

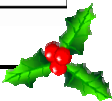


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Bulletin

Developing God's Plan in Hearts and Minds

December 16, 2011



On My Radar...Executive Director Dr. Steven Witter

How do you decide what to give others for Christmas? I'm sure that you have some sort of formula. Among the people on my list of people to buy Christmas gifts for are my two daughters, Joann and Emily, my son-in-law, David, and a young man named Ben who thinks Emily is someone special. Since I am on a budget, as I am sure you are as well, my Christmas present formula comes into play. Joann, Emily and David ARE a part of my family. They get the very best that I can afford. Ben is a great guy; I like him a lot, and someday we will likely have a conversation about him becoming part of our family. [I will only make him sweat a little bit! =>] But, since he is not a part of the family YET, the amount that I spend on him will be a bit less than I spend on the other kids.

I'm sure you have a formula too. Some people get your Christmas card. Some people you buy a box of candy for, or you bake some cookies, etc for. And, depending on how close they are to you, the gifts become more thoughtful and more expensive. Aren't you glad that God doesn't treat us like we treat other? Do you remember the Christmas Hymn that we have been thinking about?

O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining—it is the night of the dear Savior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and darkness pining—till He appeared gift of infinite worth! Behold the Babe in yonder manger lowly—tis God's own Son come down in human form: Fall on your knees, before the Lord most holy—O night divine—O night when Christ was born! O night divine—O night—O night divine.

The next phrase "gift of infinite worth" says it all. God's formula is simple. EVERYONE GETS THE SAME THING! John reminds us that *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son*. For the wealthy, God gave His Son. For the poor, God gave His Son. For ALL, God gave Jesus...the BEST that He had, a gift that has so much value that it cannot be measured. No wonder the apostle Paul had to pause and say "*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*" [2 Cor. 9:15]

To think that Almighty God sent His only Son because we needed a Savior is overwhelming. To think that He came to Earth as a baby, a baby born in a barn, placed in a manger, born into poverty that we could be rich...WOW. The hymn writer says *fall on your knees*. This is an act of worship. When the magi found Him, the Bible records that "*They came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshipped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.*" [Matthew 2:11]

How appropriate. They gave gifts AND they worshipped. As you celebrate Christmas this year, enjoy giving gifts to your loved ones....giving is what Christmas is all about. But above all, reflect on the Babe of Bethlehem....ponder why He came....and WORSHIP HIM!

Chapel Highlights

Last week Friday our small groups spent the afternoon doing service projects in many locations around our county. We had groups at TrueNorth, Camp Newaygo, the Newaygo Medical Care Facility, Transitional Health, 2nd Avenue Thrift Store, Lion Heart, the Newaygo County Museum, and Patricia St. Claire Elementary in Hesperia. All the groups had a great time working together serving the various organizations in our county. A special thank you to all the parents who helped drive that afternoon!

What do you want for Christmas? I know that I would like a new laptop or a new cell phone, but do we ever really think about what we need that is really lasting. Technology is always going to be changing. We will always be looking for the next new form, but it won't ever truly satisfy us. What we really need to look at is what will satisfy us for eternity. Psalm 132 is a story of how King David was looking for a place to build a temple for God. He wouldn't sleep, rest, or eat until he found the right place. Now I would really like a new phone but if I don't get one I won't go without sleep until I receive one; it isn't the main purpose of my life. This shows just how much love David has for God and how wise he was for understanding what he should truly be looking for. If we are really looking for God to quench our thirst, he will but it is a two way street. We need to be looking for him. We can pray it, pray for him to come to us, pray for him to quench our thirst and he will. So this Christmas don't think about what physical gifts you might get like a new cell phone or a new laptop but think about what you really need. We all need something that is timeless and that will always be there for us. This Christmas I hope that you pray for God to be with you because he is the ultimate gift.

Seven Day Forecast

Fri. 16	Sat. 17	Sun. 18	Mon. 19	Tues. 20	Wed. 21	Thurs. 22
	Boys' J.V. BBall		Christmas Break No School Grils' VBBall	BBall	No School	No School
34		40				

Long Range Forecast

<i>Dec. 19-Jan. 2</i>	<i>Christmas Break – No School</i>
<i>Jan. 3</i>	<i>School Resumes</i>
<i>Jan. 17</i>	<i>Calvin College Financial Aid Seminar at PCHS 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Jan. 23-26</i>	<i>Exams</i>
<i>Jan. 27</i>	<i>Records Day – No School</i>
<i>Jan. 30 -</i>	<i>Begin Second Semester</i>
<i>Jan. 30-Feb. 3</i>	<i>Homecoming Week</i>



May 14

Please mark your calendar and save the date. The **spring music concert** has been changed from May 7 to May 14. This year's Spring Concert will be held at the Dogwood Center.

Storm Tracker

Sports Schedule

- Dec. 17 Boys' J.V. vs. Shoreline Away 10 a.m.
- Dec. 19 Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Northern Michigan Christian
**Make note the game start time has been changed to 6:00 p.m. No J.V. Game*
- Dec. 20 Boys' Basketball vs. Algoma Christian Away 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 3 Girls' J.V. Basketball vs. Shoreline Home 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 3 Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Shoreline Breakers Home

Scoreboard

PCHS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 9 PCHS 58, Muskegon Catholic 31

PCHS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Dec. 9 PCHS 21, Muskegon Catholic 34

Dec. 13 PCHS 32, Pentwater 31

PCHS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 9 PCHS 47, Muskegon Catholic 65

PCHS Boys' J.V. Basketball

Dec. 9 PCHS 12, Muskegon Catholic 55

Inclement Weather School Closings

As the weather starts changing to winter, we want to remind you of our school closing policy. School will always follow inclement weather decisions of Fremont Public Schools. In addition, Providence will also close if any two schools in our county close due to inclement weather. (Hesperia, White Cloud, Grant, or Newaygo). School closings will be on WZZM 13 and WOOD TV 8.

Host Family Needed

We are still looking for a family who would be willing to serve as a host home for Jae Yoon Moon. Jae Yoon is currently with another welcome family for the holidays but needs a permanent home for the rest of the school year. He is a great guy, so if you have questions, or are willing to help, give the office a call a 924-9780.

FCS and PCHS Ski club 2011-12 season

The Ski trip for Dec.16 was cancelled. We are praying for some snow in January. The next scheduled ski trips are Jan.13, 20, Feb 10. and 24. Also Saturday March 17th will be the Winter Carnival (more details on that when it gets closer). **The deadline for signing up for the first ski trip is Wednesday Dec. 14th at 8:00 a.m. Sign ups are located in the office.** Late sign ups are not accepted. Any questions call Dan and Jane Visser--231-924-1242-home, 616-340-4743-cell-Jane, 231-519-4547-cell-Dan. See you on the slopes!

Taco Tuesday on January 3

Due to the fact that we will be coming back to school from Christmas Break on January 3rd which is a Tuesday, there will be no tacos that day. The senior class will not have a chance to take orders, and therefore will not be doing tacos on the Tuesday we come back to school. Students should plan to bring their own lunches on January 3rd.

Junior Class Pop Can Fund Raiser

The Junior class is having a pop can fund raiser. Save all your pop cans and bottles during the holidays for the Junior Class. Ask your friends and family to do the same. They will be collecting

them the first week back from break. You can bring them in or they will come and pick them up on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 or anytime that first week of January.

PCHS Christmas Concert

A huge thank you to everyone who took time out from their busy holiday schedule to attend the Christmas music concert at PCHS on Sunday. Everyone of the music students and participants put their whole hearts into it and gave their best! From the beginning notes of "Marshmallow World" to the final "Merry Christmas" in "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", it was a beautiful offering to our Lord, Jesus Christ and a gift to each one who came to enjoy it. The Bible tells us to "sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord", and I believe He intends for us to have a fun time doing it as well. As the songs "Fruitcake" and "Holiday Lights" proved, the music students at PCHS had fun! We are so glad that many of you were here to enjoy the fun with us! Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts. May the Christ of Christmas bless each of you and your families with a wonderful holiday season!



PCHS Band and Choir Performed at the Shack

The PCHS band and choir, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Blount, performed at the Shack, in Jugville this past Wednesday for the Christian Women's Club. The choir sang five songs and the band performed two songs to over 100 women dressed in Christmas sweaters. A special thank you to Mrs. Blont's husband, Rev. William Blont, and family who came for support and sang with the students as well.

Office Hours During Christmas Break

The office will be officially closed from Monday, December 19 through and including Monday, January 2. However, Dr. Witter will be at school and available over much of the break. If you need anything or would like to speak with him, please contact him via email, office phone, or his cell which is 563-599-2008.

Birthdays

Katey Temple	Dec. 20	Jordan Oosting	Dec. 31
Jesus	Dec. 25		
Allen Hooker	Dec. 25		
Anna Grasley	Dec. 29		

