

WOODLAND HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

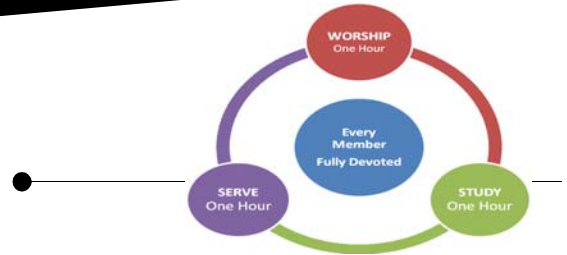
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INFO TO KNOW....

ADDRESSES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL NEEDED
Janis Evans' and Jill Pursell's "Great Believers" 5th grade Bible study group wants to send Christmas cards to any military person serving our county. Please fill out an orange Military Address Form at the Welcome Center. Addresses are needed by December 4.

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 @ sandy-faye@sbcglobal.net or 307-1922.

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE there will be no practice on December 21, 28 and January 4. There will be practice on November 30 and December 7 & 14.

CHURCH OFFICE AND PRESCHOOL CLOSED for the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

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

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER (at the First United Methodist Church on E. Wabash) Thursday, November 24. Free too all. Please call Mark and Sheila Zachary @ 376-4365 or 376-9624 for all the info.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28 @ Colfax Christian Church

DON'T FORGET to bring in your green Thanksgiving banks this Sunday.

ATTN: LADIES OF WHCC—HOLIDAY GAMES AND GAB - December 2 @ 6:00 p.m. Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift and a food item to share. Potato soup and drinks will be provided. To RSVP, please call Marla Hatchel @ 317.837.7144. Address: 6588 E 400 N, Darlington, IN

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL "A STAR IS BORN" @ WHCC Saturday, December 3 @ 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 during the Sunday school hour.

CIMF 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12 @ North Salem

SENIOR SAINTS Thursday, December 15 @ 9:00 a.m.

SENIOR SAINTS - CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION Sunday, December 18 during the Sunday school hour.

LOTS OF DISHES left in the kitchen. Please check the large plastic tub on the counter to see if any of them belong to you.

THANK YOU — My PSA readings were greatly improved, an indication that the radiation treatments were successful. Thanks to all who offered prayers, encouraging words or expressed concern. It is wonderful to have a caring church family. Bill Stockwell

FAREWELL FROM TERRY AND JULI BARKER Words cannot fully express our love and appreciation for our Woodland Heights family. While departing can have it's normal negative and sorrowful side, it will also cause one to reflect upon a lifetime of loving friendships and relationships, prayers, mentors, studies, discussions, (OK... arguments too), challenges, laughs, cries, songs, praises, skits, advice, meals.... really good meals, trips, projects, missions, did I say food, changes, foundations, worship, trust, security, warmth, access, light, and shelter. Sounds like every other regular old family with brothers and sisters bumping into each other... don't you think? Thank you all so much for being part of our lives for close to 20 years. May God continue to richly bless Woodland Heights Christian Church. We love each of you very much!

	11/13	11/20
Statistically Speaking	424	451
Worship Attendance	204	207
Bible School Attendance	\$13,101	\$9405
General Offering	\$1821	\$1183
Beyond Belief/Building	\$35	\$100
Designated Missions	\$14,957	\$10,688
TOTAL		

WHCC Newest Member(s): Bob & Jean Morgan transferred membership on November 13, 2011. **WELCOME!**

WILKE'S WORLD

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Our culture just doesn't know what to do with Thanksgiving. It is the only major holiday of the year that has not been commercialized nor its meaning diluted. Most people don't want to decorate their yard with either of its symbols, a clumsy looking bird or a horn of plenty. Thanksgiving remains a religious holiday and for Christians a special one to remember that all our blessing comes from God alone.

Churchleader.com published 15 Preachable Quotes for Thanksgiving from famous people like John Bunyan, John Milton, G.K. Chesterson, Dietrich Bonhoefer, etc. etc. They were good but none captured the spirit and meaning of Thanksgiving like the shepherd boy turned King.

"Praise be to you, O LORD,
God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name."
David, King of Israel: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

May God bless you and yours this Thanksgiving!

In His love,
Steve

GUEST SERVICES NEWS

WELCOME Tonya Budd who has taken over Guest Services scheduling!! Thank you Tonya for jumping in to serve!!

HELP WANTED--we're looking for new recruits to join our team. If you'd like to serve as a greeter, usher or Welcome Center Host please stop by the Welcome Center and sign up.

New Schedule begins in January—If you are aware of dates you cannot serve please jot them down at the Welcome Center.

Thank you Juli Barker!! Juli has served as Guest Services Scheduler for almost two years. She did a wonderful job scheduling over 100 people for 52 Sundays and 2 services. Thank you Juli...great job!

ADULT ELECTIVES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Two nights to Grow beginning the second week of January

TUESDAY A.M.
Men's Bible Study

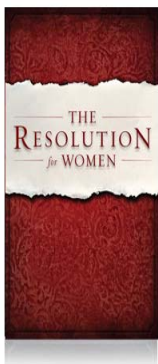
Tuesday P.M.
James--Mercy Triumphs, a new Beth Moore study for Ladies—Lisa Gentry and Paula Reed

WEDNESDAY OASIS
Christianity and World Religions—Mike Wren
How a Man Prays for His Family—Brian Delks
Not a Fan—Steve Wilke



Please pick up one of 25 names remaining if you wish to make Christmas more special for a Montgomery County child.

Gifts need to be returned to the church, in a labeled black trash bag, no later than Sunday, December 11 or the Wash College Knowling Fieldhouse on Monday, December 12.



NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY at the home of Dawn Watt

907 Cottage Ave - Crawfordsville

TOPIC: Based on the book, Resolution for Women by Priscilla Shirer. Beginning Wednesday, November 30th, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Children & Babies are welcome!!

- If you have any questions, please contact Dawn at 376-5072.
- Books are \$10 and there will be some "requested" reading.
- **SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER** or call Dawn directly. Leave a message including name and phone number.



Make a note to yourself to be grateful each day

By, Tony Thomas

When is the last time you received a thank-you note? Better yet, when is the last time you wrote a thank-you note!? (note to daughter #2 who teaches high school English... I know you can't end a sentence with a question mark and an exclamation point. I'm using it for emphasis.)

Before I preach to the choir, I'll preach to myself. I rarely write them either. Chalk it up to laziness, texting, emailing or even more realistic – penmanship! Have you ever tried to read my writing? I used to tell new friends that I wanted to become a Dr. but no one could read the writing on my prescription tablet.

I just looked in one of my desk drawers and I have box of thank-you notes – purchased from Kroger – just perfect for dashing off a note. A layer of dust is included.

My parents taught me as a child that when someone does something nice for you, a thank-you note is a must. The sooner the better. Found out a couple of years ago after one of our daughter's weddings that the blissful couple now has up to a year to say thanks. They read it in

Bride, so it must be true.

Sad, don't you think? Take someone to dinner? Nothing. Buy them a birthday present? Nothing. Send money? Nothing. Maybe I'm hanging with the wrong crowd.

These days, any sign of gratitude ought to be embraced. How about an Elvis thank-you? "Thank you. Thank you very much."

John Kralik is the exception to our culture's complacency. He spent a year writing one thank-you note each day. Yep! 365 of them.

In fact, that's the name of his book, *365 Thank Yous: The Year a Simple Act of Daily Gratitude changed My Life*. It arrived on the shelf last December. Meant to write him a thank-you note – but got sidetracked.

You're probably thinking that Thanksgiving Eve is the motive behind this column, but it's not. My motive is the parting of good friends.

Terry and Juli Barker have been faithful members at Woodland Heights for 19 years. They were here before our Family Life Center was even an idea. Terry plays bass guitar in the worship

band, has taught several classes, been a trustee, deacon and served as chairman of our elders for three years.

Juli is the behind the scenes person. No one has ever known until now, but Juli has decorated our foyer and sanctuary for the holidays for years. Can't even tell you how many. She does a myriad of other tasks behind the scenes because she wasn't – isn't – a scene stealer.

Employment is taking them to South Bend, Indiana. And they'll be missed. They're missed already, and the lump in my throat is huge.

Several years back during a pressure situation, Terry and I faced a disagreement. We both had the best interests of others in mind and our feelings were swayed because we both lacked information. We sat down, shared concerns and apologized to each other. We closed that chapter with a sincere embrace and we said, "Friends forever."

Terry and Juli, on behalf of Woodland Heights, thank you.

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