



# Brethren Highlights

*For members and friends of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren*

*January, 2010*

## **24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRAYER BREAKFAST CELEBRATION SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**

In January 1986 on a cold, 8 degree morning, 16 worshipers gathered for prayers and meditations. T. Norwood (Woody) Herr provided hot coffee and David Hosler led prayers. Twenty-four years later, at a recent prayer breakfast, five of those original worshipers were in attendance on the usual Wednesday meeting time. Woody has gone on to be with the Lord, but Dave Hosler continues to offer direction for the meditations.

To celebrate each anniversary and to allow many who cannot join us at mid week, a special Prayer Breakfast is held on a Saturday morning in January. This year that will be on Saturday, January 16. Breakfast buffet – 8:00 to 8:30 am. Program from 8:30 to 9:30 am. The guest speaker will be Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas – Judge David Ashworth.

Judge Ashworth presides over Drug Court in Lancaster County and will not only share the wonderful stories of success from this leading edge initiative, but also describe the role that faith and spirituality play in the “turn around” that some people are able to make. David Ashworth was a member at Lancaster Church of the Brethren for many years and looks forward to again seeing many friends on January 16. All are welcome!

## **ANNOUNCING THE GARY K. CHILLAS MEMORIAL – YOUTH WORK CAMP SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

The Church Board has approved the creation of a new endowment requested and made possible by the Chillas Family in memory of Gary Chillas. Memorial contributions from friends and very generous support from the Chillas Family combined to fund the **Youth Work Camp Scholarship Fund – in memory of Gary K. Chillas.**

Income generated from the endowment will support the cost of a student or advisor who is not otherwise able to participate in youth work camp experiences because of financial limitations. The endowment also carries a stipulation allowing the income to be used to subsidize the entire group’s expense for the Youth Work Camp when no individual needs assistance in a given year.

Over the years there have been hundreds of youth from this Church who have had wonderful, even life-changing experiences while at Youth Work Camp. Many of those will easily recall the enormous difference made by Gary Chillas in the success of the Work Camp. Gary loved these experiences with Youth Work Camps. This is a most fitting way to honor Gary’s memory. The Church sincerely thanks Debra Chillas and her family for making this possible.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS!**

January 20, 2010 Wednesday Night Live will return. Watch for schedules in your mailbox. If you would be able to help to clean up after dinner, please tell Deb Chillas. If you can help in the wash room, please tell Nancy Dotterer. If you would like to help set up, please call the church office. We thank all those who helped in the past and look forward to more Christian fellowship in this new year.

In October 2007, LCOB adopted a new Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Five Goals and Twelve Core Values. This month’s featured Core Value is printed throughout the newsletter.

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## GREETERS

7:40 a.m. Kathy and Gene Mummau  
8:40 a.m. Sue and John Groff  
8:40 a.m. Penny and Joel Kettering  
9:50 a.m. Carlene and Scott Hufford  
9:50 a.m. Barb and Russ Morrow  
11:15 a.m. Billie and Jack Forsha

## USHERS

### CHAPEL SERVICE 8:00 A.M.

John Graham Barry Wilson

### SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

\*John Groff Zachary Baughman Marvin Harnish  
Ray Leckrone Ed Riegen Rodney St. John  
Calvin Wenger Shirley Wenger

## CHURCH LIBRARY

Staffed Sunday 9:45-10:15 A.M.  
Wilma Garland

## VAN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing transportation to Sunday morning  
worship services, please contact:  
Bill Evans (717) 569-9359

## HOW TO GET PUBLISHED!

If you are interested in submitting an article or  
letter, here's how to do it!

1. The deadline is the 10th of every month.
2. If submissions are emailed, the deadline is the 11th.  
***Electronically submitted is best!***
3. Email to **both** the editor and the church office for  
safety. [csgraham618@comcast.net](mailto:csgraham618@comcast.net)
4. Please do not extensively format emailed  
submissions. Simple paragraph form is best. No  
bullet points, graphics, etc. An attached file must be  
in a *Word* document.
5. Mail any submissions to the church office, attention  
Peggy Bush, **NOT** to the editor's home.
6. Use the newsletter folder in the office to submit any  
written or typed submissions.

## ATTENDANCE

November 22	428
November 29	386
December 6	350
December 13	356
December 20	Snow

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One decade is ending and another is beginning. Can you believe another 10 years has gone by? It's shocking for me to believe that 10 years ago I was in the middle of my 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Where were you ten years ago? What has happened within the past ten years? What were the difficult times? What were the high points? I find it interesting that when we look upon our past, we can glean insight about ourselves that we would have never seen in the moment. Have you ever been in the middle of a difficult time and someone tells you, "You will look back on this someday and appreciate this experience?" I often cringe on the inside when someone tells me those words in the midst of the difficult situation I am facing. Even though I do not want to hear those words at that time, they are words that are often true. The ugliest situations we face in our life teach us life lessons or things about ourselves that we would have not learned otherwise. These situations bring out our true colors and character. They also build our character.

How has your character been built over the past decade? How have you changed? As you are embarking on the next decade and the next year, how are you going to resolve to not only build your character, but to build your character in Christ's likeness? It's easy to set vague goals because then it makes it just as easy not to do them. There is no accountability when we set vague goals. What specific goals can you set to draw yourself closer to Christ and closer to others? A question we often ask our youth, but can be asked to a person at any age, "what kind of person do you want to be when you get older?" These are questions we all need to ask ourselves as we approach a new year and a new decade. Similarly, you need to celebrate the person that you are today. We all have great attributes as well as attributes to improve upon.

Curtis Dehmey  
Children and Youth Pastor

## TRANSITIONS

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Roy Shaiebly, who passed away 11/22/09.

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Ilene Broderick who died 12/16/09.

## JANUARY CORE VALUE

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### LANCASTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## CHURCH BOARD SERVING THE CONGREGATION

The ministry of the LCOB Performing Arts is undergoing a tremendous change with Carole Deck's decision not to produce and direct any Dinner Theaters in 2010. What a blessing these 25 productions have been to our congregation and thousands of persons from without. Carole reached a new level of effort in this final production "Happy Endings at Christmas." She wrote it, produced it, directed it, acted in it and supervised much of the many details associated with the affair. The Church Board appreciates greatly the impact the Performing Arts ministry has had throughout the community and extends its deepest gratitude to Carole for exercising her many gifts in such a significant manner over these past 12 years.

Pastoral and Ministry Teams Objectives for 2010 have been finalized and are already being put into action. These are so important in focusing on our vision, mission and goals as a community of faith in the context of our core values.

The congregation is to be heartily commended for the tremendous giving spirit that prevailed in a host of outreach opportunities that were featured throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.

The Church Board for 2010 will consist of Allen Hansell, Chair; Jay Wenger, Assistant Chair; Cindy Shuman, Secretary; Clair Greiner, Treasurer and Ministry Team Chair; Deacon Body Chair, Shirley Wenger; Ministry Team Chairs; Ken Harnish, Bob Hopple, Gale Shirk, Otto Schaudel, Chuck Neslund, George Harmes and Mark Forsha; Ministry Team Assistant Chairs; Jeff Shultz, Gail Murray, Melissa Hufford, Steve Focht, Darryl Rock, Doug Deihm and Don Dotterer; Pastors Jeff Rill, Dick Shreckhise and Curtis Dehmey.

To these and all others serving the LCOB in a multitude and variety of leadership roles and responsibilities we bestow our greatest appreciation and earnest prayers.

J. Calvin Wenger



## LIBRARY LINES

BOOK REVIEW:  
*Faith & Doubt* by John Ortberg

This book takes a positive view of doubt. We often think that faith and doubt are opposites. But Ortberg sees doubt as actually strengthening faith. Without uncertainty we would never explore our faith. Without deep questions we would never engage our imagination and intellect in ways that open up our faith to grow and flourish. Without belief and unbelief we would not be totally honest about faith and how it grows even as we go through times of questioning.

Doubt and uncertainty may be uncomfortable, but they are necessary to develop an honest faith.

John Ortberg is candid with his own doubting and uncertainty, and shows a way to receive our questions as a gift.

This book will inspire and challenge us to be more authentic in our expressions and in living our faith.

-Pastor Shreckhise

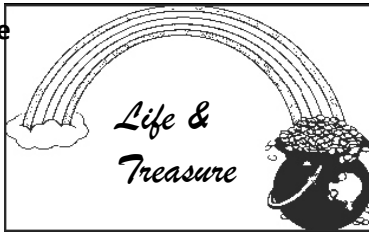
## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Charles Denlinger	15	William Brinkman
	Del Akech Del	16	Carl Gish
	Phillip Deng		Barry Wilson
	James Kongor		Danette Greiner
	Chol Mading Deng	17	Virginia Cox
	Deng Kudior Bol		Ryan Brubaker
	Jacob Kongor		Luke Brandt
2	Donald Dotterer	22	Stanford Cox
4	Madeleine Miller		J. Ervin Martin
	Carly Deihm		Jessica Dunbar
5	Mary Snyder	23	Sara Shearer
6	James Fahnstock	24	Eric Snyder
	Paul Herr		Donna Bowman
	Theresa Herr	25	Melissa Heck
	Shawn Smith	26	Craig Husted
7	Brad Snyder	27	Kathy Brinkman
10	Shirley Gish	28	Norma Hollinger
	Alaina Bridgeman		Joel Kettering
11	Earl Umble		David Braksator
	Joy Montgomery	30	Gloria Denlinger
	Marie Rhoades		Glenn Shultz
12	Grant Husted		
14	Mike Snyder		
15	Terry Shearer		



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The next time you feel like  
GOD can't use you,  
just remember . . . . .



- Noah was a drunk
- Abraham was too old
- Isaac was a daydreamer
- Jacob was a liar
- Leah was ugly
- Joseph was abused
- Moses had a stuttering problem
- Gideon was afraid
- Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
- Rahab was a prostitute
- Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
- David had an affair and was a murderer
- Elijah was suicidal
- Isaiah preached naked
- Jonah ran from God
- Naomi was a widow
- Job went bankrupt
- Peter denied Christ
- The Disciples fell asleep while praying
- Martha worried about everything
- The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
- Zaccheus was too small
- Paul was too religious
- Timothy had an ulcer
- . . .AND Lazarus was dead!

Now! No more excuses! God can use you to your full potential. Besides, you aren't the message, you are just the messenger. In the Circle of God's love, God's waiting to use your full potential.

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## HUNGER AND POVERTY

I am writing to encourage those with a passion for addressing the needs of hunger and poverty, locally and globally, to attend the next meeting of the Hunger and Poverty Team. We will meet in room 170 on January 7, at 7:00 p.m.

It has been my privilege to be involved with this wonderful effort since its beginning almost three years ago, and we have accomplished a great deal in this short period of time. The congregation has responded generously with contributions to the "2 Cents a Meal" offerings, with food for the Lancaster County Council of Churches food bank, to the school supplies program for homeless children in Lancaster, and much, much more. While these have been very worthwhile endeavors that we will likely continue in 2010, it is also time to focus our attention on the causes of hunger and poverty.

A couple of us may find it necessary to leave the H & P Team next year. Otto Schaudel, an active member of the team, will chair the Outreach Ministry Team in 2010, and H & P is a sub-committee under Outreach. I will assume the role of Moderator next year, and I will likely not serve on H & P after the Jan. 7 meeting. **Therefore, it is urgent that others step forward who have a heart for this vital ministry.**

Please consider coming to the January meeting to learn more about what we do and why we do it!

--Allen T. Hansell, 2010 Moderator

## BRETHREN VILLAGE NEWS

Our church was asked to donate 12 batches of cookies for the annual Brethren Village Cookie Sale. Thanks to all those who donated cookies for this fundraiser and to those who helped at the sale.

I wish to thank Curtis Dehme and the Junior High youth for assisting residents at Brethren Village on Saturday, November 21 for their Saturday afternoon Bingo activity. There were very favorable comments about our church youth and how they interacted with the BV residents.

Marilyn Hummel  
Brethren Village Key Person LCOB



# CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGES

Mary Weaver would like to thank the congregation for their thoughts, prayers, cards and visits following her recent knee surgery. In particular, the visits by Pastor Rill, Calvin Wenger, and undershepherds John and Sue Groff were most welcome. The 50th Anniversary altar bouquet, delivered by Calvin Wenger, was so beautiful in our living room.

Jay D Weaver

Dear Lancaster Church of the Brethren,

We would like to express appreciation and gratitude for the lovely service and reception at the 50th year commemoration on November 15. We also had a good time sharing with many long-time friends, though the congregation has of course changed and grown over the years.

Our older daughter Amanda and her husband Anoop, along with his parents, were able to attend from New Jersey. My sister Kathy and her husband were at a gathering of his family in Ohio. My mother Inez, who turned age 92 on November 19, was just not physically up to coming out. She always enjoys having friends visit at her apartment at Crosskeys Village but would rather to stay in especially during winter months.

Again, thanks, and best wishes to all for continued well-being and success in the months and years ahead.

With Warm Regards,  
David & Barbara Long

Sincere thanks to the group of carolers who came to sing for me. Brought back fond memories of years past when I went caroling.

To the deacons, truly appreciate your great gift. It sure will be used for reading.

God's love and blessings,  
Helen Thatcher

Dear LCOB,

After our November 15, 2009 celebration of 50 years of worship at 1601 Sunset Avenue, I received phone calls, emails, cards and verbal expressions of thanks. Yes, I was the Chair and oversaw this celebration. However, thanks needs to be extended to the planning committee made up of: Millie Bomberger, Stan Cox, Rhoda Gamble, Bill Glasmire, Galen Graham, Jim Heck, Jay Weaver, Shirley & Calvin Wenger and Pastor Rill. Along with Pastor Rill, Pastor Shreckhise and Emery DeWitt played major roles in planning the worship service. Others playing key roles were: Tim Heck, Carlene Hufford, Donald and Lorraine Dotterer, Nancy Dotterer, and Carole Deck. Not mentioned thus far are the musicians, ushers, attendants, greeters and worship support people from both Traditional and Morning Psalm worship.

One of the most gratifying expressions that I heard was that this service was one of the most unifying, if not the most unifying, worship services ever held at LCOB. Were we perhaps witnessing and experiencing a *New Dawn on Sunset?*

Jay Wenger, Chair  
50 Years on Sunset Committee

Bob and Ginny Mackey would like to thank the church and congregation for their concerns and prayers in the passing of Bob's father, Wilbur Mackey.

## L.C.O.B. PERFORMING ARTS ENDS WITH HAPPY ENDINGS

Like literally hundreds of other people, I was saddened to hear that the L.C.O.B. Performing Arts Dinner Theatre would end on December 6. Those fortunate enough to get a seat for the last production not only enjoyed a good dinner, but also witnessed the premier theatrical work of Carole Deck.

There seems to be no shortage of talents in Deck's portfolio which now includes successful playwright. "Happy Endings at Christmas," revealed Deck's talent for writing a full-length play that was humorous and heart-warming. With its charming characters, witty dialogue and authentic story line set in a retirement community in Lancaster County, the play held the audience's attention from beginning to end.

It was apparent that the cast was on cue with acting in this last production. Judi Hess was outstanding as the sarcastic Martha and Matt Shenk did an excellent job as Edward, her long-lost fiancé. Carol Shearer gave a gem of a performance as the frivolous Dorothy while Tim Heck was convincingly congenial as Franklin, her spirited boyfriend. Tim Dunbar did honors to the role of William, the wise, retired school teacher and Jackie St. John was truly gracious as Mary, his wife. Jon Metzger physically fit the part of the fitness director while young Jenny Lines was cute and credible as Rebecca, a student nurse. Melissa Heck mastered the dialect to play a convincing and colorful German Cook.

All the children cast as Hope for Kids Home orphans were winsome in their roles. Alison Buckwalter and Andrew Lines rekindled childhood days with their adversarial banter. Drew Smith showed his acting skill in his emotional role as the missing grandson.

A high point of the second act was the rekindled relationship between Martha and Edward as well as the reuniting of Annie and her grandson.

Deck's creative genius was highlighted with the unique re-enactment of the Christmas story by the children. The comical, yet believable translation from a child's point of view captivated the audience.

Lines excelled as the master-of-ceremonies and Sarah Shearer showcased her reading skills as narrator. Buckwalter and Brandon Nace were delightful as Mary and Joseph. The three wisemen, Lines, Smith and Jack Smith were in perfect sync with their movements.

There seemed to be unanimous agreement from the audience comments following the performance that this dinner theatre performance ranked as their "most favorite." I agree. Like those who voiced their disappointment that Deck was ending the dinner theatre, I will miss the humorous theatrical expertise that was her trademark. However, after serving as executive director for 13 years and 25 productions; acting in 12, it's

## DINNER THEATRE ENDS SUCCESSFUL RUN



"To everything there is a season . . ." and for me, the time has come to end the L.C.O.B. Dinner Theatre.

After directing our first production in 1997, I never imagined it would continue for a successful 13-year run with 25 productions!

God has truly blessed our drama ministry that has helped so many in a myriad of ways. Some said a play helped them mend a broken relationship; others found strength to face an illness; a few rediscovered their faith; and many just needed a good laugh.

Our success can be attributed to the 100 plus church volunteers from all four of our worship services who willingly gave their time and talent on stage . . . and behind the scenes. Some volunteered for all 13 years.

We were also blessed with loyal supporters. Theatre goers came from 11 counties in Pennsylvania and seven states.

It's been a privilege to work with the Performing Arts troupe who exceeded my expectations in their pursuit of excellence. Rather than seek fame and fortune, these committed Christians used their gifts for acting to glorify our God.

From the first dinner theatre to the last one, my philosophy remained the same: to give our audience a slice of life comedy along with a little inspiration to live a more joyful life!

Writing "Happy Endings at Christmas" -- my first play -- for our last performance was a rewarding experience. I can only thank God for giving me the words and the wisdom to write it. I was truly humbled to receive all the rave reviews and a standing ovation at the last performance.

Though the curtain has come down on the dinner theatre, I will continue in the role of L.C.O.B. Performing Arts executive director for Sunday morning, special events and children's dramas.

My sincere thanks to the church leadership for entrusting me with the opportunity to do theatre in our church. And a very special thank you to all the volunteers for their support over the years.

Blessings!

Carole Deck

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understandable that she wants a break.

Deck told me she always likes to leave assignments on a "high note." She definitely achieved that goal as the cast gave her a bouquet of roses and the audience gave a standing ovation following the final curtain call for "Happy Endings at Christmas."

J.P. Singer

Retired Theatre Reviewer

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## STARLIGHT TEA WELCOMES A STUNNING TRIO!

On Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 7:00 pm, the Starlight Tea Concert Series will present a trio of very fine musicians: Dara Burkholder Morales, violin; Jesus Morales, cello; and Karen Burgman, piano. They will perform together and separately in a concert of chamber music guaranteed to please!

Violinist Dara Burkholder Morales is the newly appointed Assistant Principal Second Violin of the Philadelphia Orchestra. A native of Ephrata, Ms. Morales has performed as soloist with several orchestras nationwide. She lives with her husband Jesús, a cellist, and their baby daughter Isabel in center city Philadelphia.

Jesús A. Morales Matos, violoncello, currently serves as Principal Cello with the Philadelphia Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, and Adjunct Faculty at Temple University. He has been hailed "in a category above many cellists of today....inspired and captivating," (*New York Concert Review*); and *Caribbean Business* declares, "he is already talked about as a potential soloist of international stature."

Karen P. Burgman, pianist, has performed coast to coast in the USA, and in Canada and Europe. A committed chamber musician, Ms. Burgman was a semi-finalist in the National Fiscoff Chamber Music Competition in 2004, and was the recipient of the Steinway Scholarship to study at the Credo Chamber Music Festival in the summer of 2004, where she now continues to coach chamber ensembles.

As with all Starlight Tea concerts, admission is free with a free-will offering taken. Be sure to join us for this special event!

## 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST

Monday, January 18, 2010--7:00 am to 9:00 am

Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

Persons interested in attending should sign-up in the Church Office. Contact for Questions: David Hosler – [dhosler@att.net](mailto:dhosler@att.net) or 575-5382.

## CLIMBERS' CORNER

Sunday, January 10  
Brunch at Loxley / Heritage at 11:45 am  
Bring canned tuna and/or canned fruit for the Food Bank.



# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

January 2010

9:00 – 9:45 Sunday Mornings

*The following classes are open to everyone. All are invited.*

**The Chapel Bible Study Group**, led by Calvin Wenger, meets in the Chapel. They are currently immersed in an intensive study of the New Testament. In January they continue in the Gospel of Matthew.

**The Thoughtful Life Class**, meeting in Rooms 162-163, features stimulating resource persons who lead discussion in a variety of topics. Topic for January are:

**Jan. 3 – *Beyond our Means: History of the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor,***

**Suzanne Schaudel**

**Jan. 10 – *Jeff Bach*, Young Center for Peace and Anabaptist Studies, Elizabethtown College**

**Jan. 17 – *Church, Crime and Conscience* – a dialogue with **Keith Sadler**, Chief of Lancaster City Police.**

**Jan. 24 – *Habitat for Humanity: What's happening in Lancaster?* – **Kate Zimmerman****

**Jan. 31 – *The Nature of God* – **Dr. Lee Barrett**, Lancaster Theological Seminary**

**The Nesters Bible Study Group**, meeting in Room 170, explores the basics of faith. Currently the group is studying the book, *Parenting: How to Raise Spiritually Healthy Kids*, by Bill Hybels. The group is led by Darryl and Sandy Rock. It is not necessary to purchase the book, as it is just a guide to parenting in current society, guided by Biblical principles.

**The One Another group**, coordinated by Linda Husted, will resume meeting again on January 17 in Pastor Rill's office. They are continuing an intensive study of *Romans*, using the Yale Bible Study series. Discussion is based on a DVD presentation by two Yale Divinity School scholars.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

invite all women to join them for the annual gathering at Church of the Apostle on January 13 at 1:00 p.m. Officers and key women will be elected and installed.



# YOUTH NEWS

# Praise Kidz!

## SENIOR HIGH

**Soup and Salad Sunday**-Our next Soup and Salad Sunday is **January 17, 2010**. Come out to connect with other members of our church over a delicious meal and to support our youth.

**District Winter Retreat: M.O.V.E.**-Come with us as we join youth groups around the district at Camp Swatara for fun-filled, spiritually challenging weekend. At the retreat we are going to M.O.V.E. as we look at Motivated Maturity, Overcoming Obstacles, Vivacious Victory, and Enthusiastic Engagement in our sessions. **The cost is \$40 per youth. Bring at least an extra \$5 for the Heifer International donation. We will leave by 5 P.M. Friday evening (January 22) and return Sunday early afternoon (January 24). Let Curtis know by December 27 if you would like to go.**

## JUNIOR HIGH

**Action Sunday**-Action Sunday occurs one Sunday a month where the youth get to participate in an activity that is physically active and enjoyable. This is also a great time to bring friends and get to know other members of the LCOB Youth Group. Lunch will be provided. On **January 31, 2010** in the **Jr. High Room 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.**

## Praise Kidz Facebook Fan Page

Are you on Facebook? Look for Praise Kidz at L.C.O.B. and become a fan! We'll be using this page to keep parents up to date with the program. You can use this page to share with your friends and encourage new families to visit!!

## Junior Helper Day at Praise Kidz

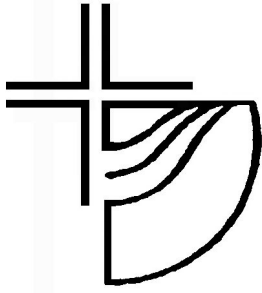
The leaders of Praise Kidz understand that the 'tween' years can be kind of difficult for a child. They are too big to do "baby things" but not quite old enough to do "teenager" things. We've recognized some children who have graduated from Praise Kidz are still struggling with worshipping as an adult. However, we believe there is great importance for children to learn how to worship within their parents environment, for example, understanding certain traditions like Bread & Cup Communion. Therefore, when the time comes for these kids to decide to be baptized and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior they have a better understanding of what that means.

5th and 6th Graders range in maturity. Some are excited to be worshipping with their families, some are not quite ready and really wish they could attend Praise Kidz a little longer. This is why we're starting "Jr. Helper Day" at Praise Kidz. This will be held the first Sunday of every month. 5th and 6th Graders are invited to Praise Kidz (with their parents permission) to worship and help with the smaller children. This means showing enthusiastic energy while helping the kids sing. Helping the smaller children sit and listen to the bible lessons and also assisting the smaller children with games or crafts. This is not a "get out of adult church" free card. They need to want to be there and show their enthusiasm!

We'll continue to schedule 5th & 6th graders to help with the computer and general assisting. to the leaders as done in the past. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Miley or Curtis Dehmej.

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**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Family Life Center  
10:15 a.m. Family Life Center  
10:15 a.m. Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Maranatha

**Sunday School**

9:00 a.m.

The deadline for the February  
issue is January 10, 2010.

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