

# WOODLAND HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### INFO TO KNOW....

**COUPON—MONEY SAVINGS CLASS** Sandy Griggs is willing to put together a Coupon and Money Savings class for those that are interested. If you would like more info, please contact Sandy @ [sandyfaye@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandyfaye@sbcglobal.net) or 307-1922.

**USED CELL PHONE DROP BOX** Please remember to bring in your used cell phones this Sunday to help send us to Haiti. The drop-off box is in the overflow at the Escape table. Please pass the word to your family and friends. Thanks for your help! Kris Howell

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR DISHES HOME** Please check the large plastic tub on the counter in the kitchen to see if any of the dishes or pans belong to you.

**SENIOR FITNESS AND AEROBICS CLASSES** on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Senior Fitness begins at 3:30 and step-aerobics class begins at 5:00.

**JR/SR HIGH ESCAPE RESUMES** this Sunday @ 5:00 p.m.

**CENTRAL INDIANA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9 @ Jamestown Christian Church.

**LADIES TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** begins January 10 from 6:30-8:30. Please see the Oasis Registration brochure for all the details.

**WHCC NEWEST MEMBER: Cassey Jer-nagan** was baptized on December 25, 2011. WELCOME!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT OASIS (DINNER AND SMALL GROUPS)** RESUMES this Wednesday, January 11. **DINNER MENU:** Chili w/ toppings salad; hot dogs, applesauce and chips for the children and apple crisp for dessert. Please make your dinner reservations at the bottom of the bulletin tear off section this Sunday.

**BOARD MEETING** Thursday, January 12 @ 6:00 p.m. **ELDER/TRUSTEE MEETING** Thursday, January 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

**INDIANA BLOOD CENTER BLOOD DRIVE @ WHCC** on Monday, January 16 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. A picture ID is required.

**COMEDY NIGHT FRIDAY @ WHCC** Tickets are on sale now for our comedy night on Friday, February 3. Our goal is to sell 300 tickets! Dinner @ 6:30; Show @ 8:00. This time there are two different tickets... The \$20 ticket will get you into the show and to the catered meal prior to the show (\$10 for just the show). Dinner will be your choice of either prime rib or chicken breast. That means you can get a prime rib dinner for only \$10! You can purchase tickets at church or online using your debit or credit card by using the link below !

<http://www.itickets.com/events/277279.html>

**BABY NEWS:** Parents, Brett & Lindsay Clark and grandparents, Steve and Sherry Wilke welcomed Camden Joseph Clark on December 27. He weighed 6lbs 9oz and was 19.5" long.

Statistically Speaking	12/24 & 12/25	1/1
Worship Attendance	850	362
Bible School Attendance	-	-
General Offering	\$15,564	\$12,096
Beyond Belief/Building	\$997	\$1466
Designated Missions	\$25	\$5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,586</b>	<b>\$13,567</b>

Refined By the Creator

I have prayed with a lot of people over the years when they go through rough times. It seems like times are tough in our communities right now as well. The economy is tough, people are struggling to keep a good job, and it's just a tough time right now. I read something a while back that I thought was very fitting for times such as this and thought I would share it with you.

There was a book written in 1875 by a man named Robert Boyd. The book was entitled "Trials and Triumphs of faith". In it is a story about a minister who was staying in a hotel and every morning he would hear the most beautiful whistling he had ever heard. Finally one morning he went down stairs and asked the desk clerk where the whistling was coming from. The clerk said it was coming from the hotels pet canary. The minister said is was one of the most wonderful things he had ever heard but the clerk told him that the canary had to go through a lot in order to be able to bring such joy to people. You see, in order for the canary to sing this way it was put into a dark room, not given any food for several days, and in it's distress was forced to listen to a small musical organ that played the song over and over again. The man could not believe that the bird had to go through such terrible conditions in order to sing a song that was so beautiful. The clerk said that this was the only way the bird would give his undivided attention to the song he needed to sing.

Many times in the Christian life we ask ourselves why we have to go through some of the trials and hardships that we do. I have had times where I have said, "God, why did you allow me to go through these difficult things"? I have realized as I look back on some of those times that those were my moments of darkness and hunger when God was teaching me to sing a heavenly song. He pulled me away from the world's temptations, noises, and distractions and made me totally focus on Him and His greatness in order to restore my joy. I love reading the Psalms because so many times we see the psalmists come before the Lord in distress and as they pour themselves out to Him, He fills them with a new song to sing. I read Psalm 119 this week and heard the same message as it reads:

*PS 119:28 My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. 29 Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law. 30 I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. 31 I hold fast to your statutes, O LORD; do not let me be put to shame. 32 I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.*

If you are struggling through hard times right now remember that we grow stronger in our spiritual walk if we go through those times singing a heavenly song rather than feeling locked in a cage. Let God teach you a new song to sing that brings nothing but joy to those around you!

Kyle

Operation Kindness  
Christian Mission South Haiti  
Les Cayes, Haiti  
February 12-20, 2012

Our trip is nearly here. Woodland Heights is sending 22 members to Haiti to serve! Everyone going is excited about this opportunity. Very few of them have ever been on a trip like this before. I know that God will use this to change their lives forever. There are a total of 25 people going on this trip which makes this the largest mission team ever to visit the Christian Mission South Haiti... little did we know that God already had plans for us.

About a month ago, the local government in Les, Cayes decided to visit the orphanage that the mission runs. They left a list of improvements that the mission must make or else run the risk of being shut down. While I realize that does not seem much like God's work, there is more to the story. You see, when Satan attacks, God still wins. God was going to need a team to come in and help get these things done. As a matter of fact, God was going to need a larger team than the mission has ever seen before. Who knew that God already had in place a crew of 25 people to come down and complete much, if not all of the work. Yes, God is sending us! We get to help meet this immediate need in a way that only God could have foreseen and prepared for! How amazing is that?

### **How can you help?**

Now that is a great question. Steve, Kristen and I have had numerous people ask "how can we help with this trip?" Well now we know... the mission has estimated that the total cost of the work that must be done is around \$7,000. As a mission team, we have already raised \$2,000 of that. Now we need your help to raise the other \$5,000. If we are able to raise this amount, all of the materials we need for the projects will be completely funded! Our goal is to raise this money by January 22 in order to have enough time to send it ahead of us for the mission to acquire all the materials necessary.

If you have the means, please won't you consider contributing to the success of this trip? God is already at work; we have seen His hand in this trip.