

# Plainfield Baptist News

“Proclaiming His greater love even for our greatest sin”

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Our purpose is to provide the best opportunity for people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus in a fellowship of G.R.A.C.E.

Glorify God through  
Biblical Worship

Relate together as a  
Christian Family

Apply God's Truth  
through Discipleship

Cultivate a lifestyle  
of Service

Expand God's kingdom  
through Evangelism



*come, let us  
adore him!*

## CHRISTMAS AT PBC!

December 20	6 pm	Celebration Choir
December 24	6 pm	Christmas Eve Service



## Pastor's Corner

IT'S SILLY, ISN'T IT!

The so-called "Christmas wars" that's been fought for several years now in our politically correct society seems somewhat silly to me. Does it to you? It seems silly to debate whether store employees can say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays." Or whether or not stores should even display the word "Christmas." After all, "Christmas" does have the word "Christ" in it and it may force people who see it to run screaming from the store to the nearest church to become (gasp) a "Christian!"

It seems silly for schools to delete traditional Christmas songs from their "Winter" or "Holiday" programs, and sing only about Frosty the Snowman or Jolly Old St. Nick. It seems silly for manger scenes to be ostracized from the town square or in front of the court house. It seems silly for the White House to display a "holiday" tree instead of a "Christmas" tree, decorated with non-religious ornaments. And please, throw out all your striped candy canes. After all, they are in the shape of a "J" and we all know that's the first letter in "you-know-who's" name!

Let's put all the silliness aside for a moment and consider the truth behind what we celebrate at Christmas. Christmas reminds us of how much we needed God to enter our world. We have failed miserably at trying to make heaven on earth. We needed to be rescued. We needed a Savior.

I like author Dan Schaeffer's suggestion in his book on Christmas. "A powerful way to appreciate having a Savior is to imagine what it would be like not to have one. Imagine that your pain and suffering have no real meaning. Your short life is simply ruled by fate – and you are just unlucky. Wrongs will never be made right, truth is relative, and hope for a better world is just so much dreaming. Your silent suffering and hidden pain have no divine audience; they are yours to bear alone."

Wow! What a dismal picture of a world without Christmas! Without it, there would exist no hope beyond this life. But we do have reason for rejoicing! A Savior WAS born to us! His name is IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US! Our suffering touches His merciful and gracious heart. He came to join us in it!

Have a Merry Christmas without all the "silliness!" Rejoice in the wonder and truth of the Incarnation!

Pastor Jenkins

## Applying Bible Principles

"As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor – this is the gift of God" (Eccl. 5:19).

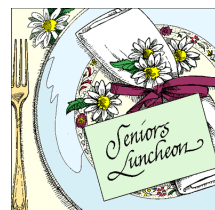
Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that He also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from His hand, but in particular, Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully His, and then He allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what He has entrusted to us, no doubt He takes great pleasure in our enjoyment if our actions are in conformity to His Word and His will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and His work here at Plainfield Baptist Church.

During the past few months, have you kept God's glory – especially giving to Him – as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?



SENIOR ADULT  
LUNCH  
Tuesday, January 26  
Noon – Potluck



Keep our regular meeting times in mind. Sundays at 9 am and 5 pm, and Wednesdays at 7 pm. These times are designed for all students (6-12 grades) to join in Bible Study, Prayer, Encouragement, and to just hang out!

Important dates to get on your calendars:

March 19-20 Dare 2 Share Conference – Chicago  
July 5-10 MFUGE – Nashville, TN



### JOIN A CHOIR!

The start of a new year is a great time to join a choir! Try something new! Preschoolers (ages 3-4) & Kids (age 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) meet at 6:15 on Wednesday nights. Adults meet at 7 on Wednesday nights. Come give it a try!

## November Ministry Reports

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The average attendance for Sunday School in November was 109.

### FOOD CLOSET

We served four families in November.

### CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

The Celebration Choir averaged 16 in attendance in November with an enrollment of 22.

Kids JAM averaged 8 in attendance with 11 enrolled.

Music Time averaged 7 in attendance.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

November FUEL – average attendance of 8

Our event for the month was the Word Of Life Superbowl. Six of us attended a Pacers game, heard a gospel presentation, then went bowling and played at "Sports Of All Sorts" until 5:30 in the morning. Lots of fun for all!



## Women's Ministry

WER – January 10 is the early bird deadline. Please register online with SCBI before this date to get the \$45.00 rate. Let Anita or Brenda know if you are registering so we can organize our group hotel rooms. Room rate should be approximately \$25.00 a piece with 4 in a room.

January 15 – Ladies "Fun" Night – watch for details. Linda Emmons is assisting us in coordinating a fun evening at PBC that could include wearing your pjs.

Bible Study will not meet again until after the first of the year. Watch for details.

Thank you to everyone who contributed corn and shoe boxes for the Baptist Center. We are now ready to begin collecting tuna and canned fruit. The last few times we have taken tuna, their shelves were the same as empty. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



### A Note From Our Preschool Director

With new items in our preschool classrooms I want to encourage everyone to respect our new things. These classrooms are here for our smallest children to learn, grow, and be a familiar place that they can rely on. To keep the rooms consistent I am asking that the items found in their room be kept there. If you wish to borrow an item from a different classroom please clean it and make sure it is returned to where you found it.

Thank you for your support,

Sara Craig



### Food Pantry

We are in need of the following items for the food pantry: canned fruit, crackers, Jiffy Muffin Mixes, cereals, pastas and bags of beans. If you would like to make a contribution, please leave items in the foyer. Thank you.

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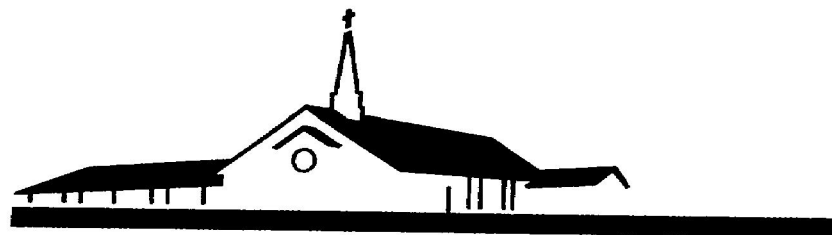
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### COME JOIN US!

Sunday School	9:00 AM
Worship Service	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM
Bible Study/Prayer	
Youth, TeamKids	

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S  
OFFICE CLOSED  
December 24, 25, 31st  
& January 1st