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KIRK'S LOG

Stardate: December 26, 2010

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Focus Scripture – Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Preacher: Rev. William D. Ingraham

Music: Kate Sauer, Music Director

Linda Gilmour, Chancel Choir/Children's
Music & Praise Band Director

Dorenda Morse, piano

Adult Ed: *No Adult Ed today*

Hospitality: 8:30 – Matt Smith
10:30 –

Worship Leaders: 8:30 – Doug Crosby

10:30 – Dennis Evans

Usher/Greeter Team: 8:30 – Jill Lyons

10:30 – Richard Mitchell & Ruth Randall
Bruce & Carol St John

Announcements: Richard Mitchell

Lock Up: Gene Johnson

Those for Whom We Pray

Our members: Meghan Brandt, Renee Crowder, and Christine Hoover;

Our homebound members and friends: Natalie Johnson and Richard Street;

Long-term healing: Ted Bradley, Orp Christopher, Nancy Eberhardt, Lester Hoak, Kay Main, and Amy Mueller (daughter of Susan Olson-Phillips & Det Phillips);

Our extended family: Diane Baptista (friend of COGS), Grant Blaezer (family friend of the Mains), Carolyn Ciccarelli (daughter of Martha & Howard Houldsworth), Grace Davis (Wendy Bechdel's granddaughter), Sam Ferolie (friend of Jon & Karla Mitovich, serving in Afghanistan), Fran Haley (Michael Haley's mother), Tom Howe (Cindy Hutchinson's brother-in-law), Chester Ingraham (Pastor Bill's dad), Stewart Loken (friend of Judy & Chuck Gilman), Kim Manning (Christa Manning's daughter), Veronica McCarter (Mercy Martinez-Nunnally's sister), Loida McNamara (Nancy Eberhardt's friend), Addison Montgomery (Linc Nagle's granddaughter) & the Nagle and Montgomery families, Justin Zel Montgomery (Linc Nagle's son-in-law, serving in the Police Department), Michele Mosher (Cindy Hutchinson's daughter), Bailey Ellen Paul (Paula Paul's granddaughter), Lorraine Quintana (Phyllis Wilson's friend), Cecilia Xavier (Patrick Xavier's mother), for others for whom we have been praying, and for those whose names are known by you and God.

Announcements

**Rev. Ingraham will be out of town December 27-
January 1 for Christmas with his family –**

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call
Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Miller at 341-0554.

The church office will be closed Monday,

December 27, and Monday, January 3 – The office
will be open the morning of December 31, as well as
the mornings of December 28-30.

New Sunday Morning Schedule beginning January 2011

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
(including children's Breakfast Club)

10:45 a.m. – Worship

CAPTAIN KIRK'S LOCATOR

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today. We'd love to have a record of your attendance with us, so please fill out the information below and give to an usher.

Sunday, December 26, 2010

8:30 10:30

Name _____

Check here if your address, phone,
or e-mail has recently changed.

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Spouse's/Partner's Name _____

Children's Name(s) and Age(s): _____

This is my:

1st time 2nd time 3rd time

I attend Church of the Good Shepherd
 I am a member of Church of the Good Shepherd

How I first heard about Church of the Good Shepherd:

Friends Family TV Ads
 Yellow Pages Location
 Newspaper Ads/Articles
 Website/Internet

(Continued on reverse)

Informational Congregational Meeting

January 23, 9:30 a.m.

Come and learn about the plans for the 2011 budget.

COGS Annual Meeting

January 30, 9:30 a.m.

Thank you, COGS – for fulfilling the requests of the Project Share homeless family, through the Giving Tree.

COGS Adult Ed classes

The Apostle Paul

The Apostle Paul is considered by most modern scholars to be the founder of the Christian religion. We will be using two books as resources: *The Mythmaker*, by Maccoby, and *The First Paul*, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Leader: Floyd Copping — in the Parlor

Christianity for the Rest of Us

STARTING JANUARY 9th

For decades, the accepted wisdom has been that America's mainline Protestant churches are in decline, eclipsed by evangelical megachurches. Diane Butler Bass wrote a book detailing her study of this assumption, and talks about 10 practices or disciplines of vital and flourishing progressive churches. We'll be covering her study quickly — two chapters a week — in a nine-week adult study beginning Sunday, January 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the downstairs classroom. Discussion leadership of the characteristics will be taken by class volunteers, and we'll focus on their presence at COGS. The book is available for \$10; contact Daryl Koning or Richard Mitchell with any questions.

Spirituality Study Group update – We welcome anyone interested in joining our Wednesday, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Spirituality Study Group. We are currently studying Jon Kabat-Zinn's book, *Wherever You Go There You Are*. We now meet at the home of Shirley Puariea. **NOTE:** We will not meet on December 29 or January 5.

Next Sunday's Sermon: Questions for the Pastor! –

Next Sunday, January 2, there will be slips of paper in the bulletin to be used for questions for the pastor. The topics can range from the Bible, theology, our church's principles, life issues and the like. The questions will be collected during the second hymn (which is sung after the Call to Worship) and handed to Rev. Ingraham. During the sermon, he will read and quickly answer as many questions as possible. This is the first time he's done something like this, and Rev. Ingraham is eager to give it a try. He's hoping this can become a new COGS New Year's tradition. He also plans to save the questions and use them as he plans sermon for the remainder of the year.

Carry the Calories to COGS –

The second annual *Carry the Calories to COGS* will take place January 2, after the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Take a good look around your Colorful and Christmasy Citchen and find those Cookies and Candy and Cakes that you want to eat for all the wrong reasons. Be strong and get them OUT OF YOUR HOUSE! Bring them to church for the Hospitality time after both services. We will enjoy each other's treats surely our friend's calories won't count!

REMINDER to those who have not yet paid for the

poinsettias they ordered – Please make a check payable to “COGS” and write “Poinsettias” on the Memo line of the check. Place your check in the offering plate or in the Financial Secretary's mailbox, or you can mail the check to COGS. Thank you.

Music Department Rehearsals in January –

Music Skills Class: Sundays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Children's Choir: Sundays, 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Men's Ensemble: 6:50-7:30 p.m. – Jan. 6 and Jan. 20

Women's Ensemble: 6:50-7:30 p.m. – Jan. 13 and Jan. 27

Chancel Choir: Thursdays, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Handbell Choir: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:15 p.m.

New Member Classes

New member classes will be held on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month, at 12 noon.

New members are received monthly.

Church Meetings for the Week of Dec. 26, 2010 to January 2, 2011

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship
All morning Coffee
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club
9:15 a.m. Children's Education Time
9:30 a.m. Music Skills Class – choir room
10:30 a.m. Worship
Monday: *Office closed*
Saturday: **Happy New Year!**
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship – Communion
All morning Coffee
9:30 a.m. Breakfast Club

9:30 a.m. Children's Education Time
9:30 a.m. Adult Education Time:
“The Apostle Paul”
9:30 a.m. Music Skills Class – choir room
10:45 a.m. Worship – Communion
11:00 a.m. Children's Choir
11:30 a.m. Listening Post
12:00 p.m. New Member Class
1:00 p.m. Interfaith Hospitality Network families arrive – Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and all 3 Sunday School classrooms downstairs

How can I help?

Can you “do” Hospitality (simple snacks) on a Sunday in JANUARY, after the 10:30 service?

Yes, after the 10:30 service.

Carol St John will call you to set up a specific date and answer questions.

Wolf Creek Ski Trip January 14-17, 2011

Sign-up is ongoing for the annual COGS Ski trip to Wolf Creek, CO on January 14-17, 2011. Group rate hotel accommodations are reserved at the Hillside Inn (formerly Holiday Inn Express) in Pagosa Springs and group rate lift tickets will be purchased at Wolf Creek “The Most Snow in Colorado” Ski Area. A dinner for the entire group is scheduled for Saturday night (1/15/11). Information sheets are on the sign-up poster in the hallway in the upper level of the church, or contact Suzanne Miller at suzmill3r@comcast.net or 453-6838. You can also sign up by checking the box below.

I'm interested in the Wolf Creek Ski Trip! Please contact me.