

# OBC Times

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### Church Schedule

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Celebration  
K.I.D.S. Church

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study  
L.I.F.T. for teens  
Sonlight for kids

### Pastor's Corner

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." The words to this popular seasonal song highlight what naturally comes to mind for most of us when we think of Christmas... snow, caroling, jingle bells, mistletoe, gifts, family and friends... These are all a great part of this particular time of the year. I especially enjoy getting together with family, sharing meals, playing games and making music. It's all great. But the most wonderful part is the true meaning of Christmas... "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). And the gospel of Matthew said that Jesus would be called Immanuel – which means, "God with us." God loved you so much that he willingly gave his Son to come and be born in this world, live a holy life amongst us, and die a sacrificial death – all so we could come into his presence and enjoy eternal life. This is the best news of all time! Merry Christmas!



*Pursuing His Presence,*

### Care Groups

#### Monday

Purpose Driven Life  
7:00 p.m.  
1220 Hancock #4

INSTE Level I  
7:00 p.m.  
Conference Room

#### Tuesday

Purpose Driven Life  
7:00 p.m.  
1320 Clinton

#### Tuesday continued

Purpose Driven Life  
7:00 p.m.  
Conference Room

The Gathering  
7:00 p.m.  
Comfy Room

Walking Your Faith  
7:00 p.m.  
Activity Center

#### Saturday

Prayer  
7:00 p.m.  
Worship Center

### WEBSITE NEWS

Check out our website at [www.booneopenbible.com](http://www.booneopenbible.com)

It continues to be updated regularly with calendar news, event photos and sermon notes. Keep checking back for new features!

### Cards and Carols



The L.I.F.T. youth group offered a Christmas card delivery/caroling service on Tuesday, December 21. They were able to raise funds for Breakaway, an upcoming youth retreat. Daniel Gorman, Kendall Abbey, Abby Ward and Jacob O'Tool are pictured above singing "Silent Night" at one of their stops.

### Remember Barry



Barry Bannister continues to serve with the armed forces in Iraq. Please remember to pray for Barry's safety as well as strength for each

day. There is a box in the foyer for any personal letters or gifts that you may want to contribute for Barry. It will be mailed out at the end of each month. We can be an encouragement to him!

### Men of Vision Evangelize

Ralph Earll continues to plan for his upcoming trip to Guinea West Africa in January. He is excited to report that all of the funds needed for his trip have been raised. Praise God for His provision and pray for Ralph and the rest of the M.O.V.E team as they go!

## PUPPET TROUPE

The puppet troupe, under the direction of Dave and Kay Pfaltzgraff, traveled to the Ogden Manor on Sunday, December 12. They were able to share the good news of God's gift of Jesus with the residents who came to watch them perform. Afterwards, the kids enjoyed a pizza lunch at the church. The puppeteers included (front row) Whitney Ward, Quentin Hoffman, Suzanna Hall, Abigail Freeman, Mischa Hoffman, (back row) Jacob Waldo, Josh Freeman, Bill Hitt and Morgan O'Tool. The Ogden Manor residents enjoyed the afternoon and the troupe has been invited back to minister again!



### The Dominican Experience

The Siver family will be forever changed. In November, they completed their three months of training with Mercy Ships on the island of the Dominican Republic. It is a culture still using witch doctors, prostitution, tin roofs for the average home; and many villages have rain barrels for their water supply.

On their second day on the island, a local girl drowned while swimming with the Mercy Ships children. Two Mercy Ships staff began doing CPR while fighting off the mother who didn't understand what they were doing to her girl in this Third World Country. Other staff members began to pray. Fifteen minutes later, traveling to the hospital in a borrowed car, she awakened as if nothing was wrong. Upon arrival at the hospital, a dead man is laying on the floor in the emergency room. This is just a glimpse of one of their 28 days in the Dominican Republic.

The Sivers worked on construction, sewing projects, puppet ministry, and relationships. Joy is pictured above with a new friend. What an experience they will have etched in their memories.

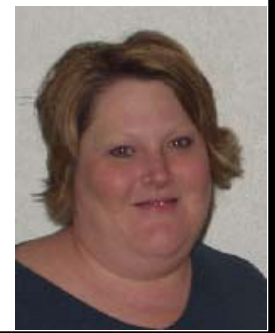


### Business Feature

## This issue's featured business is:

**Good Foundations Day Care**  
1224 Hancock Drive  
Boone, IA 50036

Good Foundations Day Care is a ministry of Open Bible Church and is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The qualified staff cares for children ages 18 months and older. They also offer before and after school care. Melissa Becker (pictured) is the director and would be glad to talk with anyone who is interested in Good Foundations Day Care. She can be reached at 432-3329.



## Light of Christmas

The Christmas Program was performed on Sunday, December 19. It was written and directed by Brenda Harmer (pictured above left). The choir sang, the children recited verses, sang songs, and read the Christmas story; there was special music as well. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments in the activity center. Many thanks to all who helped make this year's program a great success!

## Just for Fun...

**ALTAR EGO** by Len Jones



"That can't be right! I distinctly heard you say Gold, Frankincense and Fur!!!"

## Hands of Mercy Has Successful Fund Raiser

The Christmas Gift Shoppe, auction, and bake sale in December successfully raised over \$2,000! These funds will be used to benefit children in need. Recently Hands of Mercy funds purchased two sewing machines for sewing classes in Mexico, helped with medical expenses for a young burn victim, purchased new coats for children in Boone, and paid for a vehicle license in order for an inner city Chicago missionary to provide transportation to young girls. Thanks to everyone who participated!

## Pastor Phil Ordained

Pastor Phil was ordained on Sunday, December 12 in our 10:00 a.m. Celebration. Open Bible Central Region Superintendent Ken Groen and his wife, Nadine, were present to share God's Word and to pray over Pastor Phil and Naomi.



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**Upcoming ...**

Saturday	December 25	Christmas	
Friday	December 31	Pfaltzgraff/Pickering wedding	4:00 p.m.
Friday	December 31	L.I.F.T. Event	
Saturday	January 1	New Year's Day	
Sunday	January 2	Compassion Café	8:45 a.m.
Sunday	January 9	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	January 9	VHS	3:00 p.m.
Monday	January 17	M.O.V.E. Team (Ralph Earl) departs for Guinea	
Sunday	January 23	Potluck sponsored by youth	noon
Sunday	January 23	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	January 23	Business Meeting	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 5	Membership Class	
Sunday	February 6	Compassion Café	8:45 a.m.
Sunday	February 6	VHS all leaders	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	February 6	Superbowl	
Sunday	February 13	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Monday	February 14	Valentine's Day	
Thursday-Saturday	February 17-19	Youth Breakaway	Kansas City
Saturday	February 26	Praise Fest Practice	
Sunday	February 27	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	February 27	Praise Fest	6:00 p.m.