

Fayette Community Church Communicator

January 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a NEW creation;
The **OLD** has gone, the **NEW** has come!”

2 Cor. 5:17 NIV

New Year's Prayer

*Dear Master for this coming year,
just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
the way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: teach me to do
the things that pleaseth Thee.*

*I want to know Thy guiding voice,
to walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
and ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
a happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
the things that pleaseth Thee.*

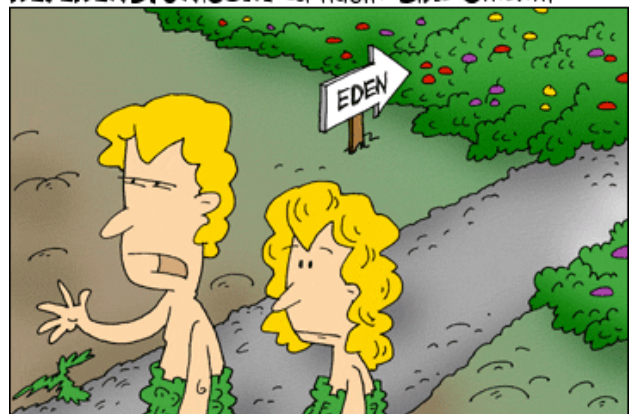
—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

New Year's Eve Party

At the Tegeler's
Come between 6:30 & 7:00 PM
(or any time thereafter!)

The whole church family is invited! Bring a goody to share and come have a blast! Please contact Roger Tegeler if you have any questions or need directions.

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 3)

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Our resolution last year could have been
“PLEASE GOD,” but NO ... we had to go with “Try
New Things”

Join Secret Sisters

Secret Sisters is an opportunity for you to be a blessing to someone else, giving you a chance to do ministry unto the Lord. What does a Secret Sister do? As a Secret Sister, you would be expected (at the very least) to pray for your secret sister regularly (which is the most important part of being a Secret Sister) and to periodically write a card or note of encouragement to let her know that you are praying for her and thinking of her. Many secret sisters also remember each others' birthdays and anniversaries and try to learn each others' special interests as well as occasionally buy or make each other small gifts for special occasions, or even "just because." (Spending money and buying gifts is not a requirement, however.)

If you are a lady (age 18 or older) and would like to participate in this special heart-warming and uplifting ministry, simply grab a form from the table at the back of the sanctuary, fill it out, and then put it in the basket on the table by January 15th. (If you are out of town for the winter season, you can e-mail Kate Adams to request a form that you can fill out and e-mail back to her at mrsfuschy@gmail.com.) After January 15th, Pastor Tenney will draw names and pair you with two ladies—one who will be praying for YOU as your secret sister, and one for whom you will be praying as THEIR secret sister. You will remain secret sisters for one year (can you keep a secret that long?) at the end of which the secret will be revealed!

Ladies Craft Day

INCLUDING A POTLUCK SOUP & SALAD LUNCH

Saturday, January 28th
9:00 AM - ?

All ladies of the church are invited; bring soup or salad to share and a craft to work on (sewing, scrapbooking, card-making, crocheting, knitting, etc.—any craft you choose!) If you would like to teach a craft, please contact Randa with details. Please contact Amy Campbell or Randa Harrison if you have any questions.

C.M.B. & L.B.A.

The Christian Ministries Board will meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 PM followed by the Local Board of Administration at 7:00 PM.

Wesleyan Women

This month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 P.M. Please contact Amy Campbell if you have any questions.



Tuesday,
January 17th

Ministry Leaders: Don't forget to fill out your activity forms for activities, events & dates in February & March and give them to Kate by the deadline. Forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please contact Kate with any questions.

Recipe Corner

Taco Soup

- 1 lb. Hamburger (or beans, or a mixture of both)
- Salt, Pepper and Garlic to season meat
- 3 Green Onions, chopped
- 1 (15 oz.) can Black Beans, undrained
- 1 (14 oz.) can Diced Tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (15 oz.) can Pinto Beans, undrained
- 1 (14 oz.) can (or 2 cups) Beef Broth
- 6 Tbs. (or 1 Pkg.) Taco Seasoning
- 1 (15 oz.) can Sweet Corn

can substitute dry beans, cooked, or frozen corn for any of the canned veggies and beans

1. Brown hamburger with salt, pepper and garlic to taste
2. Add remaining ingredients
3. Simmer 30 min – 1 hour

Top with shredded cheese, chips, sour cream, salsa or any other toppings you like!

Enjoy!!!

Mission News

“It is a mystery that our loving Father has somehow limited His omnipotence to partner with His redeemed people so that His actions in the world are inextricably linked with our prayers ...The nations are there for the asking.

God is calling you and me into the ministry of intercession for them.”

—Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation.

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Week 1: January 1–7: Missionaries: Pray that the fruit of the Spirit would be manifested in each of our missionaries’ lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Pray for their motives, wills, thoughts, actions, and feelings to be under the control of the Holy Spirit.

Week 2: January 8–14: GP Africa Area: The African Church is facing a period of ripeness and receptivity to the gospel unlike ever before. Pray for God to give African church leaders wisdom and vision as they strategize to take the gospel to the unreached. Pray for African Wesleyans who are serving as missionaries to other people groups within their own countries and beyond.

*Wesleyan churches in Africa face significant financial challenges as they seek to lead aggressive ministry efforts in some of the poorest countries in the world. Pray for God to provide the needed material resources for the ministries in Africa. Pray for God to guide African Wesleyans in the wise use of their resources.

Week 3: January 15–21: JESUS Film Partnership of GP: Pray for the Lord of the harvest to supply the means for 25 *JESUS* film teams to be funded and operational by the end of this year. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s anointing to be upon our *JESUS* film teams.

*Equipment breakdowns are a primary reason for the cancellations of *JESUS* film showings. Pray that new equipment would be supplied where needed, and pray that all the equipment would be protected from the elements, mechanical breakdowns, theft, etc.

Week 4: January 22–28: Australia/New Zealand: As secularism and pluralism continue to be on the increase in these areas, pray that the Holy Spirit would create a climate of receptiveness of the gospel to spread across these countries. Pray for people to be rescued from the kingdom of darkness.

Week 5: January 29–February 4: Honduras/Puerto Rico/Venezuela: Pray that the people in these countries would experience the forgiveness of sins and spiritual freedom in Christ Jesus. Pray that God would create a thirst and a hunger in them for His righteousness.

Matthew & Crystal Blake Biography:

In 2001 Matthew and Crystal Blake were appointed as long-term missionaries to Europe. God has called Matt to be a minister of the gospel and has given him a heart to see national church leaders trained to lead their churches. God’s call was confirmed through Matt’s experiences as a MK in Germany and his work in Russia and the Czech Republic.

When Crystal (Bailey) asked God to give her direction for her life, He answered her clearly, “MISSIONS.” She has been on several mission trips within North America and to Poland and the Czech Republic. Her desire is to “walk beside people and help them see Jesus, so they can have a personal relationship with Him.”

Graduating from Indiana Wesleyan University, Matt earned a B.S. degree in Christian ministries and Crystal earned a B.A. degree in English education. Matt also has a M.Div. degree from George Fox Evangelical Seminary. God has given Matt and Crystal a passion for what He is doing around the world, and they go not as “expert Americans,” but as those who desire to minister God’s transforming grace.



*Crystal & Matthew with their children,
Jakob (’05), Abigail (’02), and Joshua (’00)*

**Matthew & Crystal Blake will be
sharing with us during the morning
Worship Service on Sunday,
January 8th.**

Mission News (continued)

“Never concede to doing something so small that it could be accomplished entirely in your lifetime. Be a part of something that began before you were born, and will continue onward toward the fulfillment of all that God has purposed to accomplish.”

—Ralph D. Winter

Peter and Brenda B: “Dear Friends, Rachael Walker is an old friend from our home town in Colby, KS. In fact once upon a time she was our babysitter there when Becca, Stephen and Rachel were little tikes. After we left for China, she ended up coming to our same city to serve as well. She is now part of our LIGHT non-medical team and is a delight. For this month’s news I want to share what she had to say about her recent trip to a different part of China, very near where Peter went after the last earthquake:

My time out in western China was both life changing and very eye opening. Four of us went deep into a western Tibetan area of China. The doors were opened for us to teach a school of girls that have been rescued from very difficult backgrounds. As we taught these girls, His love was being poured out and joy seemed to fill the hearts of these children. They also sang songs and danced and enticement seemed to fill their hearts. This school was high in the mountains at about 12,000-14,000 ft. above sea level. I was constantly amazed at the contrast between the North East (where I live) and the West. It was like night and day. Sometimes I had the feeling that we had all gone back in time. I kept saying to myself, “this is the real China.” From the beginning of this trip, I kept having the sense that it was going to be more than just a casual mountain climb...Strongholds were torn down and I know His truth began to penetrate their lives...Seeds were planted, rain will come and He will give the increase. This trip was overall great but it was probably one of the hardest places I have ever visited. Physically and emotionally it drained me, but through it all there was an underlying strength upholding me. I would do it all again to hear the mountains and hills break forth in joy and singing.

To add to Rachael’s report, I asked Becca to tell me a little about what she observed of Rachael on the trip. Becca told me how when it was Rachael’s turn to share with the big group of girls one night, Rachael spent her time communicating to them how beautiful and special they were and not to let other people tell them anything otherwise. These girls have come out of some of the most difficult circumstances that young girls can find themselves in. This had to be a priceless word to these girls. Becca also mentioned that the lack of language didn’t hinder Rachael from ministering. The girls there primarily spoke a Tibetan language. They are learning Mandarin and English, but at this point a lot of translating was used on the trip. Becca share that as Rachael would wait for the translations, Rachael spent her time praying under her breath. I don’t know what all DAD will do with the contact our LIGHT women made with the girls at the school. The answer to that will come over the years. But I have a sense that it will be very good and make the hosts above sing. J Thank you for your love and support of our family here in China! We pray for you as well.”

Greg & Tonya: God is good...all the time...all the time...God is good! We pray that your Thanksgiving holiday was met with joyous celebration as our time spent with family and friends over the holiday was nothing short of a blessing.

As we reflected over the past year, we were in awe of all the ways God has provided for our family. Scripture says that when you ask according to His will, God is faithful to answer. We are confident that God responded because of the power of prayer and the warriors who came along side of us. There are not enough words to express our gratitude. We are abundantly blessed because of your commitment to lift our praises to the Lord as well as lay our needs at His feet each and every month. We are excited to share that we are so close to reaching our next benchmark goal of 40%. We are currently at 38%. What’s even more exciting is that even with all the busyness of the season, God opened a door for us to share this weekend at a church. With this opportunity, we believe there is a potential to reach our goal. Praise the Lord!!! And there is still another reason to boast on God! Just over the last two days, Greg was able to schedule several churches in the upcoming months (January and February). God is definitely responding—opportunities continue to open up for us to share the calling the Lord placed on our hearts for the Fotizo people. Please just take a few moments to boast on Christ and celebrate the work He is doing. Thank You. We pray you have a BLESSED Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Praises: We are currently at 38%; Scheduled churches in January and February 2012; Blessed holiday with family and friends; Continued good health

Prayer Requests: God to be glorified as we share our vision!; God to guide us to the churches and individuals He knows will partner with us; God to prepare the hearts of the people that hear our presentation and give us favor among them; God to protect us against growing weary and to continue to give us strength to press on; God’s comfort & peace upon us & our children

Perry & Nancy Hubbard: Since coming home the end of June, we have traveled to 22 states, clocked 20,000 miles on the car, and visited 22 churches. Some of the highlights have been: dressing up for a children's fall party, hanging out with teenagers, worshipping with a Hispanic and a Burmese congregation, and reminiscing with former work team members to Panama. It has been great reconnecting with friends and acquaintances—and making new ones! Support-wise: we are at 81%; lacking \$16,400. Thanks to so many of you for faithfully supporting our ministry. Perry joined representatives from several Latin American nations, the United States, and South Africa for the 10th International Missions Conference of Jiba-cam. The theme for the conference was Extreme Missions: the goal being to live a life committed to God's mission of carrying the gospel to all of the world, no matter what the cost. The seminars focused on helping people carry out this mission. Perry's topic was Extreme Training; looking at what it will take to prepare the church and individuals so that the churches of Iberoamerica will be able to send missionaries to other countries in the next four years.

FAMILY: It has been great to be together with family on different occasions. Nancy's family celebrated Christmas in July—complete with the Christmas story, Christmas tree, gifts and ... fireworks! John and Val have moved to Akron, Iowa where John is teaching Industrial Arts. Jessica will finish her graduate studies in December and will be working temporarily in the office at Vanderbilt University. Jeff was married to Heather Wilson on August 27 in South Carolina. The wedding was beautiful.

Barry & Beth Gould, Haiti: “Our first few weeks in Haiti have been great. We are getting to know and are learning much from our co-workers, Rod & Michelle Giezler. We have already seen some of the many ways that WISH's ministry here is making such a big difference for the people of this community. Just seeing people coming to get clean **drinking water** that WISH pipes to public fountains warms our hearts because we know the hardship and sickness that would be the case if their drinking water came from other sources. We feel blessed that our previous experience with the Wesleyan Hospital mission is serving us well. Settling in and getting reacquainted with many of our old friends and acquaintances has been a joy. I have been busy trying to learn as much as possible about the many different projects and ministries that WISH supports throughout the community. Getting to know the names of each WISH employee and trying to pick up and improve my Creole has been hard on my head. Even though the next weeks and months will be stressful, we feel blessed to be part of this great team that the Lord has brought around us. Together, we will do what we can to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Thank you all for making this ministry possible with your financial and prayer support.

Matt and Crystal Blake: “Do you remember me mentioning my friend, Eva? She is the friend I went to visit in France and the one I have asked you to pray for often—that God will become real to her. She traveled over from Czech and went around with us for about a week. It was great to have her meet many wonderful believers in Christ in Denver, CO at the church there. She left feeling cared for in a whole new way—since people who had never met her, loved her anyway. I was so thankful for each person who helped her feel welcome! Please keep praying for her that God will become real to her.” (Nov. Newsletter)

“Ding, Ding, Ding...Can you hear the bells? That's the sound that baby Jesus (Jezisek) just left all of the presents in the living room under the newly decorated Christmas tree! This is one of the traditions that is celebrated in Czech at Christmas time. Normally, on the 24th of December, the women are baking and cooking the holiday meal of carp and potato salad, and helping the family to decorate the Christmas tree that has been left outside on the balcony until this special family time. After the tree is decorated and the meal eaten, the kids leave the room and listen for the bell that will announce that baby Jesus has come. Then everyone runs back into the living room to open up gifts and finish the celebration. On the 25th and 26th, the days are reserved for extended family and friends for handing out presents. It sounds pretty nice, doesn't it...a culture that has baby Jesus bring gifts? However, in this culture, baby Jesus NEVER grows up...he stays a baby forever only known for giving Christmas gifts. He becomes like Santa Claus in our own culture—someone who is mythical, but not real. In essence, it is as if when we share about how Jesus has changed our life...we say that Santa has changed us and made us a new person. Can you imagine how strange that would be if someone told you that about Santa? So, how do you share about Jesus in an atheistic culture? Pray for opportunities...and don't be afraid to answer questions.

We are so thankful for being back in the States this year for Christmas with Crystal's family, and yet a part of our hearts are in Czech with our friends over there. Please remember to pray for the not-yet-believers in Czech that they will [know] Jesus as more than Santa Claus. Thank you for praying and giving this year. We are so thankful for you to be a part of the ministry in Europe!”

Submitted by Joyce Duncklee