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# WFMCC Weekly

## Wisdom and Peace



"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."  
... James 3:17

Dear Friends

We had a wonderful time "Decking the Halls, Friday night. Everyone pitched in and the church looks great! Thanks to everyone who came out to work in this important ministry. We are so fortunate to have people who are willing to sacrifice their time to make our church pleasing and festive for the rest of us.

The WFMCC Praise Band will be performing Sunday beginning at 10:30 am, so come early and be inspired by God's word in song. Then come back at 6:00 Sunday night and be awed by the Christmas Cantata and play, not to mention, a few surprises!

This from Pastor Mary.....

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. 'Be still, and know that I am God!' The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Psalm 46*

*God is our refuge, a place to go hide and just "be" when we feel overwhelmed, when we feel fear, when the only sure thing is change...all around us! During these times, prayer can be very helpful...as an avenue to connect with God...a God that is more powerful than painful circumstances, illness, or change. As you continue to prepare your hearts to receive this Advent season, I have encouraged you to pray. Ask God to help you with prayer if you feel too weak to pray or think you don't know how to pray.....just ask God to open your hearts and minds to God's presence and you will find yourself able to just "be" with God. Approach prayer with the belief that God is your refuge and strength....then let God speak to you through this prayer (pausing after praying each line):*

*Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am.....  
Be still and know that I.....  
Be still and know that.....  
Be still and know.....  
Be still and.....  
Be still.....  
Be.....*

*You will hear God speak to you and God will fill in the blanks for you so that you will experience God in a mighty way! I pray for your journey through advent and look forward to sharing the glorious coming of Jesus at Christmas with you all!  
Love in Christ,  
Pastor Mary*

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The end of the year is fast approaching, and we would like to encourage you

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to consider giving to the building fund before we begin 2009. We have several projects in the works such as tree trimming and stump removal. If you give before December 31, you can take that off your income taxes as a charitable deduction and help your church at the same time. Please give as you feel God leading you.

## 2. Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars for December 14. That's the date for this year's Christmas Cantata. The fun stuff starts at 6:00, and the Cantata begins at 7:00, so make plans to be here and be inspired by our wonderful Voices In Praise choir, as they sing in the Christmas season.

## 6. December Birthdays

*If your birthday is in December and isn't listed here, please send the info to me at*

[racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net](mailto:racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net)

Dorothy Mann 12/8  
 Kathy Carr 12/14  
 Sheryl Bishop 12/15  
 Jeri Wilkes 12/19  
 Linda Hoagland 12/28  
 Don Gamlin 12/28  
 Kandi Faulkenberry 12/30

## 3. Christmas Eve Service

Be sure and join us on Thursday, December 24th at 11:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Service. Pastor Mary will be here as we celebrate the birth of Christ in our traditional candlelight service.

## 4. Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of WFMCC? If so, contact Barbara Mann at [racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net](mailto:racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net), or call the church phone, 940-322-4100 and leave a message. We are planning a membership class in the early part of January, so let us know if you are interested, and we will get back to you with the dates.

## 5. Anniversary Sunday

We will be celebrating our 22nd anniversary on January 18, 2009. Former WFMCC pastor Rev Margaret Walker will be our guest pastor on that day. We will have more information as we get closer to the date. So stay tuned!

## 6. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Add your Thanksgivings and Prayers Requests to the Prayer Book in the foyer at church or email them to [racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net](mailto:racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net)

**Thanksgivings** for... This family; the choir and sound people; upcoming Christmas Cantata.

**Prayers** for ... Chaucy Roberts; healing for Darrell; Becky's mom, Patricia; Steve for the death of his brother; my son on his 38th birthday; Gary, David, and David's family during this time.

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