

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Good morning and welcome to Abundant Life! I am glad that you are here; I consider it an honor to worship the Lord together today. If this is your first time to worship with us please take a minute to complete one of our Welcome Cards located in the guest packet. If you did not receive a guest packet you can get one at the Information Center in the lobby. Once you complete the card either drop it in the basket during the offering or leave it at the Information Center. Again, I am glad that you are here today!

Sitting at the computer writing this brief article on Friday afternoon I am filled with awe and pride of the church family that me and Shari have the blessing to serve. If I don't say it enough, we love and appreciate you so very much and are thankful for you and for what we see God doing in and through your life and the life of our church family.

I have heard from several people in recent days about how Abundant Life has been a blessing in their life. Whether it has been a warm welcome as they arrived at church, a gesture of love and concern expressed, a prayer prayed or a word spoken in a time of need you have been a blessing to others. Thank you!!!

Thank you for the response to *Sharing the Good News of Christmas* with the families that we adopted through the *Mooreville Christian Mission*. Thank you for being warm and welcoming to everyone who comes to worship at Abundant Life. Thank you for the many ways that you touch the lives of others as you live out each day serving Jesus. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Thank you for being you and for being a blessing to others!

Blessings as together we *Share the Good News of Christmas!*

Pastor Bob

Share the Good News of Christmas – If you got a gift envelope for the families we are adopting in our community to provide Christmas gifts, please remember to return the gift to the church no later than December 16, as we have to take the gifts to the mission for distribution.

Dave and Aimee Jenkins' New Address

809 Braxton Drive N.
Lafayette, IN 47909

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Program - We will be presenting a special Christmas program during the Sunday worship service on December 20th. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on December 19 for all participants. **PARENTS please see Anna Smith for information or with any questions.**

Wednesday Night Connection – join us this week for worship and the Word as Matt Staring will be leading the Bible Study, beginning at 7PM

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY & CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Friday, December 18 beginning at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Caroling will begin at 6PM and the party will begin at 7PM. Bring snack/finger foods & Christmas deserts. We will be playing a gift exchange using Christmas ornaments and we will have a special gift exchange for the children. The ornaments should be wrapped or placed in a gift bag. The children's gifts should be age appropriate and marked with an age and for a boy or girl if necessary. Please sign up at the Information Center so we can plan accordingly. See you there!!!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – make worship a part of your family Christmas tradition. This year we are scheduling two Christmas Eve worship services so that you can choose which works best for your family's schedule. Both services will be candle light communion worship services and last an hour or less. The service times will be 6 and 10PM. Christmas Eve worship is a great way to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS / NEEDS

- **Aaron Compton** – recuperating at home from heart attack and surgery
- **Danielle Harris** – surgery Monday at *Duke Medical Center*
- **Madison** – 9 year old cousin of Shannon Covington, cancer
- **Jenny** – Shannon Covington's aunt – cancer
- Remember those in our church and community who have lost jobs and those who are struggling financially

Christmas Card Box – Located in the church lobby is a box with the name of every family at Abundant Life on a folder. Save yourself the cost of postage and bring your Christmas cards to church with you and place them in each family's folder. Feel free to check your folder as often as you like to receive cards for your family.

Upcoming Events

Dec 16 – Church Council Meeting
Dec 18 - Church Christmas Party/Fellowship & Caroling
Dec 20 - Children's Christmas Program – 10:30am
Dec 23 – NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services
Dec 25 - Merry Christmas
Dec 30 - NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
Dec 31 - New Year's Celebration/Fellowship

Building Fund/Harvest Offering Update (Year to Date)

- All Building Fund Offerings \$13,052.46
- Renovation Debt \$ 9,500.00
- Building Fund Balance \$ 3,552.46