

Ray's Remarks

We are now in that wonderful time of the year between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is so busy, but it is exciting to see people getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus into the world.

Some great things happened here at South Side for Thanksgiving. Our annual Thanksgiving Feast was delicious. We had one of the best turnouts ever with over 200 attending, and the food was amazing. A week later our Community Thanksgiving Service at the YMCA was packed. More chairs were brought in as more and more people kept coming. We worshipped and gave thanks to God, and Todd Maurer from Crossroads gave a message reminding us that we are better together. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving we served over 225 Thanksgiving meals at the Well! Thanks to all those who volunteered to set up the Dining Room, prepare, serve and clean up after the meal.

Now our hearts are set on Christmas. We are looking forward to the "Season of Celebration" on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Be sure to invite everyone you know to this Christmas Celebration. On December 14th we will be distributing about 50 Christmas baskets to needy families in the community. Please keep those donations coming as we prepare to reach out to our community. Our Christmas Eve Service will be a beautiful night of Christmas Carols, Special Music and Candlelight. Christmas morning will be on Sunday this year. We will not have our Early Service that morning, and we will have one service at 10:30 in the Family Life Center.

Our sermon series for the month of December will be "The Best Christmas Gift Ever". It is based on Isaiah 9:6 which says, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the Government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Christmas is the season for giving, and God has given us the greatest gift of all time. Be sure to be here as we Celebrate Christmas at South Side!

Your Friend in Christ,

Ray

December

South Side
Church of Christ
LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SERVE THE WORLD!

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Christmas Program

Here's a tale we're here to tell, perk up your ears and listen well..... have we got a story for you.... Those are one of the opening lines for this year's Christmas Production. This year the Choir and Cast of South Side will present "**Season of Celebration**" it's an awesome musical with choirs, a group of story tellers and all kinds of wonderful things. There are about 60 people involved in the musical, it's going to be great, and the gospel will be clearly presented. So lets use this as a tool for evangelism for your neighbors, family & Friends. There will be three performances:

December 2nd, 7:00pm

December 3rd, 2:00pm Matinee *

December 4th, 6:00pm

You don't want to miss this story, All performances are free and fliers are available at the Welcome Center.

Christmas & Christmas Eve Service

Join us on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center for a Candlelight Service. We will be singing Christmas Carols, there will be a lot of Special Music and we will be reflecting on the birth of our Savior. Be sure to join us in sharing a time of celebration with our church family.

Christmas Day is on Sunday this year! On Christmas morning we will have one service at 10:30 in the Family Life Center. It will be a beautiful service as we celebrate the baby who was born in Bethlehem and we worship the Savior who gave his life for us. You won't want to miss our Christmas Celebration.

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OUR SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday am Worship:
8:00 am Celebration
10:30 am Celebration
10:30 am Traditional
Sunday School: 9:20 am
Sunday Evening:
6:00 pm-Evening Service &
Electives, Youth Groups
Wednesday Nights:
6:30 pm-Adult Bible Study
7:30 pm Celebration Choir
.....Small Groups-various times

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AVERAGE STATISTICS FOR:

OCTOBER 2011

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| Sunday School: | 133 |
| AM Worship: | 294 |
| PM Worship: | 102 |
| Our Stewardship: | |
| Monthly Gen. Fund Need 2011: | \$27,704.24 |
| General Fund Offering : | \$30,560.40 |
| 17% of GF to Missions: | \$ 5,195.27 |
| Individual Mission Giving: | \$ 7,802.00 |

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| LOVE GOD AM Worship Avg for Oct 294 | LOVE PEOPLE SS/PM/Wed/SmGr/ PTH Avg for Oct 395 | SERVE the WORLD Those That Serve Avg for Oct 72 |
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What's happening!

- Unity Service**– 12/4, 12/25 @ 10:30am
- Elder's Meeting**–12/5 @ 8:00am
- Prayer Warriors**– 12/6 @ 7:00pm
- Gen Board Meeting**– 12/7 @ 7:30pm
- Loyal Disciples Class Mtg**– 12/8 @ 6:00pm
- Challengers SS Class Mtg**– 12/10 @ 5:00pm in the FLC
- Congregational Mtg**– 12/11 following each service
- Women's Fellowship Mtg**– 12/13 @ 7pm
- Berean Class Mtg**– 12/11 to put together Food Baskets
- Food Basket Delivery**– 12/14 @ 5pm
- "Lunch" Fundraiser**– 12/18 @ 12noon
- Christmas Eve Service**– 12/24 @6pm

CHRISTMAS "LUNCH"

Fundraiser for the SSYM will be on December 18 at 12:00 noon. We will begin taking reservation on November 27th, the sign up list will be at the Welcome Center. The cost for the "Feast" is \$8/adult, \$4/6-12yrs old, 6 and under are free! The menu is Turkey, Roasted Pork, mashed potatoes, dressing...yummmm and all that goes with it! You don't want to miss this, plus you will be helping to send our teens to Winter Retreat & NYR.

Women's Fellowship Update!

At the last meeting the women of South Side got together and brought some of their personal heirlooms to share. All of the items had a story behind them, some of them were funny and some brought a tear to your eye. No matter what it was, there was one thing they had in common, no amount of money could replace that item. Isn't that true with the relationship we have with Jesus Christ. That is what we do at Women's Fellowship, we share in each others company, have devotions, laugh, and sometimes we cry with each other. We are involved in out-reach and pray for those in need. If you have never attended a meeting, it is a blessing! Come and find out for yourself. The next meeting on December 13 at 6:30pm, is a Christmas Dinner at the home of Nancy Stookey. Just bring a covered dish to share, and a wrapped ornament to exchange. We will be revealing the Secret Sister for 2011 and picking a new one for next year.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The nomination list for church officers will be posted on November 27th and the annual congregational meeting will be held on December 11, to vote to approve the nominations.

Holiday Food Baskets

Yes it's the most wonderful time of the year! Time to help someone in need to have a good holiday meal. We will be putting the baskets together and delivering them on December 11-14th. All names for receiving a food basket need to be turned into the church office by November 30. Any monetary donations will be greatly appreciated to buy the remaining non-perishable items and all the perishable items. Cash donations can be turned in to the church office, please mark them "food baskets".

- Nov 27-Fruit Cocktail, Sliced Peaches
- Dec 4-Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Green Beans, Canned Peas
- Dec 11-Instant Potatoes, Corn Muffin Mix



"A Student worship experience"

6:00pm: EMERGE ROOM (ER)
Grades 6-12
Live Band - Food - Games - Fellowship

Kids Christmas PJ Party

On December 17th from 12-3pm for kids preschool-5th grade, Clarence is having a PJ Party!! You can drop you kids off and do some shopping while your kids will be having pizza, making cookies and watching Charlie Browns Christmas and Frosty the Snowman. Make sure you wear your Christmas PJ's!

UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 18 @ 6:00pm during Teen Worship. Find the ugliest Christmas sweater you can...I know you can do it!

New Year's eve-eve Lock-in

Friday, December 30, 2011 cost is \$30.00
@ Scallywag Tag in Cincinnati

We will be meeting at the church at 9:30pm on Friday, Dec.30 and returning at 7:00am on Saturday morning. Cost includes all you can eat pizza and all you can drink pop. Also included is a \$2 play card for arcade games. You may want to bring extra money for the video games. All registration forms and payment need to be returned by December 5th.

