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TRANSFORMING CULTURE BY BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

New Castle
First Church of God

PASTOR'S CORNER

2010- "Stay the Course"

It's hard to think about New Year's resolutions when you are worried about the Nation's faltering economy and involvement in a war. The headlines seem to offer little encouragement these days.

How easy it would be to give into cynicism and despair. Perhaps when trouble or disappointment arises, you ask yourself, how can I continue? Does anyone understand what I am facing?

God does. Our troubled times are nothing new. And people have continued to achieve great things despite the ups and downs– maybe that's a part of the greatness. Have you ever wondered how the apostle Paul remained on the course God set for his life despite tremendous obstacles?

The Lord understood exactly what Paul was facing, and He understands the pressure of your situation. You are never alone, because your Father is committed to you. His personal knowledge of your life goes far beyond the difficulty of the moment or what will happen in 2010. He knows your frustrations and plans to use

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Pastor's Corner (continued)

each one to strengthen and prepare you for future blessings. SO BE ENCOURAGED!

Paul successfully endured many challenges by keeping his heart set on Jesus Christ. When adversity came, he turned to God for wisdom and strength and refused to let doubt, fear, or disappointment distract him. The apostle's writings from prison reveal personal heartaches, failure, and physical agony. The pain that Paul suffered went to the core of his being. In his darkest hour, his faith was stretched beyond what many of us could bear.

Yet despite continuous setbacks, Paul was convinced that God would see him th rough that turmoil to greater end. This is why he wrote, "Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:12).

As you prepare for 2010, remember that many saints, known and unknown, have gone on before you in the strength of our heavenly Father, and that power is available to you by faith in Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year! ~ Pastor Bill & Carol

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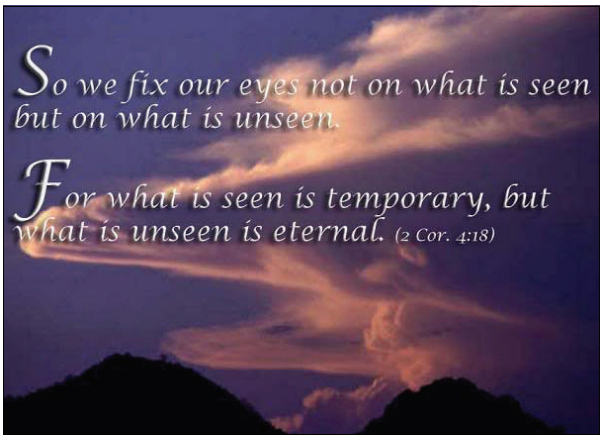

New Year's Eve Activities:

Bowling @ Colonial Lanes

From 6:00 PM—7:45 PM

Shoes cost $1.50

Per Game is $3.00

We have several lanes reserved during this time, so come out and enjoy this annual time of fun and friendly competition.

New Year's Eve Service @ Church: 8:00 PM—9:00 PM

Celebrate the blessings and new opportunities that God will give us in 2010.

Underground New Year's Party & Youth New Year's Party: 9:00 PM

There will be a party in the Underground for anyone who wants to stay. Pizza will be provided, but please bring 2-liter and snack to share. ALSO, Youth will be spending night at Bill & Susan Horvath's for New Year's party. Parents please pick up Fri. at 9AM.

Underground Refuge Luau
Saturday, January 16 from 6-10 PM

Escape from the cold weather and join us for a tropical celebration. There will be festive food, games, and lots of fun! Even learn how to do the hula!!!!

Young Adults with or without children... you are always invited to our Underground events. It's a great place for families to come for a fun and inexpensive outing. Your children are welcome to participate in the festivities, or **we are now offering childcare.** If you could let us know ahead of time, so we will have lots of fun activities to keep your child entertained.

Men's Bible Study

Any man who would be interested in a Men's Bible Study, see Fred J. Harlan after church at the sound room. It would be a blessed time where men can uplift, support, and fellowship together.

Taking Down of the Greens
Sunday, January 3 After

We would appreciate as much youth and adult help as possible to take down and put away all of the greens. Thank you very much!

Thank you to all who have gotten their reports to me. If you are still working on them, please turn them in a.s.a.p. Thank you!

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays and Anniversaries *(Please call the church office if we do not have your information!)*

Birthdays:

Jan. 2—Kayla Weigel
Jan. 3—Amanda Saylor
Jan. 4—Susan Horvath
Jan. 7—Brenda Harlan
Jan. 11—Sharon Ross
Jan. 12—Mel White
Jan. 13—Jennifer Palmer
Jan. 14—Robin George
Jan. 18—Kaylee George
Jan. 20—Michelle Reiter
Jan. 21—Mark Eberly
Tyler Boyer
Jan. 22—Brian Panella
Jan. 24—Mary Ann Freed
Jan. 26—Stacy Gudyk
Jan. 27—Abby Schaubroeck
Jan. 30—Carole Hunley
Jan. 31—Jack Shea

Anniversaries:

Jan. 19—Bill & Sue Yoho
Jan. 23—Jerry & Mary Lou Garver
Jan. 31—Ron & Alice Palmer

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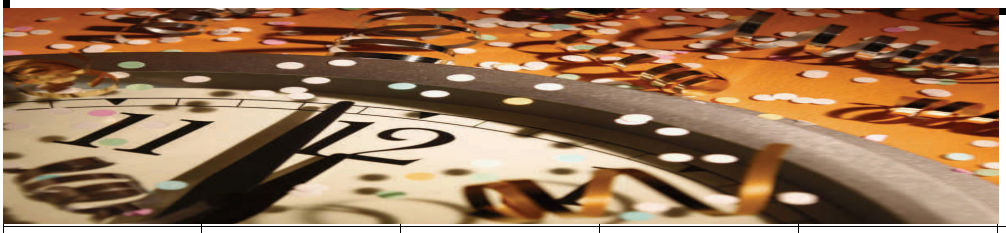
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Underground Staff Mtg. 12:30 PM Taking down Greens 12:30PM	4	5 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	6 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	7	8	9
10 Bible Explorers & Youth 5:30 PM	11 T.E.E.N.S. Team Mtg. 6:30 PM	12 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	13 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	14	15	16 Underground "Luau" 6-10 PM
17 Annual Business Mtg. 6 PM	18	19 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	20 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	21	22	23
24 Bible Explorers & Youth 5:30 PM	25	26 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	27 Prayer Mtg. 7 PM	28	29	30
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Underground Refuge Staff Meeting and Lunch—Jan. 3

There will be a meeting for the staff of the Underground Refuge Sunday, January 3rd. The meeting will start about 12:30 PM.

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Preschool News

It was a privilege to teach our precious children this December, especially introducing some of them to our Savior, Baby Jesus. We had many important lessons this month such as letters, numbers, and colors, but the most important lesson of all is "The Christmas Nativity Story". We did an interactive Nativity story called "What Does God Want for Christmas?" It explained the Nativity from the Angel, talking to Mary to the birth of Jesus and the shepherds and wise men who came to visit Him. And at the end it had a mirror for the children to look into and that is what God wanted for Christmas.

The children learned letters G and H. They made goldfish hats and gingerbread houses. They also learned the numbers 6 and 7. The children are very good at counting out 6 or 7 items to glue on their papers. We also taught them the colors green and blue. The children made winter mobiles, crinkle wreaths, and letters to Santa.

The children prepared for our family Christmas program and party all month by practicing Christmas carols and they painted ornaments and made cards for their parents. The program and party was beautiful. The children in their Santa hats sang and did motions including holding Baby Jesus during "Away in A Manger". We were so proud of them. After they sang, their parents helped each of them make a Christmas sweatshirt and we played a relay race. Then we all had a snack and watched a movie. The children were very excited about Santa, but also realized that it is Jesus' birthday too!

~ Love, Stacy & April