

The Wakeministry

Wakeminster Baptist Church

*"To Know Him
and
To Make HIM
Known."*

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Dear Friends,

One dark night during World War II, a US aircraft carrier was plowing through heavy seas in the South Pacific. All lights were out because of enemy submarines. One plane was missing. Somewhere in that pitch-black sky it was circling in a seemingly futile search for the carrier - its only landing place, its only hope of not being swallowed up by the giant ocean. The ship's captain, knowing the terrible risk involved, gave the order, "Light up the ship." Soon the plane zoomed onto the deck like a homing pigeon.

At Bethlehem, knowing the risk, God gave the command, "Light up the world." Then Jesus was born. A new and radiant light began to shine, pushing back the darkness of the world, spiritual ignorance, sin, and despair. Like a ship lit up in an otherwise darkened sea of sinful humanity, Christ came as our "Light of the world." What a wonderful message for Christmas - and every day of the year!

Jennifer and Beth Anne join me in wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas!

Love, Merle

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January Newsletter Deadline - December 21st

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly Services

- Dec. 6 Parent's Night Out
- Dec. 7 Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
- Dec. 14 Baby Dedication Service
- Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS Eve
- Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS Day
- Feb. 17 Church Directory Photos
- Feb. 26 Church Directory Photos

- Sunday
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth - Game On
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Chimes
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir
- Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service
- 7:00 p.m. Dale Night (Children)
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Prayer Concerns

Ruth Ray
 Violet Johnson
 Coit & Helen Ray
 Jesse Ray
 Carrie Arnold
 Rachel Goldston
 Ola Ray
 George Berry
 Claybon Ray
 Kelly Caudill
 Bobbie Lane
 James Sweat
 Greg Harrison
 Bob Martin
 Charlie Ray
 Jimmy Goldston
 Donald Keith
 William & Ozie Cooper
 Tommy Davis
 Bobby Moore
 The Tilley Family
 George Ray
 The Corchiani Family
 Bill Patterson
 Mary Ashe
 Nick West
 Family of Eliane Ray
 Mary Moore
 Don Richardson
 Mike Henson & Family
 Bob Westbrook
 Alta Whited
 Tini Gooch
 Youth Minister Search
 Committee
 Meghan & Kevin Monahan
 Building Committee &
 Program
 Our Nation

Building Fund

In November, we received the following Memorial Donations:

- In Memory of Rebecca Ray by Brenda Barbee*
- In Memory of Rebecca Ray by Charlie Ray*
- In Memory of Eliane Ray by Adrienne Lahar*
- In Memory of Eliane Ray by Douglas & Carolyn Ray*

Building Fund balance as of November 12th - \$213,582

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Church Directory

We have grown quite a bit over the past several years and some of us have decided it is time to do another church directory to include our new members. We will be using Olan Mills and are very excited. Photographs will be taken February 17 and 26 from 3:00 -9:30. Please mark your calendars. Look for more details in 2004.

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Information Form

If you have not turned in the Information Form yet, please remember to do so. I would like to have all of our information updated by the first of the year. We will be using this information to compile the new directory.

If you need another copy of the form, check in the vestibule or let me know.

Thank you,
Renee

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The Biblical Recorder

The invoice for the *Biblical Recorder* is in. If you have a subscription, through the church, for the *Biblical Recorder*, please may out your check for \$11.25 payable to Wakeminster Baptist Church. We will send one check to the *Biblical Recorder*.

Thank you,
Renee

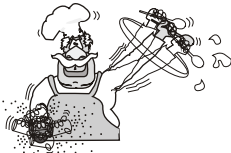
The goal of our Student Ministry is to reach out to nonbelievers, to connect students to God's love, and to equip them to honor God as they develop their ministry.

Youth Plans

Our Youth, with the assistance of Terry Ray, are doing baskets (24) for the elderly and shut-ins in our Church family. All donations are needed by Saturday, December 13th. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to offset the expenses. Our Youth will deliver the baskets on Sunday, December 14th.

If you have any questions, call Terry Ray at 848-3239.

Youth Snack Supper



- 12/7 Perry & Ashley
- 12/14 Alex
- 12/21 Claire
- 12/28 Mary Candace

Parents Night Out

There is a Parents Night Out scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6th 6:00-9:00 p.m. If you or a friend is interested, let Terry Ray, 848-3239, know or drop the child(ren) by the church at 6:00. There will be youth to entertain and look after the kids. Terry Ray will also be there to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Nursery Attendants



- 12/7 Jeff & Mary
- 12/14 Tim & Leanne
- 12/21 Rusty & Lee Ann
- 12/28 Renee, David & Kristin

Church Calendar

Becky Shue is now responsible for keeping the church calendar. If you need to schedule an event or reserve a time, call Becky at 847-9817.

Children's Worship Service



- 12/7 Kelly
- 12/14 Beth Anne & Claire
- 12/21 Terry & Ashley
- 12/28 Leanne

Alter Flowers

We still need flower arrangements for the church. There is a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the back hall. You may also donate a silk arrangement or make a donation for the purchase of a silk arrangement. See or call Terry Ray, 848-3239 with questions or concerns.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please make arrangements for someone else to take your place.

You are Invited to Celebrate
 Miss Carrie's 90th Birthday
 December 6th
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 In the Church Fellowship Hall



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May the joy, peace, and love
that is Christmas
be with you and your family
this Christmas and
throughout the new year.