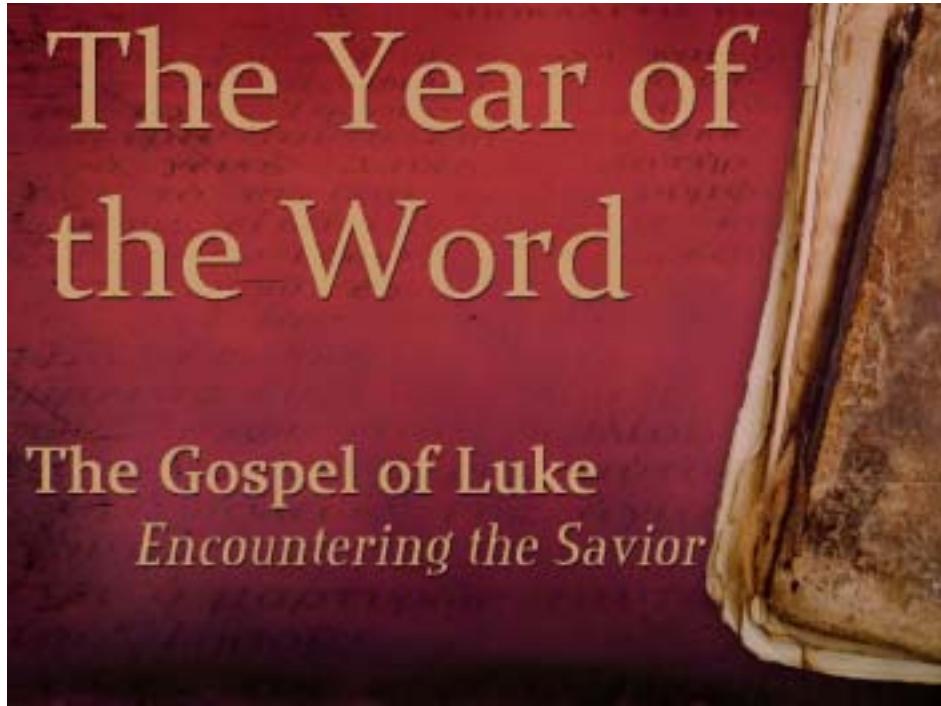


December 11 & 12, 2010



Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

Luke 2: 28-33

This Week at Spring Lake

Today

Worship - 9:00 & 10:30am
 Discover Jesus - 10:30am
 U-link at the Bertagnolis - 6pm

Monday

NO Club 252 or Zone 56 until Jan. 10

Tuesday

DivorceCare - 6:15pm
 Celebrate Recovery - 6:30pm

Wednesday

EP₂IC Christmas Party - 6:30pm

Thursday

Celebrate Recovery - 6:30pm
 Worship Team - 7pm

Saturday

Christmas Program - 5pm

Upcoming Events

December 19 - Christmas Program
 December 24 - Christmas Eve Services at 4 and 6pm
 January 7-9 - Youth District Conference
 January 10 - 16 - Prayer Week
 January 10 - Club 252, Zone 56 & BBT LifeWise resume
 January 15 - Titus 2 Mentee Coffee
 February 11 - Carnival!

Grow...Belong...Share

'Adopt a Child' from Funsani, Africa: For \$10 a month you can contribute greatly to the needs of a child through our Orphans of God project in Malawi, Africa. Our efforts there are reaching about 170 children in the small, rural village of Funsani. Your contributions provide these children with 2 nourishing meals a day, Christian training and school supplies. Many of these children are AIDs orphans...all are poor. We invite you to check out the photo and information cards in the lobby after the services next weekend, [at our Christmas Eve services on the 24th, or Sundays, Dec 26th and January 2nd](#). Plan to take home a face and a name...and begin to pray for your child.

New Bibles: If you ordered a Bible(s), you can pick it up today at the Grow table in the lobby. Each order is in a labeled bag, (some have two), please check to make sure you have all of your order.

Ever Considered Leading a Small Group? Pastor Bradley is looking for some new character groups to begin in 2011 that focus on a curriculum designed to follow Spring Lake's "Year of The Word" emphasis. Being a small group leader simply takes a willing heart and a desire to help others grow in their relationship with God. Interested? Sign-up at the Share table in the lobby.

Reminder: There are no Saturday evening services on December 25th and January 1st.

Parents, Please Note: On December 26th, and January 2nd we will **only** have Sunday School for 2-4 year olds due to the holidays.

Offering at Christmas Eve Services: The offering at our Christmas Eve Services will be used to fund our benevolence/care account for the coming year. Please come prepared for that on Christmas Eve.

Urgent Need for Kindergarten Teacher for Club 252.

If you are able to help on Monday evenings starting in January, please contact Lisa Dhein at 393-4806 as soon as possible.

Want to Dive Deeper in the Year of the Word?

Pastor Doug is offering a 4-week class on the book of Genesis during the month of January. The class meets in the Great Room during the 10:30 service and will begin Sunday, January 9th. No need to sign up...just plan to be there!

Father/Daughter Dance Photos are available to pick up at the Share table.

2010 Contributions: In order to have your contributions put in for 2010 they must be in the church office **no later than** Wednesday, December 29th.

Emailing Contribution Statements - This year we will be emailing contribution statements to as many as possible to save money on postage. In order to do this, we need to get current email addresses from everyone. If you have not already done so, please contact the church office with your new or updated email address. You can call or email barb@springlakechurch.org.

Counseling Available - If you struggle with depression, anxiety, marital difficulties, addictions or feel stuck in your spiritual life, counseling is available through the church. Anyone is welcome to email pastordoug@springlakechurch.org.

Nursery Workers Needed for Christmas Eve Service: If you are able to help in the nursery during the 4pm service, please contact Tina Koski at 606-5985.

Youth District Conference is a weekend designed to bring 3,000 teens closer to God while bonding with one another. This year's conference will be held January 7-9. An event of this size requires adult volunteers. As a church we can participate in two ways: food donations and Saturday afternoon event volunteers. Stop at the Share table to see how you can help! If you have any questions, please contact Lesley Swanson at 864-2613.

Have a Bible You are No Longer Using? We would love to put it to good use. Please consider donating Bibles (new or used in good condition) to our new ministry, Bible Share. We will be having a Bible Drive on January 8-9 and January 15-16 in the lobby. The Bibles will be redistributed free of charge to individuals who are seeking to know more about the Lord and His Word.

Divorce Care 2011: If you are separated or divorced and would like to find healing, encouragement and a place to belong consider attending our 13 week Divorce Care ministry. Gather Saturday mornings from 10a-12p at Harmony Café at 1660 W. Mason Street. To register call Marcy at 494-2006 or email Cheryl at caslakson@new.rr.com.

Women's Ministry...

Ladies, give yourself the gift of Peace and Joy this year by joining a women's Bible study! Come to the Women's Ministry table and pick up a brochure for the winter classes--there are a large variety of studies, times, and days offered; something for almost every schedule. Don't miss your chance to experience the joy of spiritual growth, Christian friends, laughter, and prayer support. Reserve your spot--register today!

The Titus 2 Mentee Coffee is scheduled for January 15th. If you are interested in this mentoring program, stop at the Belong table for more information or to sign up. Questions? Contact Neoma Cooper at 468-1100.

Men's Ministry...

Friends, if you have some venison or wild game that you could contribute to our Wild Game Dinner in 2011 we would love to receive that now! Please contact Lee Dudek at leedhft@new.rr.com. Thanks!

FINANCIAL UPDATE - GENERAL OFFERING

	Budget	General Offering Received
Balance brought forward	\$225,639	\$213,946
December 5	\$25,071	\$29,098
December 12		
December 19		
December 26		
Total	\$250,710	\$243,044

Current offering received is 96% of the YTD budgeted need.

Fiscal Year thru 11/30/10	General Offering	Expenses	Offering vs. Expenses Variance	Budget	Offering vs. Budget Variance
	\$213,946	\$200,653	\$13,293	\$225,639	(\$11,693)

Electronic banking options for automatic payments from your bank are available, please contact the church office (983-9090).