



Fillmore Christian Church
THE BELL RINGER

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(Sounding Forth The Good News)

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

The Church building is decorated for the Christmas season and looks beautiful! The Christmas tree is up, candles are in the windows, angels are on the top of the piano and outside, the garland is wrapped around the bell and the railing. Then there is the outdoor lighted nativity scene which visually proclaims that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Our God sent His Son into the world, not because we are basically good people but because we are, in the words of the Scriptures, "sinners". The earliest usage of these words in the Scripture appears first early in Genesis and continues through the Bible in the book of Revelation. It means in Hebrew, "*criminal*, or one accounted *guilty* :- an offender." It is used in various forms: sin, sinful, sinned, sinners, sinnest, sinneth, sinning, sins (KJV). These words are used at least 813 times in the Old and New Testament, if I counted correctly. Even if I missed a few that is a lot of times in which we as humans are spoken of as criminals and guilty before our God and in need of redemption due to our sinful nature. The earliest usage of the words meaning "*criminal, ...guilty, ...offender*" in the Scripture appears first early in Genesis and continues through the Bible in the book of Revelation. One of the most well known verses spells it out pretty plainly: *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23 (NIV)*. I guess that about sums it up, doesn't it?

But God's Love, in spite of our sinful nature, came to us, as John 3:16 states: "*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. [18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (NIV)*"

So Christmas is really about God's Love coming to us. The question we have to individually determine is whether or not we have believed in Him personally and accepted Christ, who forgives us of our sins, making us criminals no longer. The greatest Gift is before us and is ours, providing we have accepted Christ. May we share the Good News with others by what we say and do, so the Light of the Christ shines forth for all the world to see!

Merry Christmas! In Christ, *Pastor Ted*



-UP COMING EVENTS-

<<<Christmas Caroling-

There will be an all Church Christmas Caroling event on December 17th. Details will be given at Church and listed in the Sunday bulletin . We will carol at the nursing home and private homes in both Fillmore and Savannah. All are invited. Be sure to check the Sunday bulletin for times and places.

<<<Children's Program-

December 20th- Sunday Morning 10am> Jenny will be leading and directing a children's program with our young people for us during Worship. Dress rehearsal will take place on the Saturday before. This is and will be a GREAT BLESSING!

<<<Christmas Eve Service-

A special family candlelight service is being planned for the 24th of December and will start at 9:00pm. What a way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Come and join us for these events,
...invite your friends, family and neighbors!

-NEWS WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY-

Prayers

Please continue to keep the Larry "Joe" Schuman family in prayers due his death on Friday, September 25th, 2009. Joe is husband of Martie Schuman of Fillmore.

Also keep Lee Carpenter in prayer as he receives treatment for cancer which was recently diagnosed and for financial needs due to this situation.

Our love and prayers go out to these families.



New Baby in The French Family

John & Jessica French have a new little one who was born Sept 27, 2009. Jessica is the daughter of Trudy (Hare) Gay and grandchild of Bill & Nancy Hare.

Congratulations!



-From The Preacher's Wife-



Our first Sunday at Fillmore Christian Church was such a blessing to both Ted and I. The dedication where we were presented with the key to the church along with other meaningful things, such as light, music, the Word of God, and the cross, each representing our (and your) dedication to Fillmore Christian was so humbling. In all our excitement of packing up and moving to a new place we tend to put importance on other things rather than the reason we were moving in the first place. The Dedication that first Sunday morning put it all back into perspective for me, reminding me that it's all about Jesus. SOoooo, Thank you for that.

The pounding at the end of the first Sunday service was a lot of fun, and we appreciate so much your thoughtfulness and all the thought that was put into each gift. The sharing as each gift was presented helped Ted and I to get to know y'all a little better, so again thank you.

I also want to thank all who were at our apartment and ready to unload the truck on the Monday we arrived, thank you for the wonderful lunch, and a special thank you to Carol for remembering I needed a gluten free lunch. Boxes are unpacked, things are put away and life is good. It sounds like there will be some new things coming up for Fillmore Christian at Christmas this year, and I'm thinking we will have many more new things to look forward to in the coming year.

With Love, Jan Welch

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Donation by Clyde C. Jacobs, Jr

On the north wall at the west end of the worship center this wonderful plaque hangs reminding us what Christianity is all about. The poem, "*When I Say I'm A Christian*" helps us as God's people to better understand the humanness in our life with Christ and our thankfulness to Him. Thank you Clyde for sharing your gift with your fellow Christians here in Fillmore.

Donation from Zearing Christian Church

In September Ted brought two gifts from his former Church in Zearing, Iowa. They donated a used copier and a HP Laser Jet printer prior to his departure. Both these items are being used at the Fillmore office/parsonage. This newsletter was made possible due to this gift. Fillmore Christian Church is thankful for both gifts which help to produce quality printing on behalf of FCC. The Church has sent a letter of "Thanks" to our sister Church.

Sound System for FCC

The most recent gift was announced on Sunday the 8th of November.

Tom Whiteman and his wife Sarah will be purchasing the components needed for a sound system in our Church. This was possible through the estate of his Father, Keith W. who passed away in October of a sudden heart attack. This gift is forthcoming sometime after the first of the year. Thank you Tom & Sarah.

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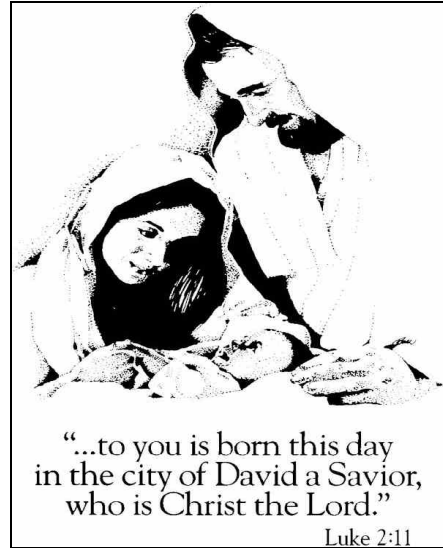
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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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