

January-February, 2010

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will be held in the Atrium following the 2nd service on Sunday, January 10th. We will be given the opportunity to approve church officers and budget for the new year, as well as hear of the mission God has called us to for 2010. All members are encouraged to attend, but it is open to regular attendees as well.

“The Great Adventure”

We are each on our own unique journey. Some of us have been journeying downhill enjoying the breeze in your face. Others have been trudging uphill for quite some time and now the hope of some relief is on the way.

In Christ, our journeys always have purpose and direction: yes, a goal, even if it seems hard to envision it clearly.

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus ... so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.” [Hebrews 12]

In January, I will be sharing the next chapter of our journey with you. It’s called “The Great Adventure.” It will be a great opportunity to impact our church, our community, and our world for Christ. Would you begin to pray that your heart would be open to the next step God has for us as a church? And thanks in advance for considering your part in the journey God has called us to.

As we celebrate the Lord together, may we see Jesus and be reminded of His journey which took Him to the cross — and know that ours will end in great glory!

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—Pastor Dave



Ladies ... You are invited to join Carol for the Tuesday morning Bible Study that meets from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Hospitality Room of JFC. The new beginning date is January 12. Jump in as we start a study of the Gospel of John!



Taking Down the Greens!

Our Decorating Committee needs your help! We will be taking down our Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 2nd at 9:00 a.m. It will go so much faster with more hands! Please, won't you volunteer a couple of hours to help us? We especially need a few strong men to take down our tree and outdoor nativity. Please call Ginny in the office and let us know if you can help. Coffee and donuts will be provided!

KALAHARI!

Watch for details in the bulletin about our annual all-church day at Kalahari Feb. 20th!



New Year Again?

It seems like each new year we write an article to encourage you to attend more than one hour per week. In fact, we usually think in terms of a tithe of your work week. If the work week is considered 40 hours, how about tithing 10% of that time to active participation at Jackson Friends. Let's see, that would mean four hours per week. Our suggestion is usually given as one hour of worship, one hour in a Fellowship Bible Study Class at 10 am, one hour in a Wednesday night class and one hour in a Fellowship Community Group (and that one's only once a month).

Wow! That's not a bad idea. In fact, let's try it again. This year, 2010, how about tithing 10% of your work week to active participation at Jackson Friends. And, of course, we wouldn't be upset to have you in a weekly Bible Study as well.

10% for feeding that readies you to minister in a world that needs to see Christ. Yes, yes ... 2010 is the year for such a pledge. Let's keep this new year resolution together!

—Carol Williams
Director, Christian Education

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT JACKSON FRIENDS

We are blessed at Jackson Friends Church with an orchestra and choir that are enthusiastic about ministry. Hopefully, you were enriched with the Christmas program which was presented in our morning services on December 6, 2009.

We as a congregation, have watched a dream evolve as our music ministry has grown. The orchestra began with a few musicians who brought their instruments "out of retirement" or actually went to a music store and purchased an instrument they had played in the past so they could join the orchestra and play again!

The orchestra has grown to twenty-eight members and they are playing musical arrangements that are used on demo CD's from major publishers. It is exciting to present our music programs with "LIVE" accompaniment.

Easter is coming and this would be an excellent opportunity for those in our congregation who are musically inclined to join our Adult Choir or Orchestra. We have Monday evening practice for Orchestra and Wednesday evening practice for choir.

Come and join these growing, talented groups that have a heart for ministry. You can contact Denny Herris (330-204-1807) for more information.



ARE YOU CARING AND SHARING?

In 2009 we were challenged to make a commitment to get involved and not be a pew sitter. We are to get involved through prayer. A growing church is a praying church. A growing church is a serving church. It starts with prayer first. There is a prayer group on Thursday mornings and another on Sunday mornings before worship services. You are welcome to join one.

We have a committed group of women who volunteer their time to decorating our church. As one person on the Decorating Committee said, “I want to honor God by ensuring our House of Worship is beautiful inside and out.” If God gives you a gift, you need to put it to work for Him.

Not only is the inside beautiful but, the landscaping is superb. This is because of a few who saw a need and stepped in to fill it and it’s something they enjoy doing. Do you have a hobby that you are willing to share with the church?

Can you imagine the look on children’s faces around the world as they open their Christmas boxes this year? The shoe boxes you provided made nearly 200 children happy. This may be the only gift some of them receive all year.

We have many who are involved in their own workplace and neighborhoods. I think of a teacher in a local school who oversees a Bible study led by students every Friday morning in a public school. I am sure there are many others involved in ways we don’t know about.

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” I Timothy 6:17-19

—Glenn Miller

What excites you about Jackson Friends Church?

- A. The preaching of God’s Word?
- B. The beautiful music—Choir & Orchestra?
- C. Your Fellowship Bible Study class?
- D. Your Fellowship Community Group?
- E. The new people you met each week?
- F. Your weekly Bible Study?
- G. Your opportunities for ministry and service?
- H. Your motivation to draw closer to Christ?
- I. The Wednesday night meals (good food & fellowship)?
- J. The nurseries full of little ones?
- K. Children’s classes and lots of activities?
- L. Wednesday night classes for all ages?
- M. The opportunity to attend the style of worship of your choice?
- N. Elders who desire to serve Christ and His church?
- O. Staff who feel a call to minister through JFC?
- P. Christian counselors available to help?
- Q. New believers who find Christ at JFC?
- R. Community Outreach through Lighthouse Ministries and others?
- S. A heart for missions around the world?
- T. A morning hug or two as you enter the door?
- U. Growth and building, building, building?
- V. A meal ministry that allows you to serve and be served?
- W. Support groups based on God’s word?
- X. Familiar faces and loving voices?
- Y. Encouragement to live for Christ and fulfill the Great Commission?
- Z. All of the above?

Jackson Friends Church—an exciting place to be.
Let’s be grateful for all God is doing!

—Carol Williams
Director, Christian Education

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Church office hours are Monday-Friday
 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Crossroads is monthly newsletter of Jackson Friends Church. Activities to be put on the calendar must be submitted to Lori Miller before being published. All articles and calendar events for publication must be turned in by the 15th of every month to Ginny Curran (gcurran@jacksonfriends.org).

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KIDHAPPENINGS

PRE-SCHOOL &
ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Did you know... that our children's classes begin at age 3? At age 3, our classes have a curriculum that follows a specific scope and sequence. Children who attend classes from age 3 until kindergarten will learn about all of the major stories in the Bible.

Did you know... that our elementary age classes (grades 1-5) will also study the Bible in its entirety, only on a more detailed basis? By the time a child graduates from the Children's department, he or she will have studied the entire Bible TWICE!

Did you know... that parents can find information about the content of our Sunday morning classes on-line? Simple visit the Word Action website and click on Children's Curriculum and click again on Scope and Sequence.

Did you know... that all of our Children's classes have a memory verse? "Your Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against You." Psalm 119:11

Did you know... that we have classes on Wednesday evening for children? On Wednesday evening, the children study the Bible in a more in-depth, small group manner.

Did you know... that we provide a family devotional, Connect, that follows along with our Sunday morning children's curriculum? Each Connect follows the classes by quarter and provides the memory verse and follow-up activities.

Did you know... that it takes over 200 volunteers to run our Children's programming each year? Please take the time to thank your child's teacher!



KIDZONE

FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD
DURING BOTH WORSHIP
SERVICES

GENERATIONS



JANUARY

Thursday, January 7th—We'll meet at Bob Evans (5375 Dressler Rd. NW) at 12:00 noon.

Sunday, January 17th—Undershepherds in the Generations Room at 12:00 noon. We'll have a sing-a-long with Shirley and Bob plus a guest!

Thursday, January 28th—Let's meet at Athen's Restaurant (816 Harrison Ave. SW in Canton) at 12:00 noon.

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 4th—Meet us for lunch at Macaroni Grill (4721 Dressler Rd. NW) at 12:00 noon.

Thursday, February 25th—We're meeting at the Cracker Barrel (694 Sunset Strip NW in North Canton) at 12:00 noon for lunch.

Let Larry Werstler know if you're attending the lunches so he can make the reservations!

NO UNDERSHEPHERDS FOR FEBRUARY!



Wednesday Night Meals & Classes

Beginning January 13th

Come enjoy a meal from 6:00 through 6:45 pm followed by classes for all ages at 7:00 pm. Adult classes are:

- Bible Study with Dr. John
- Women's Discipleship with Sara Berrey
- Men's Fraternity with Ron Jones
- Discipleship 201 with Pastor Zach
- Adult Choir with Denny Hennis



SPORTS

Sunday, January 17th: Undershepherds from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Watch for the place.

Sunday, January 24th: We're going sled riding at Fairless High School at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own sled and be prepared for a snowman building contest!



Saturday, February 20th: Our annual trip to Kalahari!!! Save the date and watch for details!

Friday, February 12-15th: Yes, a three-night retreat (the first time ever!). Join us at Camp Gideon and invite a friend. Cost will be \$50. More details to come.

Sunday, February 21st: Undershepherds from 6:30-8:00. Place to be announced.

Middle School (Grades 6-8)



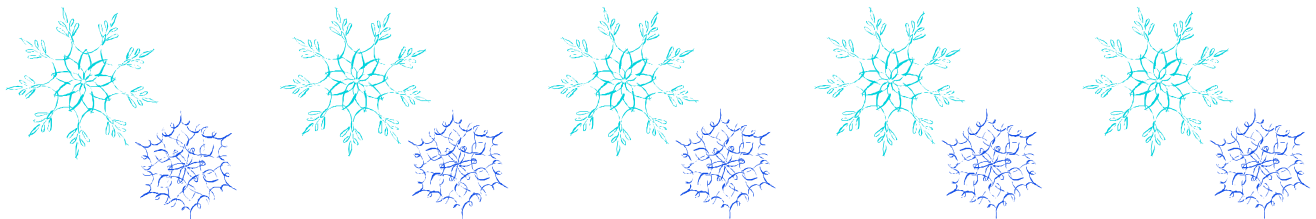
Wednesday Nights – We start back up again January 13th! Join us at 7:00 for fellowship and Bible study.

Saturday, January 16th – Laser Quest from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Invite a friend!

Saturday, January 23rd – We'll do a service project from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Details to come!

Saturday, February 6th – Come from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for fellowship.

Saturday, February 20th – Kalahari Time! We'll leave at 8:00 a.m. and return by 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$24. Invite a friend for a fun-filled day!



Hello Sports and Rec Fans,

Hope this New Year finds all of you basking in the love, joy, and promises fulfilled through the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Out here in the MAC that is exactly what we are celebrating. Each week hundreds of our neighbors and friends are hearing a Gospel message and seeing His love through our programming. While we have been able to succeed in running our programs there is plenty of His work that still needs attention. If you have a desire to be part of Sports Ministry, which means having an opportunity to share Christ's promises with many who have never heard or acted on them, we have something for you here. Many of God's greatest servants entered the field with trepidation but left bearing much fruit. If you want to make a difference in someone's life, maybe even someone you know call or e-mail us, we'd love to have you on board.



Serving Him together,
Tom White and the Sports
& Rec. Ministry Staff