

FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, DEC. 19TH

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Music and AWESOME games for the entire family.
Followed by snacks in the Fellowship Hall.
Invite your family, your friends, and your neighbors!
It's going to be FUN!



Fresh Food Mobile Market—Tues., Jan. 6th—9:00 am
Fresh Food Mobile Market is designed to meet needs in our neighborhood and community including 73107, 73112, & 73127.

Don't forget to check The 'Lottie Moon' Post Office for mail addressed to you.



In Christian Sympathy
The Portland family extends Christian love and sympathy to:

Family & friends of Marinar Reese
The Sheline Family in the loss of Stephen

Thank You

Notes of appreciation have been received from the following:

Laban Jones Family

Wednesday's Dinner Menu

Adults—\$3.50 Children—\$2 Family—\$12

- Jan. 7—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert
- Jan. 14—Spaghetti & Meatballs, Bread & Dessert
- Jan. 21—Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert
- Jan. 28—Hearty Noodle Soup, Cornbread & Dessert



Saturday, January 17th
9:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.
Volunteers need to be ready by 8:15 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to follow up with patients the week after the clinic. For more information please contact Tony at 615-6465.



Church Family
Christmas Fellowship
Sunday, December 21st
5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite finger foods as we enjoy a time of Christmas carols, crafts, family photos and other activities.



Agape Feast
Sunday, Jan. 11th—5:30 pm
Connection Center
Everyone bring a potluck dish as we share a meal and a special Lord's Supper.

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Greetings!

Many people see the dawning of a new year as a wonderful time to start fresh. Some see it as a time to forget the past years mistakes and troubles and to hit something of a reset button. I can't remember how many times I've heard friends and family members talk about their New Year's resolutions and hopes for the year to come. This is exactly where I have found myself lately.

Anchoring my new year's resolutions is a passage that is often used in our church. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". I am claiming this scripture and looking forward to seeing all that the Lord has in store for our church in 2015. I am also already gearing up for an exciting "fresh start" to our music ministry and senior adult ministry. Believe me when I say that I'm looking forward to the new year with much anticipation and excitement!

In closing, let me say that words simply cannot express my gratitude to the men and women who were a part of the Christmas musical this year. They have been faithful to show for rehearsals for nearly three months and did an outstanding job when the time came to perform these songs. Most importantly, I feel that the gospel message was clearly presented to all of those who gathered in our sanctuary for this special service.

Job well done.

Cody

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Ruth Nimmo	16	Barbara Echols
	Claudine Wright	22	Phyllis Smith
4	Geraldine Ellis		Margaret Southworth
5	John Moore	23	Linda McBeth
7	Pauline Smith	24	Roy Gruesser
8	Margaret Hammons	28	Dewayne Douglas
11	Hank Smith	29	Barbara Peaden
12	Dewayne Carruth	31	Jerry Tennison
13	Betty Langston		
15	Cliff McBeth		Senior Adult Birthday missing from the list? Call the church office at 942-5539.
	Sue Ramage		
	Cletus Scrivner		



Senior Adult Game Day

Monday, January 12th - 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Come join us for fun, food and fellowship! We'll start our time together with homemade bean's and cornbread. After lunch we'll open up the board games!

Sign up at the Welcome Center

PARENT CONNECTION

Teach me Your way LORD and I will live by Your truth. Psalm 86:11

From My Heart to Yours

As we take time to reflect on all that the Lord has blessed us with this year, I would like to express my appreciation to the many dedicated workers in our ministry to children at Portland Avenue.

It is our desire to provide classes, events and opportunities that point not only children but families in general to Christ. One SURE way is to memorize Scripture together.

Below are the verses our Wednesday Night BLAST kids will be memorizing in January.

Mark 13:31—Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

Luke 6:31—Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them.

John 8:32—You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 15:13—No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends.

TOGETHER, we can be a part of building the foundation that can lead a child to a forever life-changing relationship with Jesus.

Blessings,
Gina



KMAK for Kids—June 22-25
What is KMAK?

It's the "Kids Mission Adventure Kamp" for kids who have completed 3rd through 6th grade. Kids will experience: Bible studies, devotions, learning about missions and experiencing hands on actives for the day at missions time, fellowship and fun with other kampers. They will also experience God's creation in nature by fishing, hiking, biking, swimming and SO much more!

The cost will be \$80 per camper. A \$20 deposit is required at sign-up by Jan. 28th. Sign up at the Children's Ministry Office.



"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Children's Ministry Family Christmas Breakfast

Sunday, December 21st
9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Children and their families are invited to join us for a continental breakfast as we Celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m.

It's That Time of the Year . . .

For many of us, the New Year means it's time to take stock of our lives and fix what we don't like. Whether it's our diet, exercise routine or tendency to procrastinate, there is always room for improvement in the coming year. Adults not only benefit from New Year's resolutions; but children can also learn a lot about self-discipline and the value of making goals.

Make It a Family Activity

The best way to teach kids the importance of New Year's resolutions is by making it part of the family tradition. Sit down and reflect on the past year, discussing your accomplishments and goals, as individuals and as a family. In your resolution conversation you can each talk about what worked this year and what didn't.

Each family member gets a turn sharing something they are proud of and something they want to improve. It may help for parents to go first, to give children a model. Resolutions for the entire family might include taking a monthly hike, playing board games twice a month or committing to more volunteering activities and most importantly spending time as a family reading God's Word and memorizing Scripture together. Resolutions for kids could include spending at least 10 minutes each day cleaning their room, being kind to others, reading their Bible and taking part in BLAST (Bible Learning And Serving Together) at PABC! Try to limit your resolutions so they are more doable, without economic hardship, and MORE MEANINGFUL. Place your "Family Resolutions" in a visible area as a gentle reminder to everyone your plans for the new year.

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

NEW CLASS Coming to our Sunday Morning Children's Ministry January 11th

We are excited to announce that we will begin a new Sunday School Class specifically geared for children who function better in a SMALL group setting. If you know of a child in grades 1-6 who have attention deficit—this class is for them. New director, Katie Brooke and assistant, Jennifer Hernandez, are looking forward to leading this class and providing activities that will engage boys and girls in ways that will benefit each child the most. They will meet in Room 325 at 9:30 a.m. during the regular Sunday School hour. We would covet your prayers for this new class. Please call Gina at 942-5539 for more info.

