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# KIRK'S LOG

Stardate: December 25, 2011

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The Kirk's Log for the upcoming week is posted on the COGS website every Saturday by 6 p.m., at: [www.ucccoogs.org/news.html](http://www.ucccoogs.org/news.html). Church office hours: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Focus Scripture – John 1:1-14

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

**There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.**

**The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

**Worship Leaders:** 10:45 – Don Sauer

**Announcements:** 10:45 – Don Sauer

**Usher/Greeter Team:**

10:45 – Ruth Randall & Richard Mitchell  
Pat & John Palmer

**Hospitality:** *Christmas*

**Adult Ed:** *No Adult Ed today*

**Lock Up:** Gene Johnson

**Preacher:** Rev. William D. Ingraham

**Music:** Kate Sauer, Minister of Music

Linda Gilmour, Choral Music Conductor

Dorenda Morse, Pianist

**Nursery Worker:** Autumn Hillard

**Sunday School Teachers:** Melissa Bachmann,

Shirlee Coppage, Diane & Robert Fleming

## Those for Whom We Pray

**Our members:** Nancy Avery, Nancy Eberhardt, Susan MacKenzie, and Barbara Mitchell;

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

**Long-term healing:** Ted Bradley, Meghan Brandt, Carolyn Ciccarelli (Martha & Howard Houldsworth's daughter), Renee Crowder, Tom Howe (Cindy Hutchinson's brother-in-law), Chester Ingraham, Charlie Lamb, Kay Main, Amy Mueller (daughter of Susan Olson-Phillips & Det Phillips), and David Zeuch (friend of COGS).

**Our extended family:** Diane Baptista (Nancy Eberhardt's friend), Ben Church (Ed Church's son), Lillian Crosby (sister-in-law of Doug Crosby), Tom and Kathy DeRossett (friends of Jill Lyons), Abbey Ehrhard (Dalva & Roger Hailstone's granddaughter), Jonathan Hoover (Chris Hoover's son), Pat Johnson (Bob & Pat Rosenak's friend), Kathryn Kuhn (Beth Clark's cousin), Veronica McCarter (Mercy Martinez-Nunnally's sister), Addison Montgomery (Linc Nagle's granddaughter), Justin Zel Montgomery (Linc Nagle's son-in-law, serving in the Police Department), Bailey Ellen Paul (Paula Paul's granddaughter), Marion Roth (friend of Ron & Roberta Glaser), David Sauer (Don & Kate Sauer's son, working in Shindand, Afghanistan), Cheryl Warnke (Ethel Shepard's niece), Debbie Waters (Ed Church'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 & God.

## Announcements

**The church office will be closed on  
Monday, December 26, and  
Monday, January 2.**

**Spirituality Study Group – NOTE: We will not meet on December 28.** Beginning January 4, we will resume meeting at Shirley Puariea's home every Wednesday, from 1:30-3:00. We have launched into Karen Armstrong's *The Case for God*. These books are available on Amazon.com for \$10. Questions? – contact Shirlee Coppage (505-417-2347).

### 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 25, 2011**

8:30     10:45

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:

1<sup>st</sup> time     2<sup>nd</sup> time     3<sup>rd</sup> 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     Newspaper Ads

Location     Sandia Grit

*Pride & Equality* magazine

Website/Internet

(Continued on reverse)

**Next Sunday's Sermon: Questions for the Pastor!** – Next Sunday, January 1, 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.

**Informational Budget Meeting**  
**January 15, 9:30 a.m.**

Come and learn about the plans for the 2012 budget.

**Congregational Budget Meeting**  
**January 22, 9:30 a.m.**

**Carry the Calories to COGS** – The third annual *Carry the Calories to COGS* will take place **January 1, after the 10:45 service**. A big “thank-you” to Ann & Suzanne Clinkscales, who will be supervising this activity. 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!

**Family Promise — January 22 thru February 5, 2012**

– It's never too early to sign up!!! Please stop by the bulletin board (across from the upstairs bathrooms) and sign up to help with the next Family Promise weeks. Please note COGS will now host the families for two weeks at a time. This means that we will only host families twice a year for two weeks each. If you have any questions please contact Judy Gilman, Lou Ann Shafer, Blanche or Mike Griffin.

**New Member Classes**

**PLEASE NOTE:** In January, there will be no new member classes. They will resume in February.

**One service only, at 10:45 AM**  
**next Sunday, January 1**

**Also, PLEASE NOTE that there will be NO Sunday School, NO Breakfast Club, and NO Adult Ed next Sunday, January 1.**

**Thank you, COGS – from Max** – I want to thank everybody at COGS for your generous gifts and cards. I really appreciate it. Thank you very much for doing that for me. – *Max DuBoisTerre*

**Christmas Project – Family Promise** – The Ministry of Justice and Community Interface is requesting donations for *Family Promise*. Educational games, towels, desk lamps, twin sheets, and blankets are needed for use at our church. There will be tags on the social hall Christmas tree for you to take with specific requests. Thank you for your continuing support for this community outreach. – *Lou Ann Shafer*

**Delegates for SW Conference Annual Meeting** – I am looking for 4 delegates to join me at this year's Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference. This year it will be held in Sahuarita, AZ on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please check your schedules and contact Gwen Lewis at [gwenepa@hotmail.com](mailto:gwenepa@hotmail.com) or 235-6146 if you are interested and available. – *Gwen Lewis*

**COGS Adult Ed classes**

Adult Ed classes meet from 9:45-10:30 a.m.

**Adult Contemporary Theology Class**

**This class will resume Sunday, January 8**

**Saving Jesus from the Church, by Robin R. Meyers**

According to the author, a progressive UCC minister, the bad theology and hypocritical behavior of the historical church has eroded all our spiritual lives. He re-examines core Christian concepts of the historical Church in terms of the best of today's biblical scholarship with the aim of showing us how to live today by following the teachings of Jesus. The concepts presented, which sometimes conflict with orthodoxy, should make for interesting discussions.

*Leader: Floyd Coppage – in the Parlor*

**Church Meetings for the Week of December 25, 2011 to January 1, 2012**

Sunday: ***Merry Christmas!***  
*One worship service only, at 10:45 AM*

Monday: *Office Closed*

Sunday: ***Happy New Year!*** — Communion  
*One worship service only, at 10:45 AM*  
 11:45 a.m. *Carry the Calories to COGS!*  
 11:45 a.m. *Listening Post*

**How can I help?**

***Can you “do” Hospitality (simple snacks) on a Sunday in JANUARY, after the 8:30 service or after the 10:45 service?***

- Yes, after the 8:30 service.
- Yes, after the 10:45 service.

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

**Wolf Creek Ski Trip**  
**January 13-16, 2012**

The Annual COGS Ski trip at Wolf Creek Ski Area is January 13-16. We will be staying at the Hillside Inn in Pagosa Springs and hope to qualify for the group discount for lift tickets on Saturday and Sunday of that weekend. Make sure to sign up via the poster in the hallway or via the checkbox below. Just make sure Beth Clark knows you are interested, so we can ensure our best turnout ever!

- Yes, I am interested in the Ski Trip.**

