

OBC Times

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Church Schedule

Sundays

8:45 a.m.
Breakfast served in Café
10:00 a.m.
Celebration
K.I.D.S. Church

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
L.I.F.T. for teens
AWANA Club for K-6th grade

Care Groups

Monday

INSTE Level I
7:00 p.m.
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Tuesday

The Grace of Catastrophe
6:30 p.m.
1320 Clinton

Men F.I.S.H.
7:00 p.m.
103 Marion

Pastor's Corner

2005 is nearly over, and soon we will be initiating a new year! There's something about the beginning of a year that is refreshing. I suppose it's because we get a chance to start fresh and attempt to improve ourselves in the coming year. It's a wonderful time to reflect back on the previous year and count the blessings that God has given us. Let's be thankful for his ongoing work in our lives.



Pastor Phil & Naomi Waldo

The New Year season is also famous (infamous?) for making resolutions. I know that many struggle to keep their resolution for very long. But, may I suggest a resolution that can help your new year be bright? Begin everyday with thanksgiving. Think of something, anything you can be thankful for and mention it to God in your prayers. No matter what your situation may be, there's always something to be thankful for, even if it's as simple as, "I made it through yesterday," or, "I'm still breathing." I believe this simple practice can brighten your day and give a more hopeful outlook to the future.

I pray that you have a very happy and fulfilling New Year!

Pursuing His Presence,

NEW GROUP STARTING!

Parenting by Heart
Tuesday, January 3
Thursday, January 12
Tuesday, January 17
Friday, January 27
Thursday, February 2
Thursday, February 9
Thursday, February 16
7:00 p.m.
1217 Union

WEB NEWS...WEB NEWS...WEB NEWS



The updated Library program is now on-line at www.booneopenible.com under the Library link. You can see what your family has checked out, browse the catalog and search for resources. üCHECK IT OUT!



Mark and Melissa Elsberry, pictured above with their children Jorden, Bryan, Logan and Shelbie, were recently baptized and received into official membership of our church. Both Mark and Melissa testified that God has done a renewing work in their hearts!



Tom and Sharon Collins are pictured dedicating themselves to the Lord as they raise their grandchildren Jordan, Cassie and Zoe. Tom also rededicated his life to the Lord publicly during a Sunday morning Celebration.



Joel and Doreen Munson publicly dedicated their family to the Lord during a November Sunday Celebration. Their five children are pictured with them: Karissa, Kaley, Kolby, Kale and Kolton.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.
Deuteronomy 6:6-9



Hands of Mercy News



This year we were able to send over 100 shoeboxes to **Samaritan's Purse** for shipment to needy children around the world. Ginny Bannister, Vicky Elsberry and Elisa Huss are pictured assembling some of the boxes.



Compassion Café cookbooks are available for purchase for ten dollars each. They are well made and would be a thoughtful gift for your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers for any occasion! They are available in the Welcome Center on Sundays or at the homes of Denise Bravard, Amy Pilcher, Raylene O'Tool or Lisa Hoffman.

The **Loaves and Fishes** ministry benefited from a special personalized Christmas tree bulb fundraiser. This fund is used to buy groceries for local families who are in need.



A special gift of \$2,000 was raised by collecting change in the rain gauge and sent to **Charlie's Lunch**. It will be used to open a feeding kitchen in a third-world country that will provide a hot lunch to starving children.

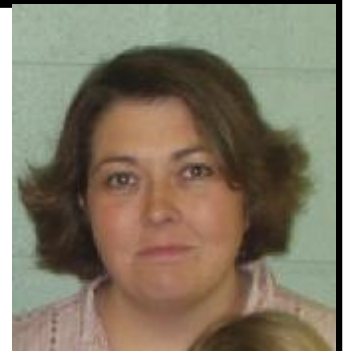
Joy to You and Me!



The Christmas musical *Joy to You and Me* was wonderfully presented by our teens, children, and choir on Sunday, December 18. Friends and family members came to enjoy the special music and Christmas story. We had a full house! This year's program was directed by Susan Freeman.

This issue's featured business is:

At Home America
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Kristy Rohde has been a home style specialist with At Home America for six months. She is available to show the products that are available to you and your family and friends. If you would like to schedule a show in your home, please give Kristy a call or send her an e-mail.

If you own a business or know of a business that is owned by someone in our church body, please let the church office know so it can be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters!



Seeing The Need, Enlarging Our Vision

The capital campaign for our building addition has been a great success! We had a wonderful time at the banquet on December 2 and again at the Celebration Sunday on December 11. Over \$225,000 has been pledged! Thanks to each one of you who helped with the campaign and everyone who has pledged and/or given!

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."



Level I INSTE (Theological Education by Extension) graduates are from left: Brenda Harmer, Sandy Crawford, Deb Hitt, Kristin Bravard and Ben Bravard. INSTE facilitator Sharon Acuff presented them with their graduation certificates.



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Upcoming ...

Friday	December 30-31	Youth Lock-In	9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Saturday	December 31	New Year's Eve Party, Activity Center	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	January 1	New Years Day	
Sunday	January 1	Compassion Café	8:45-9:45 a.m.
Saturday	January 7	Awana Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Friday	January 13	Worship Team vocal jam, Haynes home	7:00 p.m.
Monday	January 23	No school in Boone	
Wednesday	February 1	Awana 50's theme night	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 4	Worship Team musicians jam, Worship Center	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 5	Compassion Café	8:45-9:45 a.m.
Sunday	February 5	Outreach Opportunity! Superbowl Sunday	
Wednesday	February 8	Lifeline Screening, OBC	
Thurs-Sat	February 16-18	Youth Breakaway	
Sunday	February 19	Outreach Opportunity! Daytona 500	
Friday	February 24	No school in Boone	
Friday-Saturday	March 3-4	Women 4 Him Conference, Des Moines	