

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Pastoral Ponderings

Incredible!! We are in December and the birth of Jesus is right at our doorstep. Our theme for this month is: The Big Give! We'll start out with our Christmas Musical on December 6th. Be sure to invite friends. God took the initiative when we were tangled in our different messes, to give us the gift of His Son, Jesus. We can do no less than find creative ways

out of our thanksgiving to God to give to others in need. We will raise a Christ's Birthday Offering through the efforts of our Women of the Church of God (WCG) of \$800 for missions.

I just received my first call asking if we were helping families for Christmas this year. If anyone is interested making Christmas possible for a needy family,

let me know. I am making a list and checking it thrice. 🎄

I am excited that we will be doing our Christmas Cookie Neighborhood Walk and will also have an awesome Christmas Eve service to honor the birth of our Lord. Plan to be a part of the Big Give!

Pastor Dave

December

2009

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Counseling Corner

The Road To Recovery-RENEWED HOPE!

(Read Zechariah 9:9-17)

We may feel as if our life is a battlefield. We may be a prisoner in the ongoing war between good and evil. When we turn our life over to God, will he rescue us and keep us safe?

Five hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Zechariah wrote these words: "Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people

of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey. [This prophecy was fulfilled by the coming of Jesus (Read Matthew 21:4-11) I will remove the battle chariots from Israel.... Because of the covenant I made with you....(Zechariah 9:9-12)

Jesus fulfilled part of these prophecies when he came the first time. He delivered us from death by shed-

ding his own blood to seal our pardon. When he comes again as he promised, he will bring peace on earth. For now, we can take refuge in Jesus. When the war is over and Jesus is crowned King of kings, he will repay all those who are his, two mercies for every woe suffered in the war! No matter how terrible the battle we face, we can turn our life over to God and have a sure HOPE for the future.

Pastor Tina

Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 2

Adults & Children Dancers

6-8:30pm in the sanctuary

Crusaders Kids – 6pm – 7pm

It is necessary for everyone involved to participate in this dress rehearsal. That includes all who are acting, singing, running sound and lighting, those helping the kids, Crusaders, dancers, narrators...anyone who is involved in the musical.



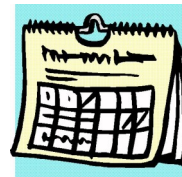
Elders Meeting

(December 7 & 14, 6:30pm)

We are meeting again to get ready for the 2010.

Mark Your Calendars

Because of the holidays, there will be no Crusaders on the following days. Wednesday, December 23 thru January 13.



Christmas in the City



Our Christmas Musical is coming soon! Sunday, December 6, 10:30am. Make sure you remind your friends, family, or coworkers about this wonderful Christmas celebration. Keep praying for them as we see what God

Christ's Birthday Offering

This offering for World Wide Missions will be collected Sunday, December 20, 10:30am. Our goal is \$800. Please consider giving.

Christmas Carry-in Dinner

After the Christmas Musical, Dec 6, we will have a potluck dinner for everyone to enjoy, including our guests. Please bring several large dishes for us to share and if you'd like, you can bring a dessert. Drinks and tableware will be provided. This will be an ideal time to get to know our guests better as well as spend time with our church family. Be sure to make plans to attend. **And don't forget...there will be a "Bake Sale" sponsored by the WCG going on during the dinner. Yum! Donations are welcomed for the bake sale!**



Church Office Will Be Closed December 24th thru January 4th!

Clifton Ave. Programs

Pantry Outreach

Every 2nd & 3rd Saturday
 9:30am Breakfast
 10:00-11:30 Pantry

If you want to volunteer, contact
 Sis Debbie Hilliard

uniqueblessed@aol.com
 (937) 324-1138

Crusaders

Starts Wed., Sept. 16th at 6pm.

Study for Transformational Change

Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm

A Meal & Message

Starts Sept. 10th

Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm

Free dinner, warm fellowship, a word of encouragement

Celebrate Recovery

Fridays 5:30-7:00pm

Get help/healing for Hang-ups, Habits, & Hurts

Sunday School: 9:30am

Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am

Children's Church during preaching (approx. 11:30)

Sunday Evening Prayer:
 5:00-6:00pm

We are on the web....

www.cliftonavechog.org

Carols, Candles & Communion



Come join us for this Clifton Ave. tradition, the Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, Dec 24, 6-

7pm. You are encouraged to invite friends and family as we sing traditional Christmas songs, listen to the Christmas story, and participate in a memorable candle lighting service. Spend some time celebrating Jesus' birthday with us.

Prayer Talk & Cookie Walk



Christmas is a great time for us reach out to our neighbors around the church. Would you help us share Jesus' love by baking cookie/goodies to deliver to folks around the church?

We Need: Make homemade cookies &/or goodies (as many as you like)
 Bring goodies in Sunday morning, Dec. 20

3pm - 4pm Assemble cookie packages from what was brought in that morning

4pm-5:30pm Deliver Cookies to neighbors as we pray for them along the way

Weeks	Tithes/Offerings	Needed	Attendance
11/1	\$1,762.75	\$3,250.00	60
11/8	\$2,088.25	\$3,250.00	63
11/15	\$2,453.26	\$3,250.00	80
11/22	\$953.67	\$3,250.00	68
November Total	\$7,257.93	\$13,000.00	65 Avg.
Prev. Month (October)	\$12,509.67	\$13,000.00	58 Avg.
Prev. Month (September)	\$11,976.87	\$13,000.00	58 Avg.



December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Narcotics Anon 7-8:30pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm WCG Mtg in Library 6:30pm	2 Crusaders 6-7:15pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm Dress Rehearsal 6-8:30pm	3 M&M: 5:30-7pm S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm	4 C.R.: 5:30-7pm	5
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27	28	29	30	31		
<p>Office Closed Until January 4th, 2010</p> 						