# Welcome to "Wyoming" in the name of Jesus Christ

You are welcome here! We pray that God uses this time of worship to bless your heart and bring you closer to himself. If you have any questions about God, the service, or our church, our pastors would be more than happy to speak with you at your convenience.

**Bagels & Coffee** – At any time while you're here, please help yourself to the bagels and coffee in the Welcome Room. (Adults, feel free to bring your coffee into the service, but we ask that children keep all food and drink in the Welcome Room.)

### The Order of Our Service

Worship in Song
Opening Prayer and Offering
Worship in Song
Announcements and Greeting Time
Children dismissed to "Living Inside Out"
Scripture Reading and Message
Worship in Song

Senior Pastor
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Assistant Pastor Rev. Daniel Ndimantang (215) 324-2260

| Children's Ministry      | Debby Crockett      | (215) 288-3580 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Youth & Worship          | Walt Rice, Jr.      | (215) 820-0165 |
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| Board of Deacons         | Walt Rice, Jr.      | (215) 820-0165 |
| <b>Board of Trustees</b> | George Parcell      | (215) 342-4804 |
| <b>Board of Missions</b> | Mary Ann Hinchcliff | (610) 966-9408 |

### **Announcements**

**CHRISTMAS TOY SALE** – While the dates for the sale have passed, we still may have the opportunity to serve additional families. If you are or know a family in great need this Christmas, please call Elsie Centeno at (267) 307-0907.

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!** – Christmas Eve is a great time to experience the miracle of the gospel, great joy that shall be for ALL people! Sometimes all it takes is a little invitation...

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** – Another great time to invite those you love for a time of fellowship and fun. The night starts at 7 pm. Bring some snacks and drinks to share (please eat your dinner before you come). We'll also be having a little talent show – if you'd like to sing or play a song, do a little skit, or maybe even juggle, just let Pastor Lou know.

# this week @ wyoming

### **TODAY**

9:30 am - Kids Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am – Adult Sunday School
in the first floor classroom

9:45 am – Homebuilders

9:45 am – Teen Sunday School

### 10:45 am – Worship Service

Nursery available for infants through 3 years

"Living Inside Out" children's ministry

Children should begin the service with their parents, and will be dismissed before the greeting time.

### **TUESDAY**

### Women's Fellowship

7 pm, at Elsie's house (no childcare provided)

### WEDNESDAY

After-School Program, 3-5 pm

grades 1-4, at the church

### Second Mile Men

7 pm at Pastor Lou's house

### **FRIDAY**

**AGAPE Fellowship** – see Pastor Lou **Prayer** – 6:30 pm at the church

Youth Group – 7 pm at the church



As Christmas approaches, we celebrate the season of "Advent," which means "coming" – the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to the world. Jesus is the Father's "Love Gift" to his children

To help relieve the financial distress of the church, a special

Christmas Love Gift Offering will be given on Christmas Eve. We want to see the entire congregation respond with thanksgiving to God's love for us by joining together in sacrificial giving so that the work of the church may continue and that God's Kingdom would grow in this place.

Over and above our regular tithes and offerings, let us join together to faithfully support our local church, and complete what we have promised to our pastors and our missionaries for this year. Please take time to prepare, spiritually and financially, so that we will be able to rejoice together at the generosity and faithfulness of God's people.

# upcoming events

Invite your family and friends...

### "The Mystery of the Manger"

Children's Christmas Musical TONIGHT – at Wyoming, 6:00 pm

In partnership with Church of the Saviour

### **Christmas Eve Service**

Monday, December 24, 7:00 pm

### **New Year's Eve Fellowship**

Monday, December 31, 7:00 pm until midnight!

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm.
Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves
fully to the work of the Lord, because you know
that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

## sermon notes

### The Grace of Giving The Essentiality of Giving

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:2

### I. The Purposeful Regularity of Giving to God

- 1. Holy habit
- 2. High honor

### II. The Personal Responsibility of Giving to God

- 1. Inclusiveness
- 2. Directiveness

### III. The Practical Reciprocity of Giving to God

- 1. Consideration
- 2. Calculation

### **Our Mission**

To Disciple and Equip God's People to Serve

### **Our Vision**

To see God's people actively involved in

- Worship - Discipleship & Being Equipped - Service

### giving update

|               | 2007 Giving | 2007 Budget | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| General Fund  | \$64,254    | \$87,600    | - \$23,346        |
| Missions Fund | \$11,495    | \$13,100    | - \$1,605         |
| Building Fund | \$12,513    | \$13,100    | <b>–</b> \$587    |

(numbers are for the entire year 2007 – three weeks left)

### **Worldwide Missionary Support**

#### **OUR LOCAL MISSIONARIES**

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel and Rose Ndimantang Rev. and Mrs. David "Coz" and Joyce Crosscombe

Mr. and Mrs. Maher and Jen Salhani

#### INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARIES

Miss Vicky Beattie, Zambia, Africa (SIM)

Rev. Jack Cordell, Race Track Ministries, Philadelphia (ABC)

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas and Sharon Huckel, Hananeel House, Philadelphia

Rev. and Mrs. Duthene Joseph, Haiti (UFM)

Rev. and Mrs. Barry Owen, Taiwan (CBI)

Miss Rebekah Poteat, Togo, West Africa (ABWE)

### **PHILADELPHIA INSTITUTIONS**

Alpha Pregnancy Services – Good Shepherd Ministry (ABC) Grace Settlement House (BCM) – Whosoever Gospel Mission

#### OTHER INSTITUTIONS & MISSIONS ORGANIZATIONS

Anadarko Christian Center (ABC) – Pocket Testament League Christ's Home For Children – Christ's Home For the Aged Kodiak Baptist Mission (ABC) – Mission Aviation Fellowship Murrow Indian Children's Home (ABC)

### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, December 16, 2007



And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ..."

LUKE 1:46-47, NIV

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