

Banks' Bank

The fourth Sunday of Advent this year also happens to be Christmas Eve Sunday. "Love" is the name of this Sunday's candle, and love is what Christmas is all about. "For God so loved the world (*kosmos*--Greek) that he gave his only Son..."

Lest we think about love being some sappy, sentimental, warm-fuzzy kind of emotion, think about God's love for the world. His Son, who is the Word, was with the Father in the beginning. The sheer power of the Word is that through Him, all things were created in this *kosmos* we call "reality." The love of the Father, and the love of the Son, moved them to send the Son into the *kosmos* he created--not as a conqueror, or King, but as a defenseless baby, subject to every threat and fear a mother ever experiences. Divinity set aside divinity to become human. ("Flesh" is how the gospel of John put it.) In the flesh, in his humanity, that Baby came to set things right between the Father and all of humanity. Nothing sentimental and sappy about that kind of love. No, that kind of love is much more powerful than mere emotion or good feelings. Good feelings quit long before crosses are ever picked up and shouldered.

May that powerful love be born in each of us this Sunday, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child. May God bless each of us with the rich experience of His love flowing through us to that *kosmos* he loves so much.

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Banks

Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, Dec 24th, 7:30 PM

No Sunday School Dec 24th & Dec 31st

There is no Sunday School on Sunday, Dec 24th. But come early for Sheryl and Michelle's special breakfast! There is also no Sunday School on New Year's Eve.



Luminaries this Sunday

We will be setting up our luminaries on Sunday, immediately after morning worship service. It shouldn't take long at all, possibly 15 - 20 minutes. Anyone who would like to help with this endeavor can do so, young and old. Blessings,

Michelle Paine

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Weekly Schedule

Worship – Sundays 10:30 AM

Sunday School – 9:30–10:15 AM

Fellowship Supper – Wed 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Bible Study – Wed 7:15-8:15 PM

Youth – Wed 7:15-8:15 PM

Founding Minister – Banks Brazell

Associate Minister – Tom McClure

Year End Giving

A contribution is effective when delivered, for example, a check deposited in the offering after December 31, 2006 must be counted as giving in 2007, even if it is backdated to 2006. Be sure any offerings you want to show in 2006 are delivered by December 31, 2006--which is Sunday this year anyway. The only exceptions are checks are mailed and postmarked by December 31, 2006, which are credited to 2006 even if received in 2007. These rules apply to sales of stocks as well. If you are planning a gift of stock, please call Banks ASAP to make sure arrangements can be made to assure your stock will be delivered and recorded by year-end.

Angel Tree

Thank you for your generous and warm-hearted response to the Angel Tree. We successfully filled all 63 angel requests, helping 13 people in six different families. AllPoints also made a \$400 gift to DFACS for a family with 4 children that showed up at the last minute. God bless you for your tenderheartedness!

Prayer Concerns

If you would like a prayer concern added to the newsletter, please send email to:

allpointschurch@adelphia.net

New Concerns

Doris Gilbert (Trinidad)
Robert Desilet (

Continuing Concerns

Jonathon Cote and missing contractors in Iraq
Jeff Koch
Brian Boatwright
Stacey Persichetti
Amanda (niece of Greg Elder)
Pastor Jacobs (Kenya)
Jeremy (Michelle Paine's nephew)
Jack Gardner
Opal (Tammy's Sloan's mother)
Aunt Faye (Bank's aunt)
Heather Iturbe (daughter of Pat Stamps)
Jennifer Burke (daughter of Pat Stamps)
Cecil Hawley (father of Marianne Freeman, friend of Tom McClure)

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

*¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*