



Welcome to the Month of December-Again!

I am excited to welcome each of you to the month of December-again. Its true whatever has a beginning must have an end. December is naturally a month of celebration and it's amazing to know that Christ is giving everyone a reason to celebrate.

For the wise, December is a month of preparation: it is the end of a current year leading to a beginning of a new year. In preparation for 2012, the first thing to do is to take stock of 2011, how did you do, where did things go well and where did they go wrong, what areas needs to be maintained and what needs improvement, what needs to be removed or what needs to be added, to make a better 2012. After talking stock, then you need a solid plan of action; new vision and goals, and practical things you can do to achieve them. I want to encourage you that as you go about celebrating and enjoying your Christmas, please choose to be wise and also find time to prepare and plan for the New Year. You can do this by living one day at a time and keeping God a main priority.

Proverbs 21:5-The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty

As a church community we are dedicated to seek God, do some end of the year soul searching and commit the next year into God's hands. I encourage you to choose to do this early in the month before you possibly get consumed with the Christmas holiday celebration. Remember "Jesus is supposed to be the reason for the season."

One of the most prominent features of December is Christmas lights; there are literally lights everywhere you go. Praise God that even in the spiritual, Christ is the light of the world. Charlina and I pray that as you experience this month, God will give you multiple reasons to celebrate beyond measure... even beyond our StoneBridge Church walls.

May this holiday season bring you plenty of laughter and joy.

Pastor Randy and Charlina Reed



Christian Women Connection Thurs., Dec. 1-carry in lunch at noon. 1:00 topic, "Making Room". Bring gloves, mittens, hats, scarfs for our "Warm Fuzzies" that goes to Chopin Hall.



LADIES NIGHT OUT-Mon., Dec. 5 at 7pm. Christmas party at Marcene Wallace's. Come for an evening of fun & fellowship. Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift and a sense of adventure. Sign up on Women's bulletin board or contact Marcene Wallace at marcy4355@aol.com or 419.422.8269.

Dec. 8 & 9 at 9am join us in the kitchen for pie baking & dumplings for the Bazaar.



"ONE STOP CHRISTMAS SHOP"-Annual Bazaar Sat., Dec. 10 from 9am-2pm featuring Basket Gifts, Cookies by the Pound, Baked Goods & Luncheon. Soups, Sandwiches & Desserts will be served 11am-1pm. Proceeds go to Christ Birthday Offering.

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

1. Need for Basket gifts: New Children's DVDs, from the Dollar Store: lotions, creams toiletries, small tools, gloves, etc. for men's baskets, children's toys crayons, coloring books, tea, hot chocolate packets, etc. Bring to church office.
2. Gift baskets will be put together Wed., Dec. 7. Contact Marcene 419.422.8269.



Actioneers will met on Thurs., Dec. 15 at noon in the Youth Center. If you are able, please

bring a new long sleeve sweatshirt to be donated for CHOPIN HALL's Christmas baskets. Any size will do. They are available in many stores for \$5. Meat will be furnished for the meal. Bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share. We will have a good time celebrating Christmas with singing and activities. Contact Marie Jernigan at 419.422.7102. Anyone 50 or older is welcome.

Sat., Dec. 17 – Lights at the Zoo at Toledo Zoo. 5-9pm. \$20 for dinner & zoo.
Dec. 25 & Jan .1–No Youth
Jan. 8–Winter Kickoff

YOUTH

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MON., DEC. 26

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

One again we continue our tradition in holding our annual Christmas Eve Service here at the church starting at 6:30pm. Our theme this year is Celebrating the Heart Christmas. Our goal is to enhance Christ into our consciousness during this holiday season while freeing us to spend this special time with our family and friends. As always we expect this year's event to be encouraging and heartwarming. Hope to see you there!

