

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday

	<u>Dec. 21, 2014</u>	<u>Dec. 28, 2014</u>
Prayer	M. Davidson	S. Lance
Scripture	J. Fronczak	P. Danz
Communion	D. Thomas	E. Stewart
Assist	R. Coss	Chr. Middleton
Pass	Z. Thomas	R. Alt
Pass	A. Montgomery	T. Brooks
Usher	D. Clay	B. Danz
Usher	B. Samu	B. Castleman
Prayer	S. Danz	S. Danz
Song Leader	N. Middleton	Chu. Middleton
Nursery	K. Tomaszewski	S. Barry

Evening Worship

Prayer	B. Mullins	P. VanHorn
Communion	L. Montgomery	N. Middleton
Prayer	R. Bousho	D. Smith
Bible Time	C. & A. Middleton	No Bible Time

(Midweek Bible Study)

	<u>Tues. Dec. 23, 2014</u>	<u>Tues. Dec. 30, 2014</u>
Prayer	P. Danz	B. Smith
Song Leader	L. Montgomery	D. Smith
Devotional	Chr. Middleton	P. Danz
Prayer	R. Coss	P. VanHorn

Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Immanuel - *God With Us*

Matthew 1:22-25

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

This is the first of **Matthew's 16** prophetic *proofs* fulfilled in Jesus. He has already given us several in the genealogy, but this is the first formal one in which he says this took place to fulfill the word through the prophet Isaiah. He is referring to a sign that God said He would give the king of Judah, Ahaz. *14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

Let's consider what was happening at that time in the nation of Judah. Ahaz was one of the wicked kings. Israel, the northern ten tribes, had attacked Judah and killed 120,000 in one day. In addition, they carried away captive 200,000 men, women and children as slaves. Syria had attacked and defeated one of Judah's fortified cities and taken the captives to Damascus. In the midst of this very low point in Judah's history, Ahaz is wondering if Judah is finished along with the royal line of David. Had the promises of God failed?

The prophet Isaiah was trying to tell him that God was not done with Judah, and His promise to David was still in effect. Ahaz will not listen, so Isaiah told him to ask for a sign to verify it. Ahaz refused to ask for a sign. He gave some pious remark about not tempting God. Isaiah told him that God was going to give him a sign anyway. A virgin will give birth to a son and before he can tell right from wrong those two kings that were enemies of Judah will be gone. This child would be referred to as Immanuel. It sounded utterly impossible. How could weakened Judah survive these powerful enemies? Yet it did by the Divine direction of God.

Love, Russ

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SAMARITAN LADIES: Every Wednesday at 10:00 am - All ladies are welcome

BIBLE TIME: For children K - 5th grade. Teachers: CHRIS & ANNIE MIDDLETON

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Mid-week Bible study will be held on Tuesday, December 23 and Tuesday December 30. Please attend your regular class on both days. There will **NOT** be Bible study on Wednesday December 24 or 31.



LIFELINE OF HOPE: Donations are due on Sunday, December 28. See Randy Alt.

WINTER QUARTER ADULT & HS BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Auditorium: Men's Class
Coordinator - Patrick VanHorn

Fellowship room: Ladies' Class
Coordinator - Diane Middleton

HS: Louis Montgomery

GUEST SPEAKER: Doug Wells will be our guest speaker on Sunday, January 4, for Bible class, am and pm worship.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, January 10 at Charlie's in Lincoln Park

HELPING HANDS: Monday, January 12 at 10:00 am - All ladies are welcome

GUEST SPEAKER: Tyler Brooks will be our guest speaker on Sunday evening, January 25.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

ED INGLE

DON MANDERNACH

AL HUTCHINSON

JEFF NELSON

RON WITHEY

SARAH MILANTONI and her daughter, EMMA

KIM WILLIAMS



CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Terri Baksa, Virginia Bone, Lilly Bumpus, Nolan Caddle, Yolanda Joiner, Rhonda Jones, Dianne Lande, John Loera, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Rosie Mandernach, Randy Matthews, Trudy McCain, Marie Miller, Bob Mullins, Erma Noe, Pat Pugh, J.D. Roberts, Bill Saylor, Scotty Smith, Pauline Suggs, Val Toby, Valerie Tomaszewski, Michael Venier, Leila Wallace, Karen Ward, Linda Weick, Jami Willingham,



ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

Jeremiah 29:11-13 - God's Plans

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:11-13 ESV)

It's very easy when thinking about God's plan for our lives to have the attitude: "it's all about me." Yes, it's true that God cares about every intricate detail in our lives. In fact, Jesus said that even the hairs on our heads are numbered. We can also mistakenly think that God's plan is always going to be a "feel good" plan with the intent to make us happy. Jeremiah's message in these verses is actually radically different. He's writing to a group of people who are being held captive, and are in exile from their homeland. He's writing to let them know that although they're not where they would have expected, nor where they would have asked God to place them, God has not forgotten them and He still has a plan for their lives. Even in the midst of a difficult situation, God wants them to know His plans. In the preceding verses we see that a big part of God's plan is for them to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile" (Jeremiah 29:7). In other words, God wants them to know that His plans are not just to benefit them personally. God's also telling them that He's not removing them from the situation immediately. He does promise to eventually restore them, but it's not coming quickly (70 years out when many of them will be dead). God's letting them know they can move forward, because in the eternal picture, God's justice will prevail and everything will even out.

Today, in the midst of difficult situations, God wants us to know He has a plan. He also wants us to know that as we submit to His plan that He desires to use us to bless the world around us. The key still remains during both good and difficult times: You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

How does God want you to trust His plan in the midst of life's daily difficulties? How does God want to use you to be a blessing to others?

Source: Daily Devotion

Love,
Chuck

WORDS OF WISDOM

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:30-33

PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned Meats
- Hearty Soups
- Crackers
- Chicken/Tuna Helper
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly



CONTRIBUTION

BUDGET \$3,400

12-07-14	\$3,131
12-14-14	\$4,892
12-21-14	
12-28-14	



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 DECEMBER



Communion Preparation: Randy & Linda Coss

Care of Baptismal Clothing: Sherry Bousho

Closing the Building: Chuck Middleton/Josh Nance

OFFICE INFORMATION

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

No December
Anniversaries

THEME FOR 2015

Sweet Year of Fellowship

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

PENTECOSTAL TRADITION

2. A person may speak in tongues today while under the influence of the Holy Spirit, just as did Peter and the other apostles on the day of Pentecost, A.D. 33.

Cf. Pentecostalism's magazines: Truth, Voice, and Testimony, and other writings.

3. Pentecostalism espouses religion as a "romantic" philosophy—that "the heart of man has reasons which his mind knows not of" (in making decisions on religious questions). Truth is subjective; that is, it is not something which has objective reality, but is changed or even comes into existence by the mental states of thinking minds. Man's feeling are the highest authority.

WORD OF GOD

2a. Three representative supernatural gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 13:8-10. Tongues is one of them. Paul by inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote they would "cease" when "that which is perfect is come." At the time of this writing, all truths of the "perfect law of liberty," the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, had not been fully revealed unto men. See James 1:25.

2b. Compare Ephesians 4:8-16. Gifts were given unto men "till" the completeness of Christ's doctrine and spiritual knowledge was made known to the apostles. The gifts ceased, including tongues, when the fullness of the gospel was revealed by the time John laid down his pen of inspiration in A.D. 90 in completing the book of Revelation.

2c. "Tongues" were for unbelievers, not believers. 1 Corinthians 14:22.

3a. The Bible is truth. John 17:17. The truth is not subjective, that is, does not originate with a person's own thinking.

3b. The Bible must be studied and obeyed. 2 Timothy 2:15; John 8:32.

3c. The Bible is the absolute, inspired and authoritative Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Corinthians 2:9-13.