

# THE DESERT CHIMES

“Daily becoming the heart and hands of Jesus Christ.”



December 7, 2011



## DECEMBER/ ADVENT CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

December 8	Elder/Deacon Dinner, 6:00 p.m., First Pres Center
December 9	Boy Scout Troop Lock-In, 5:00 p.m., First Pres Center
<b>December 11</b>	<b>All-Church Christmas Celebration, 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary, First Pres Center</b>
December 14	YB's Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m., First Pres Center
December 15	Team Night, 7:00 p.m., First Pres Center
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Bells of the Desert Concert, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary</b>
December 18	LYFE Christmas Party, 4:00 p.m., First Pres Center
<b>December 18</b>	<b>Christmas Caroling, 4:30 p.m., Off Site</b>
December 20	Best Years, 12:00 p.m., First Pres Center
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Noah's Ark Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary</b>
December 23	Office Closed
<b>December 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE Services, Sanctuary</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY, Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary</b>
December 26	Office Closed
<b>January 1</b>	<b>NEW YEARS DAY, Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary</b>
<b>January 3</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>

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*December 24*

5:30 p.m. Family Service

7:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols

11:00 p.m. Candlelight

Communion

Garden Sanctuary

*December 25*

10:00 a.m. Worship

## FROM THE PASTORS



During the Christmas season the church uses important words that you won't find in department stores or on e-bay, words such as incarnation, the Benedictus (Zachariah's song), the Magnificat (Mary's Song). Another particular word is "Advent," which literally means "coming." Advent has been designated as the four weeks before the celebration of Christ's birth. It is a time to ready ourselves to welcome Christ into our hearts. We also understand that the Supreme Lover, Our Father, communicates his ultimate love to us in his time. He sent someone so precious to us, one who embodied that sacrificial love to us.

The idea of God desiring to communicate his ultimate love to the world dawned on rock star Bono, the lead singer for U2, during the Advent season. After returning home to Dublin from a long tour, he attended a Christmas Eve service. At some point in that service, Bono grasped the truth at the heart of the Christmas story: in Jesus, God became a human being. With tears streaming down his face, Bono realized,

"The idea that God, if there is a force of Love and Logic in the universe, that it would seek to explain itself is amazing enough. That it would seek to explain itself by becoming a child born in poverty ... and straw, a child, I just thought, 'Wow!' Just the poetry ... I saw the genius of picking a particular point in time and deciding to turn on this ... Love needs to find a form, intimacy needs to be whispered ... Love has to become an action or something concrete. It would have to happen. There must be an incarnation. Love must be made flesh."

Eventually, because of God's deep desire to communicate fully his love for us...he became bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh in order for us to be redeemed by his love so that we might enter into his love through this little baby in the manger.

See you Sunday, Rob

*"He became what we are that he might make us what he is." Athanasius*

Think on this statement for a minute; it is a quote on the incarnation.

This quote clearly speaks of the first Christmas-tide when God took on our flesh through the incarnation of his Son. From the incarnation until the actual birth of Christ, Mary and Joseph had nine months of Advent. Advent essentially means to wait, to watch for something. When we consider Advent within the example of pregnancy and expectation, it can take on new dimensions. Certainly when we look toward Christ's return this is true. Advent is meant to be a time when we seriously ponder Christ's second coming and not settle for just remembering the first, a babe in a manger. So I ask you, what is your level of excitement and expectation during this time?

Meanwhile we live in between his first coming and the second which presents its own tension. However, God is neither silent nor inactive. His plan is and has always been for his incarnation to live through us and to go into the world.

This quote clearly points to the incarnate God living within each of us. When we surrender ourselves to Christ's lordship, he begins to dwell within us through the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:17). Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God transforms us more and more into his likeness. This takes time though.

As I have given this my own time and thought, God enters into Advent with us as he waits as well. The time is now for Christ to be birthed anew in each of us. Our time is pregnant with expectation and excitement. Let us reflect the living, incarnate Christ that is in us to everyone we meet. The time is now.

Pastor Kriss



Associate Pastor's  
Message

## YOUTH/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### YB's

#### Students in grades 6-8

December 7, 14	5:30 @ Church
December 21	NO YB's
December 28	NO YB's
January 4, 11, 18, 25	5:30 @ Church
February 1	5:30 @ Church

### LYFE

#### Students in grades 9-12

December 4, 11	4:00 @ Church
December 18	Christmas Party, 4:00 (fpc)
December 25	NO LYFE
January 1	NO LYFE
January 8, 15	4:00 @ Church
January 21 (Sat)	Brinner and Bingo Night 5:30 (fpc)
January 22	4:00 @ Church
January 27-29	Winter Retreat @ Camp Ghormley
February 5	4:00 @ Church

### BRINNER AND BINGO NIGHT (BREAKFAST FOR DINNER) SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 5:30 p.m., First Pres Center

Come and join the KFPC youth missions team for a breakfast that will be served as dinner. Donations will be accepted. It will be an evening of great breakfast food, laughter, and fellowship to break out of the winter doldrums. Immediately following the meal we will play Bingo for some fantastic prizes. Plus, the bingo is FREE! **Please join us and support our missions trip to Petersburg, Alaska, next summer.**

### LYFE SNOWBLAST

All students grades 9 through 12 are invited to join KFPC LYFE ministries for our winter retreat at **Camp Ghormley on January 27 to January 29**. We will leave Friday night and get back Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$75 dollars for the camp, with an additional cost for possible snowboarding or skiing at White Pass. Sign-up sheets will be out by December 8 and will be due by January 15.



### Journey to Bethlehem...an All-Church Christmas Celebration! December 11, 5:30 p.m.

First Pres children and youth extend a warm invitation to you to join us for a special celebration of our Savior's birth. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious spaghetti dinner in FPC (donations gladly accepted) followed by a worship service at 6:30. Please plan to join us!

It's not too late for your children to participate if they have not signed up yet! Please contact Sue in the church office, 582.9537, as soon as possible.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School Reminder!** There will be no Sunday School on December 25, 2011, and January 1, 2012, so that our teachers may enjoy the Christmas holiday break with their families.

**Nursery care will still be available for children aged 3 and under.**

**There will be no Children's Worship during the 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day.**

Wishing you a very merry and blessed Christmas holiday,

CE Department

**Register now for Winter Quarter at LOGOS!**



Was the Fall just too hectic for you and your family to join us for LOGOS? No problem! You can join now for Winter Quarter, which begins January 4, 2012, and runs through March 28, 2012.

LOGOS for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders meets every Wednesday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. We have lots of fun with games, crafts and Bible study...think of it as VBS during the year! YB's join us for a multi-generational, family-style dinner. For more information, contact Sue or Bryan at the church office, 582.9537.

Adults are needed to help nurture and disciple our LOGOS kids, and there are a variety of ways you can use your gifts in this important ministry. We would love to have you join us...no experience needed, just a love of kids and a desire to see them grow in their faith. Contact Sue at the church to discuss how you can help.

PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, AND NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

### Adult Education Classes for Winter Quarter

**January 8 – March 11, 2012**

**Sunday Mornings:**

Kerygma, Ed Thornton

Growing in Your Gifts, Shannon Spencer

Bioethics, Jim Cochran

Prayer, John Westleigh

Inquirer's Class, Rob Hagan

**Thursday Morning Pastor's Study:**

Ruth

**Tuesday Evenings:**

The Last Things, Rob Hagan and

T.P. Straatsma

**Watch your e-mail/snail mail for more information...coming soon!**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/CHURCH LIFE

### Be More Women's Study – Winter 2012

Monday Evenings, TBA

Wednesdays, January 11 – March 7

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Childcare available

Cost \$20

**James: Mercy Triumphs**, a study with Beth Moore

Get to know both the man and the *Book of James* in this 8-session, video-driven Bible study which includes a bonus interview and additional in-depth articles. Plus, Beth introduces a **new, tiered study approach**. So, **whether you are a beginner or need to go to the next level in Bible study, it's a perfect fit.**

Sign up at the Information Island or contact Kriss at 582.9537 or [kriss@kfpc.org](mailto:kriss@kfpc.org). Scholarships are available.

### Adult Study Opportunities



#### Men's Breakfast Studies:

**Wednesdays**, 6:30 a.m. @ Cousins, Pasco.

**Thursdays**, 6:00 a.m., Jesus & Joe @ Hwy. 395 Starbucks.

**Fridays**, 6:30 a.m. @ Sports Page.

#### Women's Ministries & Studies:

**Morning Circle:** 2nd Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., First Pres Center.

**Afternoon Circle:** 2nd Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. Home of Eula DeWitz, 2008 W. 1st Avenue, Kennewick

**Ladies Night Out:** 2nd Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

**Friday Morning Women's Book Club:** Fridays, 7:30 a.m., Fireside Room. All women are welcome.



To request a prayer be put on the prayer chain, send your e-mail to [prayers@kfpc.org](mailto:prayers@kfpc.org). To be placed on the chain to receive requests, send an email to [prayerlist-subscribe@kfpc.org](mailto:prayerlist-subscribe@kfpc.org)

with "subscribe" in the subject line. If email is not available, you may call the church office, 582.9537 or Michelle Nichols, 734.1442.

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Are you interested in having financial peace? Financial Peace University, a dynamic 13-week class is available right here at KFPC. We are looking for singles, couples, and families who are interested in learning to live within a budget and to grow as a giver to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If there is enough interest we will offer this class starting in January. Interested or have questions, please contact Bill and Melissa Ruzicka @ 539.2810 or Tom and Vicki Mitchell @ 585.9905. Or sign up at the Information Island.

### Bells of the Desert Concert

"Night of Wonder"

Saturday, December 17

7:00 P.M.



**Cookies are needed for the reception after the concert. Sign-up sheet on the Information Island.**

## CHURCH LIFE

### ***A Word from Women's Ministry (aka PW)***

Hello ladies! I am Jeanna, the new women's coordinator, and I am excited about our ministry!

First, a big thank you to everyone who donated items for our patio/bake sale in September. It was very successful with the donations and people who helped. Mike Emmerson was even up for joining us ladies! We have received a thank you note from the World Relief Tri-Cities organization for the donated items for newly arriving refugees!

Second, I wanted to share about our upcoming events for the first part of 2012.

**February 4, Saturday – Craft Day** – bring a potluck dish – invite others – signup will be in January.

**April 27-29 – Retreat** at Menucha Retreat Center, Corbett, OR. A \$50 deposit will secure your spot – details later.

**May 19, Saturday – Spring Event** in the First Pres Center – we are looking for a leader (or two) willing to lead this event.

Finally, it is in my heart to strengthen relationships among our women members. We will have **Bunco** and **Movie/snack** events later next year. I would ask you to prayerfully consider taking a leadership role in an event that will strengthen relationships with our fellow women members. We are also looking at refurbish the Fireside Room. If you are interested in taking on one of these items, feel free to contact me via e-mail at [jmichmabry@hotmail.com](mailto:jmichmabry@hotmail.com) or phone 374.4617.

Take care, Jeanna Mabry

Always keep God in your heart and life!

### **Kennewick First Presbyterian Church**

## **HOCKEY NIGHT**

**February 4, 2012, 7:00 p.m.**



Come join in fellowship and fun as we attend the Tri-City Americans vs. Victoria Royals hockey game on February 4, 2012. You can purchase your tickets from the church office before January 27. Tickets will be handed out at the Information Island on January 29 during the Sunday School hour. Please contact Andrew Atterberry with any inquiries at 585.2618 or [theaterberryfamily@gmail.com](mailto:theaterberryfamily@gmail.com).

Adult \$10, Senior (over 62) \$7, Junior (10-19) \$6, Child (3-9) \$4

**Greetings from John and Sarah Tittle**, via the Kuhns' recent visit to Tucson, AZ. John, our former associate pastor here at First Pres, is now the senior pastor at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Tucson. He'd love to hear from First Pres members. Please e-mail him at [john@immanuelpc.org](mailto:john@immanuelpc.org). If you are in the Tucson area on vacation, be sure to let John know and plan to visit their church. The website is [www.immanuelpc.org](http://www.immanuelpc.org).



**The Facilities Team would like to create a call list of people who would be willing to arrive at church early (around 7:30 a.m.) on snowy Sundays to clear walkways and spread salt. Please contact Bill Thackaberry (627.3857 or [tberrys@charter.net](mailto:tberrys@charter.net)) if you can help out occasionally.**

# CHURCH LIFE



The KFPC Travel Club is planning a tour for next September, 2012. It is a 12-day tour to Italy! We were lucky enough to sign on with David and Elizabeth Sparks of Footstep Ministries. Those of you that traveled with us to Greece know that they present a meaningful and educational tour that is first class all the way. A full itinerary will be published soon and a sign-up sheet will be at the Information Island in the narthex. Prior to the tour, as usual, Rob and Sylvia Harris will have classes on the history and significance of the sights we will see. This is a trip you won't want to miss. If you are interested, contact Gary Miller for more information. Home : 627.5111 Cell: 392.2079



**BEST YEARS**  
**December 20, 12:00 P.M.**  
**FIRST PRES CENTER**

**Lauren Mathis, Program Coordinator for Catholic Family and Child, will tell us about the services they offer. Bring items for the food bank to share with those less fortunate.**

Best Years meets the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, in the First Pres Center at noon for a potluck lunch. This group was formed for those who are retired, but everyone is welcome. If you are free, enjoy fellowship, great food and interesting programs, circle the date on your calendar and join us.

Bring your own table service. To share: couples bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert; singles bring one item (hot dish or salad or dessert).

Hosting this month are Neil and Bev Hoitink and Larry and Sue Campbell.

## Annual Reports

**Elders and ministry leads, annual reports are due December 15. If you have questions, contact Carol, 582.9537.**

**NEW ADDRESS: Bill and Melissa Ruzicka**  
 371 Wolverine Court, Richland, WA 99352  
 Cell phone: 539.2810

## BUILDING CUSTODIAN VACANCY

For the past two months, our Building Custodian position has been filled with interim, part-time, temporary help. With the new year, the Personnel and Facilities Teams want to fill the position on a permanent, full-time basis.

Copies of the Job Description and application forms are available in the church office. Applications, accompanied by a personal resume, will be accepted until Christmas. Questions may be addressed to Jim Cochran, Interim Operations Manager, at 582.9537.



Jeanna's paternal grandmother, Violet, has passed away. The Mabry's wish to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Thank you,  
 Jeanna Mabry

# CHURCH LIFE



## Technology Corner

As I am completing my term as Technology Elder, it is with mixed emotions that I'll be turning over responsibility to our new Elder in January. Although I am looking forward to spending a few more Sunday morning's sitting with my wife in the pews, I have enjoyed having the opportunity to sit in one of the best seats in our sanctuary (the balcony sound booth). Over the past 3 years I've been blessed to have worked with a wonderful group of volunteers who have diligently supported this important ministry (thanks tech team; you're the best). I was also blessed to have the opportunity to move our ministry from an all volunteer effort to having a full-time staff member, Justin Kasperek, to provide leadership and mentoring for our volunteers. Having the opportunity to work with and learn from Justin has been a great experience and has really enabled our volunteers to more fully participate in this ministry. If you have an interest in technology and are interested in learning more about this ministry, I would encourage you to stop by and chat with Justin or any of the volunteers. Whether you're a senior in high school or a senior citizen, the technology team would love to have you on the team. So please stop by the sound booth and check out the opportunities. Finally, I would like to thank the congregation for giving me the opportunity to serve our church as one of your elders; it has been a real honor and privilege.

In Christ's service, Chuck Timchalk

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8 Elder/Deacon Ordination/Installation
- January 13-14 Elder/Deacon Retreat
- January 22 Congregational Meeting
- January 27-28 Men's Retreat

Remember, your end-of-year contributions must be postmarked by December 31 in order to get tax credit for 2011.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:30 p.m.



Join us as we carol around the First Pres neighborhood. Meet in the narthex at 4:30 p.m. Please bring cookies to share. We will come back about 5:30 p.m. to share cookies and hot drinks. If you don't like singing from door to door, come anyway and hang out with the carolers and have a good time. No signup necessary.

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## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have received pledges of over \$560,000 for the operations budget for 2012 — there have been over 170 pledges. We are currently at approximately 80% of what was pledged last year. Thank you for your commitment to stewardship and your generosity. If you have not pledged yet, please prayerfully consider doing so. Perhaps you will consider making an additional gift to the operating or building funds. Session must set the budget based on our best guess of pledging; submitting your pledges now will help Session set a realistic budget for 2012.

There are pledge cards available in the pews or the office for your convenience. If you have questions, please contact Howard Baird, Finance Team Elder.

Elder/Deacon Retreat, January 13-14, 2012. We will gather at 6:00 on Friday evening and 8:30 on Saturday morning.

## MISSION/OUTREACH



### ADVENT BREAKFAST CEREAL DRIVE FOR WESTGATE SCHOOL--450 boxes needed!

95% of the kids at Westgate Elementary (KFPC's adopted school) qualify to receive breakfast and lunches at school. During the holidays when school is not in session, they do not receive this service.

We hope to send a box of cereal home in each Westgate student's backpack on Wednesday, **December 21**, the last day of school before the holidays.

**Here's where YOU come in! Please collect large (13- or 14-oz.) boxes of cereal—any kind—and bring them to the narthex starting Sunday. The last day of this drive will be Sunday, December 18. We need 450 boxes—one for every child at Westgate.**

Please help us ensure each child has something to eat for breakfast during the holiday break! If you have questions, call Kathy Dechter at 627.0950, Sue Whalen at 586.4757, or Don Panther at 585.9312.

### Trailseeker Giving Tree

Giving a gift in Jesus' name is a meaningful way to express our love and support to our Trailseeker families. It helps build a relationship between our church family and the parents of our Trailseeker children.



Would you like to adopt a Trailseeker family this Christmas? There is a tree in the narthex with gift tags with the names of the families and the age of each child. Additional information will be on the back of the tag as to sizes and/or special needs. Please put the first and last name on each gift. **It would also be very helpful if you keep the gifts for your family together in a bag.** Gifts need to be at the church by Sunday, December 18. We would like to give the gifts out at the Trailseeker Family Christmas Party that will be held on Monday, December 19.

Blessings,

Kathy Owen and All the Trailseeker Volunteers

### TRAILSEEKER CHRISTMAS PARTY

**DECEMBER 19, 2011**

**4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

**First Pres Center**

We would like to invite you to our Trailseeker Christmas Party. The Trailseeker boys are busy planning this special time together with you. We hope you will be able to come. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the boys and minister to their families.



Over one billion people lack access to safe drinking water. As a result, three million people each year die of water-related illness – most are children. As part of a current effort to expand global mission outreach at KFPC, the **Missions Committee has initiated a program to provide access to clean water to communities in need and to address related sanitation, health, and educational issues.** This can become one of the ways we serve young churches in developing countries, especially those where we currently have missionaries being supported by our church.

**Living Waters for the World**, a global mission project of the Presbyterian Church (USA), provides training and equipment to church mission teams that are currently installing water treatment systems in many communities throughout the world. It is our vision that we can take part in this outreach by assembling a team of seven or eight individuals who have an interest in the area of water treatment and health education and are available to participate in short-term mission trips. Anyone interested in participating may contact Ed Thornton at 509.786.6877 or by e-mail at [ecthornton@embarqmail.com](mailto:ecthornton@embarqmail.com).

## MISSION/OUTREACH

### A Huge Thank You from Trailseekers...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped make the Annual Thanksgiving Feast for our Trailseeker families an overwhelming success! We were blessed by 97 people from our church who helped by volunteering their time and talents...WOW! A little over 200 people were served! This event was such an incredible testament to the love of Jesus outpoured to these families. Believe me, they felt the love you extended to them. I had so many parents share with me how welcomed they felt. Thank you, Cliff Wakeman, for heading up the kitchen...and to our servers, set-up, table hosts, drivers, pie bakers, turkey roasters, clean-up, to Judy Carlson for the centerpieces, Trailseeker leaders, and...the list goes on!!! What an amazing witness to Christ!



In Christ, Kathy Owen

### A Note From Annie Merriman:

**I am leaving to study abroad in Bagamoyo, Tanzania in January to work at an orphanage.** I am taking an extra suitcase of supplies. It is more cost effective to check an extra bag rather than mailing supplies. Below is a list of supplies needed. Please bring them to my mom, Mary Lynn, or e-mail me at amerriman12@my.whitworth.edu to help. On behalf of the children, thank you. --Annie Merriman, Whitworth University

**For the Home/General:** old laptop computers; SIM/GSIM cellular phones; Rubbermaid storage boxes (small and medium); tools for gardening or building; strong cooking pots; pillows and sheets; pens; seeds for farm, preferably organic, hot weather vegetables (zucchini, heirloom tomatoes, watermelon, squash, peppers, eggplant, etc...) or marigold, sunflower, zinnia; first aid kits; Sigg bottles (or knockoff brand aluminum water bottle); life jackets for boating trips (child or adult size)

**Kid Supplies:** clothes of all sizes (no pajamas needed); all-in-one diapers or vinyl-covered pants; baby lotion; unscented powder; toddler toys; mattress covers

**For Street Boys:** any old electronics (35 mm cameras, used discman, mp3 player, flash drive, etc); backpacks; soccer cleats (men's size 8 or 9)

**Fun Stuff for Kids:** books with pictures of African/ African-American kids (note: we have the *Jambo Means Hello* series), *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman, *Tikki Tikki Tembo*; art supplies; durable, plastic, educational toys that can withstand a LOT of wear and tear; swings

### Ecuador - Injerd Update, October 2011

September was quite a month: we started school with precious children in Tambo. Thank you for your prayers for us. The teachers in the school this year have hearts for the Kingdom and are teaching the children well. During the month, we hosted two teachers from an indigenous village in the province of Chimborazo where the Lord has opened the door for a new school.

The first two weeks of October, we were in this new village called Guabug, which is pronounced "Wa-bo." It is a community of about 2,000 Quichua-speaking people, most of whom maintain their dress and farming customs. Sheep, goats, donkeys and cows amble past the schoolhouse every morning to go to pasture. The opening of this school was complicated by a water issue where water was cut off to the whole village in an effort to force parents to send their children to the local public school vs. to a large city 45 minutes away or to the mission school. The first day of school 9 children came. When the water had been turned off, it was not done correctly, and the pump and the valve were broken. During the fourth and final week of not having water, the president of the community was taken to court for breaking federal laws about depriving people of water. The water system is fixed now and the school has 8 students whose parents stood true to the call to form Godly character in their children.

*Praises: Guabug is up and running! Tambo is doing well and growing in the Lord. Health and safety. Requests: Two more schools to start - January and April. Director of Guabug, Edwin, to remain strong in the Lord. Resources for these new lights. Discernment and wisdom for Sharman to install God's choice of directors in these schools. Health and safety.*

Together for the Kingdom, David, Sharman, and Kjersti Injerd, El Tambo, Napo Province, Ecuador

## MISSION/OUTREACH

### FPC's Scouting Ministry Character—Citizenship—Fitness



#### CUB SCOUTS

*Core Value: RESPECT*

Den Meeting: December 5

First Pres Center, 7:00 p.m.

Pack Christmas Party: December 12

First Pres Center, 7:00 p.m.

Cubmaster Drex Gauntt  
539.4563 / [drgauntt@yahoo.com](mailto:drgauntt@yahoo.com)

#### BOY SCOUTS

Troop Meeting: December 6

First Pres Center, 7:00 p.m.

Autumn Lock-In: December 9-10

First Pres Center, starting Friday 5:00  
p.m., ending Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Troop Christmas Party: December 13

First Pres Center, 7:00 p.m.

Scoutmaster Will Nichols  
551.4394 / [will.nichols@me.com](mailto:will.nichols@me.com)



### Girl Scouts

Troup 1181

Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Our theme this month is *Christmas Helper*. We are going to be very busy!!

December 10, helping our local organization sort, bag, and pass out toys (anyone who wants to donate slightly used or new toys, call Carol Ellis at 585.9966)

December 13, singing and visiting at RLC

December 16, serving cider and cocoa at Yokes to share Christmas cheer

December 20, Christmas/Awards party

Finally, December 27-29, Winter Day Camp

Merry Christmas to all.

Hailey Ellis, Junior Troop #1181

Leader: Carol Ellis (585.9966 or e-mail at [carolmooreellis@aol.com](mailto:carolmooreellis@aol.com))

### Stanfield Safari News, November 9, 2011

This was a significant, history-making week for Africa Gospel Church (AGC) Uganda! Beginning Wednesday, November 9, the AGC pastors and spouses gathered for a time of training and worship together. Then, on Saturday, the 12th, the first-ever installation of national leaders for Africa Gospel Church Uganda took place. The denomination finally received official registration with the government in November 2010. Elections of the AGC leaders took place just a couple of months ago. The ceremony of installation took place in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. Leaders from World Gospel Mission (WGM), the Bishop and other leaders from Africa Gospel Church Kenya, and many other invited guests traveled to Kampala for this historic event in AGC Uganda.

Please join us in prayer:

- praising the Lord for this milestone in AGC Uganda
- praise for God's protection surrounding all the travelers and activities of the week
- praise for the leadership of the WGM missionaries
- for God's word to go forth in truth and draw many people to Christ
- for the new leaders to be people of God, leading God's church to be the church God intends, useful in accomplishing God's purpose.

We celebrated from afar, but with hearts rejoicing in God's faithfulness! Thank you for joining with us in celebration and prayer!

Serving Him with joy, Jeff and Christine Stanfield

Serving in Uganda with World Gospel Mission

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[www.wgm.org/stanfield](http://www.wgm.org/stanfield) Find our blog at: <http://stanfieldblog.blogspot.com/>

FOR AN UPDATE FROM THE STANFIELDS RELATING TO THEIR TIME IN OREGON (INCLUDING A PICTURE OF THEM), SEE THEIR BLOG AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE.



2001 W Kennewick Ave.

Kennewick, WA 99336-3204

**Return Service Requested**

Worship Schedule

8:30 Contemporary Worship

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship

Sunday Morning Nursery Care provided.



**Remember  
In Prayer**

- † Those who are going through chemotherapy, testing, surgeries, procedures, recovering, seeking employment, loss of loved ones.
- † Our shut-ins.
- † Military service personnel and their families.
- † Our missionaries.



**NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL NEWS  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Our Christmas Program will be held on Tuesday evening, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary. All members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

We will be having our Christmas parties on the last day of school before the Christmas break for each class. This year's theme will be Gingerbread Persons. We will be making and decorating gingerbread cookies. Hopefully we can keep them from running away before we eat them!



**RECYCLE WITH NOAH'S ARK**

We hope to do some craft projects that will require some "ingredients" from around the house.

- Plastic lids such as those used for peanut butter
- Plastic Crystal Light containers
- Leftover stickers.

We also collect used ink cartridges to recycle for credit at office product stores for things like paper, tape, glue sticks, etc. Collection baskets are in the narthexes.

**Merry Christmas, Kristy, Cheryl, & Megan**

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**The January  
Desert Chimes Deadline  
is Wednesday,  
December 21.**

Please take information to the office or e-mail to: chimes@kfpc.org