

The Silver Star

The Church of Christ - shining like a star in Silver City

December 28, 2008

Our Mission:

"To glorify God by being a Christ-centered, Spirit-led church where every 'one' matters."

Living Loved

Text: 1 Jn.4:7-11

- A. Looking ahead to congregational and community needs for 2009
- B. Love is the Identifying characteristic of the people of God
- C. Love defined
- D. Loving the Unlovable
- E. Loving with God's love
- F. Living Loved
- G. Conclusion

I John 4:7-II The Message

7-10 My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

11 My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other.

"Friend"

Although the North American Indians had no written alphabet before they met the white man, their language was anything but primitive. The vocabulary of many Indian languages was as large as that of their French and English conquerers. Often, their expressions were far more eloquent. In an Indian tongue, for example, the concept for the word *friend* is beautifully stated as "one-who-carries-my-sorrows-on-his-back."

A friend or family member who comes to you for solace... or even claiming to be seeking advice... very often wants nothing more than your presence, your listening ear, and your quiet caring of sorrows. A young man discovered this shortly after his marriage. His wife frequently came home from her job telling of the woes of the day. His response was to offer suggestions and give solutions. His wife finally said to him, "I've already solved the problems of the day." The husband asked, perplexed, "Then why are you telling me about them?" She replied, "I don't need Mr. Fixit. I need a loving ear."

The friend who provides both physical and emotional shelter is a true haven, one who helps another weather a storm in safety.

Make a note....

Wednesday Night for the Master

this week on New Year's Eve

Bring Sandwiches, Finger Foods, & Snacks
for an evening of worship & fellowship

Meal at 6:00 -

Youth-Led Devotional at 7:00 PM -

Games & Fellowship following
until midnight for everyone.

Congregational Meeting

Today at 5:00 PM

A Community Wide Prayer Day

is being held on New Year's Day at the
National Guard Armory at 2:00 PM

Leaders from various local churches plan to
pray for our community - those who are
unemployed, economic hard times, etc.

Red River Family Encampment

June 27 - July 1, 2009

Happy Birthday to

Don Perry & Linda Pecotte (29th),
Norman Brannan (Jan 1st),
& Emily Gossett (3rd)



PANTRY

Item this week: Peanut Butter



teenspace/youthspace

ATTN: Teens & their families
will receive a packet entitled "Reflections" -
a challenge to be used in your home for
Spiritual growth. Packets will be available to
all members - See Josh if you'd like one.

Teens & Parents see Josh for more info
on the following...

***Lock-in on New Year's Eve
here at our building - Youth will lead the
devotional at 7:00 PM

***Fabulous Thirteen & Chile Bowl
Friday PM - Sunday AM, January 23-25

***Tentative Plan - Trip to White Sands
Saturday, February 28

***Mission Trip to Portales Children's Home
during Spring Break

***LTC 2009 - "Life, Light, Word"
April 10 - 12

>Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 PM

>Bible Bowl Practice at 6:00 PM

>T-shirt Contest entries

must be postmarked by January 19

>Rules & Deadlines will be posted
in the teen room

>In order to attend, you must enter
at least 2 conference events

Our Sympathy to
Cindy Hyde in the passing of
her Mother last Monday in Arizona



PRAYER NEEDS

Rita Perry - recovering from surgery

Baby Jason Rodriguez is improved

Fred Prevost was hospitalized a few days last week with pneumonia, but is now home

Cindy Hyde & family in the passing of her dad on Monday

Leone Anderson, Deb Laws' mom, experienced chest pains & was transported by ambulance on Christmas Eve & hospitalized for testing & observation

Our military & their families as the holiday season continues this week

Jeff Fell passed part of his paramedics testing & will have another segment

God's plans for you in His work for 2009

Last Week's Contributions

Contribution	\$ 2489.50
Kids' Kash	\$ 66.75
Van Fund	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 3059.25
Budget	\$ 3000.00

If a task is once begun,
Never leave it 'till it's done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it well or not at all.

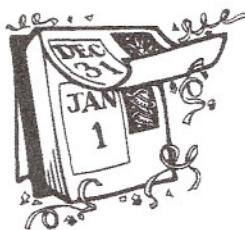
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*I have glorified thee on the
earth; I have finished the work
which thou gavest me to do.*

John 17:4

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*And whatever you do in word or
deed, do all in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks
through Him to God the Father.*
Colossians 3:17



Happy New
Year to All!

Welcoming the Dawn of a New Year

"I'm not really sure I'm up to this!"

"I just don't know if I can do the work!"

"Maybe I'll do it next year."

"I'm not sure I have time to do it right now."

"I just don't want to mess anything up."

These are the words of thousands, even millions, of us who look at the new year and worry if we're really up to the changes we say we want to make.

Fear about change, uncertainty about opportunities, and worry about the future steal more from us than thieves ever will. There's just something in our human nature that makes us afraid. We don't want to lose what we have, so we pull back from anything that might threaten it—even "things" that might be a whole lot better. We fear the consequences of our possible changes. So most of our new year changes are short-lived and mere window dressing.

As Christians, however, we have the power to change without fear. We can reach out and embrace new opportunities with expectation. We can welcome the future with excitement.

You see, God has promised his power to help us change. That power is the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 3:14-21). This is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 1:17-19). This is power to not only change, but to be transformed (2 Corinthians 3:18).

While we change, God's grace assures us that the important things in our lives will not be lost. As our hearts seek after Jesus as Lord, we can welcome changes and seize opportunities knowing that nothing can separate us from his love for us (Romans 8:31-39). Jesus love and presence will not change or leave us (Hebrews 13:5b-6, 8).

While some may fear the dawn of a new year because of the changes it MIGHT bring, we can welcome the dawn of a new year with anticipation. In this new year, our Lord Jesus will be work to change us to be more like himself and to be more of a blessing to those around us. His work in us WILL happen. The real question is this: Are we going to let fear rob Jesus of his goal in us, or will we seize the opportunities and seek the changes that bring him glory?

Let's welcome the dawn of a new year with anticipation and courage, remembering the apostle John's promise: "Perfect love drives out fear!" and the reassuring words of Jesus to his storm tossed disciples, "Fear not. I am!"

Schedule of Services & Studies

Every Sunday

*10:00 AM Bible Classes for all ages

*11:00 AM Worship
Children's Church
for ages 1 through 2nd Grade
during the sermon

*2:30 PM Worship
at Silver Care Center

*6:00 PM
Bible Study for adults
Children's Bible Hour
Various Activities for Youth Group

Wednesday Night for the Master

*6:00 PM - Meal

*7:00 PM Children's Class, Youth Group, and
Alternating Devotional, Prayer Meeting,
Singing, or Service Projects for Adults

Monthly Special Events

unless announced otherwise

*Pot Luck - 2nd Sunday

*Congregational Meeting -
4th Sunday at 5:00 PM

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Food for funerals, etc. - Tenisha Fell
Kids' Kash for Benevolence
(save your aluminum cans) -
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Pantry - B Elder, Rita Rogers
Prayer Requests - Kari Scullion
Use of the building - Don Perry
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