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Verse of the Week:

Matthew 1:22-23 (NAS)

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

Sunday, December 12
8:15 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible School
10:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Baby Dedication mtg
4:30 p.m. Missions Meeting
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, December 13
10:00 a.m. S.A.M.

Tuesday, December 14
8:30 a.m. Sonshine School
3:30 p.m. H2O setup
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 15
9:15-11:15 a.m. MOPS
6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Studies (childcare provided); K-5- Foundation Rock
6:30-8:00 p.m. Jr/Sr High- H2O

Thursday, December 16
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Night MOPS

Friday, December 17
5th Quarter

Saturday, December 18
FCC Rings Bell- Sign up NOW!



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 19
5:30 p.m.
FCC Auditorium

FCC KIDS BASKETBALL

We need you!!! If you enjoy watching basketball and would like a great way to serve the community and FCC, the FCC Basketball ministry can use your assistance.



We are looking for volunteers for the following tasks; CLC set up, referee, coaching, church greeters, game supervisors, clock operators, game day cleanup, etc. We are hoping for enough volunteers that no one has to work every Saturday. Even if you can help for only one Saturday, we need you.

Practices begin on Monday, January 24th, with the first game day on Saturday, January 29th. The season ends on Saturday, March 5th.

If you are interested, please contact Brian Banning at 204-3113 or 548-4024.

Prayer Requests:

AT HOME

Peggy Wilson
Virginia Anderson
MaKinzie Mann
Lola Bundy
Warren & Gladys Williams

Karl Squibb
Anne Young
Nellie Schneider
Melissa Schnake

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH:

Please pray for all our missions and missionaries.

Bud Burden
Fern Rhodes
Betty Hays
Joyce & Ezra Crooks & family

Sue Courson
Freida Gaston
Aleen Crosby

Facts & Figures December 5, 2010

8:15 am Worship	138
Bible School	153
10:30 am Worship	288
Total Worship	426
*Ministry Fund Offering	\$18,414.46
Weekly Ministry Needs	\$12,855.77
*Add. Designated gifts	\$ 970.20
Total	\$19,384.66



Mike Squibb	15
Katharine Black	16
Logan Bandy	16
Lois Green	16
Ally McCown	17
Chris Tanner	17
Donna Young	17
Eryn Hollinshead	17
Mason Hollinshead	17
Max Dye	18
Jodi Adekunle	20
Brody Lambert	20
Steven Williams	21

ANNIVERSARIES	
M/M Jim Holsapple	18

Thank You

I want to thank John Mann and the young people who came to rake my leaves. What a blessing these young people are and how wonderful it is to witness Christ living in them.

Terry Liddle

Coming Up on the Calendar**December**

- 12–Mission Meeting, 7pm
- 14–Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 14–Board Meeting, 7pm
- 15–MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 16–Night MOPS, 6:30pm
- 17–5th Quarter
- 18–FCC Rings Bell
- 19–Annual Cong. Mtg, 5:30pm
- 21–Prayer Meeting, 7pm
- 24–Christmas Eve Service, 4pm
- 24–Church Office Closed
- 28–Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 29–No Evening Programs
- 31–Church Office Closed

Overseeing Elder: Carl Charlton

Deacons: 8:15–Terry Barnfield, Mike Molenhour, Mike Squibb, Chuck Tinsley, Louis Williams, Jr., Don Cochran, Lindell Mulvany, Randy Helm; 10:30–*Ed Phillips, *Duane Snow, Joe Pemberton, Dave White, Ely Lambert, Jeff Molenhour, Phil Williams, Jerry Schaubert...underlined to serve shut-ins, asterisk to serve Doctor's.

Attendance Tabulation: 8:15–Wayne Puricelli; 10:30–Paul Chitwood

Worship Tech: Gary Kennedy, Levi Molenhour

Nursery: 8:15–Connie Williams, Lynn Jones; 9:30–Kendra Squibb, Tim & Belinda Alvis; 10:30–Carrie Smith, Linda Merta, Katie Mann, Alisha Wilson

Stepping Stones: Sheri Molenhour, Kelly Bandy

Preschool Greeter: 8:15–Mary Piper; 10:30–Chris Apgar, Cheryl Vieira (end)

Toddler Room: 8:15–Rachel Williams; 10:30–Megan Molenhour

Kidz Church: 8:15–; 10:30–Kelsey Royer

FIM Captain: Katharine Black

Greeters: Bob Jamison, Mary Wilkinson, Judy Beard, Eldon & Sue Prosis

Ushers: 8:15–Pat Baldrige; 10:30–Jan Luse

Section Hosts: #1-Wayne Hawkins; #2-Joan Buhnerkemper; #3-Lucy Molenhour

Parking Lot: Marshall Goostree

Baptismal: 8:15–Lucy Molenhour; 10:30–Craig & Cheryl Vieira

Care Team Leaders: 8:15–; 10:30–Wayne & Nila Hawkins

Communion Preparation: Dave White

December 12, 2010**FCC RINGS BELL**

FCC will be ringing the bell for the Salem Ministerial Alliance on **Saturday, December 18th**. We have all 4 locations this time. Please sign up by the church office. Everyone's help is needed.

**OFFICE HELP NEEDED**

We need volunteers to answer the phone and prepare the bulletin while Dawn is on vacation. We need help Monday through Thursday, December 27-30 and on Monday, January 3rd. You can help out all day, or choose a morning or afternoon slot. If you can help out, please call Dawn at 548-0867. **Your help for just a few hours would be greatly appreciated!**

**FAMILY CAROLING**

Come join us on the evening of **Friday, December 17th** to go caroling at the local nursing homes! We will meet at the church at 6:00pm where the kids will make Christmas cards to hand out. From there we will head to the nursing homes to carol and to pass out cards. Then we will return to the church for cookies and hot chocolate.

**BABY DEDICATION**

Can you imagine the person your child will become if he or she loves God with all his or her heart, soul, mind, and strength? What an awesome dream to have for your child! Your church family here at FCC would love to partner with you and our heavenly Father to make that happen. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

So, let's get started! If you have a child that you would like to dedicate for this purpose, please attend a very important **Faith at Home pre-dedication event** on **Sunday, December 12th** during 2nd service. Then we will have the baby dedication service on Sunday, January 16th. Please call the office and let Casey know that you will be attending both the event and the service so that he can prepare. The office number is (618) 548 - 0867.



To Bethlehem...

A night of worship for
the entire family

FCC Salem
December 22, 2010
6:30pm in the CLC

Dave's Musings

Dave Jarrett / Creative Arts Minister
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Advent-ures Part 2: Peace

Are you still being mindful of your preparation for Christmas? That is what Advent is all about. This week's Advent theme is Peace. When I hear the word peace so many things come to mind. Peace conjures up all sorts of images and ideas in my head. I keep hearing people talk about the need for peace, but these days it seems that it's more about America not being at war, rather than real peace. Some talk about a peace that they desire, for our country not to be in war, but that is a selfish kind of peace. Now listen, I am not making a case for war, just pointing out that just because I may not be at war, does not mean there is peace. Think about it.

But I don't think that's at all the kind of Peace God offers. Remember that the first two weeks of advent are more about the second coming than the first. When Jesus comes again, riding on the clouds, trumpet sounding, people shouting (both in exuberance and fear), a forever type of peace will follow shortly. I imagine that at first it may be chaotic, but then, peace. No more war. No more crying. No more pain. Heaven on earth. God's palpably tangible presence enveloping every nook and cranny of existence. It's a reality in which sin cannot survive. Peace to the fullest extent.

So what does that mean for us now? We can live in peace knowing that peace is coming. We can seek peace in every situation, as far as it depends on us. We can be at peace with God, He is the peacemaker, the Prince of Peace. And so, here is your assignment, your Advent-ure for week 2 of Advent. Make peace. If you are in a struggle with someone, a family member, co-worker, friend, or anyone else, make peace with them in light of God's mercy. If you are close to a "war-torn" situation, pray for peace and direction. God may want you to help make peace. "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:8) But ultimately, live at peace with God. Follow His will, His pleasing and perfect will. It is the precursor to all peace.

Humbly, Dave

From Phil's Desk

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There are several names for God throughout the Bible. The various names offer insight into God's nature, character, purpose, and plan. *Elohim* (Creator), *Adonai* (Lord), *Jehovah Shalom* (God, our Peace), *Yahweh* (God, the Covenant Keeper), and *Jehovah Jireh* (God, our Provider) are just a few of the names the Hebrews used for God. In Isaiah 9:6, God is called *El Gibbor* (God, the Mighty). The Hebrew word *gibbor* is translated other places in the Bible as warrior, hero, strong, valiant, champion, and valor. It should be clear, then, that Isaiah is referring to God's strength and power - His might.

There are two emotions or responses that we should have when we consider God's might:

One response is a healthy, reverential fear of God. He is the all-powerful Giver of life, the Supreme Being; no one or any thing is greater than He. We would be wise to humbly approach Him only if beckoned. And if we were to come face to face with Mighty God (and survive) our only posture should be to fall face down before Him.

The second response is to run to Him. (I know, that is the opposite of the first response.) Like a defeated army, we are weak, beaten down, and without hope, but when God our Champion, our Hero appears we run to him for protection. He came down to rescue us, deliver us, save us. He stepped between us and our enemy of death and conquered it. Then He turns to us, our Mighty Warrior, and dresses our wounds, feeds us, gives us shelter and protection - because He is Mighty God, He is able to provide.

God's might is connected with His provision. Deuteronomy 10:17-18 says "For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe." Read it again, aloud, with power in your voice. He is *El Gibbor*. Now read the next verse. "He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing." Yes, God is mighty and strong, but He is equally loving and kind.

There is another name for God that captures the essence of His might and provision - *El Shaddai*. These two Hebrew words mean the "One mighty to nourish and satisfy." God pours out His provision because He is all-powerful. The early church made sure this name was right out front in the Apostle's Creed: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty..." When we admit our insufficiency, the Almighty is sufficient to meet all our needs. When we are empty, God is enough!



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