

Rock *Hand of Hands* MASTER
 SAVIOR Holy One of Israel *Moshiach* Advocate
Bright Morning Star **JESUS CHRIST** Immanuel
Redeemer Anchor *Alpha & Omega*
 Wonderful Counselor
 Good Shepherd Prince of Peace ALMIGHTY

December 24 & 25, 2011

AT A GLANCE

FOR TODAY

Saturday, December 24, 2011

3:00, 4:30 & 6:00 p.m. Worship Services

&

Sunday, December 25, 2011

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Teaching by Pastor Bill Miller

This Changes Everything!

Matthew 1:18-25

How the birth of Jesus changed this world, our relationship to God, and our personal lives.

2012 Preaching Focus:

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION THAT WILL ACHIEVE RESULTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 | Philippians 3:12-16

We want to ask ourselves this question: What are the ingredients of an un-failing resolution? 2012 is a year with a lot of unknowns. Personally, I believe it will be a very tumultuous year. Yet God is in control. Our confidence must be in Him. May our Church press forward strongly for Christ.

"MALACHI: A LOVE LETTER FROM GOD"

STARTING SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | Book of Malachi

We will begin a series in the book of Malachi. Among the thoughts we will focus upon in this book are: God's pursuit of excellence, spiritual stewardship of time and resources, God's view of marriage, and the joy of knowing that Christ is coming.

GET YOUR CHICKEN HERE!

In the season of Christ's birth, we want to turn our eyes to the needs of the world. So as a church we are sponsoring a Christmas Love Project to help orphans in Africa. We are partnering with Children's Hope Chest in Ethiopia to provide for them a complete Chicken Farm. The total cost of the project is \$7,000. We want to meet this goal by the end of December. Read Page 4 of this bulletin for more information.

to our GUESTS:

Welcome! We're glad you're here. Below is information that will be of help to you.

- **RESPONSE CARD:** Located in this bulletin, fill it out to let us know you joined us today. Add any prayer requests you have and place in the offering plate.
- **NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL CARE** (infants through age 5/pre-K): Is provided during all of the services. Follow signs to the Pre-school Check-In counter; which is located in Kings Highway hallway. If you need help in locating this counter, please feel free to ask one of our usher.

in between SERVICES:

OFFERING ENVELOPES *TODAY* | Tables Located In Lobby
Pick-up your 2012 Offering Envelopes in the front lobby today!

CHURCH EVENT SIGN-UPS/INFORMATION TABLE

TODAY | Table Located On Jericho Road

Read Pages 3-6 of this bulletin for more information on the following...

**Pick-up Yellow Chronological Bible Reading Record
Children's Ministry Volunteers - Pick-up Your Gift
Buffalo Bible Institute Class Sign-up
Luncheon with Missionary Sign-up
Claim Lost & Found Items**

sunday EVENING:

NO CHILL OUT (GRADES 9-12)

FROM THE BUFFALO COVENANT CHURCH OFFICE...

763-682-1470 | Fax: 763-682-4716 | 1601 Hwy 25 N | Buffalo, MN 55313

CHECK US OUT ONLINE

WWW.BUFFALOCOV.ORG

You will find ongoing and new information to help you get connected with our church family and deepen your faith in God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 26 | Office Closed
Tuesday-Thursday | 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SMALL GROUPS

www.buffalocov.org/smallgroups

WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER - SMALL GROUP CHALLENGE!

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Hello Small Group Leaders & Members... As many of you know, BCC is sponsoring a Christmas Love Project to help orphans in Africa. During the month of December the goal is to raise \$7,000 to provide a chicken farm to Kind Hearts School. *The Gilbert Small Group (Reid & Terri Gilbert) have proposed a CHALLENGE to the other BCC Small Groups!* You all have been challenged to a contest to raise money for this project. The winner of this challenge will receive a "Chicken Dinner", provided by church. The money can be raised by any means your group chooses (except stealing). Deadline to turn in your money is Sunday, January 1st. Make checks payable to Buffalo Covenant, in the memo section write "Chicken Challenge" and your small group name, and turn it in to the Church Office. The Gilbert Small Group is pretty confident they are winning the Chicken Dinner. Good luck to all of you and let the challenge begin!

PSALM 133:1 — BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!

Small groups offer a place to connect with others in fellowship, to grow in your understanding of the Bible as Jesus' own disciples did, to meet the needs of others in your group through ministry, to become equipped for evangelism, and to worship God through practicing godly behavior.

WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP?

A "Small Group" gathers together regularly to study the Bible, pray together, and enjoy friendship. Groups are from 6 to 20 people, and may be couples groups, men's groups or women's groups. Most of our Small Groups meet in homes. Small groups meet weekly or twice a month for about two hours.

Usually, the group is working through a study guide which directs the discussion and keeps the group on track. The group will have a leader who is in charge of the learning and discussion time. Groups cover a wide range of topics, from marriage and family issues, to prayer and Biblical book studies.

Some groups are ideal for people who are new to Bible study, and some groups are appropriate for long-time Bible students. The level of your participation is up to you. No one is pressured to speak, pray or read aloud if they prefer to listen.

OK. I'M CONVINCED. HOW DO I GET CONNECTED?

If you are interested in a small group and want more info on what is available, contact Small Groups Coordinator Carmen W. (ecwyatt@charter.net; 763-682-1690).

GROUPS WITH OPENINGS

Roger & Adelle Lundeen's Group

Led by Jim Landt, this group is just finishing Ephesians and will start "*The Lord's Plan for Financing the Gospel*" in January. Meets on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; weekly; Openings for 6.

Doug & Elaine Squires' Group

Don Danielson is the Bible Study Leader and they are doing a study on the Minor Prophets; Meeting at various homes; Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.; weekly; Openings for 4

To sign-up, go online at www.buffalocov.org/small-group-list or contact the Small Groups Coordinator Carmen W. (ecwyatt@charter.net; 763-682-1690).

20 SOMETHING SMALL GROUP

Mondays | Various Locations* | 7:00 p.m.

We've decided to study the Book of Proverbs. Location TBD* for the following: Proverbs 5-6 for January 2nd, Proverbs 7-8 for January 16th, and Proverbs 9-10 for January 30th. *If you are interested in hosting our small group for one of these evenings, please let Charissa Pederson (charissa.pederson@gmail.com; 612-219-1102) know! Otherwise, we'll be defaulting to Charissa's house.

NEW SMALL GROUP: "FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY"

This 13-week small group will be working through Dave Ramsey's FPU training and workbooks. It will be led by Randy Watermilller, Taylor Pack, and Mike Passig. It will start in February and you can sign-up for the small group during the 4-week Stewardship Adult Sunday School classes being offered in January.

CHILDREN www.buffalocov.org/children

Kids are exciting! They are in the process learning new things, trying new things, experiencing new things. Buffalo Covenant Church cares about kids.

OUR MISSION

To partner with parents in building a spiritual foundation in the lives of children, from birth through grade 5, so that they will come to know, love and serve Jesus.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS (AWANA, SUNDAY SCHOOL, PRE-SCHOOL, SPECIAL EVENTS)

PICK-UP TODAY | Table Located On Jericho Road
Please stop by the Event Sign-ups/Information Table (on Jericho Road) and get your Christmas gift from the church! We appreciate the wonderful ministry of the 175 Children's Ministry Volunteers at Buffalo Covenant Church.

A CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE JUST FOR KIDS!

Designed for ages 7-10 (listeners 4 and up), a chronological telling of the Bible, *The Day by Day Kid's Bible* presents the events of Scripture in the order they occurred. To order a copy, visit either www.amazon.com or www.christianbook.com and enter the title of the Bible in the search bar.

NO AWANA *WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 28*

Due to Christmas-New Years break. Normal schedule resumes on Wednesday, January 4th.

NEED NURSERY VOLUNTEERS *SUNDAYS, JANUARY 1 - MAY 27* 11:00 Hour Nursery Care Workers...

Two people needed for the 1st Sunday of each month to care for toddlers & One person needed for the 2nd Sunday of each month to care for infants
Please contact Janine (763-682-1470; janine-Kruger@hotmail.com) to let her know the area you would be willing to serve in caring for our kids.

NEXT CHILD DEDICATION *JANUARY 15* | During Services If you would like your child to be included, please contact Barb (barb@buffalocov.org; 763-682-1470).

YOUTH www.buffalocov.org/youth

Students at Buffalo Covenant are on a journey discovering what they believe about God and who they are in Him. Their journey is lifelong, but hopefully their teen years will set up a solid foundation for their future.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Buffalo Covenant Youth Ministry exists that we may become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, who truly worship God. In doing this, we continually GROW in our FAITH, SUPPORT each other, and DISCOVER our individual spiritual gifts. We then use these tools to REACH and to MINISTER to others. This is the foundation of our faith that we will use throughout our lives.

CHILL OUT *SUNDAYS* | Youth Room | 6:30 -9:30 p.m.
For our 9th through 12th grade students, we meet in the Youth Room on Sunday nights during the school year. Each week students experience engaging worship, dynamic Bible-centered teaching, interactive small groups, and recreational activities.

HANG TIME *WEDNESDAYS* | Youth Room | 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
For our 6th through 8th grade students, we meet in the Youth Room on Wednesday nights during the school year. Each week students experience engaging worship, dynamic Bible-centered teaching, interactive small groups, and recreational activities.

NO HANG TIME & NO 9th GRADE CONFIRMATION
on WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 28

NO CHILL OUT *on SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1*

SR. HIGH-ALUMNI BROOMBALL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 | Church Rink | 8:00 p.m.
Come dressed appropriately for the weather and be ready to have some fun! There will be NO regular Chill Out on this night.

SR. HIGH WINTER RETREAT *JAN. 13-16* | Adventurous Christians
A meaningful time to connect with God and other students. Cost is \$195 and a \$75 non-refundable deposit holds your spot. If you would like to leave early for the Friday Ski Day at Lutsen, the approximate cost is \$40. For complete details get a brochure from Joanie's Desk.

BUILDING BRIDGES

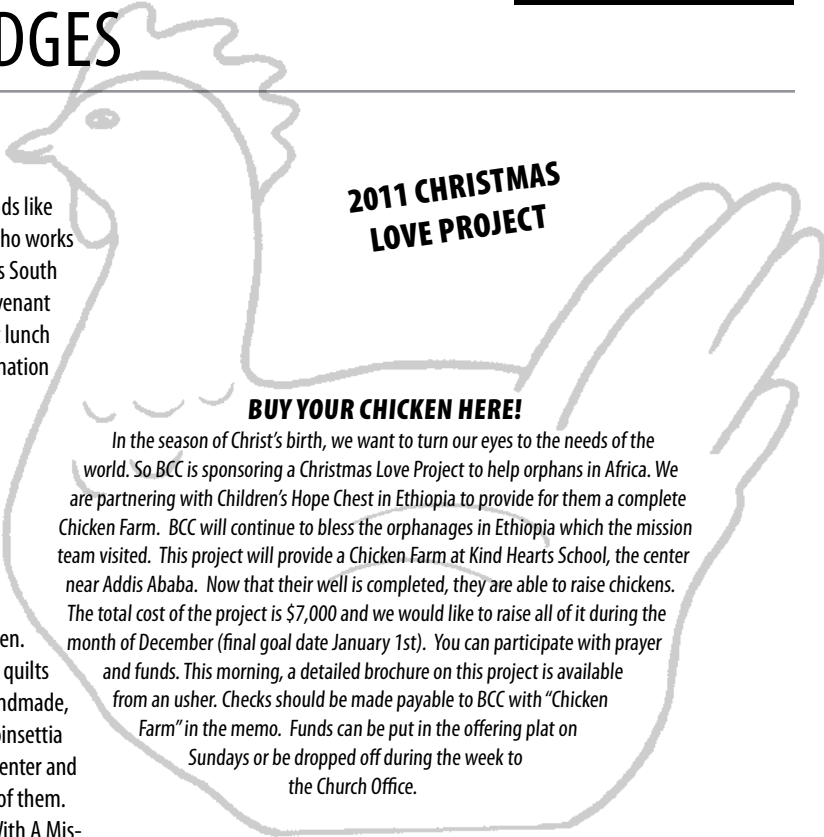
LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | Room 105 | After 3rd Service
 On January 8th, BCC will host missionary, James Tang (sounds like tongue). Pastor Tang is a Sudanese pastor in Minneapolis who works on the mission field part time. Several times a year, he visits South Sudan to encourage pastors and people in the Sudanese Covenant Church. Consider joining the Mission Commission for a light lunch on that Sunday. Please sign-up at the Event Sign-ups/Information Table (on Jericho Road).

BRIDGE BUILDING BLESSINGS

During this Christmas season here is a small reflection of how you, our Church Family, blessed our community and world...

- Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes – 230 boxes given.
- Indian Mission Fellowship in Walker, MN received 25+ quilts that women from our monthly Mission Connection handmade, along with clothing, sheets, misc. items, and lots of poinsettia plants that were taken to the Indian Hospital, Senior Center and church. They are overflowing with thanks for our care of them.
- Christmas In Haiti (Feed My Starving Children/Youth With A Mission Food Packing) – 26 adults, teens & children from our church family raised \$1,516.00 and packed 9,853 meals.
- On December 14th we had two caroling groups of adults and kids who went to homes in the Buffalo community.
- Our Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) did 12 Christmas Bags for the Buffalo Food Shelf to give to families to have to celebrate Jesus' birthday
- Over a 100 people helped at the Outdoor Living Nativity, including the 54 actors, also the servers, cookie makers and people who helped with set up, clean up, and other responsibilities. Approximately 1500 people attended.
- Christmas Love Project (Chicken Farm) – As of Sunday, December 18th our total thus far is... \$20,460.00... More is still coming as our deadline is January 1st. There are specific groups that had friendly competitions too and the results are...
 - Children raised \$4,869.58
 - Youth raised \$425.86
 - Small Groups Challenge is still in progress...
Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner goes to Small Group ?????



2011 CHRISTMAS LOVE PROJECT

BUY YOUR CHICKEN HERE!

In the season of Christ's birth, we want to turn our eyes to the needs of the world. So BCC is sponsoring a Christmas Love Project to help orphans in Africa. We are partnering with Children's Hope Chest in Ethiopia to provide for them a complete Chicken Farm. BCC will continue to bless the orphanages in Ethiopia which the mission team visited. This project will provide a Chicken Farm at Kind Hearts School, the center near Addis Ababa. Now that their well is completed, they are able to raise chickens. The total cost of the project is \$7,000 and we would like to raise all of it during the month of December (final goal date January 1st). You can participate with prayer and funds. This morning, a detailed brochure on this project is available from an usher. Checks should be made payable to BCC with "Chicken Farm" in the memo. Funds can be put in the offering plat on Sundays or be dropped off during the week to the Church Office.

PERSONAL NOTES...

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE LIVING NATIVITY... Many people from our church and community were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. We heard so many great comments. Approximately 1500 guests attended. Your help was a blessing to our church, and to our community! Thanks for your ministry!

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY... for all of the kind gifts and cards you gave to us, pastors and support staff, during this Christmas holiday.

Sincerely,
BCC Pastors & Staff

ADULTS

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER, please call Amy F. at 320-963-4012, Judy B. at 763-682-2873, the Church Office at 763-682-1470, or fill out the prayer card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

BUFFALO BIBLE INSTITUTE WINTER-SPRING CLASSES

REGISTER TODAY | Table On Jericho Road OR buffalocov.org/adults

Job: Struggling to Find Light When All Seems Dark

MONDAYS, JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 13 | Choir Room | 7-8:30 p.m.

Taught by Pastor Max Frazier; Cost is \$30

The story of Job is an ancient one, yet it is a modern one as well. When tragedies occur - whether floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, notes of terminal illness, suicides, etc. - the response is to cry out, 'Why me?' A second question believers often ask is "Where is God?" Job's story helps us to understand the answers to both questions. Join in probing this exciting book as we sit in the ash heap alongside of Job and interact with his friends and with God about the issues of life.

Experience The Evidence Of The Spirit-filled Life

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 27 - APRIL 2 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Taught by Dr. Oliver Blosser; Cost is \$30

Your life can be successfully built on a solid foundation of vibrant personal virtues. These Spirit-given virtues will help you to become Christ-like and like Christ. The life-changing virtues are firmly grounded in God's Word. Put them into practice and they will produce a godly character in your life. When the Holy Spirit controls your life, He will produce the Fruit of the Spirit in your life — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Join us to study God's treasury of virtues for six weeks so that you can live beyond yourself through the Spirit's help.

LADIES NEW YEAR'S POTLUCK MISSION CONNECTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 | Room 105 | 9:00 a.m.

Ladies of all ages, join us! This will be our annual Christmas-New Years Potluck. Bring a lunch or snack item to share and enjoy a time of fellowship and planning for the 2012 year.

JANUARY 2012 ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL

A detailed brochure of the whole schedule from January-May 2012 is available at our Welcome Center (located in Church Office area of Kings Highway hallway). The following is the topic, location, and time for the month of January. This class schedule is subject to change as situations and room assignments require.

JANUARY 1

BIBLICAL PROPHECY & CURRENT EVENTS

9:30 a.m. | Meeting in the Youth Room | Taught by Dennis Lingo

SUNDAYS, JAN. 8 - 29 ***DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY***

9:30 a.m. | Choir Room | Facilitated by Taylor Pack & Mike Passig
11 a.m. | Room TBD | Led by Randy Watermillier & Pastor Bill Miller

JANUARY IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

At BCC during the month of January we will be reminding ourselves of the Biblical truth, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." (Psalm 24:1) Pastor Max will be preaching through Malachi; the two Adult Sunday School classes will be teaching from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University; and most of the small groups will be studying Dr. Oliver and Mary Blosser's Bible study on Tithing. Stewardship is a spiritual growth opportunity, so we encourage you to get plugged into the various options being offered.

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 | Youth Room | 8:00 a.m.

Over a hearty breakfast, men from around the area meet to discuss the topic for the day. For information or to let them know you're coming, call Mark Jerde at 612-490-4344.

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | Gym | 6:00 p.m.

For all BCC Members, at this meeting we will be approving the Budget for the new year, getting staff reports, and getting updates and plans for the future. Childcare is provided for this meeting.

2012 BIBLE CHALLENGE - UPDATED INFORMATION

For the new year of 2012 we are challenging all members of the BCC Family to read through the entire Bible in chronological order in one year! To help you do this, you can order a copy of *The Daily Bible* by visiting either www.amazon.com or www.christianbook.com and enter the title of the Bible in the search bar. This entire Bible is arranged in chronological order with daily readings posted as January 1, January 2, etc. If you choose to read thru your own Bible in chronological order, pick-up a yellow Chronological Bible Reading Record at the Event Sign-ups/Information Table (on Jericho Road).

As you are reading through the Bible in 2012 many questions will come to your heart and mind. If you will e-mail your questions to Pastor Max (max@buffalocov.org), he will work with others in providing answers. Many of these answers, as well as other helpful information for each Bible book, will be posted on a new web site that will be created for just this purpose. As soon as it is developed, you will be informed and it will be linked through the Buffalo Covenant web site. God bless you as you read, know, and grow in your walk through the Bible in 2012.

COMPUTER DOCTOR IS IN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 & 28 | Room 100 | 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Michael Murphy is making himself available to our church congregation for computer servicing, upgrades, virus protection, and general advice. The service is free; the only potential cost would be for any software or hardware purchases you might need. No appointment needed.

OPERATION FISHNET UPDATE...

THIS WEEK'S NEWS...

This past week Worship Center chairs were delivered and installation began, carpeting installation in the Worship Center began, lighting control panel/dimmer installation continues, and wood trim work installation began. This past week \$7,307.00 was given to the Building Fund.

HELP US "PREPARE THE NETS FOR MINISTRY"

We are in the midst of the remodeling our worship center and parking lot. To give to this special project, make your check payable to Buffalo Covenant Church and write "Building Fund" in the memo. For more info on our project, go to www.buffalocov.org/financing-details or talk with a staff member in the Church Office. (763-682-1470).

COMMENTS OR REQUESTS:

PRAYER NEEDS AND PRAISES: For Staff For Prayer Team [Confidentiality is maintained.]

I would like to be contacted for personal support & encouragement. I am facing a difficult challenge. [Confidentiality maintained.]

TODAY I... Made a decision for Christ

I'D LIKE INFORMATION ON...

- How to commit my life to Christ
- Connecting with others at BCC
- Membership Class
- Children's Ministry (age 0-5th grade)
- Student Ministry (Sr. & Jr. High)

- Adult Spiritual Growth:
 - Sunday Education Classes
 - Small Groups
 - Bible Classes (BBI)
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry:
 - MOPS: Mothers of Pre-schoolers

- Care Ministry
 - Trusted Friends
 - Grief/Share
 - Visitation
- Worship Ministry/Tek
- Opportunities to serve

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU JOINED US TODAY! PLEASE USE THIS CARD TO COMMUNICATE W/THE CHURCH OFFICE AND THE PASTORAL STAFF. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE CLEARLY WRITE YOUR INFORMATION BELOW AND SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Date _____ New Info **I/WE ATTENDED:** 3:00 p.m. Service 4:30 p.m. Service 6:00 p.m. Service 10:00 a.m. Service

I AM/WE ARE: Attending Regularly a Member a Visitor **I AM A GUEST OF:** _____

Mr. | Mrs. | Ms. | Miss _____

Name (Include children living at home; listing names, birth dates, and grades) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone, Cell Phone, and/or Daytime Phone _____ E-mail Address(es) _____

MY/OUR AGE GROUP: under 20 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-70 71+

AT A GLANCE

THIS WEEK

For a look at the complete calendar, visit our web site:

WWW.BUFFALOCOV.ORG/CALENDAR

If you do not have access to the internet, talk with the Church Office Staff (763-682-1470) to find out what opportunities are happening this week for you to engage in and connect with our church family.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th

NO Sunday School for all ages

NO Chill Out (grades 9-12)

MONDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

NO Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY

NO DivorceCare Group

WEDNESDAY

NO Men's Shuffleboard and NO Women's Bible Study

NO Awana, NO Hang Time (grades 6-8), NO 9th Grade Confirmation Class

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Ladies Mission Connection New Year's Potluck

6:30 p.m. Vocal and Band Rehearsal in the Gym

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Groups at Buffalo Dunn Bros. & Riley's Auto Sales

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group in Room 106

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Pre-school, Elementary, and Adult Class

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Sunday School for Pre-school, Elementary, Middle School, & Sr. High

NO Regular Chill Out (grades 9-12)

6:30 p.m. Ladies S.N.I.P.P. (Sunday Night In Progress Projects) in Room 205

8:00 p.m. Sr. High-Alumni Broomball on Church Rink

MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

NO Women's Bible Study

NO Prayer for Healing Gathering