

**"Trusting God's Wisdom and Grace"
Genesis 28:10-22**



Ruth's Cupboard: January - Applesauce, Crackers, Cereal, Vanilla Extract, Corn Bread Mixes, Ramen Noodles and Peaches.



Loaves & Fishes: December - Macaroni & Cheese



**A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow***

December 4, 2011

"Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
Hebrews 4:16 (NASB)

To Preach Christ, Teach the Bible, Disciple Believers
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Admin. Asst. Hours: M - Th. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Friday - Office Closed

Today

- 9:30 AM Nursery & Toddler's Church
Sunday School (ages 4 - High School)
Adult Bible Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Join us for coffee fellowship in the Family Life Center
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Pastor Steve Johnson
Nursery & Toddler's Church
(No Children's Church for the month of December.)

Family Night

- 5:00 - 5:45 PM Ladies Praise Practice
5:30 - 7:30 PM Embers (7th - 12th Grade)
6:00 - 7:00 PM Traditional Service
6:00 - 7:00 PM Cubbies & Sparks
6:00 - 7:30 PM Truth & Training - Silent Night

This Week's Activities

- Monday - 10:00 AM Zumba
7:00 PM Basketball
- Wednesday - 10:00 AM Adult Prayer Meeting
5:00 PM Chili Cook-off and Christmas Caroling
5:45 PM Praise Team Practice
7:00 PM *Voices of Praise* Practice - Auditorium
- Thursday 6:30 PM Zumba - Family Life Center
- Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Eager Hands

Save the date:

March 16 & 17, 2012
To Have and To Hold
Marriage Retreat at Farmstead Inn
(www.FarmsteadInn.com)
More details to come.

Coming Events

Church Wide

- Dec. 11** 6:00 PM Night of Christmas Music
Dec. 13 6:30 PM Board Meeting
Dec. 18 4:30-7:30 PM One Starry Night

Teen Ministries

- Dec. 9** 6:00 PM Friday Frenzy
Dec. 30/31 All Nighter

College & Career

- Dec. 18** Lunch at Feltens

Women's Ministries

- Dec. 10** 9:00 AM Eager Hands

Church Wide Chili Cook-off and Christmas Caroling - Wednesday, December 7th, 5:00 PM. Come and try the chili entries and vote for your favorite one by making a cash donation (donations will go toward Christmas gifts for Oakwood's adopted families). At 7:00 PM we'll head out into the area to do some Christmas Caroling. Sign-up **today** at the Information Center.

Oakwood Neighborhood Christmas Giving Tree is ready in the foyer. Please help the families we have adopted from the Oakwood Neighborhood by selecting a gift to purchase from the tree. Gifts are all a suggested \$20 range--sign out the selection you pick, and return the wrapped gift to the tree by December 18th evening service. Nonperishable food items would be appreciated as well.

Join us next Sunday evening at 6:00 PM for a special night of Christmas music featuring Voices of Praise and Ladies Praise.

2012 Numbered Offering Envelopes are now available on the table in the Family Life Center. If you do not currently have numbered envelopes, and would like a receipt of your giving starting January 2012, please fill out a Community Card and drop it in the offering plate.

Christmas Worship Services Schedule

No Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - 11:00 AM service with nursery and toddler care
(No Sunday School, Children's Church or Evening Service)

January 1 - 11:00 AM service with nursery and toddler care
(No Sunday School, Children's Church or Evening Service)

<u>Offering</u>	<u>11/27/11</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
General Fund	\$5,606.50	\$9,150.09
Benevolence	\$110.00	<u>Mortgage Balance</u>
Debt Retirement	\$385.00	\$ 95,299.22 (As of 11/22/11)

Church Leadership

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Jason Meister
Greg Newhouse
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