

STUDENT LIFE

Led by Pastor Michael Matthews

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesdays in December

Join us as we look into the lives of the people that Jesus called friends. What kind of friend was Jesus to them? What was their response to His friendship? Among our highlights will be a visit from Jeremy Ham. Jeremy was in an accident last year that nearly claimed his life. This experience has given him a new perspective on the most important relationship we can have, our friendship with God.

YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY

December 2 at 6:00 pm

The youth service is always a highlight of our Christmas calendar. It is a blessing to this group of teens on fire for Jesus. Great music, drama, and worship will be a part of this energetic service. Make plans to attend as we begin the celebration of the birth of our Savior!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Students are encouraged to bring snacks as we celebrate Christmas together. Good food and games are always a part of this celebration. We need adult volunteers who will prepare food for our party. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Michael.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Pastor's Prayer Partners	9:00 A.M.
Sunday School Hour	9:30 A.M.
Choir Practice	10:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:00 P.M.
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EVERY 4TH TUESDAY

Senior Luncheon	12:00 P.M.
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WEDNESDAY

Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 P.M.
Children's Choir Practice (Annex)	6:30 P.M.
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 P.M.
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7:00 P.M.
Student Life Meeting (Youth Room)	7:00 P.M.
Bible Skills for Kids (Annex)	7:00 P.M.

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KID'S KORNER

FLORENCE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 1 at 7 p.m.

Everyone participating needs to meet at the church at 4:15 for departure for the Florence Christmas Parade. Judging begins at 5 p.m. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Pope (932-3081).

CHILDREN TO VISIT BRIARHILL NURSING HOME

Saturday, December 8

Children depart at 9:30 a.m. for a visit to the Briarhill Nursing Home on Saturday, December 8. They will return to the church for lunch and a dress rehearsal for the December 9 program.

THE FLOWER OF THE HOLY NIGHT

Sunday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

Children lead us a musical drama about the search for the perfect gift to give to the church to honor Jesus. A reception is scheduled immediately following the service to honor the children who have worked diligently preparing for this beautiful service. Everyone is invited to bring finger foods for the reception.

CAKE AUCTION

Sunday, December 9 at 6:45 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join the fun for this annual fundraising event for the Children's Ministry of Victory Church. Bring your favorite dessert item as we auction off all entries.

STEWARDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Budget YTD	\$197,268.81
General Income	216,993.87
Building Fund	126,716.12

Average Attendance:

Sunday Morning Worship:	148
Sunday School:	110
Sunday Evening:	50
Wednesday Night:	97

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FROM THE PASTOR...

Gifts are great ways to express our love for others. More than any other time of the year, this season reminds us of the greatest Gift ever given. "For God so love the world that He GAVE..." (John 3:16). "The wages of sin is death, but the GIFT of God is eternal life..." (Romans 6:23). "We are saved by grace through faith and not of ourselves, it is the GIFT of God..." (Ephesians 2:8, 9). Gift giving begins with God!

I am grateful for the generosity of Victory Church as we near the end of another year of blessings from God. Your faithful and consistent gifts to the church has allowed us to stay well ahead of budget throughout the year, as well as plan for a larger budget for the New Year. It is a constant source of encouragement for me and I know God is pleased as we give as unto Him! Thank you.

This December will be a wonderful celebration with family and friends in faith. It will also be another important opportunity for reflecting upon the miracle of God's Gift—Jesus!

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Cregg

THE PRINCE OF PROPHETS ON THE PRINCE OF PEACE

*Exploring Isaiah's Prophecies about Jesus
Sunday's at 10:45 a.m.*

Written more than 700 years before Jesus was born, there are more than 100 prophecies in the Book of Isaiah regarding the coming of Messiah who would save the world. Of the many prophecies regarding Jesus in Isaiah (and the Old Testament), Jesus fulfills them all! He is truly "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Isaiah's words are as relevant today as they were many centuries ago. Let's talk about it!

A White Christmas
December 2 at 10:45 a.m.

Leaping Over Loneliness
December 9 at 10:45 a.m.

The Light of Christmas
December 16 at 10:45 a.m.

Peace on Earth
December 23 at 10:45 a.m.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA'S

Sunday, December 16 at 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Poinsettia's are a tradition during Christmas each year at Victory Church. The sanctuary will be filled with these beautiful plants on Sunday, December 16 reminding us of the Star that led the Wise Men to the Manger. If you would like to reserve a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in the church bulletin with a \$10 donation. An insert with the list of those honored will be included in the bulletin for that day.



LOOKING AHEAD...

Revival Meeting
January 27-30

Rev. Bill Ross, pastor of the Harmony Congregational Methodist Church in Missouri, will be our evangelist as we begin now to pray for these special services.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!

As we celebrate the most important birth in human history, let's make the most of every opportunity God has given to celebrate the "Reason for the Season"!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sunday, December 2 at 6 p.m.

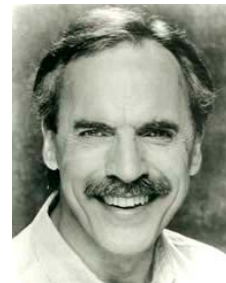
Pastor Michael Matthews leads our young people as they help us to celebrate Christmas!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM
Sunday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

Our children have been working hard as preparing for this meaningful message through song and spoken word. A reception will follow. Everyone invited to bring finger foods.

"A FATHER TO HIS STEP-SON"
Sunday, December 16 at 6 p.m.

John Maxwell returns to Victory Church as Jesus' earthly father Joseph on December 16 at 6 p.m. In this self-revealing monologue, Joseph tells his story of what it was like in his relationship with Jesus. Invite a friend and don't miss this unforgettable experience!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Monday, December 24 at 7 p.m.

Carols, Candlelight & Communion make this annual worship service a beautiful time for everyone! What better way to celebrate with those you love? Invite your family & friends to a meaningful opportunity on Christmas Eve!

LIFE OF CHRIST STUDY

Beginning Wednesday, December 5 at 7 p.m.

A brand new Bible study is being offered focusing on the Life of Christ beginning Wednesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This 13 week journey ends on Wednesday, March 19 just prior to Easter. Pastor Cregg Puckett leads the discussion as we seek to understand and emulate the most important life ever lived! Everyone is invited.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 11 at 12:00 PM

There is no senior luncheon scheduled for November with holiday activity on the rise. A special Christmas gathering is scheduled for December 11 as Carlos & June Corley lead this special Christmas gathering. Everyone is invited to attend this potluck event!