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1 *9 & 11:00 Worship *10:00 New Member Class *10:00 Sunday School *12:30 Bell Choir Practice *4:30 Huddle	2 -*9:30 Pebbles & Boulders *8:30 Aerobics *11:30 Men's Bible Study *12:00 & 6:00 Weight Watchers *3:00 Academy Arts *6:30 Bible Study *6:45 Bible Study	3 -9:30 Dorcas Cl *3:00 Academy Arts *5:30 Yoga *6:30 Bible Study *6:30 Stephen Ministry Training 6:30 Stephen Minist 6:30 Aerobics *8:00 AA & Alanon	4 *9:00 Women of Praise Study *1:00 Beth Moore *5:00 Youth Club *6:00 Dinner *6:30 Bible Studies *6:45 Choir Practice	5 -*8:30 Kindermusik 2:00 Bridge *3:00 Academy of Arts *5:30 Yoga *6:00 Praise Band Practice *6:30 Aerobics *6:30 Awakening	6 *6:45 Men's Prayer Breakfast *8:30 Kindermusik *8:30 Aerobics NaCome Youth Trip (thru 8th) 7:00 Scrapbooking	7 *8:30 Kindermusik *9:00 Academy of Arts 9:00 Stephen Ministry Training *10:00 Family Karate
8	9	10	11	12	13 9:00 MOPS	14
15	16	17 6:30 Stephen Ministry	18	19 10:00 Book Club 2:00 Bridge	20	21 10:00 Quilted Santa 1:00 Score Keepers training
22	23	24 2:00 Fused Glass Ornaments 5:00 Score Keepers training 7:00 Fused Glass Ornaments	25 CLC Closed	26 Thanksgiving Holiday Office and CLC closed	27 Office Closed CLC Closed	28 CLC Closed
29 CLC Closed	30					

Starred Items are weekly

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Advent Friends,

An important part of your pastors reading this fall has been a book by Richard Stearns entitled, "A Hole in the Gospel." He starts with the thesis that there is something missing from our understanding of the Gospel. Stearns urges readers to ask the question, what if? "What if followers of Jesus looked beyond the walls of their own churches and worked together in reclaiming the world for Christ's Kingdom? What if we actually demonstrated God's love for the world instead of just talking about it? What if we embraced the whole gospel of loving God and loving our neighbors." (from the book jacket)

Stearns points out in his book that today the average American church member gives just 2.5% of their income to the church. "Sadly," he says, "as our incomes have increased, our giving has significantly declined. In 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, giving averaged 3.3 percent, 27 percent more than we gave in 2005." Stearns goes on to ask many more questions, but primarily asks, "What if American Christians did bring the whole tithe (10%) into the store house. The result he points out would be an extra \$168 billion to spend in funding the work of the church worldwide. "Yes," he says, "we could literally change the world." He points this out clearly on page 218 in his book.

Such giving would make a huge statement to the world of just how loving, compassionate, and generous, Christians can be. Hunger eradication, clean water, good medical care, equal education for all, orphan care, would all speak volumes to an on looking world. Through such acts the world would see a demonstration of the "Whole Gospel."

All the above is great, but just think what a difference a tithing church could make in its own local community. This is truly visionary thinking, but we are called to be such people. Every follower of Jesus Christ needs to contemplate such an ideal church and then do their part to make it a reality. Please dream and pray with us this stewardship season. Just think what could happen at Advent and through Advent if you were to commit another 2% of your income to the work of Jesus Christ this stewardship season. Nothing could bring you or God more joy.

Sincerely,

Dave, Chris, Don & Cindy

*Striving to cause
God great joy!*

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Holiday Hope Chest



This year Advent will again be working with MIFA to provide gifts for children in their program. New, unwrapped gifts valued at \$15 or more for children ages 0-12 or gift cards for teens (\$15) are needed. Also they are accepting donations of wrapping paper, ribbon, & tape. Our goal this year is to help 70 children. If you would like to participate, please call the church office or sign up in the foyer. We will need everything turned in to the church office by Dec. 4.

"GREAT Expectations"

Advent's Family Christmas Production

Sunday, Dec. 6th

5:00 PM



Join with other families as we expectantly await the anniversary of our Savior's birth. Congregational meeting, buffet style dinner, music and program. (Dinner head count needed by Wed. Dec. 2, see Robin)



Pay at the door

\$5 Adult & youth

\$4 Children 4 to 12 years

Children 3 & under free

Save these rehearsal dates :

Wed. Dec. 2 @ 5:30pm

Sat. Dec. 5 @ 9 to noon

Last 3 Youth Club Themes & Menus

Nov. 4 Backward Night

Sliders, Smiley Fries, Carrots w/ Ranch, strawberry Shortcake

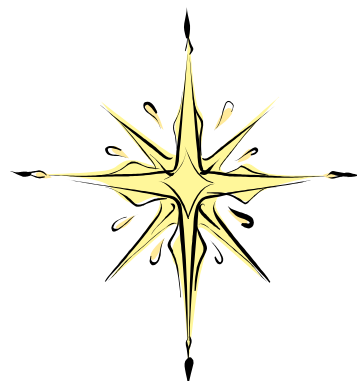
Nov. 11 Red, White & Blue Night

Spaghetti, Salad w/Ranch, Garlic Bread, Red Velvet Cake

Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Night
(dress like a Pilgrim or Native American, bring canned foods)

Turkey/Dressing, Green Beans, Rolls, Peach Cobbler

*Holiday Season
& Semester Break*



Samaritan's Purse



Huddle has partnered with Samaritan's Purse again this year to provide both Christmas gifts and a witness of Christ to third world children. Last year along with your help we provided over 80 children with just that. This year our goal is 100. You may help by: 1) Donating items for boys or girls that will fit in a shoe box (crayons, pencils, stickers, games, stuffed animals, jump ropes, bubbles, etc.) all available at local dollar stores, 2) Donate \$\$ to go toward postage and/or supplies. Drop off donations by Nov. 15 at boxes outside the sanctuary at both campuses. Also, any old shoe boxes you may have sitting around are needed. The Youth will put the boxes together.

Johnson Auxiliary




Thank Offering

Memphis Missions & More

SUNDAY—November 22

9:30-12:30

Lindsay Hall






HOT GLASS IN ST LOUIS



Make beautiful Hot Glass pieces like this paperweight at a studio in St Louis. Interested in a 2 or 3 day trip to try your hand at this craft and take in a few of St. Louis' other attractions ?

We will leave Fri., morning, Nov. 20, make a hot glass pumpkin in the afternoon and attend a glass festival and make beads in the evening. Saturday morning we will enjoy St Louis in the morning, take a paperweight making class in the afternoon and have supper on the Hill. Those that spend a second night will have Sunday morning to explore more of St Louis before heading home.

Price will be \$375 plus meals if you stay both nights and take all the classes, less if you don't.

Call Jayn in the CLC or email adventpresby@aol.com with questions or to express interest.

Breakfast with Santa
at Advent Church

12-12-09 10 am

Admission: A Teddy Bear per child

