



Christmas Eve

December 24 | 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30pm

ADULT MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS CARD MINISTRY

Place your Christmas cards for WRCC friends in the main basket in the Coffee Area. Cards will be distributed to the appropriate boxes by volunteers. Be sure to pick up your own cards as well.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES START WEEK OF JAN 11

Studies offered: Beth Moore's new study, "Esther;" Joanna Weaver's, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World;" Kay Warren's "Dangerous Surrender: What Happens When You Say Yes to God;" & John MacArthur's "Galatians: The Wondrous Grace of God." Sign up at the Women's Ministry Counter TODAY to have a book ordered for you. After today, you will have to order & purchase your own book.

LONGEST NIGHT TONIGHT | 7:00pm | Discovery Room

Grief can be a long, dark night that doesn't seem to end. However, the promise of our Father is that He does bring an end to our grief & tears. If grieving the loss of a loved one, please attend this special service.

GRIEF/LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays; Jan. 14-Feb. 18 | 4:00pm | Counseling Center

If you or a friend have been impacted by loss, then you may find this 6-week program helpful. There is no cost for attending. Call 776-4187 to sign up or for additional information.

PRIME TIME January 3 | 5:30pm | Discovery Room

We'll start 2009 with a Chili/Soup cook off. For more information, contact Darlene Holloway at rdholloway1939@yahoo.com or 443-0202.

DAVID RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Another class will be offered in January. Watch for details coming soon!

WHITE RIVER SPORTS

WHITERIVERSPORTS.ORG FOR NEWS & INFO

Visit whiteriversports.org for useful information about winter sports, such as practice & game schedules.

UPWARD BASKETBALL SEEKS REFEREES

Please email Jason Isaacs at jandlisaacs@aol.com if interested.

NEXT GENERATION

WE HAVE A "SPECIAL NEED"

We are currently looking for a volunteer to serve in our Special Needs classroom. We have openings during the 9:00 & 10:45 services. Please contact Tommy Kalstad at 773-2233 or tkalstad@wrcc.org if interested.

JR HIGH INTRODUCES NEW WEB SITE Check it out at WWW.MYGRAPPLE.COM

Parents, we are excited about this web site, which will support & build upon what we are studying on Sundays during PULSE Remix, & help students keep in touch with friends & leaders. Students will receive more info about this program, including a username & password today in PULSE Remix at 10:45am. Be sure to ask!

SR HIGH COSBY CHRISTMAS PARTY December 28 | 10:45am | Family Life Center

Goodwill or your Dad's closet; it doesn't matter where you find it, but it's time to search out the ugliest sweater you can find. We are celebrating our 2nd Annual Awake Cosby Christmas Party.

SR HIGH DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE February 6 & 7 at The Creek in Indianapolis

Discipleship, presented by CIY is a weekend event designed to guide students & leaders on following the life & example of Jesus. The cost is \$35 plus money for lunch & souvenirs (due January 18). In order to keep costs down, students are responsible for their own transportation on both days. Check with your AWAKE Bible Study group for carpooling options. The Creek is located at 6430 S. Franklin Road in Indianapolis. Please see the Sr. High Upcoming Events page at wrcc.org for downloadable registration form & more details.

COMMUNITY WORKS MINISTRY

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH TEAMS

We have adopted a couple of neighborhoods over the past 2 years & plan to bring on one more in '09. We're looking to develop a focused effort in continuing the conversation with people in these neighborhoods--prayer walks, cookouts, Bible studies, etc. Email Derek Lynas at dlynas@wrcc.org if you would like to join us in 2009.

SECOND SATURDAYS: MAKE A DIFFERENCE 2009 Season Kicks Off January 10

Mark your calendars & check the website under SERVE for all the 2009 dates.

RED CARD: STANDING AGAINST OPPRESSION, PROVIDING HOPE

Sundays, January 11-February 22 | 10:45am-Noon

Millions of children grow up without hope & without many basic necessities. Your family can make a difference for children in poverty, orphans, street kids, child laborers, children of war, & victims of HIV/AIDS. Bring your kids grade 3 & up for an interactive family class. Class size is limited. Register at the Community Works Counter by January 4. For info, contact Fred & Alisa Knoll at theknolls1@sbcglobal.net.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS & END OF YEAR GIVING

The Church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve & reopen at 8:00am on January 2. All checks mailed to WRCC & postmarked by December 31 will be counted as a 2008 contribution. If you need to make a contribution while the office is closed & you are unable to put it in the offering plate on Sunday December 28 or mail it in time, please contact Andy Foster at 501-0020 to make arrangements for him to collect your gift.

The Week at a Glance

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Lite Hearted	Mondays; 6:00pm	Meetings Resume January 5
Nursing Home Visitation	Tuesdays; 3:30-5:00pm	Harbor Manor
Adult Basketball Open Gym	Tuesdays; 8:00-10:00pm	Family Life Center (gym)
Sr. High AWAKE Bible Studies	Wednesdays; 6:30pm--resumes in Jan	See wrcc.org for information
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Thursdays; 6:00am	Bob Evans, Noblesville
Sr. High Chillin'	Thursdays; 3:00pm	See WRCC.ORG for location

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Prime Time	1 st Saturdays; 5:30pm	Discovery Room
American Heritage Girls	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays; 4:00pm	Discovery Room
Teen MOPS	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays; 6:00-7:30pm	Conference Room
CATALYST	1 st Wednesdays; 6:30pm	Worship Center
Martial Arts Academy	Thursdays; 6:30-7:30pm	The Attic
Life Protection Class	Thursdays; 7:30-8:30pm	The Attic
Young Adult/College Small Group	1 st & 3 rd Saturdays; 6:00pm	Prayer Room--Call 379-3489
Evening of Prayer	2 nd Mondays; 6:30-8:00pm	Worship Center
Autism Support Group	2 nd Saturdays; 9:00-11:00am	The Attic
Military Support Group	3 rd Wednesdays; 6:30pm	Conference Room
Grief Support Group	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays; 7:00pm	Counseling Center
Heaven's Handiwork	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays; 9:30am	Discovery Room

SPECIAL EVENTS

Longest Night Service	TONIGHT; 7:00pm	Discovery Room
Sr. High Cosby Christmas Party	December 28; 10:45am	FLC

ATTENDANCE & FINANCE UPDATE December 14, 2008

- Attendance: 1864
- General Offering: \$72,973.38
- YTD Offering: \$2,593,644.82
- Baptisms: 2 (164 YTD)
- Weekly Budget: \$56,782.00
- YTD Budget: \$2,839,100.00
- Transfers: 3 (106 YTD)
- Avg. '08 Weekly Offering: \$51,771.70

Sermon Notes

Why Jesus Came • December 21, 2008 • Keith Comp, Associate Pastor
Download sermon notes & subscribe to the podcast at wrcc.org.

ON DECEMBER 7, 1941, JAPANESE PLANES ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES NAVAL BASE AT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII TERRITORY KILLING MORE THAN 2,300 AMERICANS.

WHITE RIVER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2008

FIRST TIME GUESTS

Please fill out a communication card located in the pew in front of you, then drop it in the offering basket. Please visit the Welcome Counter in the Lobby where we have a gift for you. We will also be happy to provide any information you need and answer any questions.

COMMUNION

Everyone who claims Jesus as Savior is invited to participate in this physical reminder of His sacrifice. After we pray, the bread & juice will be passed. Take them as you wish during our quiet time.

OFFERING

Each week we share in an offering. We believe God has blessed each of us & are joyful about participating in His work by giving back to God as an act of worship & obedience. Please give as you feel the Spirit leading you.

INVITATION

If you have a decision to make today--to give your heart to God for the first time, to rededicate your life, or to place your membership with White River, you are invited to come forward at this time. One of our pastors will take your confession & you can be baptized. Or, if you are more comfortable, you are welcome to meet one of our pastors or elders over by the baptistry after service. Our invitation is never closed.

THANK YOU FOR TURNING OFF YOUR PAGERS & CELL PHONES DURING SERVICE.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

THE BOOK OF ROMANS | 9:00AM | MUSIC REHEARSAL RM

This class will resume meeting on January 11 with the study of Romans, Chapters 5-8.

FOR SINGLES ONLY | 10:45AM | RM 14

This is an ongoing class for single adults. We are currently studying the book of Hebrews.

YOUNG AT HEART (AGE 55+) | 10:30AM | PRAYER RM

This ongoing class is currently studying "The Birth of a New Community."

SUNDAY YOUTH CLASSES

INFANTS THROUGH 5 YEARS

Programming is available during both services.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 4TH GRADE

"The Kids Zone" meets during both services.

JUNIOR HIGH | 5TH-8TH GRADE

PULSE meets in the FLC at 9:00am.

PULSE Remix meets in the Attic at 10:45am.

SR. HIGH | 9TH-12TH GRADE

AWAKE meets in the FLC during the 10:45am service.

SR. HIGH | 9TH-12TH GRADE

AWAKE Bible Studies meet in homes on Wednesday evenings. The Bible Studies are on break right now for Christmas and will resume meeting in January. Please see wrcc.org for details.