

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday

	<u>Dec. 28, 2014</u>	<u>Jan. 4, 2015</u>
Prayer	S. Lance	N. Middleton
Scripture	P. Danz	M. Perry
Communion	E. Stewart	M. Davidson
Assist	Chr. Middleton	D. Smith
Pass	R. Alt	T. Jarvis
Pass	T. Brooks	J. Fronczak
Usher	B. Smith	D. Clay
Usher	B. Castleman	A. Montgomery
Prayer	S. Danz	B. Morton
Song Leader	Chu. Middleton	R. Alt
Nursery	S. Barry	B. Raupp

Evening Worship

Prayer	P. VanHorn	G. Maldonado
Communion	N. Middleton	R. Coss
Prayer	D. Smith	S. Fiori
Bible Time	No Bible Time	L. & J. Montgomery

(Midweek Bible Study)

	<u>Tues. Dec. 30, 2014</u>	<u>Wed. Jan. 7, 2015</u>
Prayer	B. Smith	S. Lance
Song Leader	D. Smith	D. Smith
Devotional	P. Danz	L. Montgomery
Prayer	P. VanHorn	T. Brooks

Lincoln Park Church of Christ

A World without Jesus

Judges 21:24-25

Have you ever thought about what this world would be like had Jesus never been born? We've seen how this world would be without hope, full of bitterness if there were no Jesus. Today, we will talk about what things would be like without Jesus from a somewhat different perspective.

A world without Jesus would be a world without boundaries. We would be free to do whatever we wish. We would have no rules to live by. There would be no Ten Commandments upon which to base our decisions. We would be free to do whatever it is that we would want to do without fear. Sounds appealing, doesn't it?

There are many people who would love to live in this scenario. They would love to have this opportunity. Live the way I want with no guilt, no consequences...it's too good to be true.

If we lived life our way, it would only:

Get us in trouble

Restrict us (we would not really be 'free')

Bring out the worse in us - not the best

We would always be questioning what was going to happen in life - the 'what ifs' of life.

At first impression you may say, "Well, that is exactly what I want - No boundaries!" I could do whatever I want any old time - that sounds perfect! Even though that may sound good to the ear initially, I think many would agree - even most non-religious folks would agree - that boundaries, rules, guidelines are necessary to live in a civilized society.

More so, God's boundaries, rules, and guidelines are coming from a loving Creator that knows everything - He never guesses about what could be...He never is guessing at what could happen...He does not have any "just in case" plans.

He knows your life - what you will face - what challenges will come your way - what your weaknesses are...and He has established safeguards for you in order to live your life within His loving arms.

If you had to "Imagine a world without Jesus," what you would initially think is 'freedom' would be nothing more than you living in ignorance & not knowing that you are actually vulnerable to an untold number of problems, frustrations, and ultimately spiritual hopelessness.

Love, Russ

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

BIBLE TIME: No Bible Time on December 28, due to the holidays.

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please sign the lists at the back of the auditorium if you can help with Communion prep, Baptismal clothing care, or Closing the building in 2015.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

RON and CHRISTINE ROWELL placed their membership with us on Sunday, December 21. Please add their info to your directory:

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

ELAINE DIMTSON

DON MANDERNACH

AL HUTCHINSON

VIRGINIA BONE

RON WITHEY

JEFF NELSON



CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Lilly Bumpus, Nolan Caddle, Ed Ingle, Yolanda Joiner, Dianne Lande, John Loera, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Randy Matthews, Trudy McCain, Sarah Milantoni, Marie Miller, Bob Mullins, Erma Noe, Pat Pugh, J.D. Roberts, Bill Saylor, Scotty Smith, Val Toby, Valerie Tomaszewski, Leila Wallace, Karen Ward, Linda Weick, Kim Williams, Jami Willingham,



ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Out of all the holidays we celebrate in America, this is my favorite by far. It is a time when I like to assess my actions over the last year and plan for the next year.

How did you do last year? Did you meet your goals? Did you set any goals? There were a few goals I did not hit. There were some that I plain forgot about. But, overall, I saw growth. That's a good year!

Have you set goals for the coming year? Not everyone does that, I know, but it certainly never hurts. Here are some things that I have found helpful in setting goals.

1. Be realistic. You will probably not be able to convert 100 people this year if you have never converted one before.

2. Be specific. Don't say, "I want to be a better Christian this year." That really does not mean anything—it is too broad. What specific traits do you want to develop? What will make you a better Christian? Be specific with numbers, time, etc. Determine how you will know when you hit your goal. You can never know when you reach "better".

3. Set a time-table. Determine what you will do for the year and work back from there. Want to study with 6 people? Set goals to study with one person every 2 months. (And determine to ask about 12 for each actual study appointment you get).

There are many other things that can be said about goals, but these three things are the biggies.

2015 can be the year that our walk with God becomes more personal: More prayers lifted up to Him, more time spent in study of His word, and more ways to **glorify** Him in all things!

Love, Chuck

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

Luke 2:28-32

PANTRY NEEDS

Thank you to everyone who has helped supply the pantry this year. We couldn't have done it without you. Many families were feed thanks to your generosity.

CONTRIBUTION

BUDGET \$3,400

12-07-14	\$3,131
12-14-14	\$4,892
12-21-14	\$6,375
12-28-14	



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN ONE YEAR



Pick up a reading schedule at the back of the auditorium and read through the Bible in one year.

SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

OFFICE INFORMATION

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THEME FOR 2015

Sweet Year of Fellowship

SERVING THE LORD IN DECEMBER



Communion Preparation: Randy & Linda Coss

Care of Baptismal Clothing: Sherry Bousho

Closing the Building: Chuck Middleton/Josh Nance

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Butchie Montgomey 14

Moiria Clay 15

Dick Leimstoll 17

Linda Wieck 17

Annalise Middleton 29

Judy Stewart 29

Pat Longoria 30

Doug Clay 31

No December
Anniversaries

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

PENTECOSTAL TRADITION

4. Women may participate in leading in public prayer, teaching and preaching.

-Commonly practiced

5. Holy Spirit baptism is for today.

WORD OF GOD

4a. The Holy Spirit contrasted the duties of men from that of women in public prayer. 1 Tim. 2:8-15.

4b. Women are to learn in silence. 1 Cor. 14:34. They are not to teach in any capacity over a man. Women may not "teach" hence are forbidden to preach.

4c. Women may teach younger women. Titus 2:4. They may teach a man in private. Acts 18:25.

5a. Jesus promised the apostles would receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which promise was fulfilled. Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4.

5b. There was only one other recorded case of Holy Spirit baptism like what happened on Pentecost. Acts 10; 11:15.

5c. Jesus charged his disciples to teach and baptize believers "unto the end of the world" (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20). Baptism in water is the only baptism that can be commanded, because men can obey it alone. Holy Spirit baptism was never a command, but a promise for certain people for special purposes.

5d. Near the end of the New Testament, Paul wrote "there is one baptism," Eph. 4:5, Peter wrote baptism is in water, 1 Pet. 3:21. Water baptism, not Holy Spirit baptism, is "unto the end of the world."