

DECEMBER "DO-ABLES"

Wednesday, December 3.....Chrismon Service and Hanging of the Greens at 6:15
Saturday, December 6..... LIVE NATIVITY
Thursday, December 11Book Discussion of *Peace Like A River*
Friday, December 12..... Christmas Party for Mulherin Home
Saturday, December 13.....Christmas Party for Inner City Mission
Sunday, December 14..... Adult Choir Christmas Concert at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 24.....Candle Light and Communion Service at 5:00 p.m.
Come and Go Communion 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Live Nativity is here! This beautiful outreach is a tradition at Kingswood. Every year, as costumes are unpacked and the city of Bethlehem is "built" on Perin Road the story of our Savior comes alive. Live Nativity goes on in hot weather, cold weather and very windy weather. In all this time, we have only been rained out once. As we prepare to usher in the season of Advent put on your comfortable shoes and get ready to help set up, to be a towns person, to cook a pot of chili, and/or to help clean up. Thank you for all of your help! *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."*

Peace Like A River by Leif Enger is the book for December's book discussion. Leif Enger brings us "eleven year old Reuben Land, an asthmatic boy in the Midwest who has reason to believe in miracles." The conclusion of this beautifully written story shows "how family, love, and faith can stand up to the most terrifying of enemies, the most tragic of fates." We'll be meeting on Thursday, December 11, at the home of Karen Pulliam. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Caroling

Kingswood Goes Caroling on Sunday, December 21. Please join us as we carry the carols of Christmas to people in our community. We'll meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, see Jimmy Jordan.

The Kingswood Web Site is up and running! For the last several months we have been working on updating our web site. There is still some tweaking to be done, but we have come a long way. The web site address remains the same, www.kingswoodchurch.com. Our plan is to keep the web site refreshed with updated information and activities going on within our church. Also, we want to make sure that we are giving as much information as possible to people in our community who are looking for a church home.

DECEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

December 3 spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, garlic bread	December 17 seafood gumbo, chili and rice, salad, French bread, crackers
December 10 chicken tenders, (fried & baked), macaroni & cheese, green beans	December 24 and 31 no supper no activities

bread, dessert, tea and coffee offered at all meals
Children Under 10 Years of Age
Papa John's pizza and dessert

Kingswood Witness *December 2008*

YOUTH NEWS

The youth will host a **Parents Night Out** on Friday, December 5. This is a great opportunity for parents to have a night out to get some shopping done or maybe catch a Christmas flick. Come by the church anytime after 6:00 and have a grown-up dinner in Lacefield Hall (Italian special—Chicken Alfredo, salad and dessert). The kids will be served Italian food as well (pizza!) in the youth room. The cost is only \$20 (tips appreciated) and includes all of the food and babysitting until 10:00 p.m. There is no better deal in town! *All funds raised will go into youth accounts for Mission Trip 2009.*

Don't forget **Live Nativity** on Saturday, December 6. Plan on working in the morning from 8:00 a.m. until lunchtime and then be back at your scheduled time.

Meltdown '09 is set for January 30 – February 1. This is a conference-wide youth retreat held in Panama City each winter. Early registration is due by **December 12** with full payment of \$99. Late registration is \$120. Check out www.meltdownretreat.com for more about the event. Please let me know if you are interested.

The **Annual Youth Christmas party** is coming soon. Watch your mail for details.

December Memory Verse: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."* Luke 2:14



The **Handbell Choirs** are ready for Christmas. The children's choir will be ringing for the Chrismon Service on Wednesday, December 3rd and the Youth/Adult Handbell Choir will be playing on Sunday, December 14th for both morning services.

We will have a short break for Christmas and New Year and then we're off and running toward our Handbell Festivals.

May God Bless you during this Christmas Season.

TRUSTEES TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS

Well, this year seems to have flown by. My year as the Chair of Trustees is coming to an end. I enjoyed the opportunity, but am looking forward to next year for a bit of a break. I never realized the extent of the responsibility that came with the job. It really takes a lot to run our church. Many things were accomplished, yet there is still a lot to be done. Thank you to the folks who served on the board this year and also to those who came out to help when called upon.

Blessings and Thanks for your support,
Debbie Jordan—Chair, Board of Trustees

This year our Angel Tree will have the Inner City kids and Mulherin Home on it. The names should be available by the first week in December. I am still waiting on the information. We will not have the kids from West Wilmer as Crawford UMC wanted to work with them this year.

We are hosting a Christmas party at The Mulherin Home on Friday, December 12th at 6 p.m. This party is usually a movie with popcorn, ice cream, cake and lots and lots of hugs. Everyone is invited to go with us. Please call to let me know if you are coming so they/I will know how many to expect. The more the merrier!!!!

We are also hosting a Christmas party for the Inner City kids (the ones from the Angel tree) at the church in Lacefield Hall on Saturday December 13th at 12 noon. Any and all are invited to share in the fun!

note: Ladies, we need to be there at 11 a.m. to help set up. Don't forget to bring your wrapped gifts for the children .

Christmas at KCLC

Before we start our Christmas preparations, the children and staff at Kingswood Creative Learning Center are looking ahead to January's registration for our next school year. "Surveys of Interest" have just gone out to help determine the number of classes needed for each age group - twos through K-4. Registration for Kingswood United Methodist Church families and current KCLC families will open on Tuesday, January 13, with registration for the community opening on January 20. (Call Angie McLaney at 666-9644 for more information.)

In the meantime, the different classes are busy with Christmas crafts. The threes and fours are also practicing for their Christmas program to be held on Thursday, December 18, our last day of school for this year. At that time the children will show some of the skills they've acquired in their specialty classes of movement, music, and Spanish. Bells will be ringing (and ringing, and ringing...), children singing (for the most part, that is), and a good time will be had by all! Classroom parties will follow.

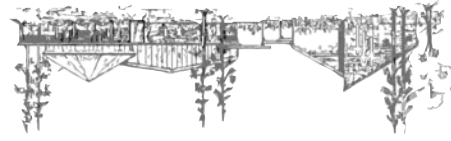
Merry Christmas from the Staff and Students at KCLC!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sunday November 17

Milton & Virginia Yeager
1501 Crestview Drive • Mobile, AL 36693 • 661-1681
The Yeagers come to us from another UMC.

Charlene & Charles Byrd
2800 Coronado Court • Mobile, AL 36693 • 661-3898
Charlene come to us from another UMC and Charles comes from another denomination.

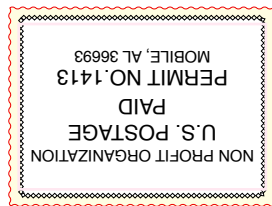


Kingswood United Methodist Church

A note from Pastor Joe Reams



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Kingswood United Methodist Church



KUMC Weekly Schedule 251-661-0420

Sunday

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Adult and Youth Handbells.....	4:00 p.m.
MYF Snack Supper/Youth Choir.....	5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Prayer Breakfast.....	8:00 a.m.
United Methodist Women Circles	
Dorcas • Second Tuesday.....	10:00 a.m.
Lydia • Second Tuesday.....	6:00 p.m.
Priscilla • Second Tuesday.....	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Prayer Group.....	10:00 a.m.
Lacefield Hall opens to begin serving supper.....	5:00 p.m.
Order of St. George (Youth Room).....	5:00 p.m.
Youth Supper.....	5:30 p.m.
Children's Choir (ages 4 through 5th grade).....	5:30 p.m.
Children's Supper.....	6:00 p.m.
AUXANO for Youth (Youth Room).....	6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study.....	6:15 p.m.
Children's Handbell Choir (ages 2nd grade through 5th grade).....	6:20 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Promise Keepers.....	6:30 a.m.
United Methodist Men.....	Called meetings as necessary

HORNING IN

Just a few days before Christmas two ladies stood looking into a department store window at a large display of the manger scene with clay figures of the baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, and the animals. Disgustedly, one lady said, "Look at that, the church is trying to horn in on Christmas!"

Truth be told, Christmas is about nothing less than God's "horning in" on a corrupt and hopeless world with the good news of a Redeemer. Christmas declares God's universal interruption of darkness and death with rays of light and life.

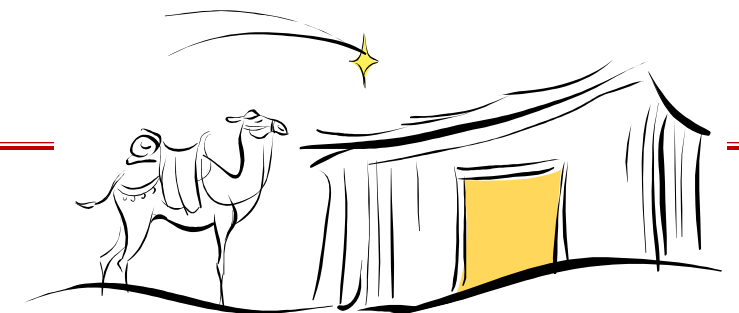
Phillips Brooks, one of America's best preachers and the author of "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," wrote the following tribute to the universal hope declared to humankind in the birth of Jesus Christ:

CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

*Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of palm tree and vine,
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields stand sunny and bright;
Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,
Christmas where old men are patient and gray,
Christmas where peace, like a dove in his flight,
Broods over brave men in the thick of the fight;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
For the Christ Child who comes is the Master of all;
No palace is too great, no cottage too small.*

The truth of Christmas will not be denied! We may try to cover it over with sentimentality and commercialism, but the outrage of the Father of all mercies putting Himself at our mercy still strikes a flint at the coldest corner of the earth and in the hardest heart. God cares enough to take a risk and to "horn in" to your situation and mine.

Pastor Joe



And this will be a sign for you:
you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger.