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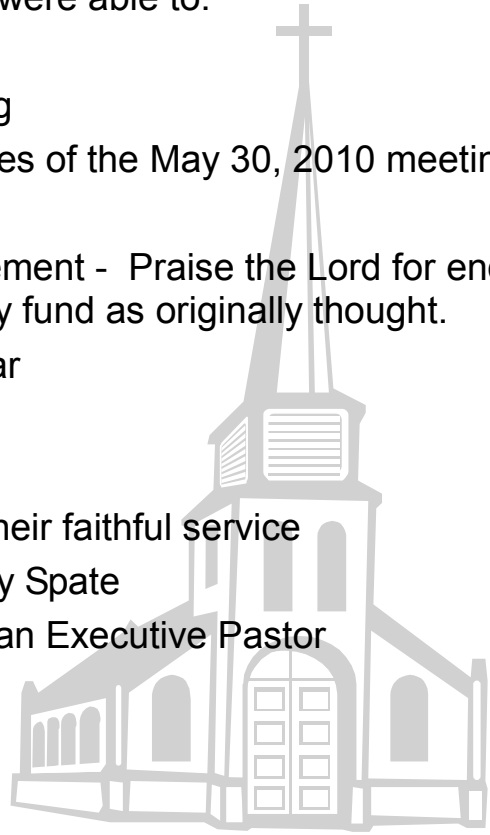


Great Happenings

On behalf of the Church, the Elders Board wants to Praise the Lord and thank all those who attended the November 7 Annual Meeting. It was a comforting feeling to see such a good number attend this meeting with the intent of doing the Lord's work and for the many insightful and thought provoking questions during the meeting.

While the meeting did take a little longer than was planned, as a Church we should be very pleased that during this meeting we were able to:

- ✓ Approve the agenda for this meeting
- ✓ Update and then approve the Minutes of the May 30, 2010 meeting
- ✓ Approve our Annual Report
- ✓ Approve the Audited Financial Statement - Praise the Lord for ending in the black without using the rainy day fund as originally thought.
- ✓ Approve our Auditor for the next year
- ✓ Confirm the existing Elders
- ✓ Confirm the four new Elders
- ✓ Thank the two outgoing Elders for their faithful service
- ✓ Recommend the Ordination of Kathy Spate
- ✓ Approve in principle the concept of an Executive Pastor
- ✓ Approve a new Constitution



GOOD WORK!

We look forward to the Lord's leading over the next year and ask that you all help with this by taking advantage of opportunities to "chat" with the Elders and let them know and understand your dreams and visions for the future.

Blessing for this Christmas Season,

Stan Kundert

On behalf of the Elders Board

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Family Ministries

Carleen Koop, Children's Ministry Director

It has been an exciting past few months for Children & Family Ministry. This past October we celebrated the baptism of six of our past and current students. This was an awesome moment for us, our volunteers, the students and their families. It was a wonderful testament to the things that God has been doing in Family ministry and in the lives of the children and families at Brentview. In November we hosted Infusion, which is a conference for Pastors and volunteers that work with children and families in the Church. It was a great event and we want to say a special thank you to all the people from Brentview that volunteered their time to help out. We could not have done it without you!

Choir & Orchestra Presentation

Jerry Proppe, Music and Worship Director

We are very excited to be presenting the advent portion of Handel's Messiah December 19. Over the years we've sung individual pieces of it, but it's never been the focus of the whole concert. We are very excited about this work which Handel penned over 200 years ago as it's become a cherished event for many people's Christmas celebrations. Don't miss this opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours to come and experience this masterpiece which celebrates the life of Christ. After the concert there will be a time of refreshments with hot apple cider and squares.

ENCORE Small Groups

Wally Fus, 55+ & Care Ministries Pastor

The **Encore** ministry at Brentview provides opportunities for its members to be a part of small groups where they can grow in Christ-like character through **Learning, Loving, Serving, Reaching and Caring** for each other and contributing of themselves and their resources. Currently, there are nine active Encore small groups with 95 members involved. Seven of the groups meet at night and two get together during the day. The day groups hold their meetings at the church while the rest rotate in homes. Besides caring for each other within their groups, many also do outreach projects such as visiting the shut-ins, serving supper to the FOCUS group, adopting a missionary or missionaries and others. Small groups that have adopted missionaries extend their support through financial help, prayer, marking significant dates (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.), helping with home assignment needs and adjustments plus many more.

There is an exciting new idea of small group partnership that has just begun this Fall between an Encore small group and a younger age small group. The **younger age group** (27-35) thinks that a partnership would be very worth-while, insightful and meaningful as they get to know some of the Encore crowd. As well, the Encore group believes that this intergenerational partnership will be beneficial to them as there is much to learn from the younger people. Both groups hope that this partnership will bring about outcomes of friendships, growth in the knowledge of Jesus and effective ways to glorify the Lord.

Christmas At Brentview

Youth Christmas Banquet

When: Friday, December 3, 6 pm
Where: Brentview Baptist Gym
Cost: \$10/person
What: This is a formal event so dress up! Make sure to invite friends as it's the biggest outreach event of the year!

Shift Christmas Party

When: Thursday, December 9, 6:30 pm
Where: Shift Room
Cost: \$10 wrapped gift and a plate of Christmas goodies.
What: Sweet games, awesome snacks and a gift swap!

Hub Jazzy Coffee Night

When: Sunday, December 12, 6:30 pm
Where: Brentview Baptist Gym
Cost: A new pair of socks or underwear. (Jesus Loves You Society - women & kids)
What: Semi-Formal! Dress up. Enjoy hot cider, cold eggnog, punch, and the incredible sounds of Jazzy Jerry Proppe.

FM Live Christmas Program

When: Sunday, December 12, 9 & 11 am
Where: Sanctuary
What: A Christmas Production for the whole family. The purpose of this morning is to provide an opportunity for adults and children to worship together.

Encore Christmas Luncheon

When: Wednesday, December 15, 12 pm
Where: Brentview Baptist Gym
Cost: \$12 - Reservations Necessary
What: Bring a new unwrapped gift, appropriate for a young mother. (Jesus Loves You Society)

Family Christmas Dinner

When: Saturday, December 18, 5:30 pm
Where: Brentview Baptist Gym
Cost: \$7/person, \$20/family pre-purchased tickets
What: A banquet for the whole church with wonderful food, Christmas music, birthday cake for Jesus, and Carols.

Handel's Messiah Choir & Orchestra Presentation

When: Sunday, December 19, 6:30 pm
Where: Sanctuary
What: A fabulous evening of live music from our Choir and Orchestra with a time of refreshments following the concert.

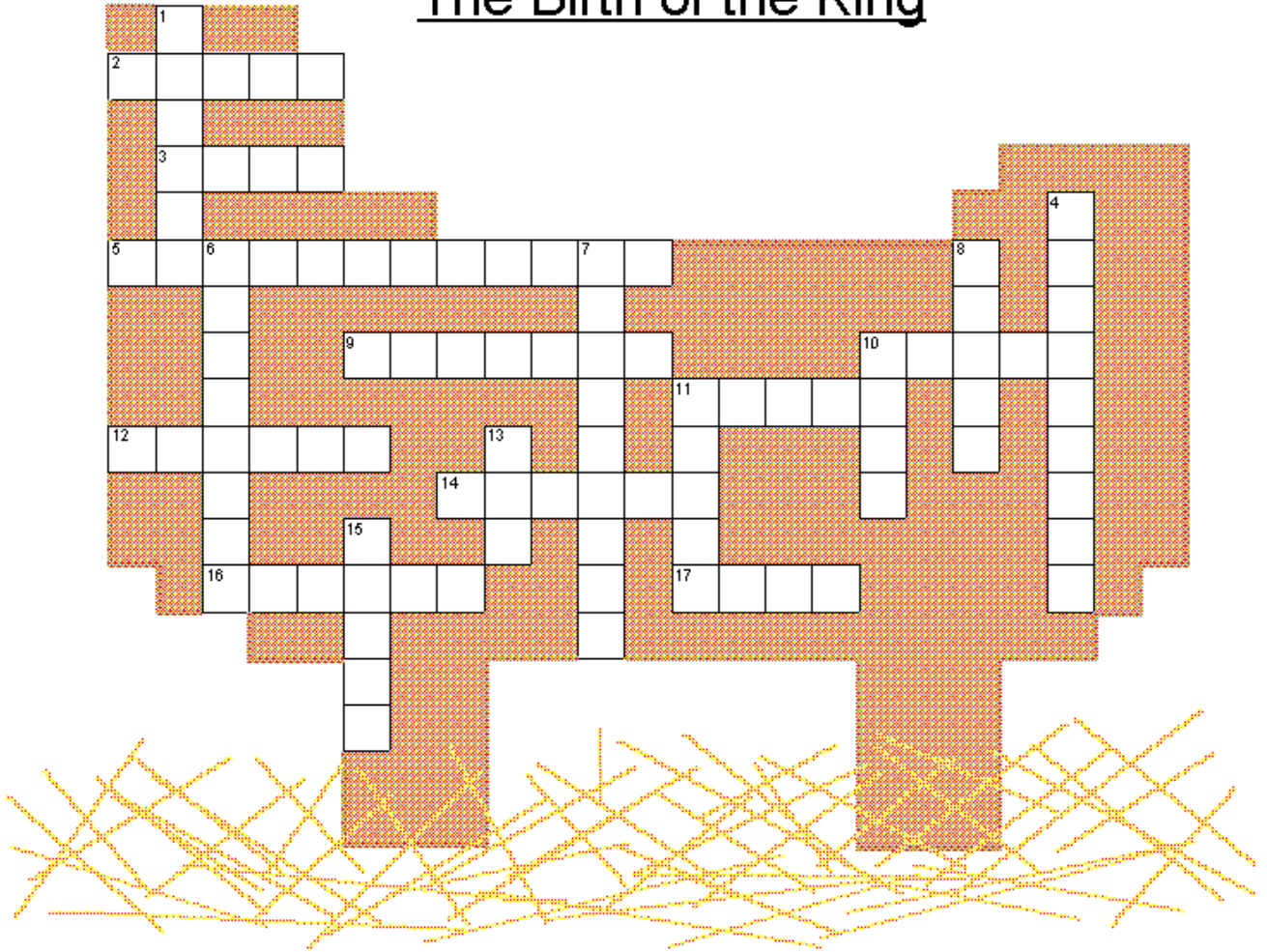
Christmas Eve Service

When: Friday, December 24, 6 pm
Where: Sanctuary
What: This is a great celebration of Christmas with an abundance of wonderful music.



Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Kyle. "I see. And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said. "But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the Pilot."

The Birth of the King



Across

- 2. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to pay these
- 3. A precious metal: one of the gifts from the 3 kings
- 5. A fragrant gum used to make incense: one of the gifts from the wisemen
- 9. The 3 kings from the east
- 10. A pungent tasting herb: A gift from the wisemen
- 11. Bethlehem is here
- 12. Mary's husband
- 14. These appeared to shepherds and told them about the birth of Christ
- 16. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a _____, which is Christ the Lord
- 17. This led the wisemen to Jesus

Down

- 1. An open box to hold food for livestock: Mary laid Jesus in one
- 4. The city of His birth
- 6. The Roman emperor who taxed everyone
- 7. Angels told these guys about His birth while they were watching their flocks
- 8. The king of Judea when Jesus was born
- 10. His mother
- 11. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name _____
- 13. He was born in a stable because there was no room here
- 15. We celebrate His _____ at Christmas