

Prayer needs:

- **Educator of the week:** Sarah LaGrange, Spencer Elementary School
- **College student of the week:** Chad St. John, Ivy Tech
- **Church of the week:** Bethany Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dick Poff
- **Mission:** The Giving Tree-Christmas for our community
- **Civil servants:** Indiana State Police officers, Allen and Julie Deel
- **Other:** Missionaries, Will & Theresa Reed; Thomas & Hauwa Shelwah & our sponsored friends & families in Liberia.
- **Health issues:** Cyndi Capps (Marilyn Hill's niece), cancer; Karina (30 yr. old friend of Bivi), brain cancer; Donna Grandi (Bill's sister-in-law), stroke; Bill Grandi (Sr., Bill's father), dementia; Junior Wyatt (Joe's father), dementia; Sherry Koontz, health issues; Billie Lancaster (Marilyn Hill's cousin), renal failure; Linda Bright (Becky Schrock's sister), health issues; Norm Carlson, health issues; Linda (sister of Paul/Marilyn Hill); Ron Warix (friend of David Tarrence), cancer; Camy Quiggins (8 yr. old niece of Chad & Terri Dow), brain tumor.
- **Recovery:** Jared (Bob Kropack's cousin), benign mass removed; Marge Monticue, injured in a fall.
- **Military:** Wesley Deckard (Kelli Borders' brother), in Bahrain; Kyle Chambers (Sharon's grandson), stationed in Tucson, AZ. Lt. Daniel Gibson (Dan Drewes' brother-in-law, friend of the East's), in Afghanistan for the next year. Ryan Keene (Dawn Murphy's son), in San Diego, heading out to sea in January. Jessica Parmer, in California; James Sparks; Shane Hickman (Linda St. John's nephew), in Idaho. Please keep all our military service people and their families in prayer.
- Our church family; our country and government leaders; our leadership, finance and building teams, for wisdom and discernment.

Statistics for Week of 11/29/15:

Attendance: 186 NO ROOTS

***Week's giving: \$2,311.20**

***2015 Weekly need amount: \$2,999.77
(This is to cover OVCF operational expenses)**

Current building fund total: \$47,814.33

Sunday Morning Children's Programs...

KidMo (grades 1-5):

12/6-Phil Eckart & Brandon Bedolla

12/13-Phil Eckart & Anna Farmer

Lil' K (3-K):

12/6-Tami Grandi & Aleah Spires

12/13-Sarah LaGrange & Donnie Mader

Nursery (2 and under):

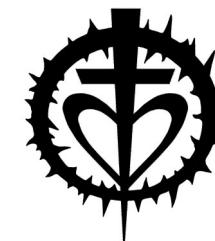
12/6-Edna Denewett & Mary Rose Farmer

12/13-Diona Payton & Katie Wood

Owen Valley Christian Fellowship

December 6, 2015

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Our mission:

To connect people to Jesus

Our vision:

Be passionate pursuers of Christ

Be models of truth and love

Be involved in our community



The Giving Tree: Christmas for our community

If you'd like to provide a gift (or join with others to provide for several), please take a tag, provide your name/phone info by the corresponding ID and **return by Dec. 20.** More info at the table. Please see Diana if you have questions.



- * **Center for Women's Ministries: Bake Sale**
- * **Wed. 12/9 and Fri. 12/11 from 10 AM-4PM at CWM**
- * **\$4 per pound**
- * **751 E. Franklin St., Spencer**

Children's Ministry training session is Sunday, Dec. 13th following second service. This is for all teachers/volunteers who serve in our children's ministry.



Roots Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 20 from 5-8 PM at OVCF. There will be a White Elephant gift exchange and other hilarious games.



OVCF will offer a **Community Christmas Breakfast** on Dec. 25th from 7-9 AM at the Lion's Club. Please sign up at the info table to provide food and/or volunteer. Please see Linda St. John to volunteer.



Our missionary friends, Thomas and Hauwa Shelwah and their daughter, Matea, will be arriving in December. We still need a few things for them. If you'd like to help, please see the sign up sheet at

| December 2015 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| Nov. 29 NO Roots | Nov. 30 | 1 | 2 Deeper 4-5:30 PM Prayer mtg. 6 PM 66 7-8 PM | 3 | 4 Children's Ministry mtg. 5-6 PM | 5 Hilltop work day |
| 6 Roots | 7 | 8 | 9 Deeper 66 | 10 | 11 | 12 Pastor's prayer mtg. 8:30 |
| 13 Children's ministry training Roots | 14 Ladies of Grace 6:30-8 at MaryJo Ramsay's Building | 15 | 16 Deeper Prayer mtg. 66 | 17 | 18 | 19 Pre-K/ Elementary Skate night 7-9 |
| 20 Roots Christmas party 5-8 PM | 21 | 22 | 23 NO Deeper NO 66 NO Worship Team practice | 24 Office closed | 25 Community Christmas breakfast 7-9 AM at the Lion's Club | 26 |
| 27 NO Roots | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Office closed | Jan. 1 Office closed | Jan. 2 |

December 6, 2015
 Series: Deck the Halls
 Title: The Excitement of Christmas
 Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38



I. THE COURTSHIP

The Players: Joseph and Mary

The Town: Nazareth was (_____) by birthright, (_____) by claim, and (_____) by influence.

The Situation: Two stages of a relationship:

1. (_____-) We would call this the engagement stage. All legally binding except no sexual.
2. (_____-) Officially married stage.

The Problem: Mary's pregnancy during Kiddushin stage

II. THE MIRACLE

"No other fact in the Christmas story is more important than the Virgin Birth. The VB must have happened exactly the way Scripture say. Otherwise, Christmas has no point at all. If Jesus is simply the illegitimate child of Mary's infidelity, or even if he is the child of Joseph's natural marital union with Mary, He is not God. If He is not God, His claims are lies. If his claims are lies, His salvation is a hoax. And if His salvation is a hoax, we are all doomed." MacArthur in *God With Us*.

What does the Virgin Birth mean?

1. Jesus was born by direct action of God. Lk.1:35a
2. No man was involved in the process. Lk. 1:34
3. Jesus had a human mother and no human father. Lk.1:35b
4. Jesus is fully human and fully divine. Lk.1:31-32; Jn.1:14
5. He is without sin. He has no inherited sin from Adam. Heb.1:1-3

Through the Virgin Birth, God became (_____) without ceasing to be (_____).