#### Community Christian Church

# Love Notes

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Community Christian Church exists to invite people to experience a <u>real life</u> of joy, freedom, and grace through a <u>real faith</u> in God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and lived out in a <u>real community</u> with the love, support, and encouragement of others on life's journey.



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### Tim's Tidbits

By Tim Grasham

What a great month we just had at Community! December brought so much busyness but also great opportunities of worship. My prayer for each of us throughout the Christmas season is that we displayed the love of Christ in a way that would draw people to Him. Continue to live out the incarnation of Christ every day!



Starting this next week, we're going to be spending some time looking at why we do what we do and why we believe what we believe. This sermon series, entitled "What's Up With That?!?!", will be a great opportunity to hear for the first time it review again some of the core values and beliefs here at Community. Throughout this series, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I'd love to chat with you and encourage you any way possible.

With a new year upon us, 2015 is ripe with wonderful opportunities to be Christ to our community at large. Paul reminds us in Ephesians to make the most of every opportunity we have with others. May that be our challenge as we share God's love and grace with Frankfort, Clinton County and beyond!

See you Sunday!

In His steps,

Tim

The next Community Dinner will be held on January 22nd. This is an opportunity to help serve people in the community. For information on time and place, please see Matt Burke.



UPCOMING EVENTS January 4 - Coffee & Cakes before Worship

4-Empty Chair Small Group

10-Share the Warmth Scrapbooking

13- Men's Fellowship -7:30 a.m. - Hoops

15 - Thursday Food, Fun Fellowship -Blueberry Hill Pancake House

18 - Board Meeting

18-Empty Chair Small Group

> 20 - Trustee Organizational Meeting

21-Outreach Organizational Meeting -6:00 p.m.

## Elderly Expressions

By Mason Morrison

At the end of every year, I tend to reflect upon the year and ponder what events will occur in the next year. I didn't have to ponder for long on the events of 2014. On January 1, 2014,



I received a text from Mendy (who was in the room at the time) informing me that I was going to be a dad.



Mendy and I began our marriage with no desire to have kids. As time and years went by we decided that if God wants us to be parents, then we will be when He decides that it is time. After this decision, I found myself at every new year pondering on whether the new year would be the year that we became parents. I had welcomed the idea of being a parent but was skeptical at

doing so as every year went by and my age went up.

God had chosen 2014 (the year that I turned 40) as the time for us to become parents. Who said that God did not have a sense of humor?

Now, as 2014 comes to an end, I wonder what 2015 will hold for us. Mendy and I have decided that we enjoy her staying home with MacyRay as much as possible. This means that she will not be returning to work full time. This also means that we will probably end up selling our house. Will she be able to teach part-time? Will our house sell when we need it to?

As 2015 begins and you ponder what the next year holds for you. Don't doubt that God can make anything happen. After all in 2014, He took a middleaged English teacher who at one time had no desire to be a parent and made him a father.



#### **COMMITTEE SIGNUP**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!! Reminder that if you are interested in tithing your time, the signup sheets for next year are on the bulletin board in the kitchen area. Just sign your name and you will be notified when the committees meet. There is also a need for people to help in the nursery and the AV area. If you are interested in any of these areas, please see Brenda Kingsolver for nursery and Skip Davis for AV.



#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

#### **Brenda Kingsolver**

#### KINGS KIDS, PINT SIZE PRAISES AND NURSERY SCHEDULE



January	Children's Church	Nursery - Church	Nursery- Sunday School
4	Brenda Kingsolver, Stacey & Kaylee Keiser	Ericka Kelly	??
11	Brenda Kingsolver, Stacey & Kaylee Keiser	Skyelar Seward	??
18	Brenda Kingsolver, Stacey & Kaylee Keiser	Kathy Brite	??
25	Brenda Kingsolver, Stacey & Kaylee Keiser	Samantha Sharp	??

#### **Year End updates:**

We have had a great year! The kids are all excited about our new curriculum and are retaining what they are learning.

Our Shoeboxes went to the island of Madagascar in Africa. We blessed the children there with Jesus' Love. A big thank you for all who sent out a box.

Our float was too cute this year. We had 14 children ride the float with as many adults. A big thank you to all who put in a lot of time and energy making the float a success.

We are so excited for the new year and the possibilities that the Lord has planned for the Children's ministry and the kid's of our community.

Our January Studies will be F. ully

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We will be looking at stories that the people had to rely on God. And learn how they can fully rely on him now.

We will be working on calendar for 2015. Be watching for some exciting things we will be doing and what we will be doing in our community.

### Family Fellowship

Family Fellowship ended their year with the annual Christmas Breakfast on the Sunday before Christmas. We served approximately 70-75 people with egg casseroles, donuts, fruit, cookies, and assorted juices, coffees, and hot chocolate.



#### Men's Fellowship-Robert Lane



Wow, how quickly 2014 has come and now is just hours away from starting a new year. 2015 here we come. Our men are very excited to be able to start a new mission for Community's members & guests. We will be offering Coffee & Cakes (Donuts) staring the first Sunday of each month. This will be a great time to have a little fellowship for everyone. We will be offering this between 9:30am- 10:00am. We will also have a variety of drinks to offer for the kids to have. We are looking forward to providing this new service to our congregation and hope to see everyone on Sunday.

We are also happy to announce that we have found a new place to meet for our monthly men's breakfast and devotional. Starting on Saturday January 13th we will be meeting at Hoops Sports Bar and Restaurant located at 1601 Rossville Avenue, Frankfort, IN 46041 (765) 659-3314. We will be meeting from 7:30am-8:30am in the back room behind the bar. We will have plenty of space to be able to fellowship and have some really good food. I hope to see all the men of Community on the 13th.

Our men's group planning committee will be meeting at Hoops Sports Bar and Restaurant located at; 1601 Rossville Avenue Frankfort, IN 46041 (765) 659-3314). This short meeting will be to discuss our 2015 calendar. We will be meeting at 8:30am (right after breakfast) I will look forward to see the planning team with their idea's for our 2015 calendar

As we close our 2014 we know it has been a rough year to say the least. We have experience loss and sickness from many of our brothers and sisters of the Community family, however we know that God is always there to provide the healing ,love and guidance to all of those affected. We hope that 2015 will ring in on a positive note for all. John 13:34-35 Jesus says, A new command I give you "Love one another As I have loved you, so be this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another" I am confident that Community will continue to show their love for one another.

God bless, & Happy New Year,

Robert



#### Missions - Marcia Jasper

Sometimes, we look intently ahead and we forget to celebrate the ministry that has been accomplished. Before we look forward to 2015, let's celebrate the individuals who have been transformed by your partnership in 2014:

God's Word and love is being shared to thousands as Lifeline now oversees 36 principle churches and over 75 house churches in 8 different countries.

• Your sponsorship is multiplied through individuals like Dr Weadman Charlot, Pastor Luc, and Skarleth Ebelina Arteaga. These past students are now today's leaders, as they serve with Lifeline to transform more lives for Christ!



- Thousands of impoverished children now dream of tomorrow's possibilities because of the education you helped provide them in Lifeline's Christian schools.
- 756 work team members were the hands & feet of Jesus in Haiti, Honduras, Navajo Nation, El Salvador and Canada; you showed Christ's love in a myriad of ways!
- You served generously! Hundreds of volunteers served 12,409 hours in Lifeline's office, warehouse, and more.
- You gave shelter to 133 Haitian families and Dieuline Germain, who lost her toddler when her tent caught fire, received one of these homes. Dieuline and her two surviving children praise Jesus for their new, safe place to call home.
- Thousands of hurting people have been ministered to physically and spiritually by the medicines, equipment, and supplies that you provided for Lifeline's 3 health clinics.
- You brought the twinkle back into the eyes of a child who survived some very ugly circumstances before arriving at one of our 3 Children's Homes. Their eyes shine bright because of the love and affirmation they received from the house parents and as they learn about our God who loves them eyen more.
- Bible Institute students you support, like Mauricio and Joanna, graduated and eagerly serve Christ as they begin new churches throughout communities in Central America.
- Children in Haiti are going to bed with a full belly, rather than the aching gnaw of hunger, because you helped pack 5.2+ million nutritious, shelf-stable meals.
- You supported and taught at leadership seminars which brought innovative ideas and encouraged pastors and lay leaders, as they realize they are not alone in this journey to serve Christ.

And there's still so much more to share! Stories of hope. Stories of healing. Lives transformed by Jesus. All because of your partnership.

On behalf of all those who are transformed because of your gifts, we say "thank you." Thank you for giving. Thank you for praying. Thank you joining us in ministry to restore the hope of Jesus Christ among the nations!

Life Line Christian Missions

OUTREACH by Brad Knipp



Welcome 2015!!! What will the New Year bring Community Christian Church? If you have signed up or would desire to be part of the Outreach committee, we

will kicking off our planning for 2015 on January 21 at 6:00 p.m. with pizza. At 6:30 the meeting will begin and last approximately 1 hour. Every person, that is a part of Community Christian Church, will sometime through the year have an opportunity to participate in an Outreach planned event or be an outreach to your immediate community that surrounds you, (i.e. workplace, family, neighbors). We will be looking to build on some things we've done in the past, willing to try some new things, sharing the great news of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! On behalf of last years' committee we welcome all who are willing to "Serve as One" To love God, Love your Neighbor. Let's get excited about the journey God will take on this New Year!!!



#### THE CONNECTING POINT WOMEN'S MINISTRY



#### **Upcoming events:**

"Share the Warmth of God's Love" Scrapbooking Day! will be held at the church on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a \$20 donation per person. Proceeds will go toward paying a heating bill for a single parent or elderly person in the community. Brunch, snacks, drinks, and light supper are included. Come join us and bring those Christmas pictures to put in a scrapbook. For more information, please see Fran Lanum.

Upcoming event: Senior Citizen dinner and entertainment

#### **SMALL GROUPS**

**The Empty Chair** will meet the first and third Sundays in January

#### Ones and Zeroes By Skip Davis

For those of you who don't understand the title of this article, digital information is nothing more than a series of ones and zeroes. As we move into 2015, the church board has given AV permission to upgrade our projection computer system. With valuable help from Matt Burke, we will soon be testing a new projection program. The results of those tests will help us decide on which direction to go with the choices we have to make.



Along with our church's web page, I also oversee our One Call Now program. This program permits us to make almost immediate contract with our church congregation via telephone, text and e-mail. This program also makes it possible for committee chairs to make the same, almost immediate contact, with their committee members. As soon as each committee has been reorganized for 2015, I ask each committee chair

to provide me a list of committee members so I can make it possible for that chair to have communication with their committee members through One Call Now.

Our 2015 Church Trustee Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 to reorganize, review what is being done and plan for future projects.

As we go into 2015, I leave behind my trustee responsibilities. But, this change will give me more time to focus on technical things around church. With Susan hosting Tuesday morning Bible Study for the ladies, yes, I must get out of the house. So I expect that time will be spent at church, working to make things a little better, Ones and Zeroes at a time.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries January

- 1-Kayla Hackerd
- 3-Rich Day
- 3-Riley Grasham
- 4-John & Francine Lintner
- 4-Hutner Seward
- 7-Mary Jacoby
- 9-Steve & Vicky Woods
- 10-Tara Woods
- 11-Donnie Hackerd
- 12-Alice Seward
- 14-Myrtle Seward
- 16-Glenda Avery
- 16-Jim & Joan Tarkington
- 18-Brady Meece
- 18-Kay Morrison
- 19-Donnie & Carrie Hackerd
- 21-Bonnie Stinson
- 23-Marlesia Wallace
- 24-Samantha Sharp
- 25-Catherine Miller
- 16-Jim Seward
- 27-Cecil Kingsolver
- 28-Carrie Hackerd
- 28-Debbie Seward
- 30-Jasmine Clendenning
- 30-Dave & Robin Warren

#### Fun, Fellowship, Food

January Blueberry Hill Pancake House

The Thursday night Fun, Fellowship, and Food will meet in January at Blueberry Hill Pancake House in Frankfort on January 15. Please let Joan Tarkington or Susan Davis know if you are planning on attending by the Sunday before so the proper number of reservations can be made. These evenings are adults only.

2015 Tentative Outings		
January 15 - Blueberry Hill	July - Treece's - Rossville	
Pancake House		
February 19- Arni's	August 20 - Georgia Reeses- Indy	
March 19 -Roberts - Mulberry	September 17-Stone Creek -	
	Zionsville	
April 16 - The Other Pub-	October 15 - Clark's Hill Fish	
Lafayette		
May 21 - The Stone House-	November 19 - Spageddies	
Delphi		
June 18 - Timpani-Lafayette	December 17 - Main Street	



## Chrislmas Program - 2014

























