

SERMON NOTES

December 24, 2006 Timothy Brock, Senior Pastor

SERIES: Real Simple MESSAGE: Love

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

	EVENT	DAY/TIME	LOCATION
WEEKLY PROGRAMS	Lite Hearted Weight Loss Group	Mondays; 5:45pm (no meeting 12/25 or 1/1)	Choir Room
	Moms in Touch	Tuesdays; 9:15am	Prayer Room
	Jr. High sHift Bible Study	Wednesdays; 6:30pm	Attic & Conference Rm.
	Sr. High FUEL Worship Service	Wednesdays; 6:30pm	Garage
	Men's Basketball	Thursdays; 8:30pm (not meeting 12/28)	Family Life Center
	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Thursdays; 6:00am	Noblesville Bob Evans
MONTHLY PROGRAMS	Prime Time	1st Saturday of Month; 5:30pm	Discovery Room
	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)	January 10 & 24; 9:00am	Discovery Room
	Christian Karate Class	January 11, 18, & 23; 6:00pm	Garage
	The Golden Thread	2nd & 4th Tuesdays; 6:30pm (no meeting December 26)	Lobby
	Heaven's Handiwork	January 17 & 31; 9:30am	Discovery Room
	Jr. High GO!	3rd Friday of Month; 7-9:30pm (no meeting in December)	Garage
	Grief Support Group	4th Tuesday of Month; 7:00pm (not meeting in December)	Counseling Center
	Women's Game & Card Night	January 26; 7:00pm	Home of Deb Lorenz
SPECIAL EVENTS	Jr. High Christmas Party	TODAY; 9 & 10:30am	Garage
	Christmas Eve Services	TODAY; 4:30, 6:00, & 7:30pm	Worship Center
	Annual Budget & Ministry Meeting	January 7; 7:00-8:00pm	Worship Center
	Jr. High Parent Meeting	January 14; after 3rd Service	Garage
	7th & 8th Grade Lock-In	January 19; 9:30pm-7:00am	Garage
	Sr. High Parent Meeting	January 21; after 3rd Service	Garage
	Men's Wild Game Feed	January 29; 5pm	Family Life Center



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WHITE RIVER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Timothy Brock, Sr. Pastor

WELCOME

Thank you so much for joining us today. We are so glad you are here. We've prayed for you. We've planned for you. Our team has worked all week to ensure that this service is the most significant moment of your week. You matter to God & you matter to us. Sit back, relax, & take time to seriously consider what God wants to teach you today. Listen closely, God is speaking to you.

Please help us learn about your needs today. Fill out a card in the pew in front of you & place it in the offering tray.



PLEASE VISIT OUR WELCOME COUNTER IN THE LOBBY FOR AN INFORMATIONAL CD-ROM!

TODAY AT WHITE RIVER

WELCOME & GREETING

WORSHIP IN SONG

COMMUNION

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

OFFERING

Each week we share in an offering. We believe that those who are members of the church should support its work by giving to God as an act of worship. If you are not a member, you are under no obligation to give. However, if you feel led to give to God today, please do so.

MESSAGE

DECISION SONG

SUNDAY CLASSES

Care for infants through age 5 years is available during both services.

Kindergarten-4th Grade "The Kids' Zone" meets in the Family Life Center during both services.

Junior High (5th-8th grade) "IGNITION" meets in the Garage during both services this morning.

Sr. High "LIFT" will not meet this morning. Sr. High students will worship with their families today.

The Adult Education Classes will not meet today.

Thank you for turning off your pagers & cell phones during service. WE LOVE BABIES...but if they are crying, please comfort them in the Lobby or in the nursery. The worship service may be viewed from either location.

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES IN 2007

Start the year out right by getting deeper in your relationship with God. Many growth opportunities are available. Check out wrcc.org for more information or stop by the Connection Pointe, Men's or Women's Ministry Counter in the Lobby.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

We are currently registering ladies for studies that will begin in January. Stop by the Women's Ministry Counter to learn about the many studies available & to get signed up.

MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendars for January 13 when we start again! Pastor Timothy Brock will be leading us through a verse by verse study of the book of James.

SMALL GROUPS

Connect with God & others through the community of a small group. Contact Phil Hellar to get involved.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

New classes are starting in January!

- **The Power of Community: 1 Corinthians**
Starts January 14 during the 9:45 service in Room 17. Taught by Phil Heller.
- **Transformations: Practices for Maturity**
Starts January 14 during the 9:45 service in Room 18. Taught by Todd Hagemeyer.
- **Effective Parenting in a Defective World**
Starts January 14 during the 9:45 service in the Choir Room. Workbooks are available for purchase at the start of the class for \$12. Facilitated by Dave & Peggy Smiley.
- **For Singles Only**
Each Sunday morning, singles of all ages meet in Room 14 during the 9:45 service for a time of fellowship & study. Afterward, we encourage everyone to attend the 11:15am worship service together. Following the service, everyone is invited to eat lunch together at a local restaurant. Taught by Dan Ward.
- **Young At Heart**
Fellowship & study with other older adults each Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Prayer Room. In January, we will continue looking at Jesus being the portrait of God as described in John. Taught by Gary Bloehs.

ADULT MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR MARRIAGE?

Dynamic Marriage: There are a few spots still open. Dynamic Marriage is an experience that can improve the best marriage or radically change a relationship that has become stale.

Registration & \$85 deposit due January 7.

Marriage Retreat: Getaway weekend in Brown County, March 9-11. Congratulations to the following couples who won the drawing to stay in one of the replace suites: Tom & Lynn Beagle, Mike & Pam Pariso, Ross & Marilyn Shafer, & Todd & Laura Magers. Only 7 more spots are available!

MARRIAGE MENTORS TRAINING

January 6 | 9:00-11:00am | Choir Room

Training will be facilitated by Dr. Gardner.

SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

January 7 | 11:15am | Discovery Room

All small group leaders are gathering for a time of fellowship & training. We will be finalizing our plans for the 40 Days to Financial Freedom.

GROWTH GROUP LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

January 19 | 6:30-9:00pm | The Attic

If you are currently serving as a leader in an adult ministry, come for a night of fellowship, vision, & prayer. We are launching a strategic vision for helping people deepen their relationships with God. Contact Phil Hellar at pheller@wrcc.org.

PRIME TIME GATHERING

January 6 | 5:30pm | Discovery Room

Prime Time is a social group for adults age 55+, but anyone is welcome! Pastor Phil Heller will be sharing a devotion. Bring a covered dish to share & a friend.

ANNUAL BUDGET & MINISTRY MEETING

January 7TH | 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Please mark your calendars to come hear about White River's 2007 Ministry Strategy!

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed for Christmas and New Year's and will reopen at 8:00am on Tuesday, January 2.

If you need to reach a pastor for **ANY** reason during that time, such as prayer requests, hospital visits, etc., simply call 773-2233 & press 111.

Leave a message (including your name & phone number) & a pastor will call you back.

WWW.WRCC.ORG

Check the website for all the latest details on news and events at White River. Read staff bios, learn about our mission, submit a prayer request, or tithe online.

WOMEN'S HIGHLIGHTS

LITE HEARTED WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Monday Evenings | 5:45pm | Choir Room

Lite Hearted is breaking for the holidays until January 8 when Lori Cain from Riverview will be speaking about "Healthy & Safe Exercise." We have optional weigh in & fellowship from 5:45 - 6:30pm followed by a meeting from 6:30 to 7pm. Childcare is available. Call Bev Bowers at 773-3798 or Brenda LaFever at 770-6995 for more information.

HEAVEN'S HANDIWORK

Meeting days for Heaven's Handiwork in January have changed. We'll meet on January 17 & January 31 at 9:30am in the Discovery Room, not our usual 2nd & 4th meeting dates. For info, call Claudette Roberts at 776-2425.

WOMEN'S GAMES & CARD NIGHT

January 26 | 7pm

Come relax & enjoy some laughter, meet some new ladies, & have fun. We will meet at the home of Deb Lorenz (1109 Chestnut Street, Noblesville). Call Deb at 773-5989 if you have questions.

MEN'S HIGHLIGHTS

NO-MUSIC GUYS' VOCAL GROUP

Open to all guys of all ages who want to sing loud & strong. We'll begin in mid-January. Register your intent by emailing dgergely@wrcc.org.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

This January we will be running a men's basketball league on Sunday afternoons. Please visit the Men's Ministry Counter to sign-up!

MEN'S WILD GAME FEED | January 29 | 5pm

Gentlemen, this is the event that you do not want to miss. There will be drawings, activities, a feast, & an excellent program, including the WRCC Men's Quartet, featuring the popular men's storyteller/speaker Steve Chapman. We are looking for men to host tables. Find seven guys for your table & help them enjoy the evening. We need venison donations, pictures of your trophy buck, birds or catch for the scrolling slideshow. Contact twiles@wrcc.org.

MEN'S TROUT FISHING TRIP | April 26-29

We might need to change the name to trout "catching" trip as the fishing is so awesome. Nearly half of the spots are already taken so don't delay in turning in your non-refundable deposit. You can download a registration form at wrcc.org or pick one up at the Men's Ministry Counter.

JR. HIGH

JR. HIGH SHIFT

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm

Shift will not meet on December 27 or January 3. We will resume on January 10.

JR. HIGH PARENT MEETING

January 14 | Following Third Service | Garage

Jr. High Pastors Derek Lynas & Corey Willoughby will be sharing some ministry highlights from 2006 & plans for 2007. Parents, your involvement & input are a vital part of your Jr. High student's spiritual development!

JR. HIGH GO!

January 19 | 7:00-9:30pm | Garage

GO! starts up again in January. There is no charge for admission, but we ask that you bring a package of toilet paper for the Food Pantry. Pizza is \$1 a slice & soda is 50 cents/can.

7TH & 8TH GRADE LOCK-IN

January 19 | 9:30pm-7:00am | Garage

7th & 8th graders are invited to stay after GO! for the annual lock-in. \$10 admission gets you a night of food, soda, games, worship, & fun with your friends! Watch for more information coming soon!

SR. HIGH

SR. HIGH FUEL

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm

FUEL will not meet on December 27 or January 3. We will resume on January 10.

SR. HIGH PARENT MEETING

January 21 | Following Third Service | Garage

Get all the scoop on the Sr. High Ministry & find out how you can get involved. After the Parent Meeting, parents of students who are going on the Operation Mexico mission trip over Spring Break should plan to stay for an informational meeting about that trip.

FAMILY BUSINESS

PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Make sure you visit the Connection Area & pick up your family's Christmas Cards. Cards will be available for pick-up until Sunday, January 7.

COMMUNITY WORKS ~ ANGEL TREE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who shared in the spirit of giving to families in need this Christmas. There were 91 children who were blessed by your generosity. Thanks again for sharing the love of Jesus Christ through the amazing gifts these families received. II Corinthians 9:13

DECEMBER 17, 2006 SUMMARY

Sunday Attendance:	1887
Weekday Attendance 12/4-12/10:	105
Baptisms 12/17:	3 (YTD: 154)
Transfers 12/17:	4 (YTD: 144)
General Offering 12/17:	\$64,318.92 (YTD: \$2,459,985.57)
Debt Reduction 12/17:	\$2260.00 (YTD: \$86,989.66)

Dear Friends and Family of White River Christian Church,

Merry Christmas to you all! What a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. We hope that you and yours have been keeping it "Real Simple" this season, seeking God's peace, and cherishing the joys of friends and family as you reflect on the most important birthday in history.

We are excited to share the celebration of Christmas together. Here is what we have planned for worship and what we would like to give Jesus as His birthday present:

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

2 Morning Services | 9:00 & 10:30am

Children up to 8th grade will be having a "Birthday Party for Jesus."

Senior High students will be attending worship services with their families.

Sunday Adult Fellowship Classes will not be meeting.

3 Evening Services | 4:30, 6:00, & 7:30pm

These services will each last 45 minutes and will feature the Puppet Ministry.

The Wee Worship rooms will be open for parents and their children if needed, but they will not be staffed with childcare volunteers.

JESUS' BIRTHDAY PRESENT (SUNDAY DEC 24TH AND SUNDAY DEC 31ST)

6 Habitat for Humanity Homes

Each home costs \$6000

The Elders have personally financed the first home.

Today and Dec. 31, any offering amount over our weekly need of \$49,500 will be designated for the remaining 5 homes until we reach our goal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

Merry Christmas!

The Elders of White River Christian Church

PS. Please prayerfully consider inviting someone to one of these special services.