

The Family Circle



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Sunday, January 3rd, 2010

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Bible Classes 9:30

Bible Classes For All Ages

Morning Worship 10:30

Sermon: *Jay Towell*

Evening Worship 6:00

Sermon: *Jay Towell*

Wednesday 7:00

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! We are so glad that you are with us today. If there is any way that we can be of service to you we would appreciate you letting us know. We hope you can stay around after our services for a few minutes so that we can get to know you, and come back whenever possible.

In Our Prayers This Week

Deloris Lahm's sister - is in GSH with a broken wrist.

Randy Jaeger - father of Dru, stage 4 lung cancer.

Cindy McCort - pray for her as she struggles with her health.

Jim Aufrecht - brother of Dave, having radiation treatments for the next several weeks..

Soldiers- fighting overseas.

Also please pray for these people; Ken Spencer, Kami Millspaugh, Murl & Deloris Lahm, Victor Zapata, , Don Holmes, and Dean Phillips.

SECRET SISTERS

As many of you know our dear Sandy Whaley coordinated the Secret Sisters program. Unfortunately, her master list has been lost. So ladies we ask that you take a minute and let Dee Lee know who your Secret Sister is this year. Don't tell anyone else, as we will have the luncheon to reveal ourselves. It will be Saturday, January 23rd, at 12:00 noon, at Valentinos. Carmen Aufrecht will be coordinating the program next year. If you have any suggestions or requests, please let Carmen know.

PASSING

Dr. Dale Larsen, former president of York College, went to be with his Lord Tuesday evening, December 29, at about 10 p.m. Please remember Raylene, Zayne, Aloha and the family in your prayers in a special way today.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the Houtz family on the baptisms of Rachel Parrett and Sarah Parker, two of Larry and Judy's granddaughters. Both girls were baptized by their fathers December 20th following morning services while the family was gathered for Larry and Judy's 50th anniversary celebration.

ANNIVERSARY

Smith and Mary Kite are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary tomorrow. Why not send them a card!

What Can We Expect In 2010?

Ever been to a mortgage burning? Churches often have these. A few years ago, one of our neighboring churches burned its mortgage on a classroom addition after paying off the \$30,000 they owed. That same day, they broke ground for a new auditorium. What a feeling of freedom that congregation had as we watched that piece of paper burn! It represented a debt that was paid in full. But there was also a feeling of responsibility as we watched the ceremony marking the beginning of a new phase of growth. Isn't that a great picture of what God has done - and continues to do - through us? We put our past life behind us, thanks to Christ's payment of our debt. We discover the joy and freedom of salvation and rejoice in it. But then the real work begins. We shoulder, with God's help, the responsibilities that come with growth and change. Here are some things God expects of us: We are to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14), to avoid judging others (Matthew 7:1), to spread the good news of the gospel to all people (Mark 16:15), to love our enemies (Luke 6:27), to obey our parents (Ephesians 6:1), to be strong in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10), etc.

It is also a good reminder of our responsibility as a church. Nothing in this world is ever static. We are either in a state of growth or decline - rising or falling - moving forward or falling back.

Life is full of growth and change. We mark time by the changes that take place in our world and in our lives. Our bodies are different than they were 5 years ago. Our emotions are more controlled. Though our future is uncertain, we face it with confidence, knowing that we've climbed many mountains up to this day, and we can conquer even more in the days ahead.

Isn't it great to know, though, that God is there to help us do all that? While He expects to see great changes take place in our lives once we are His children, He does not leave us to struggle alone. He even gave us His Holy Spirit to empower us!

So as you wrestle with the responsibilities that come with maturity in life and in faith, remember what Paul said, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

Looking forward to a great New Year... *Jay*

Those Who Are Serving

	<u>Today</u>	<u>January 10th</u>
Announcements	Drew Arnold	Drew Arnold
Song Leader	Larry Houtz	Ken Whaley
1 st Prayer	Allen Crawford	Clint Edwards
2 nd Prayer	Larry Gates	Don Holmes
Lord's Supper		
Presiding:	Dan Hirschfeld	Dan Hirschfeld
Serving:	Jerry Munsell	Jerry Munsell
	Doug Houtz	Doug Houtz
	Gary Wiles	Gary Wiles
Scripture Reading	Bryan Becker	Bryan Becker
Closing Prayer	Jerry Ridgley	Larry Gates
Song Leader	Doug Houtz	Jay Towell
1 st Prayer p.m.	Ben Hirschfeld	David Spencer
2 nd Prayer p.m.	Chuck Johnson	Jarrold Allen
Closing Prayer	Sonny Sidlo	Doug Houtz
Eve. Communion	Bill Walker	Bill Walker
Wednesday	<u>January 6th</u>	<u>January 13th</u>
Singing	Ed Spencer	Doug Houtz
Scripture	Scott Helgeson	Gary Wiles
Treats	Bill Walker	Angie Wiles

ELDERS

Drew Arnold, Dennis Edwards, Dan Hirschfeld,
Ed Lee and David Spencer

MINISTER

Jay Towell

Question of the week: What transportation disaster befell the apostle Paul as he was traveling to Rome to stand trial before Caesar?

Last week's question and answer: Who kept the ark of the covenant for David and was blessed because of it?

Obed-Edom (2 Samuel 6:11)