



Merry Christmas



December Birthdays



- Dec. 2 Jan
- Dec. 5 Jack
- Dec. 7 John
- Dec. 11 Michael
- Dec. 13 Frank
- Dec. 14 Gracie
- Dec. 18 Paul
- Dec. 24 Lourdes
- Dec. 26 Tilda Sue
- Dec. 27 Jamie
- Dec. 29 Teresa
- Dec. 30 Sharon
- Dec. 31 Todd

Preaching Schedule

- December 6  
Pastor Viv
- December 13  
Pastor Douglas
- December 20

December

Mid Month Memo

Start Your Holiday Season With The  
 Sanctuary Choir's Annual Concert  
 "Glorious Impossible"  
 Saturday, December 5, at 7pm



In recognition of World AIDS Day we will be collecting athletic socks for our clients. Bring them to the concert or drop them off at the church before 12/12!

One day a father took his children to McDonald's for lunch. He loaded up a tray with burgers, fries and drinks. The father was on a diet, so he didn't order any fries for himself. During the course of the meal, the father reached over and took a couple of French fries from one of his sons' bag. The son said "Hey, what are you doing, those are my fries! If you want

Pastor Douglas  
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Featured Article



December 12th is  
the  
Annual Friends  
Holiday Party

some, go buy your own."

After a couple of seconds of reflection, he said "Son I bought those fries for you. In fact, I bought everything you own. I could buy you 20 more orders of fries, or choose to never buy any again." He went on to explain to his son that he had lost perspective on who he was in relation to who is father was. The father further explained that he provides everything that the son has.

Everything we have in our lives is a gift from God. As the Creator, he simply spoke a word and the entire world was created. This gives Him a position as owner of all, even our ability to obtain income is a gift from God. When we understand things from this prospective, it becomes clear that we are merely stewards of a small portion of His vast creation. (The Next Level,; Scott Wilson)

Please be in prayer about the portion of God's gift to you that should be given back to Him.

Rick Marshall  
Treasurer

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### "Willing Hearts"

Drama Ministry Meeting  
Sunday, December 6th - 1:00 pm  
at Lover's Pizza

Anyone interested in helping on stage, backstage, lights, sound, make-up, flyers, whatever your heart leads you to do, we will take it. Bring your Willing Heart and a friend.

"Get the drama out of your life and onto the stage!"

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### Timetables and God's Will

Don't you just hate to wait? Whether as a child waiting to see what the present was under the wrapping paper or anticipating an upcoming trip or vacation, it's really hard to sit back and be patient. The same

could be said during this transition time we are experiencing as we seek an Interim and Senior Pastor. For sure there are many questions, much speculation, rumors, concerns, and yes even anxiety. Unlike the present to be unwrapped or a vacation planned, this schedule or decision making process directly involves the will of our God. We pray that any decisions made by the congregation will reflect his choice for our church.

The scriptures are filled with countless examples of God choosing leaders. Whether it was prophets, kings, or the lineage of our Lord and Savior, God has always had a timetable or a plan. When we look at the selection of Moses who admitted himself that he was not the best orator, God chose him to lead his people out of Egypt. David by no means was the first choice that most would have picked to be king of Israel. He was tending flocks when Samuel, upon God's direction, sought out the future king. His ascension to the throne did not happen for many years. The selection of Saul of Damascus, a hater of Christians, must have been a strange choice indeed to the early disciples of Jesus. Yet Paul was instrumental in the spread of the Gospel and the development of churches throughout Asia. Lest we forget about the promised messiah, when oh when would he finally arrive? How difficult it must have been for countless generations to wait, to see the fulfillment of ancient prophecy.

Does this mean we will be waiting years and years for an Interim or Senior Pastor? Heaven help us if it does. The congregation selected a group of individuals to search for a new pastor. Since that decision the committee has met 5 times and much has already been accomplished.

For example:

- Establishing a code of ethics for the Pastor Search Committee
- Reviewing job descriptions and compensation plans from churches all over the US

- Creating a basic job description for the WRCC Interim position
- Established an email account for applicants to submit resumes and providing a forum for questions and answers to the congregation
- Working with the pastoral staff and Worship Committee to keep our ministry moving forward

- Providing updates from the pulpit and in the Common Ground Meeting with the Pastoral staff and Personnel Committee to establish an open dialog

- In the near future the PSC plans to meet with the Deacons and other committees to solicit feedback and once again encourage an open dialog.

- The congregation will be asked to complete a questionnaire regarding preferences and there will be many more opportunities for your voice and opinion to be heard.

However the most important thing we all seek is the opinion and voice

of GOD. The PSC is patiently and methodically working through the process. Our recommendations to the church will come after much prayer, and consideration of information from both members and applicants. We seek discernment as to God's choice for our church. We realize that there is a huge amount of trust being placed in the PSC. You should know that our meetings have been God honoring. The conversations taking place are sometimes blunt, thought provoking, and always held in confidence. There is a spirit of teamwork, love, trust, and yes we even laugh. We too are anxious as to whom GOD is sending our way. However it is eager anticipation for we know our timetable must be his timetable.

We welcome your questions, concerns, prayers, and love during this time. Know that we are doing our best to live up to the trust you placed in us.

Respectfully,  
Pastor Search Committee