

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

12/31/17

WELCOME – We want to welcome people who are visiting today. We are praying that you will experience God's presence and sense the voice of His Holy Spirit speaking to you. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way. **A FREE GIFT IS WAITING FOR YOU IN THE FOYER AFTER THE SERVICE.**

MISSIONARY PRAYER FOCUS – Please pray for these missionaries this week: **Steve Livingston**, Bahamas; **Craig Mathison**, Europe; **Bruce Ridpath**, Colombia; **Franklin Graham**.

SPECIAL NOTICE – ANY DONATIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CREDITED FOR YOUR TAXES FOR 2017 NEED TO BE IN TO THE CHURCH TODAY.

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY NIGHTS – We will be making prayer our highest priority for the next few weeks. We will focus on corporate, individual, meditative, intercessory and hands-on prayer. **PLEASE MAKE THIS TIME A HIGH PRIORITY.**

CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE – **Please check the post office and pick up cards that belong to you.**

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER – The small Christmas tree on the table in the foyer is from the Pregnancy Resource Center in Iola. On each bow is located a baby item needed at the Center. You are encouraged to choose an item, purchase it and place it in the box under the table. **DO NOT WRAP THE ITEM.**

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE: As we begin the New Year, the January 7th teaching time will focus on ***THE GREATEST SIN IN THE BIBLE.***

The January 14th service will feature a video teaching by Gateway Pastor Robert Morris, which will explain the Biblical mandate and strategy behind our emphasis on supporting Jewish ministries financially. **YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS INFORMATIVE AND CHALLENGING TEACHING.** [As always, these plans are subject to change if the Holy Spirit chooses to intervene and change our direction.]

CLEANSING THE CHURCH – **For those who have signed up to take Cleansing the Church, the sessions will start this Thursday, January 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

MAGAZINES – The December issue of Charisma is now available in the outer foyer for \$2.00 each.

RECENT TEACHINGS – The **November 26th teaching** began a new series entitled ***The DNA of Christmas.*** This is one of the most important teachings of the year and deals with the question, **why did God create humans if He knew it would result in the death of Jesus on the cross? The answer will encourage and motivate you.** Each teaching is connected to Christmas and our purpose for being. God created humans knowing what it would cost Him because **He wanted a FAMILY** that would **reflect His GLORY**, and who would **RULE over their own spirits**, as they submitted themselves to the Lordship of Jesus and learned to resist the devil and his temptations.

CONGRATULATIONS -- To **PHILLIP & MORGAN NEELEY** – They are the proud parents of a new baby girl. **Brookelynn Michelle** was born on December 20, 2017, and weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19½ inches long. May God richly bless your new baby and your family in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS 2017 – It seems like someone pushed the FF button of life in 2017. January started in the usual way and suddenly it is December. We are very thankful for the body of believers at LWA. We may get busy and fail to acknowledge the obvious, but if it were not for YOU there would be no need for us. We're glad YOU are here and we are praying that you had a Very Merry Christmas and we pray God will richly bless you in the New Year. Pastors Milton, Ryan, & Dave, Janice Gordon, Karen Kraxberger, & Janice Cooper.