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Is it really December already? All the signs are pointing to that. Stores are full of Christmas displays. Newspapers are full of ads. TV is barraging us with all the things that we absolutely cannot live without. Look Here! Buy This! SALE! SALE! SALE! These are all very familiar signs in all the stores. Tonight I saw a young girl meticulously explaining to her mother all the advantages of a toy that she had picked out for herself.

Amid all the hustle and bustle, family get-togethers, parties with friends, the gift giving and receiving and all the festivities, it is so very easy to crowd out the beauty and majesty and simplicity of Christmas. Why do we give and receive gifts at Christmas? Because in the simplicity of a manger, "God so loved the world that He gave..." How very wonderful! God gave! But what did He give? Was it the latest fashion or fad? Was it the newest gadget or electronics on the planet? No, He gave that universal gift that can be regifted over and over again: He gave "His one and only Son..." His Son, yes His Son.

Now I know there are some parents out there that would like to give away a son or daughter, but that's another story entirely. See, those sons or daughters don't have what God's Son has for us. His Son, Jesus, provides us not with the best HDMI picture with the most pixels, not the newest video game or even the nicest of cars. No, God, through His love gift of Jesus promises us "that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Talk about the gift that keeps on giving! God loved! He gave! Jesus paid! And we are the recipients of the most precious gift that the world has or will ever know! Don't miss the simplicity and wonder of God's wonderful love gift to you, to me, and to the world. Share it with a friend and re-gift with eternal rewards and a heavenly receipt!

*Remember—Live worthy!! [Ephesians 4:1-6]
Pastor Dave & Kathy*

Kwips from Kathy...

PEACE!

I had to chuckle when my daughter sent out a distress signal via FaceBook. She wanted to know when babies actually begin to sleep through the night. I didn't have the heart to tell her...I guess she'll find out someday!!

At one time or another we all have said to our family, "Could I just have a little peace and quiet?" The Bible speaks often of peace, but with different meanings. In one sense, peace is equivalent to quiet. Yet do we really have peace even when it's quiet? Another Biblical meaning for peace is "completeness, soundness, and well-being of the total person." This type of peace is only God-given.

Do you need peace - real peace - for this Christmas season? As we recognize Jesus' birth this year, we can also celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace who came into this world as a God-given gift to mankind. Accept His perfect peace that chases away fear and leaves His abiding presence

*May you all have peace this year while you are awake and while you sleep!
Merry Christmas!!!*

*With love in Him always,
Kathy*

***PEACE IS THE DELIBERATE ADJUSTMENT OF MY LIFE
TO THE WILL OF GOD!***

Jehovah Shalom!! The Lord Is Peace!

Warriors of Worship



Pastor Len Burdick

COMMUNITY DESSERT THEATRE

It's A Wonderful Life

The Radio Play

Thursday, December 3rd

Friday, December 4th

Saturday, December 5th

Sunday, December 6th

(dessert @ 7 PM, show @ 8 PM)

Saturday, December 5th

Sunday, December 6th

(dessert @ 2 PM, show @ 3 PM)

**Tickets are \$5.00 in advance,
\$7.00 at the door.**

Christmas Eve by Candlelight

Thursday, December 24th @ 6 PM

in the sanctuary

***Join us for a time of music, inspiration
and reflection.***

***You will not want to miss one of our
most well attended services.***

Pastor Rob Purcell



Kidz Korale

“Charlie and the Cherub Cheerleaders”

December 13th

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Dress Rehearsal - December 12th

9 a.m. - noon

We are approaching the end of the year in our BGMC giving. We've recently just finished our buddy barrel decorating contest and we want to thank you for the money you gave in voting for each student. Help us finish the year strong. In our giving to BGMC, we help missionaries reach people around the world for Jesus Christ.



Pastor Frank Iddings



October 2009

Income	\$176,560.52
Expenses	<u>-\$112,047.16</u>
Difference	\$ 64,513.36

Thank you for giving faithfully to the ministries of Victory Church. Remember to help those less fortunate during this holiday season. I encourage you to support local charities as well as national and international ministries. May God bless you in this special time of the year as we celebrate the greatest birthday of all time!

Pastor Frank

Young Adult Ministry

This is the most wonderful time of the year! It's the time that we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! We recently started a family tradition of making a cake and singing Happy Birthday to Jesus. It's something we started especially to teach our son, Ethan, what the real reason for the season is and to give us an excuse to eat more sweets! It's our hope that you will enjoy all of the traditions of Christmas, decorate your home like Clark Griswold, shoot your eye out with a Red Rider BB gun, go see a movie on Christmas night, and please remember to smile really big when grandma gives you ANOTHER sweater that doesn't fit and is not in style. ENJOY this time of the year, ENJOY your family, and remember that most of the gifts that you spent time stressing about will only get returned anyway! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We want to invite all of our Young Adults between the ages of 18-35 to come out and join us for our Young Adult Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 19, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the youth room. The cost of the dinner is FREE and childcare will be provided at a minimal fee. We look forward to seeing you all out on this night of food, fun, games, prizes, and good ole Christmas cheer! Our much anticipated Bible study will begin in January as we explore Max Lucado's new book, "Fearless".

Merry Christmas to you all!

Jamie and Sarah Zirkle

Keenagers

The Keenagers would like to invite you to join them for their annual Christmas Banquet, which is December 11th @ 6:00 p.m. There will be good food, entertainment and lots of fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the front foyer. The cost will be \$11.00 per person. You must pay and sign up by December 6th.

Everyone 50 + years young are welcome to attend.

They look forward to spending time with you!



Victory Cafe

We would love to meet and greet our visitors. Stop by the Victory Café, which is located in the gym, for a cup of coffee and a snack before or after our morning service.

The Café would love to have your help. If you are interested in volunteering at the Café on Sunday mornings, please contact Gina Basham at bashamg@comcast.net.

Café is open Sunday mornings
9:00 - 9:45 A.M. and
11:30 - 12:30 P.M.



The "Wednesday Night" Café

Fall Menu

**Wednesdays @ 5:30 P.M. in the gym
\$6.00!**

No time for dinner and trying to get to church at 7:00 p.m.? Bring your entire family and stop by the café for delicious homemade specials and a la carte items. The menu for the fall is:

- 12/2: Homemade Spaghetti w/ bread & salad**
- 12/9: Homemade Chicken Potpie w/ salad**
- 12/16: Chicken Quesadillas w/nachos or a salad**
- 12/23: No church service**
- 12/30: No church service**

Victory LIFE Groups....

Our new membership class will begin in January. If you are not a member and are interested in becoming a member, please plan to attend this class. This class is taught by Maxine Carlson on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, you may contact the church office.

Victory Church Business Luncheon

We would like you to join area business owners this month for their monthly business luncheon on Thursday, December 17th @ Noon. This luncheon is open to all business owners, managers and entrepreneurs and is at no charge to you. It's a great time of food, fellowship & networking. This month the luncheon will be held in our Youth Center, located behind the gymnasium. Please RSVP no later than noon, Wednesday, December 16th at: 667.9400
 "Let's be about our Father's Business..."

Victory Church Library

Our church library is open and available every Sunday morning from 9 - 9:30 A.M. The library will also be open the first Sunday evening of each month from 5 - 6 P.M. and the 1st Wednesday evening of each month from 6 - 7 P.M.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Sabato, our Library Coordinator @ library@agwinchester.org.

FIT 2 SERVE

This is the time of year that we enjoy spending time with family and friends and enjoy all the delicious foods that are being prepared.



Let's remember to stay fit during this time. Come out and join Fit 2 Serve on Tuesday & Thursdays @ 9:00 a.m. during the month of December.



Men's Ministry News...

~ Men's Fellowship Breakfast ~
 December 19th ~ 8:30 A.M.

This ministry meets every month for breakfast here in our gym. There is always great food and great fellowship. If you have never attended before or are a regular attendee, consider joining them this month and enjoy breakfast together.

For more information about Men's Ministry, please contact Terry Sears at: 540.545.2024

December 2009

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