



DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 1 Willing Workers
- Dec 2 Holiday Dinner
- Dec 3 Christmas Concert
The Lesters
- Dec 7-11 Meals on Wheels
- Dec 13 Christmas Cantata
- Dec 20 Youth Christmas Service
Elders' Meeting
- Dec 27 Board Meeting



Holiday Dinner
December 2 at 6 p.m.
 Meat & drink provided
 Please bring a salad, dessert
 or covered dish to share

Holiday Concert
with The Lesters
December 3 at 7 p.m.
 a free will offering will be received

Christmas Cantata
December 13 at 10 a.m.
 "Hope Has Hands"

Youth
Christmas Service
December 20 at 10 a.m.

Don't Forget Jesus

Christmas is a special time
 To reflect on Jesus Christ
 The wonder of His lowly birth
 Brings meaning to our lives.

There really is no other reason
 We celebrate this day.
 The birth of God's precious son
 And the life He willingly gave.

We need to stop and reflect awhile
 Remembering our precious Lord:
 His birth, His life and sacrifice
 And all that He stands for.

For though the world may celebrate
 It seems though for other reasons
 Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ
 Is the true meaning of the season.

By M.S.Lowndes

Attendance

November 1	79
November 8	83
November 15	85
November 22	81

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Sermon Titles

- December 6 "O Little Town"
- December 13 Christmas Cantata
"Hope Has Hands"
- December 20 Youth Christmas
Service
- December 27 "The Three Kings"



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Sunday: 9 AM Bible School for all ages
 10 AM Morning Worship Service
 6 PM Youth Program (K - grade 5)
 7 PM Evening Service
 Wednesday 7 PM Adult Bible Study & Youth (grades 6-12)

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From Darrel's Desk

In 1247 a hospital was founded in London, England called The Bethlehem Royal Hospital. Two centuries later, this healthcare facility in Beckenham in the borough of Bromley was converted into a hospital for the insane. In fact, it is generally recognized as the world's first and oldest institution to specialize in the care for the mentally ill.



The expression "care for the mentally ill" is misleading, however. In those days the feeble-minded were routinely chained and abused. All day and all night, the cries of the tormented echoed in the stone cells and from the open windows of the facility such that the institution became known throughout the country for its noise and confusion.

The original name of Bethlehem Hospital was gradually shortened to Bethl'em and then to Bedlam, a word that has come to mean a state of wild uproar and confusion. It is almost unbelievable that people could take such a glorious, beautiful and peaceful name like Bethlehem and make out of it a word that means chaos and disorder.

And it is almost unbelievable that we could take a quiet and peaceful birth and make out of it a holiday marred by chaos and confusion. What began in the midst of poverty is now celebrated in the context of crass commercialism. What is the ultimate illustration of self-denial is celebrated in the ultimate illustration of self-indulgence. We've all been taken in and we've all made the journey from Bethlehem to bedlam.

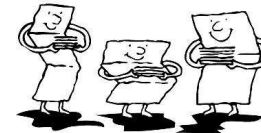
My prayer for you is that this year, you will have yourself a merry little Christmas with a whole lot of Christ and very little bedlam.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

4	Drake Herdes	17	Leon & Revetta Travis
6	Crystal Snell	19	Darrel & Sandy Brandon
10	Amanda Higgs	20	Larry Brant
10	Darrel Brandon	26	Steve Spitzner
11	Maggie Snell	28	Larry & Marilyn Brant
12	Josephine Harris	28	Melissa Riley Rankin
15	Leon Travis	29	Roger & Teresa Herdes
17	Revetta Travis	30	Bill Staser
		31	Keith Patridge



A **BIG THANK YOU** to the volunteers who come before Bible Study one Wednesday a month to help fold and label the newsletters. I couldn't manage without you.
Sandy



*May God Bless You -
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Geneva Wilson
Doctors Health and Rehab
1201 Hawthorn Road*


Thanksgiving Offering

\$20,173.91 received on November 22nd


Holiday Offerings

An offering will be received during morning worship on December 6 for the Wabash Christian Retirement Center in Carmi, IL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Kim Travis is collecting money for the Myanmar Mission for Christmas. She will collect through the month of December.

In His Service for December				
	6	13	20	27
Pastoral Prayer	Wayne Harris	Larry Brant	Darrel Brandon	Bill Staser
Reading at the Lord's Table	Jim Cockerel	Darrel Brandon	Bill Staser	Wayne Harris
Communion Preparation	Kim Travis			