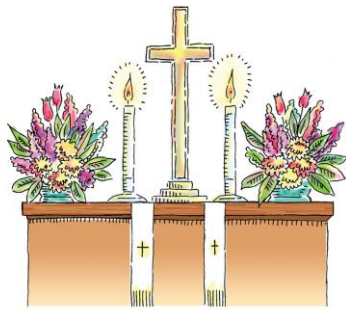


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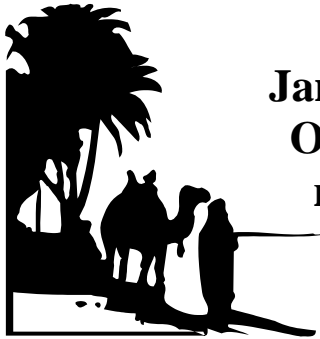
*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

January, 2014



Speaker Schedule

- January 5 – Lee McReynolds**
- January 12 – Louis Sandos**
- January 19 – Podcast**
- January 26 – John Gilbert**



**January 15,
Oasis will
resume**



**Annual
Meeting**

**January 26, 2014
Following worship**

**Welcome
2014!**

Why go to church?

**If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!**

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 1,500 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"

Sunday School 9:15, Choir Practice TBA, Worship 10:15

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday **Nursery** **Scripture Readers** **Ushers**

January, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 Maureen Parker Vicky Snipes Steve Catron Kevin & Martha Clark Lee McReynolds, Guest Speaker Group prayer time following worship	6 Kathy King	7	8	9 7:00 PM Lafayette Gr Banquet Gathering	10	11 9 to 12 Session training meeting
12 Brenton Jackson Maureen Parker Sally Schmidt Craig McGill Kevin & Martha Clark Louis Sandos, Gst Spkr Session meets after worship	13	14	15 6:00 PM Oasis	16	17	18
19 Maureen Parker Susan Hollis Dale Snipes Bob & Ann Brown Podcast sermon Annual Reports Dis- tributed	20 Jane Bishop	21	22 6:00 PM Oasis	23 Terry Langston	24	25
26 Maureen Parker Angie Austin Jay McMillin Bob & Ann Brown John Gilbert, Gst Spkr Annual Congregational Meeting following worship	27	28 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	29 6:00 PM Oasis	30	31	

Christian Education

by Tammy Moss

Sunday School

We are enjoying a study of "People of Purpose" – choosing personalities of the New Testament and reflecting on the life lessons contained in God's Word. Please join us in the dining room from 9:15 to 10:00 AM.



Oasis ~

Christmas Caroling

On December 18th more than 50 children, teens, and adults went Christmas caroling to the Flora Senior Apartments. The

temperature was low but the enthusiasm was high. The children were very excited to return to the church for hot chocolate and cookies. Thank you to everyone who brought cookies.

Oasis will begin on January 15th after taking a break over Christmas break.

Thank you to all who continue to lead, serve, donate and pray, making our Oasis ministry possible. A new sign-up sheet for preparing meals is posted in the entry way to the fellowship room.



Christmas is past – the New Year is dawning. We have had an exciting time in the church library! Oasis comes to the library the first Wednesday of every month and I am happy to report that circulation of books and DVD's is brisk. It is wonderful to see so many books for young adults and

family oriented DVD's go into the hands of those children. And, they are returning their materials so that they can borrow more! Circulation for the month of December was 14 books and 10 DVD's. If anyone has suggestions for book or DVD purchase please let me know.

Laraine MacLauchlan, librarian



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



We will not meet until March, but will need volunteers for the Thrift Shop each month and the Food Pantry in February.

Thrift Shop Schedule for January

Thurs Jan 2.....Jane Bishop. sort/mark
Sat Jan 11..... cashier
Sat Jan 18..... tags
Sat Jan 25..... sacker

Volunteers are needed

Food Pantry in February

Mon. Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24
Fri. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Both men and women are encouraged to volunteer. The Food Pantry is being heavily used and is an important mission right here in Flora. Hours are 9:45 AM to 12:00 noon.

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark

Pulpit fill for month of January:



January 5– Lee McReynolds
January 12 – Louis Sandos
January 19 – Podcast Sermon
January 26 – John Gilbert



We will be resuming our prayer and light lunch on 1st Sunday of the month following service and fellowship. Our prayer session will be January 5 after service.

We will have the annual meeting on January 26 following worship service.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower



Session Training Workshop to be held at Flora Presbyterian Church, Saturday January 11th 9 AM to 12noon. Meeting with Delphi Session to be held following the Session training meeting. A light lunch will be provided.



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Update on the interim pastor: The Selection Committee has identified the Pastor we want to move forward with and will have our next meeting with the individual in January to ensure that all parties want to move forward.

Next Session meeting will be January 12, 2014 immediately following service.



Session Meeting



The Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$637.00.

Wishes for the New Year

Faith that increaseth, walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth, happy and bright;
Love that is perfect, casting out fear;
These shall insure thee a happy New Year.

Peace in the Savior, rest at his feet,
Smile on his countenance, radiant and sweet.
Joy in his presence, Christ ever near!
This will insure thee a happy New Year.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

Sharing Jesus

The true story is told of two men sitting together on a train. When one shared with the other, a committed Christian, that he was heading home to donate a kidney to his father, the Christian listened intently. Sensing his seatmate’s genuine interest, the speaker confided that he didn’t know his life’s purpose.

Sensing an openness in his new friend, the Christian told him about Jesus and the purpose Jesus had given to his life. The Christian man said later that he’d never met someone so appreciative of hearing the Good News.

A key Epiphany theme is sharing the news of Jesus. “Ordinary” Christians can do that best by listening for an opening when visiting with someone and sharing part of their faith story in relation to something the other has said. There’s no need to accost strangers on street corners. Just be yourself, let the Holy Spirit guide you and invite your listener to follow Jesus, too.



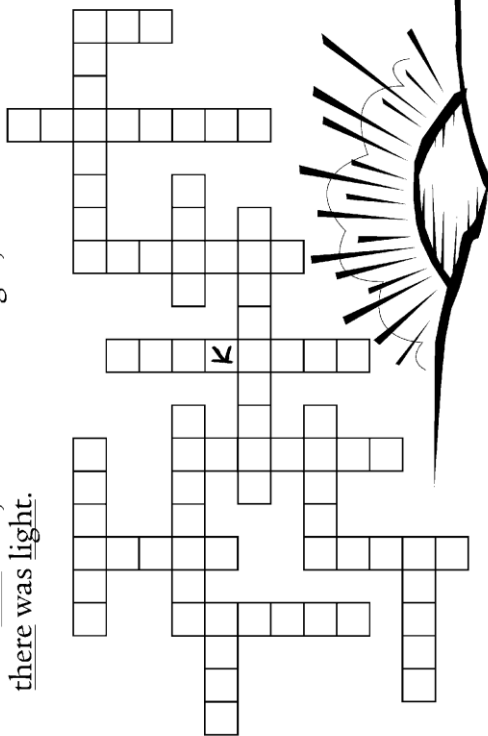


The Beginning

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

Directions: Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.



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