



# The Shepherd's Voice

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## Pardon our dust

Over the coming months you'll be seeing changes to the entire communications stream at Good Shepherd. The newsletter, bulletins and other materials will undergo changes to help better meet the needs of our congregation. We will be looking for ways to best reach regular attendees in addition to those unable to come regularly through print, email, web and other media. If you have suggestions, please email them to [cgnews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cgnews@sbcglobal.net). ■

## Chili cook-off Jan. 28

Mark your calendars for the All-Church Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sat., Jan. 28 at 5:00 p.m. You can help by attending to the event and buy tickets for chili, food and carnival events. If you are "chili master," you can pay \$5 to enter your award-winning chili for all to share and vote on. Entry forms are in the information center. Call Glenda Kelton for more info (324-9346). ■

## Fundraising requests due

The Finance Committee would like to remind all ministry areas that they need to submit a Good Shepherd Fundraiser Request Form for their 2012 fundraising events as soon as possible. ■

## Coming Up

- Jan 8 Blessing of the Toys
- Jan 14 Chancel Choir Retreat
- Jan 22 Mission Possible Kids resumes
- Jan 27 Thank Good Shepherd it's Friday
- Jan 28 Annual Chili Cook-off



The Advent and Christmas seasons were again a joy at Church of the Good Shepherd. Our children helped kick off the season with a fantastic and whimsical performance in "Live from Bethlehem" with all the parts of the Christmas on Dec. 4.

## Learning to follow Jesus in 2012

*Here is a reminder of the many new study opportunities available at Good Shepherd this month.*

### Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Come join our study of the book, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: Unleash a Revolution in Your Life in Christ*. Author Peter Scazzero unveils what's wrong with our conventional means of "spiritual growth" and offers not only a model of spirituality that actually works but seven powerful steps to transformation. This study will help readers grow into a faith filled with authenticity and profound love for God. This 10-week study will be led by Carolyn Spruill on Sundays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Begins January 8 in room C8.

### Worship 101

This 4-week class provides an opportunity to explore the foundations of biblical patterns for worship. You will be equipped to move beyond dry

rituals or superficial expression to a lifestyle rooted deeper than ever in authentic worship of God. Prepare your heart and mind for renewal through empowering your acts of worship. This class will be held Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Choir Room and will be led by Lisa Whitesell. Begins January 8.

### Prayer 101

Bill Hybels wrote in *The Power of a Whisper* "There is a frequency that your life was designed to be tuned to, and that frequency is the unique voice of God. Once you learn to hear it--and you actually can get better at picking it out-- you will find that your craving for it intensifies as your soul strains to hear more from him". As the new year begins, we all reflect on the journey in 2011. Let's also consider what is really most important to us. We invite you to experience seven different prayer events on Wednesday evenings in January and February beginning January 11.

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## Thank You

*Thank you so much for your calls, cards, and your support. The food, prayer shawl, and prayers certainly helped to enable a speedy recovery. I feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you again for everything.*

*With Blessings to All,*

*Carol Toth*

Dear Church Family,

*God does beautiful things! It was so reassuring for me to know you were praying for me as I went through a rough time. The food, the cards, and all the calls, thoughts and prayers meant so much. Thanks for being such a great church family!*

*Lynn Bateman*

## Rice ministry making difference

Dear Members of Church of the Good Shepherd,

Christian greetings from Southern Philippines Methodist Colleges (SPMC)!



I have been informed of your generosity in donating \$570 to SPMC's Food Service

through GBGM Advance #14035B. Your kindness us overwhelming.

The students at SPMC are really in need of free food as most of them come from impoverished homes and their parents cannot send food with them to eat at the dorm. Our students are very appreciative of the support given by people like you. Thank you so much!

Shalom,

Janet M. McCarty

President

## Youth highlights & happenings

1. Thank you Jackie Bolton for all of your hard work as Youth Intern! This month, Lauren Sloan took over and has done a fantastic job so far!

2. This month, we have been encouraging some of our youth to lead the Bible Study lessons. So far, Sarahbeth Hinds and Jackie Bolton have both done a sermon-so proud of them!

3. We sorted toys at Santa's Toy Shop for two hours and it was hard work! There are going to be a lot of smiling children in Yukon this Christmas thanks to this ministry!

4. Our annual Youth Lock In had 65 youth participants! Good

job little evangelists inviting all of your friends! Congratulations to the Cowboys for winning the Battle of the Bandits! Thanks to all who helped make this a successful event. Each youth brought a blanket to donate to Yukon Sharing. We collected over 60 blankets for their program!

5. We will be going Ice Skating, Movie watching, and Hot Chocolate drinking for our Youth Day Out. After a day of fun, we will head back to the church for our Youth Christmas Party where each youth brings a "Regifted" and "Rewrapped" item they received. It's always fun to see the crazy presents we sometimes get! ■

## New classes, studies Cont. from page 1

Come join us in the Prayer Room at 7:00 pm to look at developing a deeper and ongoing prayer life. Call Cathy at 590-1394 if you have questions.

### Made to Crave

Join us for a 7-week study on the missing link between our desire to be

healthy and the spiritual empowerment to make it happen. This study will help you set and reach healthy goals and draw closer to God physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The class will be led by Jenn Plautz and will begin Sunday, Jan. 15 (4-5:30 p.m.). ■

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

John Heilpern .....	1/3	Mike Ryder .....	1/13	Steve Knopp .....	1/21
Cassie Purifoy .....	1/3	Roger Bornemann .....	1/15	Joseph Snipes .....	1/21
Mindy Johnson .....	1/4	Brenda Imel .....	1/15	Kim Baker .....	1/22
Alex Weber-Kamin .....	1/4	Paul Bourne .....	1/16	Jenny Beth Jones .....	1/23
Liam Racz .....	1/5	Stephanie Christian .....	1/16	Steve Marlett .....	1/23
Betty Suitor .....	1/5	Gus Hall .....	1/16	Karen Nowlin .....	1/24
Remington Blake .....	1/6	Joyce Martin .....	1/17	Toni Throckmorton .....	1/24
Deb Brown .....	1/6	Jenifer Smith .....	1/17	Ken Thompson .....	1/25
Matthew Burkett .....	1/6	Andrew Denton .....	1/18	Marilea Ryder .....	1/28
Owen Tate .....	1/6	Mike W. Smith .....	1/18	Evelyn Bourne .....	1/29
Ann Wilson .....	1/6	Brandon Tate .....	1/18	Presley Hill .....	1/29
Greg Sense .....	1/8	Lynn Bateman .....	1/20	Sterling Hill .....	1/29
Kris Smith .....	1/9	Suzanne Cannon .....	1/20	Rylee Freshour .....	1/30
Tom Worsham .....	1/9	Karl Daufenbach .....	1/20	Misha Yancey .....	1/30
Myra Schmidt .....	1/10	Katie Daufenbach .....	1/20	Mark Bye .....	1/31
Ron Stanley .....	1/10	Gloria Fisher .....	1/20	Shana Hurst .....	1/31
Alan Yancey .....	1/11	Kenneth Holloway .....	1/20	Lawrence Valentine .....	1/31
Chris Christian .....	1/12	Robbie Johnson .....	1/20		
Jerry Hopper .....	1/12	Mike Kessler .....	1/20		
Kodi Martin .....	1/12	Barbara Bornemann .....	1/21		
John Thomas .....	1/12	Reed Kessler .....	1/21		

*Let us know if your birthday's missing!*

**United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd**

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>New Year's Day</i> <b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.—Worship 9:45—Sunday School</p>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.—Worship 9:45—Sunday School</p>		<p>6:00 p.m.—Youth Sponsor Mtg 7:00—COYM Mtg</p>	<p>5:30 a.m.—Promise Keepers 10:00—Adult Bible Study 11:30—Koinonia Circle</p> <p>5:45 p.m.—Prayer Service 6:15—Disciple IV 6:30—Youth Bible Study 7:00—Al-Anon</p>	<p>6:00 p.m.—Soul Sisters</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.— Cookin' Up Casseroles</p>	
<p><i>Epiphany/ Blessing of Toys</i> <b>8</b></p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.—Worship 9:45—Sunday School, Worship 101</p> <p>4:00—CREDO 4:00—Disciple II, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality</p> <p>7:00—Chancel Choir</p>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>15</b>	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i> <b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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<i>Youth Sunday</i> <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<p><i>"Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn." ~ Charles Wesley</i></p>			
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## For Your Information:

### Who We Are:

“People of God, learning to follow Jesus,  
inviting others to join the journey.”

### Our Worship Times:

8:30 a.m. (Traditional-Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. (Contemporary-Christian Life Center)  
11:00 a.m. (Generations-Sanctuary)

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**Sunday School:** 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
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*After School Program Director &*  
*Children's Day Out Director*

**Marsha Alexander,** *Covenant Missionary*