

Foursquare Focus

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Greetings,

It has always been said in a cliché, this year has really flown by, and it really has! This can be a discouraging thing or an encouraging thing – depending on how we look at it; however, this is no time to be discouraged because we have a great Dad who gives unlimited opportunities to get things going in our lives which would please Him. And you might be thinking that you could never please Him, but if we just take the time in 2011 to build on our relationship with Him by reading more, by talking to Him more, and by listening a whole lot more, we will find that we ARE pleasing Him because our desire will be to share Christ with others.

That is a simple version of what God really desires in us all, yet I am guilty of trying to earn my way to His love when all He desires is control of my heart, my family, my calendar, and all of my resources. You will notice that January's calendar is light, but this has been done on purpose because God would like to have your full attention so that He can get back to leading us and so that we will follow Him wherever He leads.

I was encouraged two months ago when God revealed to me the vision for our church, and it is simply "Building God's kingdom, one person at a time." So many times we are categorized by how many attend or how big the facility is or how much money they give, but God is more concerned with the individual. If their needs are being met, people will come and we will grow and He will have the resources for whatever the church may need.

I encourage you to come to the services expecting to experience God in a fresh and new way in 2011 and be assured that He will always be there waiting for our return.

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin

Nursery Ministry

AM Service 10-11:30 am

2nd Kristy Whittington / Nicole Payseur
 9th Angie & Courtney Tignor
 16th Mickey Harris / Barbara Laney
 23rd Erik & Kerri Hester
 30th Leslie & Haley Burgin

Wednesdays 7 pm Teresa Crews

PM Service 6 pm

Angie & Courtney Tignor
 Michelle Muse / Angie Walters
 Alana Conrecode
 Mary Harris / Donna W. Hester
 Fellowship Night



Preschool Ministry

Sundays 10:30 am

Mike & Jennifer Grant

Sundays 6pm

w/ Nursery

Wednesdays 7 pm

Tom Cagle



General Announcements



Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:3

We will be hosting the **Unity Day Service** at our church on *Monday, January 17th*. This is when we invite the community to come together for a time of encouragement and a time of reflection of how good God has been over the years.

The service will start at 7pm in the sanctuary, followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Aldridge Center. If you can help by being an usher or providing dessert(s), please sign up on the Life Board.

Fellowship Dinner



On *Sunday, January 30th*, we will be having a **Fellowship Night** that will include a meal, the word and some games. We invite you to come to the Aldridge Center ready to enjoy yourself and those you bring with you. More information will be available in the weeks to come – Hope to see you there!

Women's Ministry



Please join us for our **January Meeting** on *Monday, January 10th*, at 6:30pm in the FLC.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner and fellowship on **Wednesdays** from 5:30-6:30pm in the FLC. The cost is \$4/adult and \$2/child under 18 with a maximum of \$10/family. This month's menus:

Wednesday, January 5th - Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Wednesday, January 12th - Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert

Wednesday, January 19th - Soup 'n Baked Potato Bar, Dessert

Wednesday, January 26th - Grilled Pork Chops, Oven-Fried Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

We encourage you to sign up on the Life Board so we know how much food needs to be prepared each week.



Hope Ministry



Our needs for January are *toothbrushes, diapers and/or baby wipes.*



We wish to thank everyone who donated to Hope Ministry this year. We were able to help six families with gifts, food, and bills this month.

We also helped a hospice family with four children this Christmas and were able to make that family's last Christmas together very special because of the generous donations from our church family and Tyler's Mission Toys for Tots of Gaston County.

Thanks again and we pray for God's richest blessings upon each of you during the coming year.

Keenagers



Tuesday, January 25th - Covered Dish Dinner (FLC)
Over 50? If so, we encourage you to join us for our fellowship time on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Enjoy a delicious meal – we’ve got some wonderful cooks in our church family! – and a wonderful time of fellowship. See Gary or Sandra Lundquist if you have any questions.

Youth Ministry



Sunday, January 9th - “**Winter Jam**” concert held at the Time Warner Cable arena in Charlotte. Tickets are sold at the door and cost \$10 each. We will meet at the church at 3pm and return by 11pm. Students will need extra money for food at the event and t-shirts, CD’s, etc., if desired.



Thursday-Saturday, January 20th-22nd - **Ski Retreat Weekend!** We plan to leave on Thursday at 4pm and travel to Camp Courtney. We will spend the weekend at camp, having services on Thursday night and Saturday morning; we will ski all day Friday at Wolf Ridge Ski Resort. We will return around 4pm on Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$115 per student, which covers skiing, lodging, meals at camp, and transportation; extra money will be needed for food on the way and at the ski lodge. Lower pricing is available for tubing only. More details will be available in the youth building.



Wednesday, January 26th - “**180 Weekend Kick-Off**” service at Parkwood Baptist Church in Gastonia. We will be at this event for our Wednesday Night Service.

Friday-Saturday, January 28th-29th - “**180 Weekend**” - Middle school services will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church; High school services at Parkwood Baptist Church. The cost is \$30 per student. For more information, see <http://www.180weekend.com>. If you would like to be “host home” for Friday night (*January 28th*), please let Clark or Leslie know.

A newsletter just for youth will be ready to give out soon which will cover more details about upcoming events. Until then, if you have any concerns, please contact Clark.

A Christian is...

A Christian is one who makes it easier for other people to believe in God.

A self-examination for church members

WHAT KIND of church would my church be — if every person were just like me?

HOW MANY worship services would we have had this year if everyone had stayed at home when I did?

HOW MANY times would an evening service or program have been omitted if no one had gone except when I was there?

HOW MANY times would the Sunday School have met if they had met only when I attended?

HOW MUCH Christian instruction would the children of our community receive if everyone showed as much interest in it as I do?

HOW MANY of my neighbors would have been invited to worship or welcomed into the church if everyone invited as many as I have?

HOW MANY prayers would have been offered for my pastor, the church staff, my neighbors, my church?

HOW MANY words of faith would have been shared with others?

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“I made a New Year’s resolution to eat more fruit, but surely I can’t be expected to go through with it after that!”

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Prayer 5-6pm	27	28	29 5:30 Dinner Menu: Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	30	31 <i>New</i> <i>Year's</i> <i>Even</i>	1 <i>New</i> <i>Year's</i> <i>Day</i>
2 Prayer 5-6pm	3	4 Women's Bible Study 10am	5 5:30 Dinner Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	6	7	8
9 Youth - "Winter Jam" Concert 3-11pm Prayer 5-6pm	10 "Women of Worth" Monthly Meeting 6:30pm	11 Women's Bible Study 10am	12 5:30 Dinner Menu: Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	13	14	15
16 Prayer 5-6pm	17 Unity Day Service 7pm	18 Women's Bible Study 10am	19 5:30 Dinner Menu: Soup 'n Baked Potato Bar, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	20 Youth - Ski Retreat Weekend →	21	22
23 Prayer 5-6pm	24	25 Women's Bible Study 10am Keenagers' Covered Dish Dinner 5:30pm	26 5:30 Dinner Menu: Grilled Pork Chops, Oven-Fried Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Youth - "180 Weekend Kick-off" Christian Classes 7pm	27	28 Youth - "180 Weekend" →	29
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