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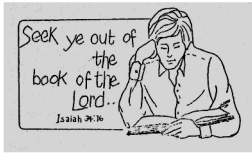
Where the Love of Christ is Proclaimed, Shared & Felt

November 25, 2015



Merry Christmas From Your Ridgeview Staff

Pastor Mark *Pastor Tony* *Joe*
Becky *Chuck* *Judith* *Kathy*



A Message from
Pastor Mark...

**How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of
happiness, who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7**

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" John Wesley Work, Jr., an African-American professor at Fisk University in Nashville, first published the lyrics and music to this slave spiritual in 1907. Writes Ace Collins in his book, *Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas*:

The song had come from the fields of the South, born from the inspiration of a slave's Christmas, and it was unique in that, in the hundreds of Negro spirituals the work family saved from extinction, few had been written about Christmas. Most, as would seem only natural, centered on earthly pain and suffering, and the joy and happiness that only heaven seemed to offer. Yet here, standing against the backdrop of such haunting spirituals as, "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," was "Go Tell It on the Mountain," a triumphant piece that embraced the wonder of lowly shepherds touched by God at the very first Christmas.

'Go Tell it on the Mountain' describes the moment when the sky above Bethlehem filled with angels singing on the first Christmas. The Bible describes in Luke chapter two that a single angel first announced Jesus Christ's birth to shepherds in the fields below, and then: "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests'" (Luke 2:13-14).

Since the angel who announced Jesus Christ's birth told the shepherds in Luke 2:10: "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people," the Christmas carol 'Go Tell it on the Mountain' describes that "good news" being told in the way that Isaiah 52:7 describes "good news" being told: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"

Our Christmas Series this year will be "Go Tell It Again." The Good News of Jesus' incarnation has become somewhat ambiguous and maybe even distorted. Everyone thinks they know the Christmas story about shepherds, wise men, Mary and Joseph and a Baby. But are we accurately telling the story and are we clearly proclaiming the Good News? Make it a point to bask in the holiness and victory of this season. Join us for "Go Tell It Again."

Pastor Mark

Thank You!

Thank you to the Martha Emmert Quilting Circle for my Birthday lunch. I also want to thank everyone for the birthday cards that have been sent to me since September. It helped me to look forward to my birthday.

Mercedes Gonzalez Santoni

***What's Happening At Ridgeview
Sunday, December 6***

Worship Service—9:00am

Power Hour—10:45am

Business Meeting—11:30am

**Ridgeview All Church
Christmas Potluck - 12Noon**

***Christmas Concert and Carols
With Our Very Own Curt Kiser
Sunday, December 20, 6:00pm***



**Candlelight Service
December 24th at 7:00pm**



Jared Yates In Concert

Saturday, December 26

6:00pm

At Ridgeview

IF: Gathering

What "IF" We Lived Like Jesus?

FEBRUARY 5TH & 6TH 2016

Friday Evening—5:00pm

Saturday All Day—9:00am

This is a local simulcast event featuring nationally known speakers, musicians, and a time of gathering with like-minded believers.

The important DETAILS:

- 1) Who: ANY Female that's at least a junior in high school or older. Please share with any of your friends and family.
- 2) Where: Second Church of Christ, Danville
- 3) When: February 5 & 6. It begins with a catered dinner at 5 (IL time) Fri. Saturday begins at 9, will include lunch and end around 4.
- 4) Why: Because we as women need to refresh and equip ourselves in community.
- 5) How do you register? Mary Goss: 274-7114
- 6) Cost: \$30. Due By Sunday, December 20

Ridgeview Baptist Church Secretary Position

In March 2016 our church secretary, Kathy Starkey, will be retiring. We are now taking applications for the secretary position. If you are interested in applying, please see Bill Stuckemeyer or call the church office at 442-2210.



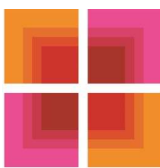
Operation Christmas Child Shoe-Boxes

TOTAL BOXES SENT—50



Thank you to all that participated in our collection this year. We had 21 boxes last year and this year we more than doubled that. May the Lord bless all of you.

During the Christmas season American Baptist Churches give to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. This helps provide for those who gave their lives in service to the Lord and His church at a time when their income is limited. It also helps provide for them when they have emergency expenses.



Retired
Ministers+
Missionaries
Offering
2015

RBC Prayer Requests

Sympathy and prayers for:

Dick Woodard and family in the passing of his wife, Sadie
Sandra Alexander and family in the passing of her husband, Alan
Susan Crane and family in the passing of her husband, Dennis
Jim Tucker and family in the passing of Jim's aunt, Trella Pabst

Recent Requests

Harold Anderson
Trino Hernandez
Carmen (Culp) Hersey
Mary Johnson
Ken Moudy
Robert York

Continue To Pray For...

Bob Bouton
Jeff Brooks
Mitzi Brown
Jim Burke
Roger Burton
Bill & Genny Citizen
Myrtle Cox
Pat Dabrowski
Beveline Danner
Ken Decker
Amber Drullinger
Rebecca Eldridge
Mike Ervin
Daniel Fairchild
Mercedes Gonzalez Santoni
Irma Goodwin
Warren Greene
Shirley Harris
Lucille Hathaway
Janet Hubbs
Karen Jagers
Tony & Joanne Johnson
Charlotte Jones
Carl Jordan
Bobby Lewis
Alexis Lewsader
Audrey Little
Natasha MacDonald
Claire Manning
Jena Marshall
John & Carole Marshall
Harvey & Shirley Miller
Clay & Mary Niehaus

Continued...

Mary Pauley
Eric Pierce
Ward Peace
Dorothea Perry
Wilma Powell
Marjorie Rothwell
Kevin Sherman
Kyle Shipman
Lela Faye Story
Jim Strawser
Carol Tabor
Dalton Trimble
Bobby Waddell
Linda Walsh
Chris Walter
Darren Wheeler
Amber Willis

Military Service

Justin Chase
Tyler Brooks
Travis Sentelle
Eric Sheppard
Chad & Meagan Tabler
Dalton Trimble
Adam Waddell
Matthew Waltzer
Ryan Williams
Zach Wills
Captain Jason Young

Shut-Ins

Madeline Daily
Gail Doggett
Martha Powell

Missionaries

Kim Brown
John and Deb Coats
Scott and Tan Coats
Jeff and Annie Dieselberg
Chuck and Ruth Fox
Taku and Katie Longkumer
Scott and Cindy Nelsen
Sarah Komarabathuni
Ruthe Simpson

Please remember those who have lost loved ones near the holiday season or are going through the holidays without them for the first time.



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November General Fund

Giving	Budget
November 1 \$6,515.09	\$30,291.00
November 8 4,500.39	Total To Date
November 15 6,279.19	\$20,674.13
November 22 3,379.46	

RIDGEVIEW YOUTH NEWS

American Baptist Youth Gathering

On November 6th-8th our youth attended the American Baptist Youth conference in Bloomington, IL. While at the conference we were challenged to use social media (Facebook, twitter, texting, etc.) to share Christ with our friends. We also talked about not letting social media control our lives. Saturday afternoon we had a chance to carry out service projects that ranged from helping with bingo at nursing homes to raking leaves! We had a great time and were able to reconnect with some of our Lake Springfield Baptist Camp friends!!! This was a great weekend where we were able to get away and focus on the Lord!

December Newsletter Published



Wednesday
December 30—10:00am
In Welcome Center

Game Day

The last Saturday of every month we host a game day at the church!!! This is usually strategic and advanced board games. We will host our next game day is on Saturday, November 28th. We start at 10 AM and meet in the welcome center. We usually go until 4-5 PM so stop in any time!

Monday

December 14

6:00pm

Trail Life Court of Honor



Come Play Basketball

On Tuesday's at 6PM you are invited to play basketball! This is for Jr. High and adults! Come get some exercise in friendly competitive games!

Friday Through Saturday

December 18 & 19

Trail Life Lock-In

SKWIM

In January, high school and college students are invited to attend SKWIM! This is a ski and swim retreat up in Green Lake, WI. Saturday we head to Cascade Mountain to ski and on Sunday we go to Calahari in the Dells for an indoor water park!!! SKWIM occurs

Martin Luther King Jr. weekend January 15th-18th. We only have 2 spots left! Talk to Joe Mann if you are interested in going!!!

Joe Mann