



Capital District Church of Christ Announcements

December 17, 2009

December 20

Contribution Goal: \$2,819

(We collected \$1,407 this past week on a goal of \$2,326.)

Contribution Goal Year-To-Date: \$95,000

Collected Year-To-Date: \$83,222

***FYI-The differences btw the year-to-date figures and the monthly figures will vary. This is because the yearly amounts are cumulative.**

Umtata Collection Year-To-Date: \$4,113

Special Contribution Year-To-Date: \$11,920 on a goal of \$28,000 (We collected \$1,000 this past week.)

Attendance: Pray, pray pray.

Midweek Services

Thursday, Dec 24, 2009
No Midweek Service

Thursday, Dec 31, 2009
No Midweek Service

Thursday, Jan 7, 2010
Congregational-Wide Midweek

Thursday, Jan 14, 2010
All Men's/Single & Campus

Thursday, Jan 21, 2010
Family Group Midweek

Thursday, Jan 28, 2010
All Women's/Single & Campus

Proverbs 12:20-22 – Deceit is in the heart of them that think evil things; but joy followeth them that take counsels of peace. Whatsoever shall befall the just man, it shall not make him sad; but the wicked shall be filled with mischief. Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord; but they that deal faithfully please Him.

Christmas Sunday Service December 20, 2009

In just a few days we will come together for a worship service that highlights one of the greatest victories to ever befall man. As disciples of Jesus we know that His leaving heaven and being borne of flesh gave all of mankind the opportunity to be forgiven and be united forever with both Jesus and His/our Father. Being that this is our Christmas service we should all rejoice in this amazing victory and bring as many people as possible with us to share this victory. We will be scaling back our traditional Christmas play this year and be replacing it with a song sung by the school-aged children entitled "Away in the Manger", and the young teens will be doing a little rap/skit that they have wanted to perform for awhile. Scott is also working on closing out service with a "caroling-like setting" where we will sing two traditional Christmas songs together as a congregation as Meagan McNair accompanies by playing the flute. The message is going to be tied to a Christmas song that has the lyrics "do you hear what I hear...do you see what I see...". The idea will be "do we hear what God hears...do we see what God sees...". Let's all take into consideration one another and most importantly God when it comes to arriving to service on time, especially for a holiday service that has some extra special activities associated with it. We will be starting at 1:00 pm so see you then. To God be the glory!

NOTE: Christmas dinner and party to follow.

Sunday Service December 27, 2009

As we return to worship God after a time of perhaps traveling to see family or having family into our homes, we can sometimes be a little bit emotionally and mentally fatigued. Not to mention, there's always that "worldly dynamic" of the Christmas season that focuses on the materialistic side of the celebration and this can sometimes make us a bit spiritually weary. We hope that everybody comes to this service prepared both to give full attention and focus to God, but also to receive encouragement and strengthening from God through the service. This will be the final worship service of the year and, therefore, we will spend some time recalling special church highlights of 2009. Please all be thinking of a special memory that you could perhaps share when Scott opens it up to the congregation.

Scott McNair's Dad and former stepmother are going to be in the area and are planning to come out to Sunday service on Dec 27. Please pray that God moves in a powerful way and that this visit could lead to them studying the Bible.

Pray for all those that may be hurting at this time of year whether it be emotionally, mentally, spiritually, or physically.

Pray for all the men and women of our armed services who cannot be home with their families during the holiday season due to the fact that they are serving our country.

Pray for the men and women who are currently studying the Bible and that the Lord will move in a powerful way and we could see some baptisms in the final 13 days of 2009.

Pray that as the economy continues to apply much emotional, mental, physical, and financial stress on the members of our congregation that each member can actually grow in peace, security, and sacrifice.

Pray for the 20% goal that Scott shared with us during our Strategic Vision Planning Session. Our hope is to see a 20% growth in attendance, contribution, baptisms, and church membership over last year.

Prayers Answered

As the McNair's traveled to NYC this past Sunday for the Javits Center service, they prayed for a safe trip due to some inclement weather and for God to impact them in a powerful way through the service. These prayers were answered to the glory of God.

**Sunday Service
January 3, 2010**

Yee...haw!!! This is our first worship service of the New Year and with this service comes many hopes of all the amazing things God can do in 2010. This service is always a great opportunity to really look ahead to the New Year with great faith and vision. Therefore, Scott will be preaching a sermon that highlights some of the amazing ways God has worked in our lives in the past and how He can work through our lives in the future. From an evangelistic standpoint, this service is also a great opportunity for all of us to really go after sharing our faith and inviting people to the service throughout the week. Let's all be praying that we could start our New Year off with ten or more visitors worshipping along side of us. To God be the glory!

Final Two Midweek Services of 2009

Let's all take note that the final two midweek services of the year fall on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Therefore, with much regret we will not be meeting for these final two Thursdays. Remember though, you can always take this opportunity to spend some time celebrating with your brothers and sisters for these two special evenings.

NOTE: Let's all make sure that each and every member of our family group has a place to go for Christmas Day.

Christmas Dinner and Party

I am sure we are all very excited that in just a few days we will be eating and partying together to the glory of the Lord. Our annual Christmas dinner and party has always brought much joy and laughter to our souls. This year our souls will once again be inebriated by the spirit of joy and laughter. We all know that the food will be scrum-deli-cious, the white elephant gift exchange for those 12 years of age and up will provide some intense decision-making moments...maybe even a little heartache as the gift of your dreams gets snatched away by a higher number contestant, Santa will be showing up on the scene with some ho ho hos and a bag of toys for those children 11 years of age and younger, and finally the Year-in-Review video reminds all of us just how special the past year has been.

Tamirah Ju has been doing a great job at coordinating the food, desserts, drinks, etc. for our Christmas dinner, Sarah Miner is on top of the white elephant gift exchange, and rumor has it we may once again see none other than Timothy Deck impersonating the one and only Santa Claus. Once again it is very important that we all understand that for this dinner and party to be a great success, it will take each and every member of the congregation willing to lend a hand one way or another. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Church-Wide Caroling Wednesday, December 23, 2009

On the church's yearly calendar, we have had the above-mentioned date set aside for a Christmas caroling expedition by the church members. This has the potential to be a really unifying and fun activity, but we need to know if anyone will be able to do it. Please let Scott McNair know ASAP if you are interested. The location will probably be determined once we find out which members are able to participate. The time will also be decided based on the same fact. Remember, please let Scott know ASAP so we can get things set up right away.

2010 Annual Meeting

The family group leaders will be meeting this Sunday at which time they will determine a good date for our annual New Year meeting. They will be shooting for a date in the latter part of January and will be sure to give everyone three weeks notice prior to the meeting date. That being said, the date will be announced at this Sunday service. Please be praying for this gathering.

2010 Yearly Calendar

We all look forward to seeing the great services and events that will be put on our yearly calendar. The goal is that this calendar will be completed and handed out at the annual meeting. The family group leaders have been collecting ideas from their groups and will come together at their next meeting to look over these suggestions. We will then put together a sign-up sheet for the various events chosen and have the sign-up sheets available at both Sunday services and midweeks for a two-week period. Then when they put together the yearly calendar they will only put events on it that people have volunteered to coordinate. So please do your best to volunteer for at least one event if not more. Thank you on behalf of all the members of our congregation.