

THE POINTER

A publication of Stony Point Christian Church

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Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:50 a.m.

Attendance for Sunday, November 22, 2009:

Morning Worship 211
Sunday School 128

Offering for Sunday, November 22, 2009:

General Fund \$5,345.31
Other Funds \$1,117.00

THOSE BLESSED BY SERVING THE LORD ON SUNDAY, November 29, 2009:

Elders: 1st Jim Brown & David Delich

2nd Hank Alterman & Troy Reed

Chapel: 1st David Delich 2nd Troy Reed

Deacons:

1st Bob Berry, Steve Callahan, Andrew Smith, Charlie Stapleton, Bill Thomas Sr., Skip Brunner, Ken Parton

2nd Jason Filbeck, Dave Underwood, Roger Underwood, Jeremy Willey, Roger Willey, Bob Rhodes, Dan Golden, Robb Rosenbaum

Deaconesses: Claudia Underwood, Sandy Jarratt, Melissa Underwood, Vivian Berry, Jan Brunner, Darlene Macleod, Sasha Macleod, Pat Schwartz

Video Tech: Mark Jaimes

Greeters:

1st **Front:** Daniel Edwards Family

1st **Back:** Henry & Ruth Marie Mitchell

2nd **Front:** Ken Parton Family

Nursery:

1st **Crib:** Angie Turner

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sarah Alterman

2nd **Crib:** Joy Orlich

Wee Worship: Jenna & Fallon Reynolds

Transportation: George & Marilyn Kent

WEDNESDAY THANKSGIVING

SERVICE NEWS: Jessica & Jeremy Willey and Jack and Sandy Jarratt will be giving their testimonies. The worship service will be led by Pat Hoyes. It will begin at 7:00.

Last week to order a Poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the office by November 30. They will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Christmas Sunday. The cost is \$9.50.

We will have a tasting party following the Christmas Celebration on December 20th. Plan now to prepare your favorite Christmas treat to share on that night. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

CARD SHOWER FOR JIMMIE COLE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Jimmie Cole will be turning 100 years old on November 30th! Why not send him a card for this milestone event in his life. His address is:

Jimmie Cole
c/o Brighton Gardens
7105 Mission Rd
Prairie Village, KS 66208

We are planning a special birthday reception on Sunday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LEFTOVER DISHES from the Turkey dinner are in a large box in the Fellowship Hall. Please check to see if any of these dishes are yours. If you are missing dishes, please contact Becky Manthei at 909-0254.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!!

Monday, December 14 at 6:30 is the annual Horizon Christmas Party. Bring a \$10 gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. Also, bring a covered dish to share. This is a wonderful, fun-filled evening. Hope to see all the ladies there!

GOOD NEWS CHRISTMAS PARTY

will hold their annual event on Friday, December 11 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck event, so bring along your favorite dish to share. Don't forget your \$10 or less gift for the gift exchange!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

We are partnering with New Life Ministries to provide a Book/Reading event for refugee children on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided to and from the event. These children will all be English as a second language readers and we are asking for book and craft donations and **VOLUNTEERS** for the event. We are asking for gently used and new books for ages birth to 12 years. Craft items needed: construction paper, stickers, glue, glue sticks, glitter, feathers, and brown paper sacks. There will be boxes outside the sanctuary for any donations. They are expecting 120-150 participants. Please call Trudy Barnes at 913-205-9374 to volunteer or questions.

ARTHRITIS/FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP

will meet on Wednesday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a speaker from the Kansas City Kansas Community College Wellness Center.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are not presently receiving offering envelopes and would like to, please contact EllaRae Tucker at 913-334-0074.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR will be performing on Christmas Sunday, December 20 at both services. Everyone is invited to be a part of this choir. Practices will be held on Tuesday, December 8 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All members should plan to attend. The Volunteer/Fellowship class has refreshments for the evening.

AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: SHARING OUR GIFTS AND TASTING PARTY!! Everyone has a special gift that God has given them. Why not share it during this special Christmas celebration on December 20 at 6:00? We are seeking all kinds of talent: poetry reading, singing (solos, duets, trios), instrumental solos. Whatever your talent, we would like you to share it with us. If you would like to share your gift, please contact Diana Whittington 816-223-6027 or email her at genie@kc.rr.com or contact Jessica Willey at 913-523-3814 or email her at jesslavon@yahoo.com. If you have any of the following items we could use for the program, please contact Craig Delich at 334-1521 or craigdelich@yahoo.com. The items are: Kerosene lamps, sleigh bells, one or two hay bales, large wagon wheel, strings of popcorn for the lighted Christmas tree, any and all country style themed Christmas items that we can line the window sills with such as figurines, craft items, etc., and a copy of "The Night Before Christmas".

OUTING TO JAMESPORT

We are planning our annual trip to Jamesport, Missouri on November 28. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$5. Cinnamon rolls and shopping here we come!!**If you would like to attend the Jamesport trip, please contact Eldon Barnes at 913-244-2906.**

SEEKERS CLASS-SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 12 for our annual Christmas Party. Mark and Vikki Ham will host. Busses will be available, if interested. That will start off the party itself! Join us for fun, food, and fellowship and lots of laughter!

THE BIBLE BOWL Christmas card post office will open the first Sunday in December. Feel free to bring your Christmas cards for our active members at that time.

CWF NEWS...

We are compiling an up-to-date list of active service men and women as well as college students. Call the church office to be sure we have names and current addresses for any of our church family in these categories.

On December 6 at 2:00 p.m., CWF will meet in the lounge to pack Christmas boxes for our service men and women. Donations of snacks such as nuts, candy, gum, mints, individual drink packets, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please leave items in kitchen marked CWF by noon December 6.

Church Staff:

Gary Bondurant
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A Note from Gary

What happened to Thanksgiving? The holiday doesn't seem to get any respect. By the time Halloween had rolled around, stores were playing Christmas music. Christmas displays and advertising are everywhere. What about Thanksgiving?

A special time for corporate thanksgiving to God is an appropriate American observance. We know that He has blessed us beyond anything that we have deserved. He has preserved and guided us as a nation. At times God has rescued us from the results of foolish and wrong decisions.

Some have said it was because of the prayers of Christian people. Some think it is because great missionary effort has been expended to spread the gospel throughout the world. That may be so, and God certainly has His reasons. But the reality is: we have been greatly blessed!

It is time for thanksgiving. I don't just mean the one day a year kind, or even the Sunday morning kind. I mean thanksgiving that expresses awareness of God's goodness towards us every moment of every day.

To thank is to express gratitude. Thanksgiving is an offering to God, unique and personal. It comes from a heart lifted up to Him, recognizing and remembering God's gift to us. It can't be general. It is specific if it is to have heartfelt meaning.

Paul said to be careful how you live-"always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of the lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20) Scriptures abound that point us to reasons for giving thanks.

Thank God for supplying our needs-1 Timothy 4:3-4

Thank God for the gift of Christ-2 Corinthians 9:15

Thank God for the nearness of His presence-Psalm 75:1

Thank God for victory over death and the grave-1 Corinthians 15:57

Thank God-for your own reasons. Without thanksgiving, we are no better than spoiled children taking for granted what is given to us. But when we are thankful, we offer God a gift that he delights in!

Gary



Our Mission:

IN GOD'S LOVE...

***To win the lost**

***To make disciples**

***To strengthen believers**

***To promote holiness in our community**