

GLAD TIDINGS

from Grace Fellowship

Winter 2009-2010

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD
rises upon you.

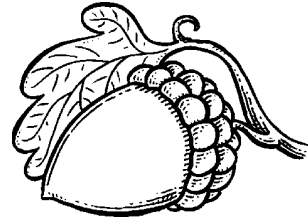
Isaiah 60:1-3



It is our hope and prayer that the Light of Jesus will
shine in your lives this Christmas season and
throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from everyone at
Grace Fellowship Church

Fall Happenings



The evening of September 20th the Youth performed music and the play “The Tell-Tale Heart”. The play encouraged everyone to use their talents to do God’s work. The Youth did a great job and everyone enjoyed their performance.

This year we again sent gift-filled shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse headed by Franklin Graham. Each year church groups, clubs, and individuals fill shoeboxes with gifts for boys and girls up to age 14 the boxes are then distributed worldwide to children of all cultures and religions. This is also an opportunity for the children and their families to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

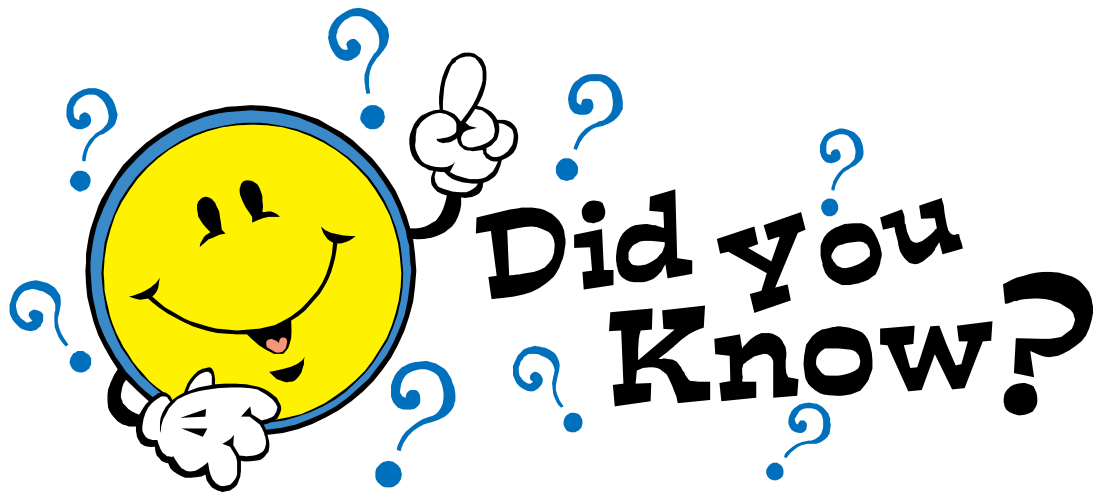
October 16 & 17 Barbara Ochsner organized a Rummage/Yard Sale Fund Raiser for the Property and Building Fund. Members of Grace Fellowship donated good, clean items to be sold and the community was invited to come to the sale. There was also a concession stand for cakes, pies, snacks and drinks. \$1620.51 was raised. Thanks to everyone who donated items or food and to everyone who worked to make the sale a success.

Work on the new building is proceeding at a steady pace. The drywall has been hung, brick and stone are almost finished, grass has been sown and is growing and sidewalks have been poured. Inside painting has begun and trim is going up. A team of Mission Builders from Western Kentucky were here Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17 to help put in door frames. November 8th to 11th a group from Union City, TN came to install ceiling grid and do other work as needed. GFC members have been meeting Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M. to pick-up trash, sweep, and otherwise clean the worksite. November 1st and 8th groups met to clean and paint. Watch the bulletin for future opportunities to help with various jobs.

The Grace Fellowship Church Family has increase by eighteen new members so far this year. Five new Christians are waiting for baptism and nine have already been baptized this year. We are happy to welcome each one to the GFC family and to God’s family.



As the time of year approaches when we experience bad weather on a regular basis, remember that you can find information about cancellation of services on the Lexington television stations, by calling the church phone line (606) 365-0502, visiting our website www.gracefellowshipstanford.com or Radio station WPBK 102.9 FM. We will have the information available as early as possible.



God's Storehouse is the food pantry ministry of Grace Fellowship Church. Individuals and families in our community who are in need of emergency help with food needs are welcome. This year, over 75 families have made use of this ministry. You may support this ministry by giving money to the God's Storehouse Fund or bringing in canned or dried foods for the pantry. Please see Kathy Coffee if you have any questions.

Each week ten percent of the regular Sunday Offering (monies that are not designated for other uses) is set aside for the **Missions fund**. The Missions Team determines which individuals and ministries receive help from this fund. Currently, on a monthly basis the mission fund supports missionaries Tom & Gela Graef and family who are serving in Romania, missionaries David & Monika Graef and family who are serving in Costa Rica, Isaiah House in Willisburg, KY which is a residential drug/alcohol rehabilitation center for men, and Fort Logan Cooperative Ministries in Stanford, KY which provides a food bank, assistance with rent and utility bills, medical expenses, counseling, spiritual guidance and more for Lincoln County residents, and John Edwards who works with the Kentucky Baptist Builders. Help is also provided on a one time basis as needed.

The **Benevolent Fund** is used to meet emergency needs of those in our church family and community. A special offering is received each fifth Sunday (the last Sunday of a month that has five Sundays) during the evening service. If you would like to make an offering to this fund at another time, you may indicate it is for the fund on your check or an envelope or give it to Shannon Hatter or Katherine Hall.

Offerings to the Missions, Benevolent or God's Storehouse fund are welcome any time. Please write the amount and the fund you wish to give to on the memo line of you check or put money in an envelope and write the information on it. If you use the numbered offering envelopes you may indicate the amount you want to give to the special fund on the envelope and the amount will be included in your yearly tax receipt.



Winter Birthdays

December

12/2	Janie Taylor	1/2
12/3	Josh Hatfield	1/4
12/6	Hunter Doss	1/4
12/7	Betty Tackett	1/4
12/8	Joyce Haggard	1/5
12/9	Clydene Sluder	1/6
12/11	Rachael Miller	1/7
12/11	Brenda Southwood	1/8
12/14	Greg Padgett	1/8
12/14	Kevin Pettus	1/10
12/21	Jackie Snow	1/13
12/24	Joe Judge	1/14
12/26	Lucille Justice	1/15
12/26	Dusty Miller	1/16
12/28	Wilma Coleman	1/18
12/28	Mike Zarnstorff	1/18

January

1/2	Sandy Duff
1/4	Steve Haggard
1/4	Rick Muse
1/4	Marion Naylor
1/5	Christine Ollish
1/6	Shannon Stevens
1/7	Herrica Pettus
1/8	Cindy Hardwick
1/8	Willie Smith
1/10	Pat Sanders
1/13	Kathleen Carman
1/14	Tim Morris
1/15	Kay Peppard
1/16	Phillip Sims
1/18	Dallas McGowen
1/18	Andrew Pettus
1/20	EG Brock
1/20	Nicole Whitcomb
1/21	Katherine Hall
1/21	Lamesha Pettus
1/21	John Stevens
1/24	Jacob Tillett
1/26	Trevor Sims
1/28	Jim Reed
1/29	J. Smith

February

2/3	Otto Terry
2/5	Patsy Reed
2/6	Jim Smith
2/7	Joyce Leach
2/13	Arlie Padgett
2/16	Matthew Pettus
2/18	Warren Ochsner
2/19	Cady Cummins
2/22	Arealle Washington
2/25	Curtis Sluder





Mark Your Calendar

December 20	Christmas Program
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day
January 6	Regular Quarterly Business Meeting
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 31	Fifth Sunday Lord's Supper Observed, Benevolent Fund Offering Received
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	President's Day

For the Record

Date	Sunday School	Morning Worship	Evening Worship	Offering	Building Fund Offering
9/6	70	196	No Service	\$2406.26	\$370.00
9/13	64	157	35	\$1861.38	\$375.00
9/20	54	178	67	\$5744.32	\$845.00
9/27	54	178	67	\$2610.22	\$705.00
10/4	60	154	36	\$2436.01	\$1625.00
10/11	64	162	40	\$3066.06	\$7567.13
10/18	60	132	47	\$3656.74	\$1407.00
10/25	56	134	50	\$5501.66	Offering \$ 697.00 Yard Sale Proceeds <u>\$1528.51</u> Total \$2225.51
11/1	76	158	38	\$3568.10	Offering \$2203.00 Yard Sale Proceeds <u>\$ 92.00</u> Total \$2295.00
11/8	76	149	53	\$2103.14	\$130.00
11/15	61	147	36	\$4500.00	\$2285.00
11/22	63	147	36	\$2320.50	\$520.00
11/29	53	124	50	\$2290.52	\$1500.00

Great News from McKinney Good News Club!

The Lord is doing something special and exciting here at McKinney Elementary. We began our after school Good New Club* in mid October. Since that time, we have had twelve children pray to receive Christ. We here at McKinney have been praying for our students and their families for many years, and I think the club is an answer to those prayers. Jesus said in John 4:35b "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest."

I want to sincerely thank Adult 2 Sunday school class. Because of you, each current and many future members of the club have daily, devotional books to help disciple them. I am excited to see the number of children who are actually reading their devotions and praying daily! Additionally, the financial support has purchased some great music CDs and colorful pictures to go along with our stories.

Please pray for:

- More children to come, (Last week we had 19.)
- The families of the children,
- More children to be saved,
- Other people from this area to come work in the club,
- New clubs to start, (Teachers pray in every school.), and
- An awakening to God's presence and love by the people in Lincoln County.

Sincerely,

The McKinney Good News Club Team

Jackie & Harold Delk and Jenette Litton

**Good News Clubs*, which are similar to Sunday school class, are held after school hours in public schools and neighborhoods across the nation. Children who wish to participate stay after school one hour per week and must have a signed parental permission slip. Parents and guardians arrange for transportation home. The purpose of public school Good News Clubs is to share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with boys and girls and establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living. To accomplish this goal, each club includes a clear presentation of the Gospel and an opportunity for children to trust Jesus as Savior. Each club also includes strong discipleship training to build character and strengthen moral and spiritual growth. All *Good News Club* children are encouraged to attend a local church. For more information about the *Good News Clubs* please see Jenette Litton or visit the website at www.cefonline.com.

Youth & Children

The Youth and Children's programs have continued through the fall. Deronda and Jeff Sears are preparing and serving meals to the children on Wednesdays from 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. After a delicious meal the kids have a time of study. Sunday School is also going well.

As the Youth and Children ministries grow the need for workers also grows. Help is needed in all areas including the nursery, children's church and help with Wednesday's meals. Please see Brother Vola or Deronda Sears if you are ready, able and willing to commit to helping out in these programs. Remember, "Many hands make light work", so recruit your friends and family as well.

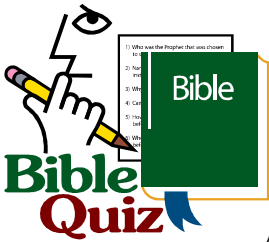
Preparations for the Christmas Program, "The Unopened Gift", are underway. Performers for the play as well as stage hands to help with costumes, props, etc. are needed. If you are willing to help, please see Angie Bailey to volunteer. The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 20th at 6:30 P.M. Snacks will be served after the play. Invite your friends and family to join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

"The Unopened Gift"



Grace Fellowship Church's Christmas Play
Sunday, December 20th
6:30 P.M.

Just For Fun



In Revelation 22:16, Jesus says: “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of _____, the bright morning star.”

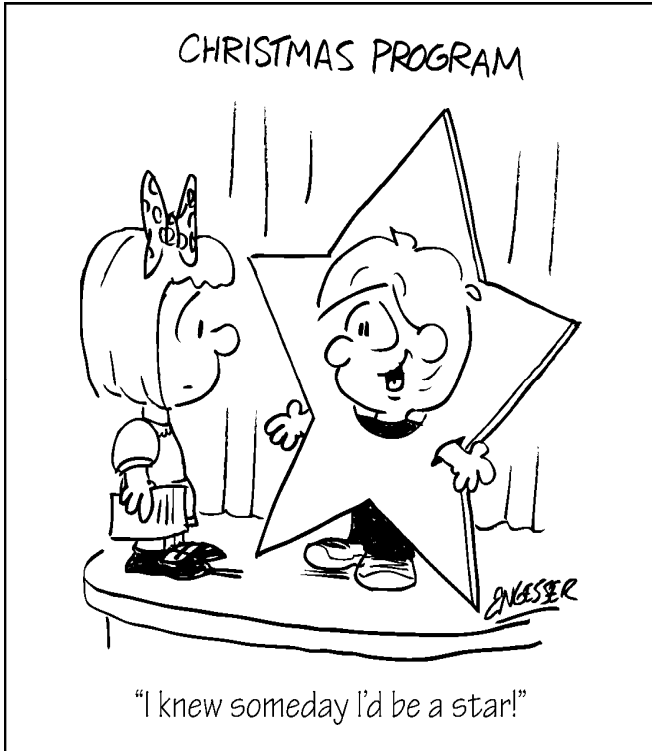
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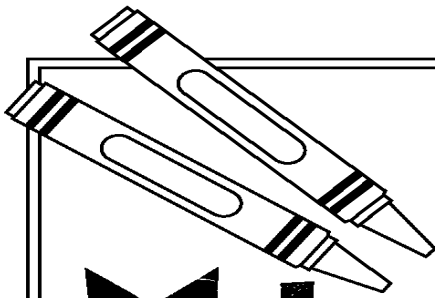
- A. Isaac B. Jacob C. David D. Solomon

Family photo

An 8-year-old girl was showing her 4-year-old sister some pictures from her Bible. The younger sister was fascinated by a picture of Mary and baby Jesus. After examining it intently, she asked, “But where’s Joseph?”

The older sister thought for a moment and replied, “He’s taking the picture.”





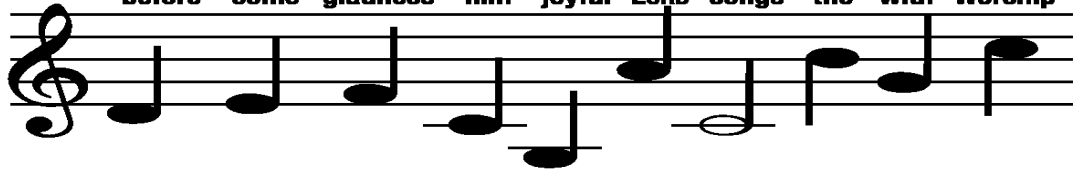
Just for **KIDS**

Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

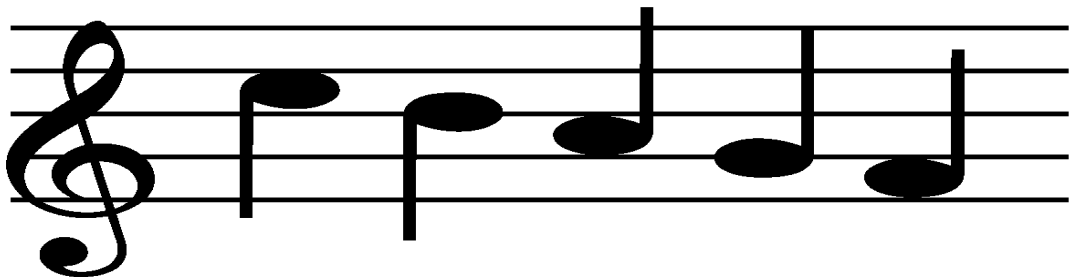
Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship

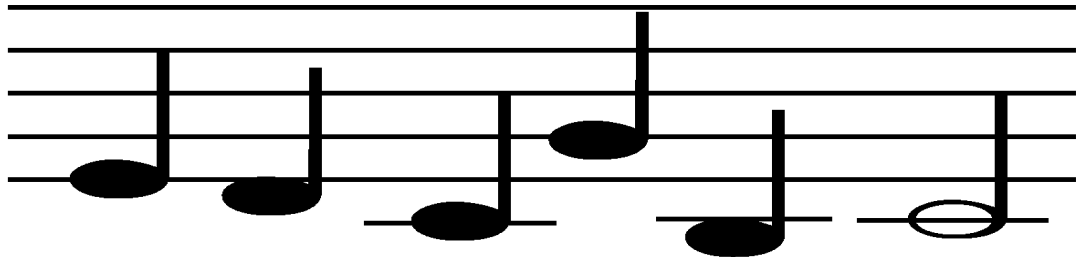


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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.