



# Grace Notes

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## *So what's in a name?*

*January 1 is one of the most holy, yet forgotten, celebrations on the church calendar. It is appointed as the festival "The name of Jesus". The text for this day is below:*

**Luke 2:15-21** <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. <sup>21</sup> After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*So why is it so important that the baby's name is Jesus? Names represent power and authority. To know a name of a person is important, and being called by name means you are important. Jesus is an important name for this baby. In Greek, the name can also be translated Joshua, except that this baby will do more than lead God's people out of the bondage of Egypt and into the Promised Land. This baby will save the entire world from the bondage of sin. Whereas God gave a verb for a name (I Am), and whereas God did not let anyone see his face lest they die, this baby will do so much more. Knowing his name helps us to know the relationship that we have with him, knowing that we can call upon his name, the very name of the image (icon in Greek, see Colossians 1:15) of God made flesh. Through Jesus, God has finally answered Moses question, and also have given us a glimpse at what salvation with God means. I hope that this will give you some new things to think about next time you (or we together) pray "In Jesus Name."*

*God's Peace,*

*Pastor Judson*

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### **In our Prayers**

- Ann
- Daniel (Jane's dad)
- David Schaeffer
- Brianna (Andrea H.'s friend)
- Scott Sny
- Mike C. (Mary Lou's neighbor)

#### **An update on Finances:**

November deposits: \$6,451.45

November Expenses \$10,726.83

Total Assets: \$107,554.88

The February Newsletter should contain the year end information for 2011.

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany of our Lord	7
8 Baptism of our Lord	9 Women's Fellowship 7:00	10	11	12 Council 7:00	13	14
15	16 MLK, Jr. Office Closed	17	18 Lutheran Men 6:30	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Bible Study resumes in February			

*Those Who Serve*

Date	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29	February 5
Refreshments	Merrell	Van Wagoner Torrence	Varner	Wendy Gowan Evelyn Swain	Fancher
Ushers	John Fancher Scott Fancher	Lewis	Ron Crawley Rich Donaldson	Marion Varner John Fancher	Bob Faulks Jim Voris
Greeter	John Adderholdt	Jane Lewis	Mary Schaeffer	Esther Dolder	Gail Brown
Communion Assistant	Rev. Amundson	Melton Roof	Norm Lewis	Kay Otten	Gail Hackett
Counters	Rich Donaldson Rich Van Wagoner	Jane Lewis Diane Ablett	Norm Lewis Jim Voris	Ron Crawley John Fancher	Betty DeBerry Gail Brown
Altar Guild	Nellie Varner Jane Lewis	Betty DeBerry Pat Morton	Diane Ablett Wendy Zeigler	Marianne Van Wagoner Bobby Torrence	Kay Otten Diane Ablett
Lector	Christa Compton	Gail Hackett	Andrea Holtzer	Ron Crawley	Evelyn Swain
Nursery	Christine Donaldson	Connie Faulks Patti DeBerry	Carrie Merrell	Christine Donaldson	Connie Faulks Patti DeBerry
Acolyte	Robert Faulks	Taylor Crawley	Hunter Crawley	Taylor Crawley	Hunter Crawley
Crucifer	Isaac Adderholdt	Hunter Crawley	Robert Faulks	Robert Faulks	Isaac Adderholdt



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Jim Voris, Evangelism Chair

Andrea Holtzer, Education Chair

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**January Birthdays**

*Jessie Faulks –2*

*Christine Donaldson—11*

*Gail Hackett— 20*

*Larry Cantrell— 29*

**Back Page Notes**

*The Flower Calendar for 2012 is not yet available. Please check the board at a later date.*

**Attendance for December:**

December 5: 54

December 12: 48

December 19: 50

Wednesday Evenings are averaging 32

**December Council Meetings Notes**

- Council restricted the chair positions
- We thanked Gail Brown and Bob Faulks as they concluded their terms on council.

Pastor Judson will be on vacation Monday December 26– Monday January 2.