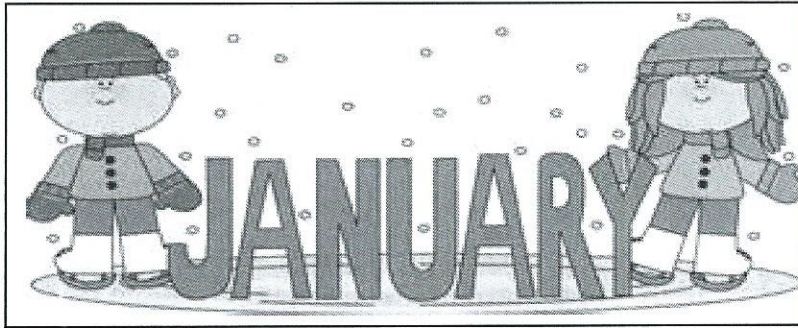


# Newsletter, 2015



## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jeff & Tina Keller.....	Jan 2
Lexi Lloyd.....	3
Nick Guerrier.....	6
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Travis Walters.....	8
Bob Denhart.....	9
Billie Hudson.....	11
Mark Abernathy.....	12
Jean Bone.....	14
Tim & Sue Thomas.....	16
Clyde Keller.....	17
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Carolyn Davie.....	19
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Bryce Bush.....	27
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## We all need to continue praying daily...

1. for the Elders as they look for a new minister,
2. for our congregation as we share our faith with others,
3. for the next minister that the Lord is preparing for us.

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**WCEA** Men's Fellowship will not meet until **February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. The meeting will be held at Hanging Rock Christian Assembly. A meal will be served at 5:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7:PM.

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## Bible Study

Welcome to the Daily Bible study for 2015. We will be blending Old & New testament scriptures each day.



Gen 1-3 / Matt 1.....	January 1
Gen 4-6 / Matt 2 .....	2
Gen 7-9 / Matt 3.....	3
Gen 10-12 / Matt 4.....	4
Gen 13-15 / Matt 5:1-26.....	5
Gen 16-17 / Matt 5:27-48.....	6
Gen 18-19 / Matt 6:1-18.....	7
Gen 20-22 / Matt 6:19-34.....	8
Gen 23-24 / Matt 7.....	9
Gen 25-26 / Matt 8:1-17.....	10
Gen 27-28 / Matt 8:18-34.....	11
Gen 29-30 / Matt 9:1-17.....	12
Gen 31-32 / Matt 9:18-38.....	13
Gen 33-35 / Matt 10:1-20.....	14
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## **Serving Schedule –Jan.**

### **Greeters**

**Jan 4** Bob and Ann Ellis

**Jan 11** Kathy Haas

**Jan 18** Jim Hardy

**Jan 25** Jim and Billie Hudson

### **Special Music**

Nancy Shambach

### **Communion Preparation**

Stan & Brenda Hardy

### **Nursery Workers during church:**

**Jan 4** Nancy Shambach

**Jan 11** Corner Stone Class

**Jan 18** Susan Smaltz

**Jan 25** Tara Woolwine

### **Serving Deacons**

**Jan 4 & 11** Mark Woolwine, Kevin Martin, Owen Moudy, John Shambach

**Jan 18 & 25** Corey Smaltz, Jim Hudson, Guy Phillips, Bob Denhart

(Youth serve on any month with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

### **Assisting Deacons**

**Jan 4** Mike Powell, Steve Dice, Jim Flick

**Jan 11** Scott Fletcher, Larry Hines, Bill Hale

**Jan 18** Andrew Bush, Chet Powell, Brian Catt

**Jan 25** Joe Whitaker, Bob Ellis

### **Extended Sessions**

**Jan 4** Brenda Hardy

**Jan 11** Chet & Stacie Powell

**Jan 18** Laura Guerrier

**Jan 25** Jeff & Tina Keller

*\* If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day please swap with someone.*

## **Please Pray For:**

### **In Nursing Homes**

Mary McConnell, Lois Hansen, Lillian Howard, Mary Green, Shirley Mason, Elizabeth Suiters, Pat Mycroft, Quinten Abernathy

### **Military**

Brandon White, Haley Hines Brickles, Ben Wegner, Craig Scrogam, Dalton Hardy, Hal Kolmerten

### **College Students**

Katye Mailander, Chelsea Walters, Ryan Whitaker, Rachel Kiger, Kaine Walters, Andy Paeth, Andrew Walters, Austin Haas, Duncan Lape, Jacob Catt, Danielle Perry, Hunter Fletcher, Easten Spoden

### **Continue to pray for:**

Richard Shelby, Susie Keller, Brittany Fletcher, Julie Allen (multiple myeloma),

Kale Galloway (stem cell transplant), Candy Hutson (cancer), Cheryl DePrez, Caroline Morgan (Jane's sister), Scott Barnes (leukemia), Shelia Walters (back), Elizabeth Hutson (aneurism) Helen O'Neal (lung biopsy)

**Other Concerns:** Edna Belle Shelby, Bill Osborn, Nancy Wilson (rare cancer), Shorty Myers (tumor), Cheryl Kinney (aneurysm), Jeff Dienhart (cystic fibrosis), Deke McBride (Lymphoma), DJ Wise (Donna Perry's nephew), Andrew Walters (health concerns), Jane Hayden and Rosemary Stonecipher (both have Shingles!)

**Missions:** (Jan) Cookson Hills and Hearing and Receiving Christ

**Bible Trivia:** According to the sermon on the Mount, what did Jesus say would be the reward for those who are pure in heart? **A.** Theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. **B.** They shall be called sons of God. **C.** They shall see God. **D.** They shall rule over the angels. **E.** They shall run and not faint.

**For the answer read Matthew 5:8**



## DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

We offer our deepest condolences and prayers to Brenda and Stan Hardy and family at the passing of Brenda's father, **Bill Boo**

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We send our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of **Sandy Ingram** at her passing.

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### **And The Bible Says:**

May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;  
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you.  
May He send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. *Psalm 20: 1-2*

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### **Description Of A Christian** (author unknown)



"He feels supreme love from One whom he has never seen. He talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see, expects to go to

heaven on the virtue of Another, empties himself in order that he might be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up. He is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels worst. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passes knowledge."

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### **A Petition for Praying Hearts**

O Lord, teach us to pray.  
Help us to come with boldness to  
the throne of grace.  
Make us conscious of your presence  
in our midst.  
Give us the freedom of the Holy Spirit.  
Enlarge our vision and increase our faith.  
And may our words and thoughts be now  
acceptable in your sight.  
O God, our rock and our redeemer,

Amen.

(by Eric Milner-White (died 1963))



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### **Kid's Zone...**

Every **Wednesday** evening Kids ranging in age from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come and enjoy games, lessons, snacks, and singing from 4:00P.M. to 5:00P.M.

Don't miss out on the fun! Nick is the man to see if you have additional questions.

### **From The Mission Field**

Our Mission team receives updates every month from the dedicated missionaries that we support.

**From Christ Church Albany** their newsletter tells us that one of their new members is already sharing the Gospel. His name is Dwayne, and he posted the following message online:

"I took 2 people to church and that was the victory I worked all week for. Comedy festivals may come and go, but bringing real joy to someone's life may only be able to happen in a day. Those are the wins I work so hard for." #bungalounge #rule4

The minister of Christ Church Albany comments about Dwayne's post, "I love this story and the others like it! As a church, we want to be a place that helps everyone take next steps in loving Jesus, each other, and the world--whether they are seasoned Christians or just barely checking it out."

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We will continue to Bring you mission updates in our future Newsletters.



**Missions**

*Karen -*

# THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

## ..... Waiting Happily.....

by Chris Loop



Early this morning I woke up to find a dog sitting outside my deck door looking into my house. It startled me to see his content, expectant, happy countenance. And it puzzled me that his demeanor did not change when I walked toward the door to look at him more closely, nor when I walked back away from the door. I wondered, *Why is this dog here? What is it waiting for? Was it lost? How can it be so happy and content? How and why had it come to this dead-end part of the deck--two stories above the ground?*

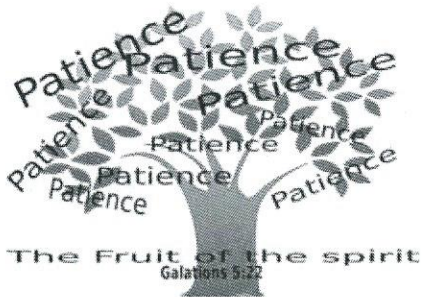
This dog's sweet countenance got me to thinking about waiting on the Lord, not only without anxiety and fear, but with joyful expectation! This dog was waiting joyfully for me...and he didn't even have a clue who I was or that I could be trusted. How much more contentedly should we wait when we *know* we can trust the Lord!

This month, as you wait on the Lord for different aspects of your life at home or school, I pray you will wait like the dog this morning--with joyful expectation. I can assure you God has the whole picture and your ultimate best interest in sight--your eternal interests. Join me in thanking Him that His mercies are new every morning.

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## Waiting... with Patience

by Katherine Loop



*"Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:3,4*

## When we are in a period of waiting and uncertainty, it's easy to give way to discouragement.

We need to remember the truth about what is really happening. God has not forgotten us. He's not surprised by *our* plans crumpling around us. He knows what He's doing. Our faith is being tried--and it's a trial that we can let produce patience and do a precious work *in* us.

I have been struck lately by how often the Lord has chosen to take *time* to accomplish His plans. He made the world in six days--He can accomplish things quite quickly--yet He often chooses to take time to accomplish His purposes, using that time to make His power known and to transform lives in amazing ways. To start a great nation, Abraham remained childless for years. To rescue the Israelites, Moses went into the desert for years, and then, instead of instantly leading the Israelites out of Egypt, the Lord took the *time* to do a series of miracles.

God's leading often doesn't make sense from a human perspective. But His ways are higher than ours--and He sees what we don't: eternity. Our time here is but a passing shadow, and "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

*"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21*

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## The Story of Rose



The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze. "Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of children, and then retire and travel."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age. "I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed, she leaned into the microphone and jokingly said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began: "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success."

"You have to laugh and find humor every day."

"You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!"

"There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If I lie in bed for an entire year

and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change."

"Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets," [ and those who do not know the Lord.].

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives.

At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be. *Author Unknown, story submitted by world traveler Margo Polo.*

**[Remember: "In Christ, I can do all things." Using your God given talents, and the ability to learn and do new things does not stop with retirement, or when difficult times fall upon us. Keep using the hands, mind and spirit with which God has blessed you.**

**Lets make sure that in 2015 we don't JUST grow another year older. Let's make our time here count for something. ]**

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### **Six Ethics of Life**

1. Before you Pray – **Believe**
2. Before you Speak – **Listen**
3. Before you Spend – **Earn**
4. Before you Write – **Think**
5. Before you Quit – **Try**
6. Before you Die – **Live !**

## Share The Memories

In the past several months, we have covered some wonderful memories of our Church from the perspective of some of our seasoned members. However, this month as we take baby steps into the new year it might be interesting to take our trip down memory lane from the perspective of a younger generation. I have asked our **Youth Minister, Nick Guerrier** and **Youth Apprentice, Brendan Woolwine** to share their memories with us.

When asked about the trips to ICYC (*Indiana Christian Youth Conference*) that **Nick** has taken with the youth of our Church, he reminisced about their trips to Anderson College, and the CIY (Christ In Youth) trips to the Ozarks in Missouri, and Tennessee. He also remembers the trip to Indianapolis on a mission assignment to *Wheeler Mission*. The kids were busy cleaning, serving food, and helping with a program for the children at the mission. Additionally, he and the kids have participated in lending helping hands here in town. *Junior High Journey* conferences, also hold fond memories for our Youth Minister.

Nick's has had the joy of seeing teens under his supervision baptized on two of their trips. Nick mentioned that the trip to the Ozarks this past year saw 14 from our Church making the journey. The trips our youth take are not just about sight seeing. The conventions help our youth stretch their understanding of what it means to be a Christian. The programs include great music, worship, fellowship, fun, and connecting with other young people of faith.

I asked Nick his secret to connecting so well with the youth at our Church. His answer was very simple, and direct. He told me that he talks to them like they are people; he treats them with respect and expects the same from them. He asks questions and then *really listens* to what they have to say.

He thought for a moment when I asked him what his greatest joy has been as youth minister. He said that it is awesome to see kids grow in their faith and understanding. He admitted that his goal isn't just to make disciples, but is also to have disciples who will yield other disciples.

Every summer Nick and the VBS committee spend a lot of time in creating memorable programs for the kids in the neighborhood. The themes have been

diverse, ranging from *Outer Space*, *Super Heroes*, to *More Than A Fairy Tale*.

Nick loves to get in character for the kids to keep their attention. He actually wore a 25 pound suit of metal chainmail to stay in character with the theme of the week. At the tropical themed Spring Break VBS, Nick spoke to the kids the entire week with an interesting "island" accent. It had a little bit of an "Aussie" sound, mixed with a little Jamaican twang. But he definitely had their attention.

In keeping connected with the kids, Nick also goes to many of the local music programs and school sporting events to let the kids know that he cares. Besides the normal youth meetings, he and the kids occasionally have a movie and pizza night. One of Nick's favorite lessons involved 15 video clips from several movies. Each clip was only 2 or 3 minutes in length. After each clip was shown, the kids had to identify the good and bad of each clip, from a Christian perspective. It had the kids thinking on a deeper level about what they were watching.

Our Youth Apprentice, **Brendan Woolwine's** memories come from a completely different perspective. When asked about his earliest Church memory, he stared at the ceiling for a moment, and suddenly a big smile spread across his face. He leaned forward and said, "I remember sitting in the metal chairs in Fellowship Hall and Sam (Guilliams) was singing *Jesus Loves Me*, Flintstone style."

My forehead must have had accordion size wrinkles from the concentration involved in trying to envision what "Flintstone style" meant. Brendan was still grinning when I gave up and asked him, "OK, what is Flintstone style?" He replied, "Oh you know..." At this point you have to imagine Brenda singing the words of *Jesus Loves Me*, but to the theme song of the Flintstones cartoon program. I had to laugh.

For Brendan who was not much more than a toddler, it is a big memory, his *very first* church memory. The wonderful part is that the Youth Minister created a memory for Brendan that has stuck with him, and he still remembers (in a fun way) that Jesus loves him.



Your grateful secretary, *Karen*