

### Sunday School Report

Dec. 26 2010

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	296
Total Present	77
Previous Week's Attendance	103

### Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for Jan. 2  
**Bro. Leon Tompkins**  
 Deacon of the Week for Jan. 9  
**Bro. John DeBiase**

## Upper Room Schedule:

DATE	TIME	NAME
12-29	PM	Paul Lolley
1-2	AM	Gail Blackmon
1-2	PM	Karen Bryant
1-5	PM	Kathy Bryant

### Sunday, Jan. 2

AM—Angela Kalmer  
 PM—Loretta Larkin

### Sunday, Jan. 9

AM —Margie Grimsley  
 PM—Michelle Williams



## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

### Reservations required!

Sign up on the reservation sheet in the foyer or call the church office. Meals are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Prices are \$4 per adult and \$2 per child (6<sup>th</sup> grade and under).

### Menu for Jan. 5:

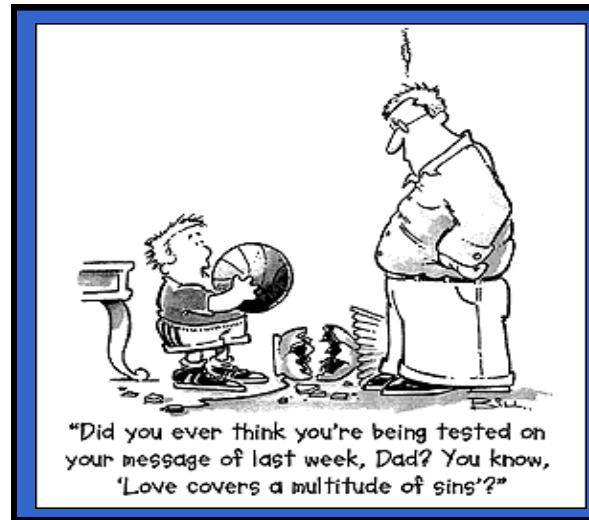
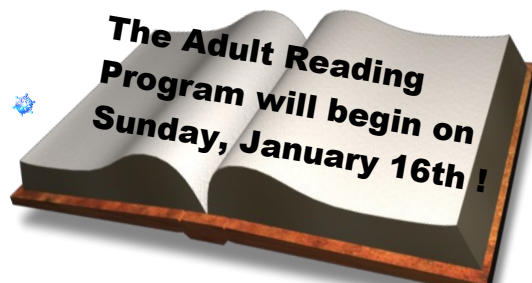
Beef Patties with Gravy, Whole Kernel Corn, Peas, Bread, Dessert, Ice Cream



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gift for staff appreciation. You all mean so much to us. We are truly blessed that God called us to come serve along side you. Again, thank you so much for your generosity.

Love in Christ,  
 John, Christi, Drew & Jamie Steese



From a worship bulletin in Chicago, Illinois:

Order of Service

Song: "We Three Kings of Orient Art"

Reading: Matthew 2:1-2

After all, Advent and Christmas are the work of a royal Master.

## Parent's Night Out/Kids Movie and Pizza Night

Saturday, January 15th from 6-8:30pm.



Make plans now to join us for a night of fun!

### Update for Anita Stevens:

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## Pastor's Page continued:

- Renew your mind and be transformed (Rom. 12:2).
- Make proper use of your time on earth (Eph. 5:16).
- Become conformed to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29).
- Spread the message of Jesus (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18-20).

Of course there is much, much more in His Word, but this is a good start, Hope to see you soon!

Yours In Christ,

*Bro. Phil*

Mark 10:45

## Devotions for Jan. 3-8 *"Not Easily Enough Disturbed"*

Monday:	Matthew 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:1-20
Wednesday:	Luke 13:1-3 Matthew 4:17 Acts 3:19
Thursday	Matthew 26:36-46
Friday:	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Saturday:	1 Thessalonians 5:17

## **G.R.O.W.**

GROW

Outreach "G" Team will meet Monday night, January 3rd at 6:30. See Bro. Phil for more information on the GROW Ministry.

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Dec. 29

5:30 pm Family Night Supper  
6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer, Youth  
On Mission, Kids of the  
Kingdom

### Saturday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year!! 2011

### Sunday, Jan. 2

9:15 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Morning Worship,  
Children's Church & KIDMO  
5:30 pm Discipleship Training, Mission  
Friends (ages 4-5), GA & RA  
(grades 1-6)  
6:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Drill  
(Grades 3-6), & Bible Stories  
(ages 4-7)



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In the early nineties the plight of Keiko the orca whale, star of the movie *Free Willy*, stirred the concern of millions of people. Keiko's saga began when the media

discovered that, like the whale in the movie, Keiko actually lived in an unhealthy environment.

*Life* magazine reported: "His tank at Mexico City's Reino Aventura theme park, full of chlorinated and artificially salted water, was barely large enough...for the 21-ft. animal to turn around in. His muscles had turned flabby, and constant swimming in one direction had curled his dorsal fin. His water was far too warm—80°—for his Nordic blood. An inadequate filtration system had him swimming in his own wastes, and he was breathing the world's smoggiest air. These hardships, along with an improper diet, had weakened his immune system. He was 1,300 pounds underweight, and warty eruptions, caused by the papillomavirus, marred his skin. In his frustration he had taken to gnawing at the edge of the pool—a habit that wore his teeth down to stubs."

Various activists crusaded to try to improve the whale's lot. After several years Dave Phillips at the Earth Island Institute formed the Free Willy Foundation, and millions of dollars began to pour in. The foundation built a new tank for Keiko at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, OR.

*Life* reported that Keiko's new home was "four times bigger than the one in Mexico. Filled with healthful 40° seawater from nearby Yaquina Bay, the new pool featured reversible currents to work against, waterjets to play among, even submerged rocks for navigation practice."



On January 7, 1996, Keiko was flown to his new home. Within a year Keiko had gained 1,000 lbs. The lesions on his skin were healing, and his fallen dorsal fin was on the rise.

The Free Willy-Keiko Foundation redeemed one very grateful whale. In the same way, God redeems us. Through Christ he rescued us from a hurtful situation that we had no power to escape and brought us into a healthful one.

Believe it or not we are about to conclude yet another year only to begin a new one. Many will make their New Year's resolutions, only to break them within a few short weeks. I want you to consider some spiritual "exercises" God gives us in scripture that will build your spiritual life for the New Year:

- Set your primary focus on God's high calling for you (Phil. 3:14).
- Assemble yourself with God's people (Heb. 10:25).
- Be at peace with all people, if possible (Rom. 12:18).
- Study to show yourself approved unto God (2 Tim. 3:15).
- Love God and all other people (Matt. 22:37-40).
- Forgive that you may be forgiven (Matt. 6:14-15).
- Esteem others more than yourself (Phil. 2:3-4).
- Submit to one another (Eph. 5:21).
- Have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5).

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