

The Friendly Word

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Upcoming Events

January 2—Office Closed

January 15—Missions' Meeting,
4:30 PM, Conference Room
Deacons' Meeting after PM

January 16—Office Closed

January 18—Budget/Finance
Meeting, Room 307, 6:30 PM

January 29—Baby Dedication,
AM Service
Lord's Supper, PM Service

*Trust in the Lord with all thine
heart; and lean not unto thine
own understanding. In all thy
ways acknowledge Him, and He
shall direct thy paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

**Extreme Makeover
Friendly Style**

**Thursday, January 5th
In the Venue, 7-9 PM**

Special Speaker Lorrie Gazette & Others
Topics: Creative Organization, Design & Fashion
Free Admission, Giveaways, Door Prizes & Food!

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!!**

A Note from the Choir Director

Floyd Williford

As we face the beginning of yet another new year, let's ask ourselves, "How can I be more effective and serve the Lord this year?" We all need to be reminded that the things of this world will pass away, but the things we do in service to the Lord have eternal rewards. If you really want to feel a part of the church family, make an effort to get involved in one of the ministries that Friendly has to offer, and while considering your options, please give some thought to being a part of the Music Ministry.

Adult Singles

Kevin Basham

It is so exciting to embrace a new year full of amazing potential! 2012 can be the year in which we make life transforming decisions which will impact our lives and the legacy we leave to the generations following. The burial of our egos necessarily precedes the birth of God's anointing in our lives. It's not about us, but about Him...and them. Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well...*true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him* (Jn. 4:23). We need to mimic Mary with her alabaster

box of precious perfume. Surely, she worshipped appropriately when she broke the box open and poured the valuable perfume out in sacrificial worship of Jesus (Jn. 12:3). She dismantled her pride, glory and ego to show her devotion for the Lord. Yes, she was criticized by those who didn't understand her passion, but she worshipped Jesus, nonetheless. We have a new opportunity this year to authentically worship Jesus. If not US, then who? If not NOW, then when?

Collegiate Ministry

Josh Thompson

This month our college ministry will be starting an initiative called "My College Rebellion." It's no secret that college students like to rebel. Some rebel from the constraints of their parents, some from their religious upbringing, & some by loosening the limits of morality. A typical college student rebels; this is the norm. But, if that is typical, is it really rebellion? Isn't it conformity? What if there was another way? What if you could break free from the conformity that marks this time in life?

Starting January 1st, we will begin to study the life of Christ during our Sunday morning Bible study hour. We're utilizing the Gospel of Luke as a blueprint for our study. I'm really excited to lead our students on a journey to know more about the life of Jesus!

January is the month that more *way-of-life-changing* decisions are made than any other month of the year. We're Americans, so that means most of us could make the decision to eat healthier or to exercise more. But along with the decisions you are going to be tempted to make regarding your physical well-being, places you want to go, things you want to do, and things you want to learn, don't forget to consider your spiritual health. Take at least a few minutes at the beginning of this year to contemplate if you are closer in your walk with Christ this January than you were last January.



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Nursery Director.....Donna Shaw

*Welcome to Friendly
(November—December)*

Baptism

*Katelyn Carnes Francisco Pineda
Kenneth May Holly Bevers*

Letter or Statement

Ann Patrick Timothy Mullett

Women's Ministry

Katina Yeargain

Circle of friends will meet Tuesday, January 17th, 6:30 PM, at Kay Weippert's home, 800 Rugby, Whitehouse. Come be a part of this small group sponsored by our Heart to Heart Women's Ministry. Kay will be sharing her journey that bring her here as well as telling us about her family. Bring a snack food to share. All ladies, all ages, are welcome in this group. Call Katina Yeargain for questions or contact Kay at the church for directions.

We are starting a food pantry and a clothes closet! We are now accepting donations of canned and boxed foods and new or gently worn clothes at the Women's Ministry table. For more information, contact Katina Yeargain or Bobbie Featherston.

JOY Group

The JOY GROUP will have a soup and cornbread luncheon on January 20th, at 11:30 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have election of officers, so bring your list of candidates for President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Bring your favorite soup and a friend(s).

Ann Wilbanks

Welcome to 2012 GA's!

Cindy Waterman

The leaders and I have prayed for you through the Christmas season and now look forward to the new year in GA's digging deeper into our mission studies. Thank you for your attendance and support the last few months. We can look forward to the following activities before school is out:

GA Lock-In
Daddy/Daughter Event
End of Year Family Event Potluck and Awards

Dates and details will be advised soon. Please support and pray for your Leader this month as she prepares to lead you and guide you to a new mission field this new year. Our love and best to you and your family!

Celebrate Recovery

Tracy Acker

The beginning of a new year always spurs emotions, some good and some not. If you feel

- helpless to make your life better;
- a sense of overwhelming loneliness;
- regret about things you have done or things that have been done to you;
- the inability to focus your own willpower;
- that your efforts to help others are never enough or never appreciated; or
- that you will never be good enough,

then come join us at Celebrate Recovery on Tuesday nights! You will find others who understand and will love you just for being you, and the means to overcome your hurts, habits, and hang-ups via a 12-step recovery process. This program is not just for those who suffer from alcoholism or a chemical dependency, but for anyone who has been hurt.

Friendly's CR recently led those from Addict Ministries through an 8-week long Life's Healing Choices session, and will be leading a class at the Salvation Army beginning in 2012. We appreciate your prayers and support as we not only work on our own recoveries, but as we give back by helping others.