

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m.—Praise & Worship,
Nursery, Jr. Church (K-5) The Vault (Jr/Sr High)
THE SMITH HOUSE MINISTRY
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M 6-8pm W F 10am-2pm

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SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Tony Wallace

WORSHIP ELDER: Karey Hall

SERVER'S DEACON: Tony Wallace

COMMUNION SERVERS: Joe Moore, Kyle Arn, Tom
Ball, Paul Bowling, Kenny Sheffield, Jay Bush, Jim Reed

HOME COMMUNION: Jay Bush*

COMMUNION PREP: Joyce Woods & Jean Bright

USHER: Barry Eyre

SNOW REMOVAL: Joe Strunk

WELCOME CENTER: Mary Jo Hall

REFRESHMENT TABLE: Salli Swisher

EARLY LIBRARY: Joyce Neal

LATE LIBRARY: Peggy Jones

GREETERS: Barry & Mindi Eyre

9:30 NURSERY:

10:30 NURSERY: Misty Lang & Stephanie Moore

10:30 PRESCHOOL: Babsi Arn & Katelyn Enders

JR. CHURCH: Mike & Debbi Enders



*Let us celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior together
with a joyous heart in an exuberant manner!*

*Christmas morning at 10:30am. **

**There will be NO Sunday school classes*

**NO Christmas Eve service*

**NEW YEAR'S DAY will be regular service times*



Attention all Teenagers (6th-12th grade)! On
Christmas morning we will be having our annual
Christmas Bash. Bring a **WHITE ELEPHANT** gift (junk around your house)
wrapped. Wear your favorite **UGLY** Christmas sweater or shirt.

GAMES, PRIZES, BREAKFAST - we will be giving away **EVERYTHING** in the prize
cage. Bring a friend! **10:30am!**

You ever have one of those “good” tired feelings? I have that today and I can imagine our church having that feeling as we begin this new week. The Living Christmas Tree Program took a lot out of us I know, but what a weekend it was. Everyone came together in a powerful way, and we saw such a move of God.

As your pastor I am so proud to be a part of such a wonderful team of people, because you lay it all on the line for the work of Christ. So many of you worked tirelessly behind the scenes. The lighting, choir, parking, set-up, tear down, etc. I could go on and on, and if I name someone there would be two that I would forget so let me just say **thanks Mt. Orab Church for the love and committed service you have shown this past weekend, not only to the 1000 plus guests we saw walk through our doors, but to Christ Himself.**

When I think about the new year approaching, my prayer is that the ministry programs we do and the 52 Sundays we have in 2012 be as dynamic, life changing, and done with as much excellence as our Living Christmas Tree. Thanks Mt. Orab Church, to God be the Glory!!

Let me encourage you to enjoy the “good “ tired feeling and never forget our work for Christ is never for nothing!!

I Corinthians 15:58 *“With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don’t hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.”*

May God continue to bless Mt. Orab Church,
Joe Strunk

Church office closed December 26-31, emergency calls will be forwarded.

Thanks to everyone who took an angel off the tree to bless a child on Christmas morning! **Please** have gifts to the church by **Dec. 19th** and be sure that all gifts are marked with child’s name and “code”



The Children’s Choir will be presenting their Christmas program *Star of Wonder* this Sunday during the morning Worship. All Jr. Church children not participating in the program will sit with their parents.

Donations of used pots and pans are needed for the SMITH HOUSE MINISTRY.



Kroger cards STILL AVAILABLE AT CONNECTION CENTRAL, be sure to use your card when you do your Holiday shopping to earn cash back for the church!

STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE and friends!
NEW YEAR’S EVE OVERNIGHTER! Meet here at the church at 5:30pm on December 31st. Going to the Sardinia Church of Christ to attend their church service. Then over to Georgetown Church of Christ for food, fun, video games, movies, sports, concerts and more! Cost is \$10.00 Parents will pick you up at 7:30 am January 1st here at MOCC. See Mike or Mike for more info.

On a Personal Note: We were all saddened by the announcement a couple of weeks ago that we would be saying good bye to our associate/student minister Mike and Sarah Whittymore and their family, as they will be leaving to begin a new ministry at the Cicero Christian Church just outside Indianapolis. I want to take a minute just to say how sad I am to see them go, but am excited and happy for the wonderful opportunities that lay ahead for them. I will miss them tremendously as you will. We will all be saying our good-byes over the coming month, but Mike, I want to say to you it has been such a great privilege to know and work with you. You have enhanced my life and ministry in ways I will never be able to communicate. I have greatly appreciated your friendship, insight, intensity, creativity, love for Christ’s work and yes, your humor. I will miss you greatly. We will not fully realize what you have given us Mike, until you are gone. I am confident God has great things in store for you. I know I speak for all of us when I say, I love you Mike and Sarah, Malachi and Zoe. Thanks for being part of my life. May God bless you richly as you continue to live for and serve Him!
In Christ’s love, Joe

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Julie Hinkle** (broken rib)
- **Scott Ryan** (employment) friend of Jerry & Kristy Bunch
- **Unspoken** (Lee Dumford)
- **Frank and Janet Casada** (health concerns) Wanetta Dunn’s sister and brother-in-law
- **Marshal Waltz**
- **Lillie Bowling** (Batavia Nursing Home)
- **Sandi DeRose** (tumors removed from vocal cords, waiting for biopsy results) Barbie Dumford’s mother
- **Charles Conley** (health concerns) Jadene Davis’ brother
- **Wilma Acres-Baldock** (cancer has returned) friend of Aubrey & Joyce Odell
- **Steve McKenzie** (health concerns) Mike O’Roark’s brother
- **Don Roades** (health concerns)
- **Danny Dickson** (job search)
- 2 unspoken prayer requests
- **Joyce and David Woods** (health concerns)
- **Linda Wallace** (doing better, home) Tony’s mother
- **MaryJo Hall** (health concerns)
- **Audrey Odell** (starts final chemo treatment in Dec.)
- **Jacki Browning** (health and family concerns)
- **Don and Susan Traylor** (serious health concerns)
- **Les Minton** (serious health concerns)
- **Tim Whyte** (serious health issues) Mildred Keese’s neighbor

Praises:

Justin Moore is home from deployment in Persian Gulf

Continue prayers for:

Joan Kattine, Dottie Howard, Ron Warman, Stan Warman, Janet Cooper, Paulette and Sheldon Henderson, Linda Cox, Clifford Ellis, Dale Burton

Beginning 2012—the church office will be closed on Fridays—emergency phone calls will be taken.