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“IN EARTH AS IN HEAVEN”

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SPYing out God’s TRUTHS

A year of BONDing

- Christmas Day Service -

Tuesday, December 25, 2007

Our Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m. Please make plans to join us to worship the Lord on this special day!

Praise Academy Christmas Musical!

Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

The Christmas Program, “Santa Bowed at Christmas”, will be presented by Praise Academy Music Department. You will not want to miss our school children as they celebrate Christmas in song.

The Pioneer Club is for children ages 6-12 and meets on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. This is a time for spiritual growth training. Lisa Padgett is the teacher and she welcomes anyone who would like to help.

**Brian Free and Assurance
Enlisted**

Danny Jones - EMCEE

6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door.
Hot Dogs, Snacks & Drinks will be sold by the youth department.

Wednesday Night Supper

We will begin serving Wednesday night suppers in the fellowship hall every Wednesday during the month of December except December 26th. The menu for each week will be announced on Sunday morning. Cost is \$4.00 Adult and \$3.00 Child with no family paying more than \$12.00.

Pastor's Points To Ponder

Advent (a coming-L. *ad venire*: The period including the four Sundays just before Christmas.) Unlike lent, which is a time of fasting and reflecting, Advent is a time of joy and celebration. It is also a time of giving and sharing, because on the very first Advent our Heavenly Father "gave his only begotten Son." Christmas or Advent is my most favorite time of the year! I put up my decorations as soon as my family will allow and leave them up as long as they will allow. Anticipation is the key word for the season. That is why the Advent wreath is so important. Each Sunday a new candle is lit until the last one is lit the Sunday before Christmas. The candles can and often represent different things to different people. Usually at the church they represent Prophecy, Bethlehem, Shepherds, and Angels, For others they represent Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. The representation is not as important as the "count down" and anticipation. I hope that you will make a Advent wreath for your home and have a visual anticipation. Another way to anticipate Christmas is with an Advent calendar. Every day of advent you will read a meditation, scripture, or do a deed of kindness. As we do these physical acts of anticipation it helps us to keep the real meaning of Christmas alive. It is so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season that we forget the real "reason for the season." Since we are celebrating the Lord's birthday why not give Him a present--The present of ourselves. The greatest gift God gave us was the "unspeakable gift" of His Son, and the gift that He would most appreciate would be the gift of our selves back to Him. Why not during this Advent season live each day as if it is the day of his second Advent, His return. It could be you know. What would you like to be doing on the day Christ returns to claim His own? First of all, are you ready to meet Him? Have your sins been washed away by His atoning blood? As we look forward to celebrating the first Sunday of Advent let us live in anticipation of His second coming. Make a commitment to be in church each Sunday of advent. Merry Christmas.

Deepest Sympathy:

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Connie Harris in the death of her father, Charles Harris on November 6th.

To Steve and Lynn Kerce and family in the death of his brother-in-law, James Norman on November 15th.

To Rebecca Dhungana & family in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Monette on November 20th.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Prayer List:

Please keep the following people in your prayers, Jim Merchen, Tom and Sarah Jones, Carolyn Knight, Sgt. Patrina White – in Iraq, Earl Small, Jena Tucker, Rhonda Pariveckio, and our service men and women.

Men's Prayer Meeting:

All men are welcome to join the men's prayer meeting every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Men's & Ladies' Prayer Meeting Christmas Party:

All men and women are welcome to attend a Christmas party at 7:00 p.m. on December 17th in the fellowship hall.

New Address:

Julie and Mike Barefoot moved into their new home at 169 Shockley Way, Dallas, GA 30157. Their telephone number is 770-505-0837.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Jeremy Mattick on the birth of their son, Anthony Allen, born November 6th. Vicki and Graham Cross are the proud grandparents.

Lose Weight with Jennifer:

The ladies weight loss class has begun again. They are following Bob Green's "The Best Life Diet" It's a great time of fellowship as we meet to see who is the "Biggest Loser" for the week. Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday

Nursery Schedule:

Sunday, December 2nd :

Jody Mosley

Sunday, December 9th :

Christine Watson

Sunday, December 16th :

Martha Hendrix

Sunday, December 23rd :

Debbie Keel

Sunday, December 30th :

Joy Phillips

Nursery News:

We can always use volunteers in our nursery. If you would like to serve the Lord in this way, please talk with Jennifer Butler.

Children's Church:

If you would like to help teach Children's Church one Sunday a month, please contact Ms. Joyce in the church office. We have two age groups in our program: 3-5 and 6-10.

Music:

If you play a musical instrument and would like to join the Praise team, please talk to J.P. Combs. Also, if you sing and are interested in singing or being a part of the Praise group, please contact J.P. as well.

E-mail Address:

If you have an e-mail or address change, please let us know. Just write it down or call the church office. This will help us keep you informed of any happenings at Praise.

Can Goods for Christmas:

We want to share our blessings this Holiday season with some of the less fortunate families in this area. Please bring in canned food items so that we may put together food baskets for some local families. What a great way to show God's love to people in our community.

Thank You:

A big thank you to all who stayed to help with the Greening of the Church. We appreciate all of the help.

December

Sunday Morning Order of Service: Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Gospel Singing 6:30
2 1 st Sunday of Advent	3 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Supper 6:00 p.m. Classes 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Adult Sunday School Party 5:00 p.m. 2 nd Sunday of Advent	10 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ladies Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.	11	12 Supper 6:00 p.m. Classes 7:00 p.m. Classes	13 Praise Academy Children's Program 7:30 p.m.	14	15
16 3 rd Sunday of Advent	17 Ladies and Men's Prayer Group Christmas Party 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Supper 6:00 p.m. Classes 7:00 p.m. Classes	20	21	22
23 4 th Sunday of Advent	24 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25 Christmas Day Service 10:30 a.m.	26 No Supper No Classes	27	28	29
30	31					

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**Praise Academy:
 News and Important Dates**

Praise Academy School Office Hours:

The school office will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The school website is www.praiseacademy.com.

Praise Academy Christmas Musical:

Praise Academy will have its annual Christmas Musical on Thursday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m. The program "Santa Bowed at Christmas" will be directed by Cindy Noles. Please make plans to come watch as the children celebrate Christmas in song.

Christmas Holidays:

Praise Academy will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays from Monday, December 24th until Monday, January 7th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 8th. **School will dismiss at noon on Friday, December 21st. There will be no after school that day.**

Santa Pictures:

On Tuesday, December 4th Praise Academy will have a special visitor. You can have your picture taken with Santa. More details will be coming home with the students.

**Have a safe and happy
 holiday season!**

**Youth Corner &
 Junior High**

Wednesday Nights:

The Youth and Junior High will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. **The Youth Christmas party will be during Wednesday night classes on December 19th.** Currently, for normal classes they meet together for a worship period, and then have a combined class afterwards. Please be sure to bring your Bible, note pad and pens. **There will be no Wednesday Night service on December 26th and on January 2nd.**

Wednesday Night Supper:

We will be serving supper every Wednesday night in December except December 26th. The menu will be announced every Sunday. Cost is \$3.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults. We begin serving at 6:00p.m.

Any questions regarding the Youth or Junior High ministry at Praise may be directed to Pastor Marcus Butler at 770-974-0089 or Pastor J.P. Combs.