



The Christmas Courier
Lisle Bible Church Newsletter

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Christmas
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Happy Holidays
from Pastor Bill!

The holiday season is a very festive time of year. It is a time when we gather together to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the significance of the season.

This year, Lisle Bible Church is planning many joyous gatherings. Those gatherings include the Christmas program "Lo and Behold," which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11. Also join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas Eve (time TBD) and Christmas Day at 11 a.m.

And don't forget the New Year's Eve Social from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be a

potluck dinner and "white elephant" gift exchange.

More festivities include the decoration of the Christmas tree, the Christmas Card Postal Box and lighting of the Advent Candle. Also remember the Giving Tree ministry and collection for the Lisle Food Pantry.

So set your schedule to be with us for all of these events. You will be blessed and we will be blessed with your presence.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill

LBC members prepare for Christmas play

Lisle Bible Church members of all ages will be participating in this year's Christmas play, held on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m.

This year's program, "Lo and Behold... Seeing is Believing," is a comical and yet inspirational re-telling of Jesus' birth from the eyes of two bumbling, lost angels named 'Lo' and 'Behold'. Audience members may recall that the two angels appeared in last year's Christmas program.

This year, Lo and Behold lose their way after announcing Jesus' birth to the shepherds and try to find their way home to Heaven. Lo and Behold have the chance to share the message of the birth of Christ with strangers along the

way.

Diane Remillard, play director, is busy bringing all theatrical and musical components together. The program includes musical acts and singing from the congregation.

Practice for the play will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Remillard.

Sunday School will not be held on the day of the program, but come for the Taste of Lisle Bible Church at 9:45 a.m.

Church family and friends are welcome to bake their favorite Christmas cookies, breads and pastries to share with everyone.



Upcoming Events:

F.O.G. Tree Decorating
10 AM, Saturday, Dec. 3

**Taste of LBC/
Christmas Program**
9:45 AM, Sunday, Dec. 11

Christmas Eve Service
6 PM, Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Service
11 AM, Sunday, Dec. 25

New Year's Eve Social
6 PM, Saturday, Dec. 31

New Year's Day Service
11 AM, Sunday, Jan. 1

Happy Birthday!

Betsey Lupole
November 25

Pastor Bill
December 16

Carrie Kiely
January 7

Gobbling up good food and more at LBC's Thanksgiving Dinner

Aromas of juicy turkey, creamy mashed potatoes and sweet pumpkin pie wafted through the air at Lisle Bible Church on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Don't worry; you did not hallucinate during Pastor Bill's sermon. Diane Remillard was preparing the annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner with the help of other church members.

The feast represented a scrumptious spread of turkey, ham, green beans, apple pie, walnut brownies and every type of potato.

Not only was the feast filling, but LBC members' testimonies proved to be spiritually filling. Members shared favorite hymns and things they were thankful for in the past year during the Praise portion of the evening.

Ben Schmid even shared two jokes in front of a packed (and stuffed) audience before he left the building.

Between the turkey dinner and praise for God, parishioners left church that night feeling stuffed full of good food and good emotions.

Missions Moment: Open Hearts for Orphans



Lisle Bible Church focuses part of its efforts on missions via financial support and prayer.

One organization LBC supports is Open Hearts for Orphans (OHO), a not-for-profit founded by LBC's own Bob and Sally Schmid.

Open Hearts helps orphans around the world mainly through adoption grants and also provides information and

resources for adoptive families.

According to the organization's website, "there are millions of orphans around the world who need loving homes and yet, many families that would like to adopt don't have the financial resources to do so."

In the future, OHO hopes to provide regular financial support for adoptive families in the Chicagoland area.

Open Hearts raised significant support through its 2011 fundraisers and through Lisle Bible Church. However, with over 100 million orphans in the world, OHO's work will be ongoing.

Isaiah 1:17 says, "Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows."

Samaritan's Purse a big success in 2011

Lisle Bible Church, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Awana children, filled 42 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child is headed by Samaritan's Purse, a not-for-profit organization founded by Franklin Graham. The organization's purpose is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to needy children.

Each child receives a shoebox filled with toys, basic necessities like

toothbrushes and other toiletries and a New Testament in their native language for Christmas.

Places receiving shoeboxes include Africa, China, Japan, and India.

Thanks to everyone who donated to Operation Christmas Child, whether it was a couple of toys, basic necessities, one shoebox or multiple shoeboxes!

You can track LBC's shoeboxes online at <http://www.samaritanpurse.org>.

Just for kids... and the young at heart

Hours of Worship:

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study
& Awana**
7:00 p.m., Wed.

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Memory Verse:

Luke 2:11 (NIV)
"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Pastor's Joke Corner:

What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic!

