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Learn the Truth
Light the World*

TIMBER LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

November

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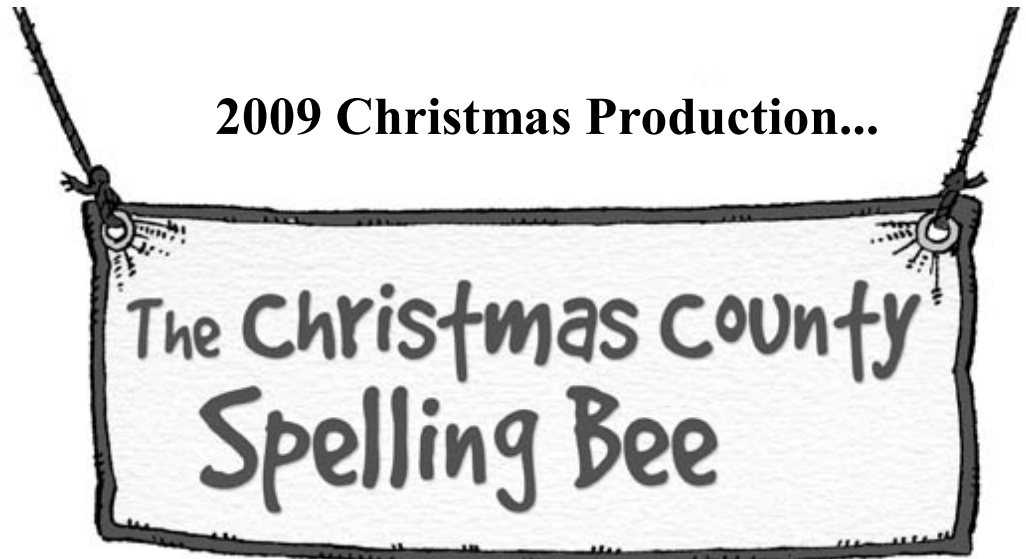
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2009 Christmas Production...



Saturday, December 12 • 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Wonderful Counselor. Prince of Peace. Everlasting Father. Even a brief reflection on the names of Jesus brings power and strength to our faith. This year's Christmas program is centered entirely around this theme. As the musical unfolds, the contestants learn more about the character and nature of our Savior. Worshipful, bright and enjoyable, *The Christmas County Spelling Bee* will engage our hearts this Christmas as it reminds us that "Jesus is the only name that saves."

from the leadership

A MESSAGE FROM DOUG

The preacher told the story of a young man whose heart beat to every tune the young piano player played each Sunday morning. It wasn't clear exactly who the young man came to worship, the Creator, or that talented young thing He had created. One day the preacher suggested, "Son, why don't you ask her out?" He looked down and stammered with embarrassment, "Oh, how did you know?" A few months later the piano player's fingers flashed a gleam of light from her new engagement ring. The preacher went up to congratulate the young man, who looked down again and said, "The ring isn't mine." Finally after a couple of awkward moments the young man said, "I was aiming to ask her out but . . ." The preacher interrupted and said, "Son, this is an important lesson to remember—there's a time to aim and then there's a time to shoot!"

I remember the times when our church leadership was "aiming to" and "pulled the trigger" to take short-term missions trips, start CARE groups, develop our budget

ELDERS EXHORTATION

The Power of the Network—David Fincher

One of the country's most popular mobile phone companies once advertised with the phrase "That's the Power of the Network." Whether it's phones, computers, or business associates, networking increases functionality and effectiveness. In fact, computers existed for several years before they ever added productivity to businesses. But in the 1990s, it became much easier to network them together, first within an office and then to the world. Immediately, productivity increased exponentially due to the number of network connections available to users.

In Family Builders class, we recently discussed the topic of stress. Everyone experiences it in life. Both the authors of our book and our class discussion came to this conclusion: The strain of life can best be handled by utilizing the resources of the networks God has given us. We all go through stressful events, but those who handle them well have learned to find strength in at least one of these three networks.

First is the network of **family**. God placed us within families that are filled with resources. From grandparents to grandchildren, siblings to cousins, and uncles to nieces, most of us have far more potential help than we have admitted. Our families can provide wisdom,

based on annual goals, relocate, hire a full-time fourth staff member. I want you to know just a few things our leaders plan to "aim" and "shoot" for this next year.

1. Develop a plan for significant debt reduction.
 2. Implement a strategic plan for worship renewal.
 3. Promote quarterly all-church potlucks with enough food for everyone! :) Ministry and sponsor meetings to follow.
 4. Continue to build on the "Life Changers" success for training new children's workers.
 5. Carry out a "Talent Night" music ministry fundraiser in March.
 6. Build an effective "Guest Hospitality" ministry with information kiosk & coffee bar.
 7. 70% attendance to the 101, 201, 301 classes.
 8. Summer Missions emphasis & Nov. 14 Missions fair
- Ready . . . Aim . . . Fire!

comfort, and finances that are accumulated within that network (see 1 Timothy 5:8).

Not everyone has the same level of family support, but we can all develop a network of **friends**. Through the years, we have built relationships with many people, some of whom God may use to provide just the encouragement or support that we need. Instead of assuming that friends have their own problems to address, open yourself to the possibility that God may use them to comfort you with the same comfort they have already received (see 2 Corinthians 1:4).

Finally, we have our network of **faith**. The support of the body of Christ allows us to face things that we couldn't handle alone. Our knowledge of God's love, Christ's resurrection, and the Spirit's presence in our lives is enough to strengthen us against anything that threatens to destroy our faith (see Romans 8:35-39).

The key to utilizing any of these networks is to stay connected and be in communication. Our families may not know when we're hurting. Our friends wish they could help but don't know how. And while God knows all we are going through, we need to read His Word to gain confidence that His power is at work in our lives. That is the true Power of the network.

children's and youth ministries

DELIGHT

—Mary Green

What gives you delight?

- A triple chocolate cake?
- The giggle of a preschool child?
- A gorgeous sunset painted by the Almighty?
- Spontaneous acts of unselfishness?
- A message from the Lover of your Soul?—*I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.* Jeremiah 31:3
- Knowing intimately the One who loves you?

Christmas Eve Service



- ♦ 6:00 p.m.
 - ♦ Auditorium/Gym
 - ♦ Children hosting and presenting
- Come ready to celebrate Christ's birth*

DANCING WITH DAVID

—Allen Todd

David's arm was hurting, so I asked him to tell me what was hurt. "Well, it's either a bone or a wire... A wire or a tube." He makes me smile.

Sometimes we know something hurts, but we can't put a name on it. We describe it as best we can in terms that make sense to us. Then those who have more experience and training can help us diagnose the problem and give us instructions that will help us heal and grow.

Psalm 147:3 says, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

God is the one you can always go to when you are hurting. You can cry out to God no matter what is hurting. He listens. You can vent your frustrations to God in the middle of the night. He's wide awake. He knows the cure. I may not even realize what is causing the pain. Maybe it is an infection of hurtful words. Or a cancer of selfishness. Maybe even a

Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, November 25**, no evening programming (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Sunday, December 13**, no preschool classes or junior worship during 10:30 a.m. hour (Christmas Choir Performance)
- **Sunday, November 29**, Life Changers for all children's ministry workers
- **Sunday, November 29**, no junior worship during 10:30 a.m. hour (5th Sunday)
- **Wednesday, December 16**, last Wednesday night of programming until January 13
- **Thursday, December 24**, service at 6 p.m.

Life Changers

- All children's ministry workers invited
- **Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.**
- Room 204
- **Fun, games, gifts and food!**



Join us for a celebration of the past year!

bruise of materialism. Whatever is causing the pain, whether our sin or someone else's, God is able to give healing and growth. Psalm 30:2 says, "I called to you for help and you healed me."

Youth Events Coming up...

November:

- 22 Turn in \$7 Buy 1/Get 1 CD offer. Form w/\$\$ due.
- 25 No Wednesday night programming. Thanks!
- 29 Turn in CCCB Snow Day VB & BB teams. 1/23/10

December:

- 1 Sign up for WOCC Winter Retreat. (Gr. 9-12) \$25
- 2 Jr. High REACH in gym. Sr. High Coffee House night at Delp's house. 6:30-8:00 pm.
- 13 Chili Dinner Fundraiser at Noon after Children's Christmas program.
- 13 Christmas Caroling 6:30pm
- 24 Christmas Eve program. 6:00 pm.
- 30-1 WOCC Sr. High Winter Retreat. \$25

more articles and announcements

TAKE NOTE

The Advent Season—Brian Sevits

Someone once said to me, “We don’t do advent at this church.” The fact is that a few years ago I would have had the same reaction, had someone entertained the possibility of celebrating the five Sundays of Advent as a church family. More recently, however, I have come to appreciate certain aspects of the church year, and I believe that they can be of value to us when modified to fit our congregation.

“Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, and it simply means “coming.” The online encyclopedia *Wikipedia* puts it plainly: “It is a season of the Christian church, the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus; in other words, the period immediately before Christmas”. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply

marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God.

So, this year we are going to “do Advent!” We will be celebrating each of the five Sundays, beginning November 29, by having selected families read Scripture and light a candle at some point in our order of worship. The candles will form the center of an Advent wreath, which will be a focal point during the Christmas season. The Sundays of Advent are:

November 29—Hope

December 6—Love

December 13—Joy

December 20—Peace

December 27—Glory

It is my prayer that you will be blessed as we read the story and sing the songs of Advent together. In the midst of this busy holiday season, let’s truly celebrate Christ’s first coming and look forward to that day when He will come again!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The warm welcome of our fellowship is extended to these new family members!

Jonathan and Angela Bruner placed their membership on November 1. The Bruners reside in Moberly.

Connie Kissell was immersed into Christ on a Wednesday evening. Connie lives in Huntsville, MO.

Rick & Jan Petersen came on November 1 to place membership at TLCC.

We’re thankful for these new members!

BENEVOLENCE TEAM TRAINING

The Benevolence team will provide training to potential new counselors during the 9 a.m. hour in rm 402/403 (Family Builders class) on December 6. Anyone interested is invited to attend. FPU graduates, here is your chance to give back and hone your skills. For more information, call Ted Richardson at 263-6980.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are various items posted on our bulletin board about holiday happenings: Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Care and Share Christmas, Main Street Moberly Nativity Festival, and Hospice Tree of Memories. There was not room to advertise all of these, but please check out the bulletin board in the foyer for these items.

announcements

FROM THE MAILBOX

My heart has truly been touched and I feel very blessed by the sympathy and love shown to me after the death of my mother. Thank you so much for the many cards, hugs, and flowers sent to the funeral, and mostly the prayers. I very much appreciated the cards sent by the youth groups and the ABC children. A special thanks to the “foursome” that made the long journey to be with me and my family for the visitation. I’m so fortunate to be a part of a wonderful church family. God bless you all!

In Christian love, Janet Gladstone

We really appreciated the cards, prayers, concerns, visits and words of encouragement during the loss of Robert Freeman. Thanks to Doug and our church family for being there for us. Your prayers and the strength that God provided us, helped us focus on the blessing my Dad was, and how fortunate we were to have spent time with him and helped him through the tough days of his illness. Thanks to Linda Dumm and the Afternoon Bible Club for leading students in creating cards offering their unique condolences that touched our hearts. God bless you all.

Beverly Andrews & the family of Robert Freeman

Thanks for the cards, visits and prayers during my recent 17-day hospital stay. Thanks also for the cards I received during my recovery from a broken knee and hand. God bless!

Shirley Henderson

Thank you so much to all the veterans of TLCC for your service and sacrifices. Thanks to all who attended the Veteran’s Appreciation Dinner. To all those who did not attend, you were sadly missed. Thank you for providing the church for our evening’s events! Without the church, it couldn’t have been possible. Thanks to all who helped make the dinner and program a success. It is a blessing to belong to a church who is so supportive and loving to such an honorable group of people. Thank you for showing your support to our veterans. May God bless you!

The Military CARE Group

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Who: Ladies Only!
When: Saturday evening, Nov. 21
What time: 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
Where: Sandy Fincher’s Home
What For: Finger Foods, Fun & Fellowship

We would like to invite you to a special night of fun and fellowship with other ladies. There will be food and games, and, of course, plenty of time to visit! Please bring your girlfriends! And your favorite finger food. The more the merrier! (girlfriends and finger foods, that is!) If you have a favorite game, bring that too! If you are not keen on playing games, please come anyway & visit with those of us not gaming. And, as a special treat, Sandy will be giving away Christian books from her collection to all who attend. Contact Sandy Fincher if you have any questions.

EXTRA HELP NEEDED

The Afternoon Bible Club is in need of extra volunteers Dec. 10-18 and Jan. 4-18 as the CCCB helpers are home on break. Please contact Linda Dumm or the church office to volunteer or for information.

CMCE AT TLCC

Monday, December 14, is our turn to host the monthly meal/meeting of Central Missouri Christian Evangelizers. If you could help by making a pie/pies for this, please contact Jan Green or the office.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

In case of a winter storm, information regarding schedule changes of services will be announced through our website, KWIX/KRES and KOMU. As a rule, we will always have at least the late service with the Lord’s supper on Sunday morning.

people and prayer requests

CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays

- 1- Ray Cullifer
- 2- Nick Perkins
Joanne Simmerman
Noah Stice
Taylor Widdison
- 3- Alyse Grant
- 4- Ben Cousin
Zach Williams
- 5- Melissa Williams
- 6- Kyle Bartholmew
Cristi Cousin
Jaden Jones
- 7- Lucy Lawrence
Helen Wright
- 9- Amber Beaverson
Taylor Beaverson
Anne Cousin
- 10- Roberta Crutcher
Darold Evans
Debi Wybert
- 11- Hannah Culbertson
- 12- Rhonda Dunham
- 13- Leah Otte
- 14- Marilyn Todd
- 16- Tami Beaverson



- 16- Sarah Henry
- 17- Trevor Hatfield
Jan Sears
- 18- Chris Morrison
- 19- Kaitlin Gelina
Tammy Gibson
Kirk Hatfield
- 20- Cathy Evans
Ben Williams
- 23- Joe Morris
- 24- Vickie Mallory
- 25- Linda Hubin
Ray McCully

- 26- Melva Dunn
Karen Wright
- 27- Becky Flood
Brian Sevits
- 30- Ruth Dowlin
David Rosado
David Sears
- 31- Joy Gastler

December Anniversaries

- 5- Wayne & Frieda McKinney
- 12- Ray & Glenda Perry
- 17- Gale & Bev Robertson
- 23- Charles & Roberta Crutcher
Don & Carolyn Herron
Dale & Sue Samp
Larry & Joanne Simmerman
- 28- Sam & Diane Richardson

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these in prayer...

Lorissa Beach Amant, Joselyn Beach, Lillian Collins, Thomas Corbin, Linda Dumm, Bob Franklin, Gil Franklin, Karen Franklin, Alyse Grant, Shirley Henderson, Lonnie Henry, Patrick Henry, Jim Johnson, Tom Kaser, Mel Kissell, Danielle Meyer, Bob Ollmann, Gail Peterson, Carl Pittman, Timothy Pittman, Helen Prange, Frank & Margie Richardson, Rick Roberts, Bev Robertson, Rachel Stall, Matt Steffen, Jerri Cravens-Sum, Sally Walker, Barbara White, Edonna White

Those in Nursing Homes or Care Centers...

Bluff's Nursing Home, Columbia—Catherine Williams; Cameron Manor—Anna See; Loch Haven—Sue Smith; Loma Linda—Irene Crawford, Dan Dolan, Betty Dunwoody; Macon—Bruna Hughes; Mark Twain—Lyle & Hilda Stout; Moberly Nursing: Tom Worstell; Ravenwood Terrace—Susie Ash, Martha Dolan, Dorothy Fausz, Mary Worstell; St. Louis Nursing Home—Dorothy Cozadd



Those in the Military...

Afghanistan: Chris Beaverson, Bobby Bulens; Cherry Point, NC: Travis Bash; Fort Sill, OK: Drew Stice; Hawaii: Justin Lewis, Jeff Taylor; Iraq: Nicholas Clear, Ryan Colwick, Josh Conklin, Jacob Dykstra, David Rinehart, George Thornburg, Gerrett Vessar; New Jersey: Travis Harvey; Texas: Thiet Tran, Jr. Washington: Isaac LeGrand; Reserves: Adam Cousin, Matt Martin

statistics and serving schedules

	10/25	11/1	11/8	11/15
ATTEN-DANCE				
TOTAL Sun. School	242	264	272	226
1st Worship	117	130	127	107
2nd Worship	246	270	254	231
Children	82	97	88	80
TOTAL Worship	445	497	469	418
OFFERING				
General	\$6,676	\$12,144	\$8,559	\$8,321
Designated	365	666	935	601
TLCC Facility Completion		Needed	Given	
Sound & Video		15,000.00	7,827	
Chairs		6000.00	4,205	
Moveable Walls		30,000.00	679	
Workroom cabinets/ Of-		3,000.00	608	
Decorations		3,000.00	215	
Classroom cabinets		8,000.00		

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Worship Average: 462
Sunday School Average: 244
Total Offering Received: \$460,171
Average Weekly Offering: \$10,004
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$9,884

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

December Communion Servers

1st Worship: Harley Funk, Gary Hargis, Dick Koffarnus, Norman Lavinder, Kyle Robuck, Rob Robuck, Mark Russell, David Sears

2nd Worship: Kevin Bartholmey, Todd Beaverson, Keith Bosch, Bill Dowlin, David Fincher, Ralph Hoppe, Jeff Lawrence, Tracy Roach, Alan Wilson, Mark Wilson

If you are unable to serve one Sunday, please find a substitute. If you cannot serve for the entire month, please contact Keith Bosch.

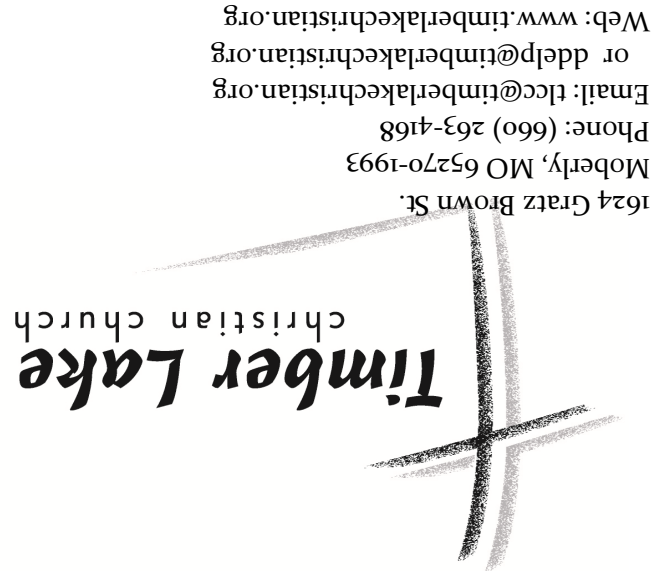
December Pulpit Helpers

1st Worship: Dick Koffarnus
2nd Worship: Tony Beaverson

	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Greeters	Steve & Karen Wright Keith & Melissa Bosch	Jim & Cindy Meyer Scott & Shannon Bright	Charles & Roberta Crutcher Dean & Penny Pasbrig	Kirk & Terry Hatfield Joe & Marlene Wilson	Brad & Debbie Keller Alan & Carlie Wilson	Norman & Micky Lavinder Wayne & Frieda McKinney
Visitor Greeters	Rena Lang Joyce Haller	Lara Lawrence	Dawn Beaverson	Rena Lang Joyce Haller	Ray & Lorraine McCully	Lara Lawrence
Shut-in Communion	Doug Delp Doug Henry	Fred Green	David Sears Ron Self	Jack Richardson Harley Funk	Doug Delp Doug Henry	Fred Green

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY
 Dual Worship/Sunday School.....9 & 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Night C.A.R.E. Groups (Sept.—April)
WEDNESDAY (Sept.—April)
 C.A.R.E. Groups(times to be set by group)
 Jr. High Groups and Children's Programming
 for Age 2—Grade 5.....6:30-8 p.m.



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- 6- Library Open House
- 6- Benevolence training, rm. 402/403, 9 AM
- 7- Camp Board Meeting, 6:15 PM
- 8- ABC Christmas Program & Dinner
- 10- Food Pantry
- 12- Christmas Production, 7 PM
- 13- Christmas Production, 10:30 AM
- 13- Christmas Caroling with CARE groups, 6:30 PM
- 14- CMCE at TLCC
- 18- Preschool Christmas Program, 7 PM
- 24- Christmas Eve Service, 6 PM
- 24-25 TLCC Office Closed

Recurring Events

- Sun. & Wed. Bible Bowl Practices—4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday NAMI—7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday (Dec. 2, 9, 16)
 Youth Classes, age 2-grade 12
 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Women's study—6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Men's study—6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday Worship Team/Choir Pract.—6:30 p.m.
 Choir Only—7:30 p.m.
 (Not Dec. 24 or 31)

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

- November—Falling Walls & Claiming Promises**
 22— "Step Up" (Commitment Sunday)
 29— "Step High" (Joshua 14:6-15)
- December—Colossians**
 6— "Christmas Around the World" (Col. 1:3-6)
 13— "Rescued from Darkness" (Col. 1:9-14)
 20— "The Creator at Christmas" (Col. 1:15-23)
 27— Brian Sevits Preaching