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Check the church directory for contact info on all missionaries and their sending agencies.



Sunday, December 5, 6pm, Sanctuary

Prepare your heart for this Christmas season by planning to attend *An Evening of Carols*. Together we will raise our voices in praise as we sing traditional Christmas songs in addition to enjoying special music performances.

What a perfect way to kick off the month of December and remind ourselves to keep our eyes focused on the true reason we celebrate, the fulfillment of our promised gift, Christ Jesus.

Saturday, December 18, 6pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 19, 6pm, Sanctuary

Before there were carols, Christmas trees, and streets lined with lights, there was one thing that signified Christmas: The Savior of the world lying in a humble manger. As believers, we can return to this same sense of wonder, not through the presence of familiar objects or surroundings, but through the divine presence of Christ. Along with the Concert Choir, come join those who gathered in a stable long ago to celebrate *Christmas—In His Presence*.



Someone in your world needs to experience the presence of the Savior this Christmas. A blend of traditional and contemporary Christmas music will tell the message of the gospel to all who attend.



Friday, December 24, 4pm & 6pm

Plan to join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior! The service will include special music, a message given by Dr. Gary Hylander, a special children's story, and our traditional candlelight finale accompanied by the singing of *Silent Night*. Both services will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room, with overflow seating available in the Sanctuary, where the service will be shown on screen. If you have a large group you are hoping to seat together, please consider arriving early, as seats fill up quickly. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each service.

EQUIP ~ Immanuel, God with Us

During the Advent season, we celebrate the incredible love and grace that God has shown the world. God intends to make His home among His people, and at Christmas we say, "Make room for this God. He is good, and He is here!"

So plan to join us on three consecutive Sundays (December 5, 12 and 19) at 9:30am in the Sanctuary to be encouraged with practical stories and reflections about "God with us", and be reminded of how to truly keep Christ in Christmas.



Offering Envelopes Available

Boxed sets of offering envelopes are ordered in bulk each year. If you are interested in your own set for 2022, please let the church office know by December 1. If you have received envelopes in the past, but no longer require them, please advise the church office. Boxes of 2022 envelopes will be available mid-December in the Welcome Center.

Tips for End-of-the-Year Giving

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through our church. Your giving in 2021 has made all the difference! December is a good time to maximize your charitable deduction while advancing the ministry of our church with year-end gifts. These may be made by cash, check, or online, as follows:

- Hand-delivered contributions must be received in the church office by 4pm on Friday, December 31
- Mailed contributions must be post-marked by Friday, December 31
- Online giving must be transacted by 11:59pm on Friday, December 31



Thank you for your generous gifts throughout the year and at year-end.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary in December

Names omitted.

This and That

Please note the following changes in church office hours during Christmas and New Year's:

- **December 27: Office closed**
- **December 31: Office will close at 4pm**
- **January 3: Office closed**

In case of program changes due to **inclement weather**, announcements will be posted on our church website homepage, as well as the following:

- WHBL 1330AM radio/website
- WTMJ Channel 4
- 620TMJ radio/website
- WITI Channel 6 (Fox 6)

Decisions on Sunday events will be made at 6am that day with announcements to the media shortly thereafter. Ministry leaders will be called by their overseeing program staff. Decisions on weekday evening events will be made by 3pm that day.



December 1

Reason for the Season Night

December 8

Christmas Mitten Tree Night

December 15

Ugly Sweater Night

December 22

PJ Night

December 29

No Club—Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

BLU Celebrates Ministries; Hylanders' 25th

Did you know that . . .

- Our church serves not only the church family, but also the community, through nearly 50 active ministries
- Pastor Gary's first message to us, in November 1996, was based on I Thessalonians 1:3
- Two brand new ministries were started this year: MOPS and Kids Hope USA
- A Master Plan Phase 2 "Show & Tell", with pictures, budget numbers and timeline, will be held very early next year
- 9 students have volunteered to serve in Wednesday night Awana since Student Ministries moved to Sunday nights
- Pam Hylander was the originator and developer of our very active homeschool ministry, HEARTH
- Expenses have been lower than planned, giving us a \$20,000 surplus year to date
- 17% of children participating in Awana come from non-churched families
- Our Elders begin each meeting with a half-hour of prayer for all our church ministries
- We never missed a Sunday of teaching all throughout Covid, thanks to foresight in developing livestream capabilities a year before the pandemic hit

These were some of the blessings we celebrated at the November Body Life Update, along with honoring 25 years of Gary's shepherding and Pam's ministry among us.



2022 Church Directory

Have you taken the opportunity to add your information to our online church directory? Directions on how to do so were emailed in October, but if you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Aaron (aaron.b@e-free-family.com or 920.452.6520). Additionally, for those who prefer a "hard copy", printed directories will be available for pick-up in the church office in early December.



WOMEN'S PRECEPTS STUDY: A three-week study on the book of Malachai is set to start on January 11 and 12. The study will meet every other week on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30pm or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. Please contact Lora L. if you are interested in being a part of this study.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2022: Our annual Missions Conference is set for March 4-6. Mark your calendars now for this fantastic event that will encourage your heart, as we carry out our mission to multiply disciples for Jesus Christ, both locally and globally.

Farewell to Kayla

After 10 years of serving, first as our Ministry Assistant and then as our Communications Coordinator, Kayla Kautzer has retired from the church staff to start an in-home business. Together with her husband, Peter, they have started an in-home bakery called Wooden Spoon. Baking has always been a hobby for Kayla, and opening their own bakery business has been a dream for both Peter and Kayla. Though both were surprised at how suddenly the opportunity to open for business seemed to transpire, they can clearly see God's hand and timing in bringing the pieces together.

They look forward to making Wooden Spoon a family adventure, involving their boys, Logan (8) and Landon (6). As Kayla continues to homeschool the boys, they no doubt will learn much in the way of running a business, economics, finances, teamwork, baking, and, their current favorite: quality assurance, as Kayla notes they are fantastic taste testers! While Peter will remain in his teaching position at South High, he has recently been seen picking up a frosting decorating bag as well!

If you find yourself in need of some baked goods, you can check out Wooden Spoon on facebook ([facebook.com/WoodensSpoon2U](https://www.facebook.com/WoodensSpoon2U)) or email them for a menu at woodenspoon2u@gmail.com.



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