This Week at Fellowship Dec 17—23

December 17, 2009

Thursday 17th

Celebrate Recovery

Friday 18th

LOCK OUT 2009

Sunday 19th

Brown Santa Distribu

Sunday 20th

NO FELLOWSHIP 59

Wednesday 24th

Church office closes at

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God delivers gifts to us, and sometimes we do not even realize the gift we have been given...

About a year ago, we bought what we call the "Loop House" which is the little white house on Loop 332 that faces the elementary school. Our intent was to eventually buy more property on the loop for future expansion. That all changed last Sunday because we have officially voted to start looking for a larger piece of property. This begs the question of what we should do with the Loop House since we are not going to expand towards the loop. Someone commented that it must have been a mistake for us to buy it since we are not going to need it after all. As it turns out, even this has been part of God's plan. Allow me to explain...

Some of you will remember that several years ago, we made a big push to start a Pregnancy Help Center in Liberty Hill. Initially, there was widespread community support and all of the Ministerial Alliance churches were on board. We were very excited about what we thought God was doing. Then some elements came to light that caused us to reevaluate our support. It was determined by the church and the Ministerial Alliance that the best course was to pull our support and wait for God's next step. I believe God took that next step last week.

Amy Scroggins, the Executive Director for the Georgetown Pregnancy Help Center, stopped by several weeks ago. It is not unusual for organizations to check in periodically to encourage continued support. Amy described a new approach to opening pregnancy centers. The approach is to open satellite locations and staff them just a few days a week with volunteers. Amy said it was much more cost-effective since it does not require paid staff, administrative personnel, or any of the other expenses associated with a stand-alone center. She went on to say that because of lack of funding, Burnet had closed their pregnancy center and Marble Falls was down to just one day per week. Amy said they are getting girls from all over the area because the centers are closing.

I asked Amy what it took to open a satellite pregnancy center. She said they just needed an old house and that would be enough to get started. I told her I knew where just such a house was and I took her to the Loop House. As we walked through the house, it was obvious this was part of God's plan. Within 15 minutes, we had asked and answered all the questions both of us needed to begin moving forward. Liberty Hill will have a Pregnancy Help Center after all!

I presented this to the Long Range Planning Committee last week, and they have approved moving ahead and we will take this to the church in the coming weeks. The Georgetown PHC Board of Directors will vote to approve the satellite center at their next meeting. We will have a workday on January 9 to spruce the place up a bit in preparation for the Grand Opening. The Georgetown PHC will send volunteers and we will join with other churches to replace some flooring, replace the bathroom fixtures, paint the inside and outside, add a door and replace two doors, and give it a good cleaning. If you would like to donate some paint, a bathroom fixture, a door, or some money towards the floor or getting the house ready, please give us a call at the church. Then, we are planning a Pregnancy Help Center Volunteer Course sometime in January. Class size is limited, so call us or send Susan an email to reserve a spot. There is no cost for the training, and this training will help prepare you to counsel young girls and boys when facing some tough decisions.

We will hold the Grand Opening on January 24, 2010 which is a very appropriate day. This day is universally recognized as "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday" and is held on the Sunday in January that falls closest to the day on which the Roe v. Wade decision was handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22, 1973. I can think of no better day to open a Pregnancy Help Center than on this day, can you?

The whole day will be in celebration of God's plan for us. Each service will have a children and youth focus and will start with a "Baby Dedication" ceremony. At 4:00 pm that afternoon, we will have the grand opening of the Pregnancy Help Center. We are assembling a Community Children's Choir to perform, and we will have dignitaries from the area on hand to celebrate with us. This will be a great way to celebrate Sanctity of Human Life! Make plans to be here for a very special day. As always, if you would like to participate in any part of the service, please give us a call.

God's plans are perfect, and he has proven this in the way He orchestrated the Pregnancy Help Center to help our young people. We cannot see what He sees, and we cannot know what He knows. This is another incredible example of how He causes things to happen that bless us and ultimately bring glory to Him. He did such a thing in a lonely stable several thousand years ago. My prayer for you this Christmas is that you know the very special gift God has for you!

Standing amazed at Him,

Pastor Michael



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/16 Carol Rook

12/17 Holly Henderson

12/18 Mark Baeza Kiley Wood

12/19 Mitch Alexander

Meghan Smith

Jim Mowery

McKenna Gatlin

12/20 Corey McClelland

Mike Gainer

Jennifer Sloan

12/21 Brooke Wright

Patrick Coursey

Kevin Medrano

Steve Adams

Joanna Sparkman

12/22 Chelsea Ischy

Alejandra Navarro

12/23 Jimmy Duncan

Katie Nielsen

Young at Heart Bunch



I thank all of you for the beautiful gifts you gave to me. They are so wonderful and I will cherish them always. I appreciate each and everyone of you and will think of you when I look at the beautiful frame with the pictures. ... Kay

Have a very Merry Christmas!

HURRY! HURRY!

GET YOUR COOKBOOKS BEFORE THE



CHRISTMAS RUSH!

Have you purchased your cookbooks? These cookbooks make wonderful Christmas presents and the price is right too, only \$12.00 each! You can pick them up in the foyer hallway or check with the church office.

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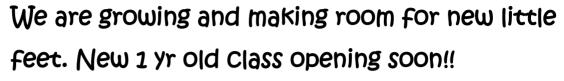
Fellowship New Year's Eve Celebration



Fun for the whole family
8:00 pm til
Midnight

FOOD, GAMES, CONTESTS, AND SQUARE DANICING







2-3 yr old openings

2-4yr old openings

Call or email Sheryl@fellowshiplh.org for details



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 17: 1PM class parties

Dec. 22 - Dec. 31 - Christmas Holiday-no school

Jan. 5 - return to school

<u>Jan. 13, 10am-1pm-</u> Women's Bible Study Free childcare available! Nursery thru preschool



Can we interest you in a Win-Win this Winter? Free to all attending!



Our Women's Bible Study will begin Jan. 13, 10am-1pm. It's a great way to meet other moms and women in our community, while your child enjoys a structured educational environment. Nursery thru preschool age children welcome!







Wizeguys will begin again on January 6, 2010
Our new Character Quality will be Self Control.

Self Control
is controlling
what I say
and do.



Thank you to everyone who has brought a gift for the giving tree.





Kidz WRAP will begin working on their Spring Production January 17, 2010.

"I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High" Ps. 7:17

Upcoming Dates to Remember

<u>December 16</u>, Birthday Party for Jesus!

<u>December 23</u>, No Wednesday evening activities Merry Christmas!

<u>December 24.</u> you are invited to our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight services at 6:00p.m. or 11:00p.m.

December 30, No Wednesday evening activities Happy New Year!

December 31, you are invited to our annual New Year's Eve Party!



Fellowship Student Ministry

LAST CALL FOR THE "LOCK OUT"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 17!!!!	MEDICAL LIABILITY & RELEASE	
When: Dec. 18 at 8pm-8am	STUDENT INFORMATION NAME: ADDRESS: CITY: ST: ZIP: PHONE: SEX: Male Female DOB:	
Where: Fellowship at various locations (Chili's, bowling, etc)	PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION NAME(S): ADDRESS: CITY: ST: ZIP: BEST CONTACT PHONE:	
How: To sign up, simply bring in this form along with \$25 to the church office or to any youth ministry program by December 17th	INSURANCE INFORMATION NAME OF COMPANY: POLICY #: GROUP#: IN WHOSE NAME IS THE INSURANCE: FAMILY DOCTOR: CITY: PHONE: HEALTH HISTORY Please list any pre-existing or present medical conditions: Names and dosages of current prescription medications:	
	Allergies / Severe Reactions (please check and list below): DRUGS FOOD OTHER Activity / Dietary Restrictions: Addl. Comments: PARENTAL OR GUARDIAN MEDICAL / LIABILITY RELEASE STATEMENT: The above stated minor has permission to travel with Fellowship Baptist Church, Liberty Hill, TX ("Church"), and attend the "Lock Out" from Dec. 18, 2009 – Dec. 19, 2009. While I understand that the Church will take all reasonable steps to provide individual care and safety to minor, I am aware that the Church or their employees or agents cannot and shall not assume any responsibility for an injury, damage, or harm which might result during the course of any activity during functions so sponsored or attended by this minor. In consideration of permitting this minor to participate, I agree that full responsibility shall remain with me as parent or guardian of this minor. Should any claim be asserted by any person as the result of the acts of this minor while participating in the course of activities sponsored or provided by the Church, or traveling to or from such activity, or should minor or any other	

party assert any claim against the Church or its employees or agents, I agree to indemnify and hold the Church harmless from actions brought against them and including attorney fees and costs incurred by the Church in defense thereof. I further authorize medical treatment of minor in the event of illness or injury sustained in my

Date

absence while minor participates in the course of activities provided or sponsored by the Church

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Printed name of Parent / Guardian

This Week at Fellowship

At A Glance

Thursday

6:30p—Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday

10:00 am Church Staff Meeting

Friday

Nothing Scheduled

Wednesday

Church Office Closes at Noon

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service—Candlelight

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service—Candlelight

Saturday

Brown Santa Distribution from Fellowship

Sunday

8:00 am Breakfast is served!

8:30 am Worship , Sunday School, KidZrock

10:00 am Worship, Sunday School

11:15 am Worship, Sunday School, KidZrock

NO FELLOWSHIP 59 TONIGHT

Monday

Nothing Scheduled—Visitation suspended until after the New Year...

Behold, unto us, a child is born!





Stacy, Savannah and I are headed up to the Dallas area to celebrate Christ's birth with our family. We pray that you have a wonderfully blessed Christmas with your families.

While you are home over the holidays why don't you dust off your instruments and practice. We are continually looking for accomplished musicians to help lead worship at Fellowship. Give me a shout or an e-mail telling me about your abilities...we'd love to have you join us. (steve@fellowshiplh.org)

Remember: Choir Practice is on Tuesday's from 6:30pm—7:30pm and Praise Team meets on Thursdays from 6:00pm—7:00pm.

Merry Christmas!

Steve

Prayer and Praise



"Be not anxious, but in all things rejoice with thanksgiving..."

December 17th

Pastor Michael—Please pray for Pastor Michael and his family for them to experience Christ in the fullest over the holidays.

Ruben Guillen—pray for his family over the loss of Ruben

Jennifer Terbay—undergoing tests for an enlarged spleen.

Guinn Crane—in the VA Hospital in Temple with a tumor w/ lesions on his lower spine.

Pastor Tim—Please pray for Pastor Tim and his family to experience God's grace and mercy over the holidays.

 $\textbf{Shirley Hudgins} \begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{(mother of Jamie Williamson) in long term care on a feeding tube} \\ \textbf{and saddened} \end{tabular}.$

Kealy Dirner—recovering from sinus surgery.

Sandie Hensley -pray for her as she awaits a date to be set for her surgery.

Please pray for a granddaughter (I month old) of a co-worker with Erin Hudson. The baby has neuroblastoma cancer throughout her body and is the hospital. Please lift this precious child up to our Lord.

Pastor Steve—Please pray for his journey home over the holidays that he finds rest and peace in Him while fellowshipping with family and friends.

Pastor Neal – Please pray for Pastor Neal's family to be consumed by His Holy Spirit and be renewed over the holiday.

Continued prayer for: Joyce Burden, Brad Houtz, Earl Gardiner, Ann Forman, Greg Ringquist, Norma Joseph, Joy Olivera, George Spencer, Roger Goza, Brooks Halloway, Charles Towner, Jean Hinkle, Hazel Clarke, Hollis Baker, Janet McAdams, Dianna Brewer, John and Dinna Hamilton, Christopher Gordan, Jim Pyron, Pastor Marcial, Jay Nash, Meredith Hart, Charles Fleet, Wayne Rhea, Richard Ware, Sherry Osborne, Jack Kirk, Sandie Hensley, Stacy Adams,

In the Nursing Home:

Lorena Hawkins—New Hope HN (N. Wiggers mom)

Irlene Brown—Park Pl. Center Rm. I I I Georgetown

Carol Rook's mom in Bertram Nursing Home.

Kathy Brann-Sagebrook in Cedar Park

Ruth Lindsey—nursing home in Round Rock

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Debbie Henderson—who is recovering

Leslie Holick—(sister to Christa McClain) -give God PRAISE for a good report on her tests!

Stacy Adams—who has had back surgery (in Houston) pray for full recovery.

 $\textbf{Linda} \hspace{-0.5cm} \textbf{--} (\text{mom of Susan Baker's daughter-in-laws best friend) diagnosed with brain}$

Please be in prayer for: Our Missionaries, Church Services, WiZeguys Children's Program, The Church, The Deacons, Foot steps Staff and students, Ministerial Alliance churches in Liberty Hill, Celebrate Recovery Program,

Please pray for the Biker Church. Please pray for Pastor Butch and his vision with God's plan.

Please be in prayer for:

Rex Aaron Fortner—as he serves in Iraq (Rex & Susan's son)

Corey Butler—as he serves in the Marines

Brian Dirner (Kimberly's husband) as he serves in Afghanistan

Matt Hayden (Haley's husband) as he serves in the Air Force in Iraq.

Please pray for our friends at First United Methodist:

Joyce Burden, Jett McClendon, Isabel Bevier, Ken Browning, Johnny Elander, Ricki Davies, Jo Owwen, Annette, Nora Whitted, Louine Noble's great, great niece, Michaela Dan, Joe Scobbo, Patrick O'Connor, Gary Spivey, Virginia Montgomery, Gordon and Martha Marks, Norice Taylor, Gary Holland, Kathleen Craig, Kris Klein, Gloria, Lisa Harlow, People or Fort Hood, Bolin family, Pat Patterson, The McCurry Family, Katie Graves.

Please pray for our troops who are away from their families and friends this holiday fighting for all of us to continue to be able to worship openily in our

Country.



PLANNING MEETING FOR BAR-B-QUE TEAM



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Wed. January 6th 7:00 pm Do you like to bar-b-que? Do you like to compete with your cooking? Do you have a pit? Do you have a winning recipe for bar-b-que sauce, beans, ribs, chicken or brisket? Join the "Yoly Smokers", Fellowship Baptist's bar-b-que team. Last year we placed #3 in People's Choice Awards!

Fellowship is signed up for 8 booths at the 2010 Liberty Hill Livestock Association Annual Bar-b-que Cookoff. We are going to have 4 teams cooking...come on out and help us plan this event!