

Life at THE PROMiSE!

(For the week of December 25, 2011)

NO Wednesday ConneXion This Week!

There is NO Wednesday ConneXion this week (December 28)! See you next week ...

My Church Minutes

This week's Faith Point is "Christmas is Jesus' BIRTHDAY!!!" Our Bible Verse is John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

Monthly Themes for our Partnership with the Fishers UMC Food Pantry!

We are collecting a different "item" each month for the Fishers UMC Food Pantry. We are collecting **Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta** for the month of December. (ANY brand, ANY variety!) Let's see how big a pyramid of Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta we can build in December. We will deliver all of it at the end of the month! Thanks for your help as we share the love of God in this tangible way! For more information, please contact Pastor Jennifer (jennifer@thepromisechurch.org).

Christmas Card Exchange

Don't forget to check your family's folder for cards that you have received!

Sea Side Escape (Women's Retreat)

Save the date for our 2012 PROMiSE Women's Retreat – Friday, January 20 (6:30-9:30 p.m.) and Saturday, January 21 (8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.)!

MP3 Winter Retreat

Save the date for the first annual MP3 Winter Retreat - Friday, January 13th thru Saturday, January 14th. Bring your sleeping bag and join us for some fun and fellowship. To sign up or for more info, email Ashlea Barnett (ashleabarnett@yahoo.com).

PROMiSE Kindergarten Open House

Do you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten next school year? THE PROMiSE Kindergarten invites you to our open house for the 2012-2013 school year on January 24, 2012! We will have a Q & A with our Kindergarten teachers, explain expectation and goals and review the curriculum! Did you know that our kindergarten offers an 8:1 student/teacher ratio? Come on by on January 24 to learn more! Please tell your friends, family and neighbors! If you have questions, please email Stacy Pratt (stacy@thepromisechurch.org).

An Update from our Children's Ministry Leadership Team!

The Children's Ministry wants YOU!! We have great need for both services with a variety of ages. This is an incredibly rewarding area to serve in and the team makes your service amazingly easy! For more information, please contact Kirsten Jones (kirstenjones72@yahoo.com) or Carrie Duer at (ceduer@yahoo.com). Thank you so much!!

In 6th – 12th Grade? Come Join us at MP3!

Youth Ministry at THE PROMiSE is for all 6th - 12th graders!!! Welcome to MP3 (More Power to the Trinity) ... youth ministry at THE PROMiSE!

In Matthew 28:19-20, Christ said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Our mission is to welcome all youth into a loving environment so they can become disciples of Jesus Christ through Bible study, fellowship and worship. We encourage, challenge and nurture students to grow in their own relationship with God. The youth ministry empowers students to experience and share the love of Christ with others to transform the world.

Junior High (grades 6-8) and Senior High (grades 9-12) meet on Wednesdays and Sundays. On Wednesdays, we meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for "In Tune." On Sundays, we meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for Bible Study.

Please contact Ashlea Barnett (ashleabarnett@yahoo.com) for more information!

My Church Choir

On Sunday mornings, come and sing with Liz Chandler at 10:20 a.m. All children (ages 3 and older) are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Liz Chandler (chandlerliz@yahoo.com).

Women of Faith 2012

It's NOT too late to get your ticket! For more information, please contact Kirsten Jones (kirstenjones72@yahoo.com) or Liz Chandler (lizchandler74@gmail.com).

Updating our Email Lists

We need YOUR help! We have discovered several "bad" email addresses which bounce back to us. Please help us update our records by writing your email address on the "I Matter" sheet or sending an email to Pastor Jennifer (jennifer@thepromisechurch.org). Thanks!

Easy Tithe is Here!

We are excited to announce our new **EasyTithe** program with two great tithing options for your convenience:

Option 1 - EasyTithe Auto Draft: Just complete the EasyTithe Auto Draft form, include a voided check, and place it in the offering bag. It's just that easy!

Option 2 - EasyTithe Online Banking: Use the online checking for your bank or credit union to setup one time or recurring online payments for your tithe. We've developed the EasyTithe Getting Started guide that includes all of the information you need to help you start to EasyTithe today.

For more information, please contact Hal Eichorst (heichorst@msn.com).

PROMiSE Scrapbook Club

Scrapbookers celebrate. Your time has come at THE PROMiSE. On the 2nd Friday night of each month, join a gathering of friends for the purpose of creative fellowship and time to work on your memory celebration projects. Bring your own supplies. If you need any other items, Creative Memories products are available for purchase (and portion of any purchases will go to THE PROMiSE). Nancy Skaggs, a Creative Memories consultant and PROMiSE family member, will be available to provide ideas, encouragement, and excitement. For more information on time and location of our gatherings, please contact Nancy at (nanzzmemoies@sbcglobal.net).

Books and Brunch

Book Lovers Unite! Don't miss out on some wonderful fellowship, great discussion, and yummy treats with THE PROMiSE's own Books & Brunch Book Club! Join us the first Saturday

of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at members' homes for this great small group. Please contact Karla Elliott (karla.elliott@att.net) for details on upcoming events or any questions. We'd love to see you there!

Name Tags

New name tags will be available for delivery *next week*. Simply request one on the "I Matter" sheet. If you request a name tag, it will be on the table below the name tag rack by next Sunday. In the interest of hospitality, everyone is encouraged to wear their name tags.

Recycling

SAVE YOUR PAPER.....it's easy!! Save your paper and make the church some extra money!! Save your junk mail, kid's school papers, newspapers, old magazines and any other paper you have to throw away. Set up an extra container for your house just for your unwanted paper, and empty it in the green "dumpster"!! Please contact Stacy Pratt (stacy@thepromisechurch.org) for more details.

Pink Capital Campaign Envelopes

Have you been looking for the pink envelopes? Due to budget costs, we have reduced our postage and mailing budgets. The pink envelopes can now be found in the entry area, between the doors to the Worship space. Thank you for your continued support of THE PROMiSE!

Room Usage and Scheduling

Please remember to schedule all room usage, for both Church and non-Church events with the Space Utilization Team, through the Church Office. Thanks!

THE PROMiSE is Podcasting!

Please see our website (www.thepromisechurch.org) for more information.

Discounts at Office Depot

We have a very special and unique money-saving opportunity. THE PROMiSE has received a limited quantity of "Office Depot Store Purchasing Cards." These are cards that work similar to a Kroger Plus card for in-store purchases at Office Depot stores, and are good for whatever you buy. There are 3 levels of pricing/discounts with these cards. One level is the contract program items. The second level offers a 7% discount on all in-stock items, which are not in the contract program and are not on sale. The third level is that sale items are at the sale price as indicated. The cards are limited to one per family, and are available in the Church Office. Please see Monte Chamberlin or Pastor Jennifer for a card, or more information.

December Weekly Attendance and Giving Update

PROMiSE Friends, please find below the giving and attendance for this month. Thank you for your gracious and continued support of THE PROMiSE.

If you have questions on our budget or finances, please call Monte Chamberlin, Finance Team Captain (409-2984) or Hal Eichorst, Imagineers Captain (370-5211).

Needed weekly to meet expenses and mortgage commitments: Giving \$8,000.

Our December weekly giving and attendance is noted below:

Wk 1	Attendance – 275, Tithe – \$22,170, Capital Campaign – \$ 315, Kids' Offering – \$18.27
Wk 2	Attendance – 300, Tithe – \$11,051, Capital Campaign – \$ 950, Kids' Offering – \$17.92
Wk 3	Attendance – 389, Tithe – \$ 6,238, Capital Campaign – \$2,240, Kids' Offering – \$20.93

Upcoming Sermons:

January 1 – “The Gift of Hope” – Rev. Rusty Allanson, preaching
January 8 – “The New Me: WYSIWYG”
January 15 – “The New Me: Goal Setting that Works”
January 22 – “The New Me: Real Change in Me”
January 29 – “The New Me: Prayer that Makes It Happen!”
February 5 – “The New Me: Reality Bites!”
February 12 – “The New Me: Major Makeover Mystery”
February 19 – “So, What’s So Good About Good News?”
February 26 – “Good News for Me...and You Too!”

Our Purpose Statement

To Develop Persons into Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ

We do this corporately as a church by intentionally:

- L** **Loving** persons individually and unconditionally. (seek)
- I** **Inviting** them to know and accept Jesus personally as Savior. (include)
- F** Teaching them to **Follow** Jesus with every aspect of their lives, honoring him as Lord. (train)
- E** **Equipping** and **Empowering** them to **Engage** the world in mission in Jesus’ name. (send)

“We do not exist for ourselves, but for those who are not yet here.”

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