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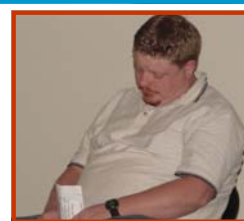
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OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WAS CO-DIRECTED BY TAMMIE FOLTZ (WHO ALSO WROTE THE DRAMA) AND KRISTI REED (BOTH PICTURED AT LEFT). THANK YOU TO BOTH LADIES AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE CAST AND MUSICIAN GROUP!



Introducing



Sam Stephens and Nicole Collins are pictured here with their growing family (left to right: Tyler, Chayse, Nicole, Ryan, Sam, Reece, baby Sarah, Emma and Derrick). Sam recently gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized! Nicole is the daughter of Tom and Sharon Collins.

“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 a hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

In Transition

Shawn and Raylene O’Tool will be moving to Colorado Springs at the beginning of March. Shawn has taken a promotion with Siemens, where he has worked for the past five years at their Ames plant. Raylene has recently said, “WOW!! I have ALOT to be THANKFUL for!!! This has definitely been a year of **‘new beginnings’** for my family and !!! God has been faithful in providing jobs when we weren’t expecting them to be ‘eliminated’, he has opened doors for ‘teachable moments’ with my husband and chil-

dren!!!! I am thankful for the friends God has blessed me with along life’s journey who have trained, taught, and corrected me in many things for my benefit, not to harm me but to help me grow! (2 Tim. 3:16,17) God is doing a NEW THING and I am thankful for the work HE is doing!!!”



Andrew, Caleb, Wendy, Jenna, Matt and Hope Sundberg

Matt and Wendy Sundberg will be moving to Vancouver, Washington, where Matt has taken a job that will lead to being a project engineer with Kiewitt Pacific Structures. Matt graduated from Iowa State University Engineering College on December 20! He will be relocating in January, and Wendy and the kids will join him when the school year is over in June.

Congratulations to both Matt and Shawn in their new positions!



Jacob, Raylene, Morgan, Jessica, Daniel and Shawn O’Tool



House of Freedom met Saturday, December 20, to celebrate Christ's birth. They participated in worship, baptism, communion, and a human video to the song, "Mary, Did You Know?" portraying Mary

with Jesus at different ages as He grew to an adult. Pastor Ben Bravard shared the good news that House of Freedom has negotiated the purchase of a building in Ames/Boone County. There will be an accepted offer on December 31. They plan to continue meeting at Open Bible Church until they can get their new building ready.



Baptism



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Left to right: Rob Lingelbach, Kyle Cook, Sam Stephens, Sunshine Hutzell and Dave Duncan

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17

L.I.F.T. New Year's Eve Party!

All 7th through 12th grade youth are invited to spend New Year's Eve with David and Michelle and the rest of the L.I.F.T. staff! The activities will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will end at 8:00 a.m. with a hot breakfast on New Year's Day. The cost is \$5 per person. Invite your friends to join you!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Though your sins may be **SCARLET**, I will make them white like a **MINNESOTA SNOW**. Is 1:18

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Yep...you can find them on the web. Ever wonder if the building is available for you to use on a particular day? Our website has a calendar that is up to date and useful to see if someone is already using the building. Curious about what the new Angel Food Menu is? It's on the web! Can't remember what APWAP's MySpace address is? Click on APWAP on

our homepage and it will take you right there. What has God been doing in people's lives? Check out the testimony link. Lose your bulletin and cannot remember what's going on this week? You guessed it....it's on the web! And there's more! Why don't you explore a little and see for yourself. Hope to see you around our website soon and often! ENJOY!