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Merry Christmas 2013

Jesus is the Reason for the Season! We would love to celebrate this special time with you and your family! Please come out and join us for our Holiday events!

Pancake Dinner & Hanging of the Greens December 1st 5:00 p.m.

Let's Go Caroling December 8th 6:00 p.m.

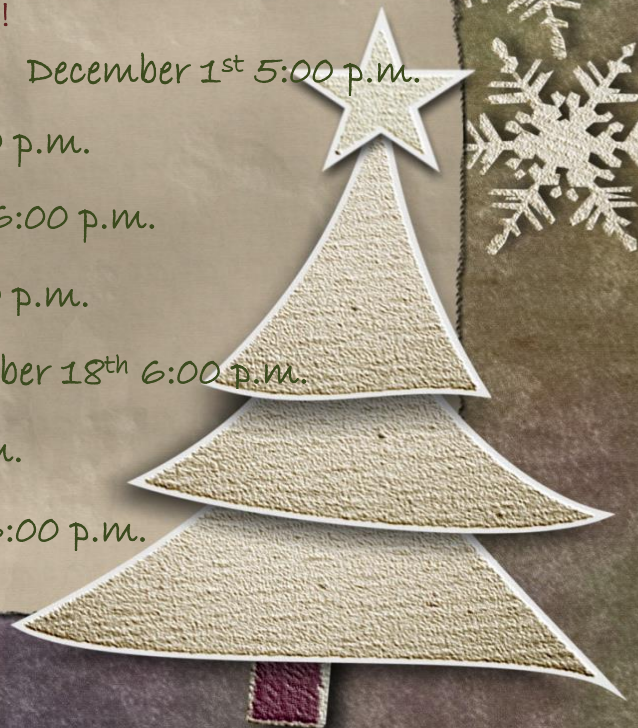
Adult Christmas Party December 14th 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Sing December 15th 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Candle Light Service December 18th 6:00 p.m.

Choir Concert December 22nd 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service December 24th 6:00 p.m.



Service Times

Sunday:

Contemporary Worship	9:00	AM
Bible School	10:15	AM
Traditional Worship	11:00	AM
Evening Worship	6:00	PM

Wednesday:

WORD (6-12 Grades)	6:30	PM
Bible Study	6:30	PM
Choir Practice	7:45	PM

Church Office Hours - Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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New Year's Eve Party



Everyone has been invited by, Spring Hill Church of Christ, to a New Year's Eve Party at Sycamore Banquet Center! The evening events will include live entertainment from our own West Side Worship Band, games, crafts, face painting, and a live DJ. There will also be a soup, sandwich, and sweet bar. The evening events will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. so you can be home safe and sound before the *Ball Drops*! Cost is \$5 per person, 11 and under is free. You will need to sign up no later than December 22nd, in the foyer, if you plan to attend. Please come out and support our Worship Band while enjoying a great night of fun and entertainment!

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Sycamore Banquet Center
3907 Central Avenue Middletown 45044

If you have any questions please see Courtney or Emily Parks.

2014 Offering Envelopes

If you would like offering envelopes for 2014 please sign up on the board in the hallway to pre-order. Offering envelopes help our treasurer track giving to provide a statement at years end for tax purposes. If you pay by check envelopes are not necessary as our treasure can track your giving. However, envelopes will be ordered for all who want them.

Quote of the Month

"If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem; not to mention that Friday at Calvary. ~ Joe Gatuslao ~

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Youth News IDENTITY

JR. AND SR. HIGH STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 5:30 FOR IDENTITY! YOU WILL ENJOY A FUN AND ACTIVE NIGHT WITH FRIENDS, YOUTH SPONSORS, AND OF COURSE GOD! THE NIGHT WILL BE FILLED WITH GAMES, FOOD, AND AN INTERACTIVE DEVOTION THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR CHRIST. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



All of our Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to TCTC during the weekend of January 10th 2014! This year's theme is "I AM WORSHIP!" You will experience a God changing weekend with great activities, speakers, classes, and great worship led by top Christian artists. You will learn to not only worship God in church, but how to worship Him in every part of your lives! Early bird registration is \$60 per person due December 3rd and will rise to \$70 plus after. The registration fee is for the convention and does not include lodging and meals. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hanging of the Greens ~ December 1st @ 6:00 p.m.

We will be joining our church family on December 1st to partake in the Hanging of the Greens!

Christmas Caroling ~ December 8th @ 5:30 p.m.

We will be joining our church family for a night of Christmas Caroling!

Christmas Party ~ December 15th @ 5:30 p.m.

Grades 7th – 12th are invited to our youth Christmas Party on December 15th! We will meet here at the church at 5:30 p.m. and head over to Rob and Gina Wright's house for the Holiday Celebration!

Niederman Christmas Farm ~ December 22nd @ 5:30 p.m.

The youth will be LEAVING the church at 5:30 p.m. to head to Niederman's Farm for a free walk-through Christmas Display. We will enjoy tens of thousands of lights that illuminate the path. While Christmas music is playing during the view of a life-size nativity and several Biblical scenes telling the real story of Christmas. In addition there are hundreds of decorated trees and live animals. There is free hot chocolate, cookies and live entertainment for everyone. Location & Entrance to Christmas Display is at 4972 LeSourdsville West Chester Rd. in Liberty Township, Ohio 45011.

The Lord has been working in new and exciting ways recently with our Junior & Senior High Youth Group. For the past months, Courtney and Emily Parks, along with Jeremy and Emily Bosdell have been working through a lesson series on Identity. Your child has been challenged to face the lies the enemy has told them and how God truly sees them! Right now we are only half way through the series and plan to dig deeper into who God made them to be! We have had great times growing the unity and friendships within the group by crazy and hysterical games, short trips, and team building activities! We pray that God continues to build and reshape this group into what He wants it to be!

There will be no Youth Group on December 29th due to Christmas weekend. Please stay home and enjoy this time with your families! Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!



Identity meets Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. for Jr. & Sr. High



WORD meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High

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Some Food For Thought

It is hard to believe that we are already entering the Christmas season. As I look at the calendar for the next month it is almost overwhelming to think about all that is going to happen. From our Hanging of the Greens service, to Christmas parties, to Candle light services, and to various Christmas concerts, our activities calendar is packed. These do not include service opportunities like Christmas caroling and packing food baskets. All this is just our church family related events. On the other side somewhere in the next month many of us will squeeze in time for family, friends, community, school, and work events. Have I even mentioned somewhere in there we must find time to run to the mall or sit at the computer so we can shop for Christmas presents. No wonder we need the whole month of January to recoup from December.



Why do we do all of this? We do all of this because in many ways it helps remind us about the reason for this season ... the birth of Jesus Christ. We celebrate Christmas because it reminds us that God's story of redemption came in the form of baby boy born to humble parents in the sleepy town of Bethlehem. We celebrate Christmas because without the birth there could not be the death of Jesus. We celebrate Christmas because we remember the gift God offered us in Jesus, so we give to bless and love others. We do all this because Jesus is a reason to celebrate.

In all the commotion, the commercialization, the hectic schedule, and the tiring weeks, let us not forget why we celebrate. Through it all let's weave a tapestry of love, grace, mercy, peace, and joy to those we encounter. Through it all let's invite our family and friends who do not know a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ to join us as West Side celebrates. Did you know that eighty-two percent of unchurch people are at least likely to attend church if they are invited? (Dr. Thom Rainer, *The Unchurch Next Door*). Make this Christmas season a reason to invite those in your life who are far from God to worship with you. It might just be the catalyst that changes the meaning for all their Christmas to come!

In Christ's Service ~ Michael

Sermon Schedule & Preaching Notes

AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 1	UNEXPECTED
DECEMBER 8	UNSCRIPTED
DECEMBER 15	UNFAMILIAR
DECEMBER 22	UNFULFILLED

Just imagine your marriage and life is all planned out. You have the dress and the tux, the church, the venue, the cake, and everything else a wedding requires. But suddenly an angel appears and announces that she is pregnant. What has been planned has now been interrupted. Now life begins to revolve around the unexpected. How do we handle the interruptions and unexpected events in our life? This Christmas we will follow the story of Mary and learn from her very own Unexpected Christmas.

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Missions News

The Following article is a press release from our missions partner Mid-Atlantic Christian University

“Elizabeth City, NC - October 24, 2013 - Mid-Atlantic Christian University has been ranked 40th in the Washington Monthly's list of college rankings, up from last year's ranking of 52nd.

The Washington Monthly rankings are based on three factors. The first is social mobility, which gives colleges credit for enrolling many low-income students and helping them earn degrees. The second recognizes research production, particularly at schools whose undergraduates go on to earn PhDs. The third values a college's commitment to service. The more expensive college becomes, the more students are encouraged to see higher education as a mere return on investment. The students in the "best colleges," according to this ranking, are taught by example and design to look beyond themselves and give back.



Mid-Atlantic is pleased to provide a high-quality Christian-based education at an affordable price. The college has made a strong effort to make classes available to all through scholarships and grants to ease the financial burden on students. According to Dr. Clay Perkins, "The school has always been a place for first generation and low-income college students to achieve their dream of a college education." This year, Mid-Atlantic has taken another step by providing fully online degrees, enabling students from all walks of life to pursue an education at their own pace and without the costs of room and board.

Mid-Atlantic is committed to raising up servant leaders who impact the church and the community through loving service. Mid-Atlantic teaches its students the importance of serving in a tangible way that clearly communicates compassion and concern. Dr. Perkins shared that "Mid-Atlantic has a rich tradition of serving others in the community and around the world", a tradition that has been at the heart of the college since its foundation. He also said that "[Mid-Atlantic's] professors and staff model such service for the students."

Mid-Atlantic Christian University is grateful to be recognized for its work with low-income students and its focus on community service. The college will continue to commit itself to excellence, to making an impact on the world with a quality Christian-based education, and to placing a high priority on service. Mid-Atlantic is especially grateful to community partners who have worked with the university to make this community impact possible."

West Side is proud to partner with such a quality institution as Mid-Atlantic. Both Michael and Crystal Dawson are alums of MACU.

Book Reading

Are you looking for stocking stuffer ideas for your spouse or children? Then let us recommend that one of the items might just be a book we have recommended this past year. A book on spiritual growth can be a valuable resource to the Christian who is always looking to grow. Maybe your spouse has a lot on her plate and a fiction book might sweep her away to a far away time or land. Reading is such a wonderful tool. It allows our imagination to fill in the blanks in a way a video, movie, or TV show cannot. It allows us to learn, grow, and stretch our minds in new ways. If you are looking to fill the stocking of a loved one, then a book might just be the right item.

Recipe

Ooey Goopy Chocolate Bars
Submitted By: Crystal Dawson

1 box Devil's Food Cake
14 Oreos, crushed
1 stick softened un-salted butter
½ cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 large egg
1 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease 9x13 glass baking dish. Mix, cake mix, butter, and egg in mixing bowl until well combined. Press dough into bottom of glass baking dish evenly. Sprinkle crushed cookies on top of dough and pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over dish. Top with chocolate chips. Bake uncovered for 23-25 minutes. Cut while warm and allow to cool.

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Prime Timers will be taking a break during the months of December.

The Ladies Fellowship Breakfast will be Friday December 6th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Bob Evans in Lebanon.

JoyBelles

Women's Ministry



- ❖ A Special thank you to Kathleen Freas for donating a blood pressure cuff to the church first aid kit!
- ❖ We will be hosting a Pancake Dinner Fundraiser on December 1st. The profits will go to our Interfaith Hospitality Families during the Christmas season. We hope to have you and your family out in support of our ministry. If you are interested in helping please see Melody Ashby!
- ❖ All women are invited to a night of Christmas activities and great fellowship during our Christmas party on December 10th at 7:00 p.m. here at the church! Those who signed up for prayer pals and card prayer pals are asked to bring a gift for their pal. We also want to open the gift invitation to anyone who will be joining us if you like. We will exchange gifts during the party. We hope to see you there!
- ❖ 2014 Prayer Pals are about to begin! We will have two different papers for you to choose from. One for the traditional Prayer Pal with cards, small gifts, and prayers. The other being for cards and prayers only. Please select one of the two that you wish to partake in and place in the box in the foyer. We will draw for your 2014 Prayer Pal at the Christmas Party!
- ❖ We are still in need of a committee for the Valentine Party in February. If you are interested please see Melody Ashby.
- ❖ We are in need of a volunteer to lead our shut-in ministry. If you are interested in helping please contact Melody Ashby at [REDACTED] or Jan Hollingsworth at [REDACTED].
- ❖ Meals to Heal ~ If a West Side Christian has experienced time in the hospital we try to provide meals during time of recovery. Emily Parks will be coordinating the meals. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or are in need of a meal, please contact Emily [REDACTED] or at emilyerin424@gmail.com or any officer.

Mission Projects

Interfaith Hospitality is a network that supports families during the Christmas season. We are collecting cash donations that will go toward helping these families. Last year we had enough to support two families. Can we do three or four this year? Please give your donations to Charlotte Peek. We will let you know when we receive our families and if they have any specific needs.

We have partnered with the Elizabeth New Life Center here in Lebanon as they minister to women who have had an abortion or have found themselves with an unplanned pregnancy. One way you can help is by collecting change and placing it in one of their baby bottles. If you need a baby bottle please see a JoyBelles member. Baby bottles will be collected in January.

Officers:

President: Melodee Ashby [REDACTED] **V. President:** Debbie VanHarlingen [REDACTED] **Secretary:** Laura Williams [REDACTED]
Treasurer: Charlotte Peek [REDACTED] **Devotions:** Kay Weisbrodt [REDACTED]
Publication Secretary: Jan Hollingsworth [REDACTED]

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Christmas Event Information



Join us Sunday evening December 1st at 5:00 for a Pancake Dinner fundraiser to raise funds for the children JoyBelles have adopted through Interfaith Hospitality. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family of four or more is requested. Following will be our Hanging of the Greens with Christmas Caroling and placing our Christmas ornaments on our Church Family Christmas Tree. Each West Side Family is asked to bring an ornament for the Christmas tree.

Service Event Times

- Christmas Sing ~ December 15th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate please contact Lew Rainey.
- Candle Light Service ~ December 18th at 6:30 p.m. This service is offered to those who are away on Christmas Eve.
- Choir Concert – Sunday December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Join us as the choir presents a message in song.
- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service ~ 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve.



Adult Christmas Party



Who: West Side Adults

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday December 14th @ 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a snack and dessert to share as well as a \$5.00 gift.



Childrens Christmas Party @ Niederman Family Farms

Who: K - 6th graders

Where: Niederman Farm

When: Monday December 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.



All Kindergarten-6th graders and their families are invited to go to Niederman Farm on Monday December 23rd at 6:00 pm to experience the free walk-through Christmas display. Afterwards, we will meet in the barn for cookies, hot chocolate and some fun and fellowship. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer so we can plan accordingly.

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Update from Laura Williams

Thank you to everyone that volunteered at Matthew 25 this year. It was a great time serving together and changing lives for Christ! We are looking forward to seeing even more volunteers in 2014! The schedule for 2014 will be on the following dates from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Those dates are; February 1st, April 5th, June 7th, August 2nd, October 4th, and December 6th. We usually meet in Blue Ash at Matthew25 Ministries. Their address is 11060 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash, Oh 45242. If you would like to join us and need a ride please contact the church office or Laura Williams at [REDACTED].

Again a BIG thank you to everyone who helped out in 2013! We welcome all volunteers with a heart to serve others in 2014!



Volunteering

Can't join us on Saturdays, but would like to volunteer? Matthew25 Ministries is open Monday – Friday 9AM – 4PM, and Saturdays from 9AM – 3PM. Individuals may come to volunteer Monday thru Friday without an appointment. Walk-in volunteers on Saturdays are encouraged to come between 1PM – 3PM. There are jobs for anyone who is willing to serve! That includes children, adults, and seniors. You can sit or stand. Please call Matthew25 Ministries for more information: 513-793-6256. You can also visit their website for more information. www.M25M.org



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If you notice a mistake in a birthday please let the office know. We are continually trying to correct information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Pancake Dinner 5:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>1 Cor. 9-11</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1 Cor. 12-14</p>	<p>3 Arretta Rainey</p> <p>1 Cor. 15-16</p>	<p>4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m. No Wednesday Evening Services Russ Jones</p> <p>2 Cor. 1-4</p>	<p>5 Art Class 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>2 Cor. 5-9</p>	<p>6 Women's Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Michael Bastin</p> <p>2 Cor. 10-13</p>	<p>7 Romans 1-3</p>
<p>8 Let's Go Caroling 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Romans 4-7</p>	<p>9 Romans 8-10</p>	<p>10 Women's Christmas Party 7:00 p.m. Romans 11-13</p>	<p>11 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m. Bible Study & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Romans 14-16</p>	<p>12 Art Class 10:00 a.m. Judy Hudnot Mike Nutter Acts 20-23</p>	<p>13 Drew Philippo Acts 24-26</p>	<p>14 Adult Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. Acts 27-28</p>
<p>15 Teen Christmas Party 5:30 p.m. Christmas Sing 6:00 p.m. Emily Bosdell Col. 1-4 Phi. 1</p>	<p>16 Eph. 1-6</p>	<p>17 Dawn Harris Phil. 1-4</p>	<p>18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m. Candle Light Service 6:30 p.m. 1 Tim. 1-6</p>	<p>19 Art Class 10:00 a.m. Titus 1-3</p>	<p>20 Hannah Horne 1 Peter 1-5</p>	<p>21 Hebrews 1-6</p>
<p>22 Christmas Concert/Cantata 6:00 p.m. Fred Pieper Hebrews 7-10</p>	<p>23 Children's Christmas Party @ Neiderman's Farm 6:00 p.m. Hebrews 11-13</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m. Tim Hill Don Land 2 Tim. 1-4</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas! No Evening Service 2 Peter 1-3 Jude 1</p>	<p>26 Art Class 10:00 a.m. 1 John 1-5</p>	<p>27 Haliee Wright 2 John 1 3 John 1</p>	<p>28 Gina Wright Anna Bell Debbie Vanharlingen Revelation 1-5</p>
<p>29 No Youth Group Revelation 6-11</p>	<p>30 Sam Cox Revelation 12-18</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve Laruen Bowerman Laura Williams Revelation 19-22</p>				

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December Serving List

Position	12/01/13	12/08/13	12/15/13	12/22/13	12/29/13
11:00 a.m. Worship Serving					
Communion	Lew Rainey	Scott Williams	George VanHarlingen	Don Tennyson	Tm Coriell
Meditation/Prayer	George VanHarlingen	Jim Ashby	Rob Wright	Eric Meilstrup	Tim Hill
Offering Med/Prayer	Don Tennyson	Brain Hill	Don Tennyson	Scott Williams	Barry Whalen
	Scott Williams	Bob Worthington	Barry Whalen	Tim Hill	Brain Hill
	Tim Coriell	Lew Rainey	Tim Coriell	Bob Worthington	Jim Fries
	Tim Hill	Bill Murvay	Jim Fries	Bill Murvay	Bill Murvay
	Bob Worthington	Barry Whalen	Mike Fox	Rob Wright	George VanHarlingen
	Barry Whalen	Tim Coriell	Lew Rainey	Michael Dawson	Rob Wright
Basement Prayer	Jim Fries	George VanHarlingen	Scott Williams	Jim Fries	Mike Fox
Benediction	Scott Williams	Greg Fisher	Jim Ashby	Jim Ashby	Rob Wright
Home Communion	Eric Meilstrup Jeremy Bosdell	Rob Wright Courtney Parks	Lew Rainey Bud Baker	Scott Williams Mike Fox	Rob Wright Tim Hill
Elder on Call	Eric Meilstrup	Scott Williams	Lew Rainey	Rob Wright	Eric Meilstrup
Special Music	Greg Fisher	Tim Hill	Brian Poston	Choir	Paula Whitaker
Greeters 9:00 A.M.					
Greeters 11:00 A.M.			Katheleen Freas & Sandra Howard		
Sound 9:00 A.M.	Rob Wright	Rob Wright	Mike Kinsworthy	Mike Kinsworthy	Mike Kinsworthy
Computer 9:00 A.M.	Emily Parks	Jeremy Bosdell	Jeremy Bosdell	Jeremy Bosdell	Emily Parks
Sound 11:00 A.M.	Marilyn Walls	Rob Wright	Cheryl Fox	Mike Kinsworthy	Marilyn Walls
Computer 11:00 A.M.	Cheryl Fox	Crystal Dawson	Crystal Dawson	Cheryl Fox	Crystal Dawson
Song Leader ~ Pianist ~ Organist ~ Praise Team ~ Larry Peek, Diane McRoberts, Brent Wright, Tracy Conley, Greg Fisher					
9:00 a.m. & 11:00a.m. Nursery & Extended Worship Workers					
Nursery					
• 9:00 A.M.	Gina Wright	Emily Parks	Jim Ashby	Kathy Weatherwax	Kim Baker
• Sunday School	Gina Wright	Emily Parks	Jim Ashby	Kathy Weatherwax	Kim Baker
• 11:00 A.M.	Laura Williams Gina Wright	Lori Reese Emily Reese	Jan Hollingsworth Jean Christy	Gina Wright Emily Parks	Laura Williams Betty Wright
Extended Session Leaders 9:00 A.M.	Emily Bosdell	Amy Land	Terri Wright	Gina Wright	Leslie Bowerman
Asst. 9:00 A.M.	Kim Baker	Laura Williams	Kathy Weatherwax	Kim Baker	Laura Williams
Extended Session Leader 11:00 A.M.	Penny Stewart	Penny Stewart	Penny Stewart	Penny Stewart	Penny Stewart
Asst. 11:00 A.M.	Kathy Weatherwax	Barb Grever	Barb Worthington	Diana Jones	Debbie VanHarlingen

Now that we are done with *The Story* we still want to encourage you to read your Bible. Remember *The Story* is not a replacement for your Bible. While *The Story* is the very words of God, it is not the entire Word of God. Reading *The Story* will give you a great understanding of the overall story told in the Bible, but you will be missing many great details. Because we believe daily Bible reading is essential to spiritual growth, we have created a Bible reading plan that will chronologically take you through the entire Bible in one year. You will find a reading plan listed in the calendar portion of this newsletter and can find daily thoughts from Michael Dawson on his blog www.michaeldawsononline.com. You can also pick up an entire year calendar in the stacks in the foyer.