

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday

| | <u>Dec. 7, 2014</u> | <u>Dec. 14, 2014</u> |
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| Prayer | P. VanHorn | M. Perry |
| Scripture | M. Davidson | B. Castleman |
| Communion | P. Danz | D. Smith |
| Assist | S. Danz | B. Smith |
| Pass | K. Danz | L. Montgomery |
| Pass | B. Danz | T. Jarvis |
| Usher | A. Montgomery | D. Mandernach |
| Usher | B. Samu | T. Brooks |
| Prayer | C. Roberts | B. Mullins |
| Song Leader | Chu. Middleton | R. Alt |
| Nursery | L. VanHorn | B. Fry |

Evening Worship

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| Prayer | M. Perry | R. Lyberg |
| Communion | B. Mullins | E. Stewart |
| Prayer | B. Smith | S. Fiori |
| Bible Time | N. & L. Middleton | C. & D. Middleton |

Wednesday (Midweek Bible Study)

| | <u>Dec. 10, 2014</u> | <u>Dec. 17, 2014</u> |
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| Prayer | D. Thomas | D. Clay |
| Song Leader | L. Montgomery | D. Smith |
| Devotional | J. Fronczak | S. Lance |
| Prayer | Chr. Middleton | R. Bone |

Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Waiting for Jesus
Luke 2:22-40

Kids have a hard time waiting for Christmas.

What Are You Waiting For?

Let me ask you some questions. What are you waiting for this Christmas? Are you longing for anything? What are you expecting to receive? Are you looking forward to anything special this Christmas?

In the Gospel of Luke, we come across two characters who make their appearance in the final acts of the Christmas drama. One is a man named Simeon; the other is a woman named Anna. They don't appear in any nativity scenes or in many Christmas cards, but they are significant players in the birth of Christ. Both of these individuals were waiting for something -- actually, they were waiting for someone.

Luke uses a Greek word of anticipation that identifies them as waiting with expectation for the coming of the Messiah, or Savior. It literally means that they were "alert to His appearance, and ready to welcome Him." We see this word in:

Luke 2:25

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

Love, Russ

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SAMARITAN LADIES: Every Wednesday at 10:00 am.

BIBLE TIME: For children K - 5th grade. Teachers: Nick & Leigh-Anna Middleton

FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, December 7 after the evening service. Please sign the list at the back of the auditorium for needed food items.

CHRISTMAS BAGS: Please return all filled Christmas bags by **Sunday, December 7.**

HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Monday, December 8 at Johnny Carino's (23075 Outer Dr, Allen Park) at 11:30 am - All ladies are welcome to attend. There will not be a Ladies' Luncheon for the month of December.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 am at Charlie's.

E & D MEETING: Sunday, December 14 at 4:30 pm.

FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry is very low at this time. There is always a greater need for food during the holiday season. Please check the list published in each bulletin for the most needed items. Cash donations are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE: If you would like to send holiday cards to members of our congregation, please place them in the boxes in foyer by Wednesday, December 17. Only names are needed on the envelopes. They will be sorted and distributed on Sunday, December 21.

WINTER QUARTER ADULT & HS BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE:

Beginning Sunday, December 7

Auditorium: Marching to Zion-Heaven
Teachers: Russ Bone , Randy Coss

Fellowship room: New Christians/Acts
Teachers: Chuck Middleton, Deron Smith

HS: Nick & Leigh-Anna Middleton

Beginning Wednesday, December 10

Auditorium: Men's Class
Coordinator - Patrick VanHorn

Fellowship room: Ladies' Class
Coordinator - Diane Middleton

HS: Louis Montgomery

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

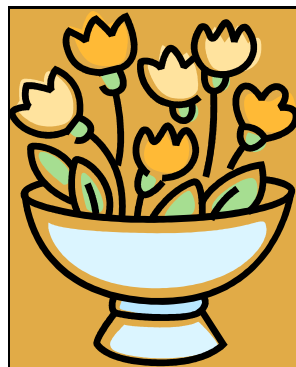
DON MANDERNACH

YOLANDA JOINER

MARIE MILLER

PAULINE BEGEMAN

TRUDY MCCAIN



CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Terri Baksa, Virginia Bone, Lilly Bumpus, Nolan Caddle, Fay Gallagher, Ed & Gera Ingle, Rhonda Jones, John Loera, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Randy Matthews, Bob Mullins, Michael Nicoletti, Erma Noe, Betty Parsons, Pat Pugh, Herb Riggins, J.D. Roberts, Bill Saylor, Ronald Siegel, Scotty Smith, Pauline Suggs, Val Toby, Valerie Tomaszewski, Michael Venier, Leila Wallace, Karen Ward, Linda Weick, Jami Willingham,



ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

Living for Christ: Be Sharp by Lee Strobel

Snow-covered mountains whizzed by. Carter couldn't wait to get out of the car. This year his dad was going to let him chop down a Christmas tree. Not his family's Christmas tree. Dad would chop down that one. But a neighbor had offered to pay Carter to bring him back a tree.

Dad guided the car off the highway and onto a dirt road. He pulled to a stop, got out, and grabbed two axes. Almost immediately, Carter found the perfect tree. Dad spotted another nice one close by. He handed his son an axe.

"Let's see who can cut down his tree the fastest," Carter said.

Carter ran to his tree and started to chop with fury. First, he removed some of the lower branches to get to the trunk.

Then he hacked with gusto. Every so often, Carter glanced at his dad, who was working at a steady pace. Carter even saw him take a break while cradling his axe.

He's probably praying that he'll beat me, Carter thought with a smile.

Moments later, Carter heard his dad's tree crack and fall to the ground. Carter was less than halfway done.

"How did you beat me?" Carter yelled. "I didn't even take a break."

"You worked really hard," Dad said, "but I took time to sharpen my blade."

Exerting a lot of effort doesn't always lead to an effective life for Christ. You need to make sure your blade is sharp. Ecclesiastes 10:10 says,

If the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen its edge, then one must exert more strength; however, the advantage of wisdom is that it brings success.

So how can you be wise when it comes to living for Jesus?

One of the best ways is to find a friend who shares your beliefs. Do you know somebody who loves God and wants to grow in their relationship with Jesus? Maybe you could ask to be accountability partners. Meet regularly to find out what God is teaching you, pray for each other, and talk about problems and successes. If you can't think of a good accountability partner, ask your mom, dad, or youth pastor. Proverbs 27:17 tells us it's important to have somebody in our lives to make us sharper.

Our own individual efforts can only get us so far. Instead of working harder, we need to work smarter and find a friend who can help us grow closer to Christ

Final Word

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. - Proverbs 27:17

Love,

Chuck

WORDS OF WISDOM

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10: 7, 9-10

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned vegetables
Canned fruits
Hearty soups
Crackers
Complete Meals
Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken

CONTRIBUTION

BUDGET \$3,400

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| 11-02-14 | \$3,427 |
| 11-09-14 | \$2,973 |
| 11-16-14 | \$2,492 |
| 11-23-14 | \$2,930 |
| 11-30-14 | \$3,159 |

SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

SERVING THE LORD IN NOVEMBER



Communion Preparation: Karen Danz

Care of Baptismal Clothing: Sherry Bousho

Closing the Building: Chuck Middleton/Josh Nance

OFFICE INFORMATION

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| Butchie Montgomey | 14 |
| Moira Clay | 15 |
| Linda Wieck | 17 |
| Annalise Middleton | 29 |
| Judy Stewart | 29 |
| Pat Longoria | 30 |
| Doug Clay | 31 |

No December
Anniversaries

THEME FOR 2014

People Reaching People

Taken from "Traditions of Men vs. the Word of God" by Alvin Jennings

PENTECOSTALISM—Brief History (continued)

A mixture with an Armenian Pentecostal movement took place in 1906. A group migrating from Russia in the last part of the nineteenth century found its way to California and came into contact with the Azusa mission. Pentecostals have been called the "third force of Christendom." Within seventy years they have grown until they claim a membership of eight and a half million members.

A neo-Pentecostalism has arisen in the United States in the last ten years. Its origin has been traced to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Van Nuys, California. The Rector Dennis Bennett first became involved in glossolalia. It then spread to the members of the church where he preached. It was at first bitterly opposed by the Episcopal religious authorities, but it spread like wildfire. In ten years, it has touched nearly every religious group in the United States.

One of the chief means of the spreading of this neo-Pentecostalism has been the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI). Oral Roberts helped at its organization in Los Angeles in 1960. Now there are chapters throughout the United States and in many parts of the world. Three of their magazines are *Voice*, *Trinity* and *Testimony*. Advocates of this neo-Pentecostalism include business executives, movie stars, T.V. personalities and college professors. (*Glossolalia*, by Jimmy Jividen, pp. 73-74.)