

Where's Your Security

When *A Charlie Brown Christmas* debuted in 1965, religious references were unheard of on television. Yet the show's climax features the Christmas story verbatim. As Linus begins reciting Luke 2, he's clutching his ever-present blue blanket. Yet, as pastor Jason Soroski points out, Linus drops it right as he utters the words "fear not" (Luke 2:10).

Soroski believes the timing is intentional and that "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz sends a simple, brilliant message. "The birth of Jesus separates us from our fears," Soroski writes. It "frees us from the habits we are unable (or unwilling) to break ourselves. The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly, and learn to trust and cling to Him instead."

Poinsettias

We will once again be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias. Money for poinsettias for the altar during the Christmas season will be taken on Sunday, December 4th and December 11th. They will be \$10.00 each, and envelopes will be in the pews. Be sure to indicate how many you are purchasing and in whose honor/memory they are being given. If you have any questions, contact Charlene Green at 740-775-3936.

Worship Services During December

December 4th & December 11th
Regular Worship Service Times

December 18th
United Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Cantata
In the Life Center

December 24th
Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

December 25th
United Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
(Sunday school at the discretion of each class)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Craft Bazaar for India Mission Trip, December 3
- Annual Business Meeting, December 11
- Free Meal in God's Kitchen, December 15
- Believe in Christmas (Cantata), December 18
- Christmas Eve Service, December 24
- Christmas Day Worship, December 25



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Happy December Anniversary!

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 Brian & Teresa Burson | 24 Bob & Evelyn Bowers |
| 8 John & Rose Malone | 29 Dave & Serla Hirschler |
| 11 Steve & Mary Schmidt | 31 Frank & Janet Kelly |
| 17 Bryan & Barbara Young | Gene & Dianna Oliver |
| 19 Drew & Tammy Aquino | |

Happy December Birthday!

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| 1 Gayle Evans | Kasandra Dalton | 23 Leslie Aquino |
| Joshua Reisinger | Rhonda Lemaster | 24 Cindy Diaz |
| 2 Anthony Ashton | Mike McDaniel | Lucy Easterday |
| Elizabeth Miller | 14 Nick Pinnix | 25 Christina Miller |
| 3 Bruce Hambrick | 18 Andrew Buchanan | 26 Ron Cubbage |
| 5 Rick Hamilton | James Garner | 27 John Bost |
| 6 Katie Hosler | Roger Oney | 29 Nancy Ames |
| 7 Pat Brantley | 19 Ella Anderson | John Malone |
| Debbie Hamilton | Ruth Irwin | 30 Marianna Phillips |
| Sam Kelly | Linda Kinsey | 31 Bob Green |
| 8 Ralph Aquino | 20 Doug Caplinger | Ada McGehee |
| 10 Teresa Burson | Henry Walter | |
| Cindy Carver | 21 Nancy Ross | |

From the Financial Secretary

If you would like to know how much you have given year-to-date, we can provide you with that information. If you aren't sure on your tithe, I can help with that, also. Please contact me, and I can show you your status. It's not too late for some year-end giving for tax purposes.

Also, if anyone is interested in electronic transfer for your giving, our E-giving program is easy and efficient.

Annual Business Meeting

As mandated by our Church Constitution, we will have our Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The stated purpose

of this meeting is to elect 2017 officers and team members and to approve the 2017 budget. No other business will be addressed.

Give me a call, and I will help. If you have any questions, please call 740-773-1020 or 740-649-3390.

Thank you,
Len Pinkerton
Financial Secretary

DECEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 *9:30 Sr. Saints' Exercise	2 *9:00 Ladies' Exercise	3 9:00 Craft Bazaar 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
4 Communion *8:30 Worship *9:45 Sunday School *11:00 Worship *6:30 Restoring Your Joy	5 *9:30 Sr. Saints' Exercise *6:00 Men's Basketball 6:30 Mission & Outreach Team 6:30 Deacon Team	6 *9:00 Ladies' Exercise 5:15 Finance Team	7 *9:00 Ladies' Ex. 5:30 Christian Ed. *6:00 Prayer Meeting *6:00 Praise Team (1st Service) *6:20 AWANA *6:30 Real Life *6:30 Choir Rehearsal *8:00 Praise Team (2nd Service)	8	9 5:30 AHG Christmas Party	10
11 6:30 Annual Business Meeting	12	13 5:30 Deaconess Team 6:30 Church Council	14	15 3:30 Free Meal in God's Kitchen 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	16	17 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 1:00 Christmas Party 6:30 Disciples Class Meeting
18 11:00 Cantata—Believe in Christmas	19	20	21	22 All Day—First Capital Enterprises Christmas Party	23	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service
25 10:30 Worship	26	27 5:00 Trustee Team	28 No AWANA	29	30	31

*Indicates same activity on following weeks.

Love Gift Offerings are taken the first Sunday of every month.

Check out our web site for a more detailed calendar.



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OUR PURPOSE

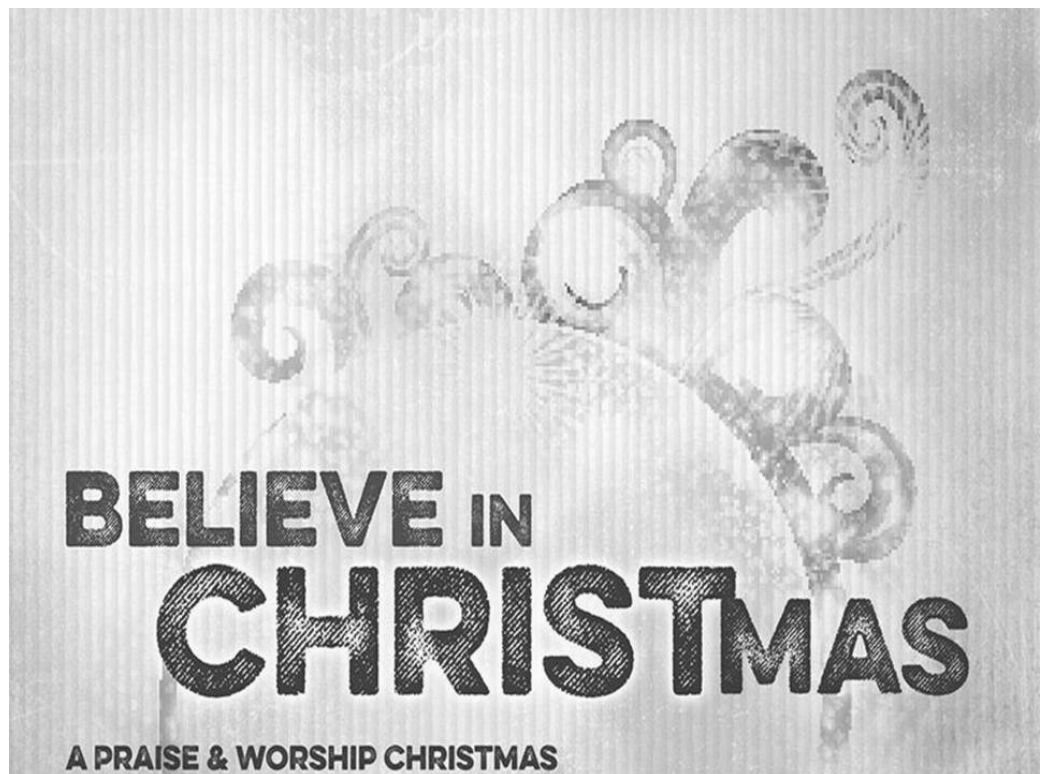
WINNING THE LOST

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HURTING*

*GROWING TOGETHER AS
FAMILY*

*CELEBRATING JESUS
CHRIST TOGETHER*



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JOHN 10:10*

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
11:00 a.m. (United Service)
In the Life Center

**Bring your family and friends to
celebrate Jesus' birth.**