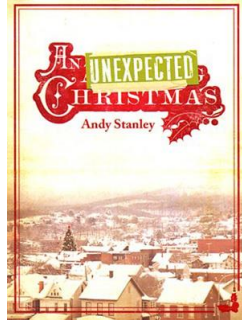


THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

Hello everyone! I don't know about you, but I am still full after eating all that food over Thanksgiving. Wow! I love Thanksgiving! With Thanksgiving comes: family gathering together; catching up on every detail of each person's life; and of course, taking time to count our blessings. I hope you took time to at least make a mental list of God's goodness.



Yet now we enter into the Christmas season where we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Thank God for His birth! I know it's easy to lose track of the real significance of the holiday so I am offering a 5 week film study entitled: "An Unexpected Christmas." The class will be held in the fellowship hall. If you do not have a Sunday School class, feel free to join mine in December.

The series is presented by Author and Minister Andy Stanley. Each week he will reveal people who we will say our "real characters," if you know what I mean that are part of Jesus' lineage. Shake any family tree and you never know what kind of people might fall out. Let's face it; we all have an uncle or cousin we whisper about behind closed doors. We all have a relative or two we try to avoid at family gatherings. No surprise there. But here's something you may not know. Jesus had a few shady characters in his family as well. Actually, he had some relatives that make your most wayward cousin look like a saint.

In this 5-part series, Andy introduces us to a few of these colorful characters and the role they play in the Christmas story. I hope you will join me.

As a reminder, our scheduled Wednesday Bible study nights will be offered December 2, 9, and 16th.

In His Service,
Brad

MAYWOOD MISSION FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

For many years we have collected food to give to Maywood Mission to help meet the needs of the hungry in our area. Over the course of this year we have noticed two things happening with our donations and with the current level of need surrounding the church. Donations of food have decreased over the course of this year; while the needs of some of the surrounding neighborhood have increased. Due to this we have decided to establish our own small pantry. This enables us to meet the needs of the surrounding people more quickly than was previously available. Additionally, we are able to discontinue providing gas cards as a means of giving aid and food. At one time we used to buy ALDI gift certificates to meet these needs but even there, the money can be used to buy items other than food. We feel this change will enable us to better serve the community while at the same time being better stewards of our benevolence money. In the future, donations can continue to be dropped off next to the stairs as you have done in the past. Any questions about this change can be directed to Patrick Wersell. Thank you all for your continued support of the hungry and the downtrodden in our local community.

November 22, 2015	
Sunday School	68
Morning Worship	133
Evening Worship	25
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,686.00
Budget Received	\$ 4,398.20
Roof Fund	\$ 70.00
Roof Fund (received to date)	\$ 6,815.00
Love Offering-Thanksgiving Dinner	\$ 391.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,075.00

SERVING SCHEDULE November 29, 2015	
At the Table	Fred Griffith and Bob Neff
Serving	Dale Rose, Bill Kelly, Ron Enlow, Carmel Marsh
PM Deacon	Dale Rose
COMMUNION	Mike and Tina Milbaugh
GREETERS	Dan and Janet Brown
NURSERY	
Sunday School	Volunteer Needed
Worship	Marie Huffman
VISITOR CENTER	Sue Tingler
SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER	Shirley Alexander
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Family Sunday
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	Jeff Crook
Evening Worship	Ray Coats

SERVING SCHEDULE December 6, 2015	
At the Table	Dick Shumaker and Ron Enlow
Serving	Tim Huffman, Mike Milbaugh, Dave Riggensbach, Dick Shumaker
PM Deacon	Tim Huffman
COMMUNION	Dan and Janet Brown
GREETERS	Ray and Mary Alice Coats
NURSERY	
Sunday School	Brenda Hines
Worship	Jo George
VISITOR CENTER	Janet Brown
SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER	Ruth Enlow
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kim Seevers Angie Music
SECURITY	
Sunday School/ Worship	Bob Hawkes
Evening Worship	Mike Weaver



Naressa Allen	Jeane Goldfarb
Millie Hoy	Kenneth Dusthimer
Our Troops	Camille Stiverson
Piper Stark	Kasen Newman
Patty Turner	Steve Knox
J. David Johns	Jerry Delong
Marc Mooney	Mira McCarty
Bob Neff	Jonathan Abram
	Alberta and George Ellis

Greeter and Visitor Center Schedules

2016 Greeter and Visitor Center schedules will be sent out soon. If you would like to assist in one of these ministries, please make a note on your Silent Roll Call Card, or call the church office at 654-0626.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages All classes are at 8:45 a.m.

Nursery
(Birth through 3 years old)
"Jesus Loves Me"
Room 102

Preschool
(Ages 3-6)
"Bible Friends"
Room 105
Marie Huffman, Teacher

Early Elementary
(K- 3rd Grade)
"Jesus, Our Example"
Room 101
Deborah Will, Teacher

Upper Elementary Class
(4th-6th Grade)
"Jesus, Our Example"
Room 106
Larry King, Teacher

Ladies' Class
"Unglued"
Room 209
Jean Azbell, Teacher

Adult Class
Room 214
Brad Seevers, Teacher

Harmony Adult Class
"Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings"
International Sunday School Lessons
Room 204
Dave Tingler, Teacher

Philothean Adult Class
"Parables"
Room 208
Jim Love, Teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 30th
Book Nook, 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 2nd
Bible Study, 6:15pm

Saturday, December 5th
Ladies Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 9th
Bible Study, 6:15pm

Thursday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Service, 6:15pm

All schedules for 2016 that are published in The Messenger must be turned in to the church office by Sunday, December 13th.

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, December 6, 2015 following morning worship hour to elect officers and approve the budget for 2016.

PROPOSED OFFICERS FOR 2016

Elder (2 years)	Patrick Wersell Ned Tomlinson
Deacon (2 years)	Ron Enlow Tim Huffman Bob Neff
Trustee (2 years)	Don Gardner Tim Huffman David Riggensbach
Treasurer (1 year)	Penny Hawkes
Assistant Treasurer (1 year)	Nancye Rose
Financial Secretary (1 year)	Marg Shumaker
Sunday School Superintendent (1 year)	Jean Azbell
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent (1 year)	Beverly Puckett
Missions Secretary/Treasurer	Patrick Wersell

