**

**#100-101 Holy Ground (both)**

**#997 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**Closing Prayer**



## Who Am I and Why Am I Here?

Johnny was just an ordinary fellow with ordinary dreams. His high school years were not especially memorable; most of his friends easily forgot about him after graduation (or at least it seemed that way). He thought about going to college and doing something with his life, but he had no real ambition. He was just going through the motions and he knew it. More and more he felt like a mental drifter; and while he didn't like the way it felt, he didn't know what to do about it. He even began to wonder if anyone would really notice if he took his own life. Oh, he wasn't necessarily serious, but the thought did cross his mind occasionally. Again and again he would ask the man in the mirror, "Who am I? Why am I here?" – but the answer never came.

Sadly, there are a lot of people out there like Johnny. Perhaps you know of such a person. Perhaps you are such a person. If so, let me tell you that you are never going to find the answer by looking to yourself. The only One with all the answers to life is God (2 Pet. 1:3). He's the One you need to ask, and His answers are only found in His word.

"Who Am I?" You are God's creation, that's who you are (Gen. 2:7). Furthermore, you are God's greatest creation (Ps. 8:3-8). Why, friend, He even made you in His image (Gen. 1:26-27). You are "somebody" to God!

"Why Am I Here?" You are here because God delights in your existence (cf. Gen. 1:31). That's right. He didn't create man for nothing. He wanted someone to have a Father-child relationship with (cf. 2 Cor. 6:16-18), someone who would serve and worship Him from a pure heart (Eccl. 12:13; Jn. 4:23-24). You see, my friend, you have a purpose!

Our heavenly Father is a doting father, and there are some wonderful things He wants for you. For example, He wants you to have a joyful existence (Eccl. 5:18-20): but that will never be satisfied if you don't put Him first in your life (Matt. 6:33). He also wants you to be free from the bondage of sin (Rom. 6: 1-23); this is why Jesus died: but that will not happen if you do not repent and obey (Acts 2:38). Yet if you will do that, and remain in faithful obedience until the end of your days, you will be with the Lord forever (Heb. 5:9; Rev. 2:10; 21:1-7). Now, friend, that's something worth living for!

Aaron Veyon



**Michelle Wofford**, Jacobi Reynolds mom, is having some neurological issues and requests our prayers.

**Jennie Waggoner**, went home this past Tuesday

**Selinda's Grandmother**, Hospital in Grace Care Center, Rm 29.

**Continue to Remember:** *Krista McCarty, Richard Barks, Melissa James, Ken Rabon, Mary Taylor, Jerry Greene, Kirby Whitley, David & Jennie Waggoner, Bill Wood, Brenda Estridge, Brownie Pickens, Wan & Sue Callaway, Christie Beaird, Nikki Freeze, Alyene Williams, Alastair & Linda Ferrie, Coach Darren Mayes, Karla Brinkley, April Taylor & Chris Davis*

**During your holiday cooking, be sure to keep your eyes out for the Box Tops for Education. Each one of these is 10 cents for our school children. Please cut them out and turn them into the office.**



December Worship Assignments are on the foyer table and on the church website. Please look and see where God will use you in His services this month.

**On December 7th, we will be taking up a special contribution to help Willie Gley, our missionary in Africa. His vehicle needs to be replaced, and his sponsoring congregation is gathering funds to help him purchase a new one.**



**Come One, Come All  
A Christmas Party Just For Y'all!  
Games and Food and Lots of Fun  
Help us celebrate Everyone!**

**December 13th, 6:00.**

**An award will be given in each of the following categories:**

**Silliest Christmas Sweater**

**Best snack/finger food (ladies only)**

**Best Dessert (men only)**

**Prettiest Package**

**Best Christmas Hat/Scarf or Gloves**

**Please bring a wrapped gift**

**(\$1-\$15 value or home made)**



### Upcoming Events:

- 12/10 Elders Meeting**
- 12/13 Church Christmas Party**
- 12/17 Elders & Deacons Meeting**
- 12/18 State Hospital Christmas Party (6:30)**
- 12/21 Monthly Potluck**
- 12/29 SonShine House (6:00-7:30)**

**Saturday Mornings @ 9 Ladies' Breakfast @ Stewart's Sweet Stop**  
**Tuesday Mornings @ 10 Ladies' Bible Class**  
**Thursday Mornings @ 10 Men's Bible Class**

### Leadership Training for Christ

Meeting will be Wednesday December 10th in the Youth Room Following Services. This meeting is for participants, parents, coaches and all who would like to know more about this program.

### Birthdays

- 6 Joe Dell Williams**
- 8 Joe Bob Symons**
- 8 Lindsey Yarbrough**
- 10 Kenneth Keel**
- 11 Tray Perry**
- 12 Lura Masters**
- 12 Sara Jo Yarbrough**
- 13 Dana Garrison**
- 14 Paul Landis**
- 19 Courtney Garza**
- 22 Dorothy Sanders**
- 23 Sandy Webb**
- 23 Madeline Marks**
- 24 Hollis Adams**

### Anniversaries

- 20 Mike & Selinda Taylor**
- 31 Lynn & Vikki Salmon**

**SonShine House is running low on sacks. If you get a plastic or paper sack at the grocery store, please save it and bring it to the church building so that we have enough for next month.**



**Our Annual State Hospital Christmas Party is Thursday December 18th**  
**See sign up sheet in the foyer.**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**