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**December 27**

**SERMON: “The Perfect Holidays**

How are the holidays meeting your expectations?

**The Rev. Burton Carley will deliver the sermon at the eleven o'clock service**

**January 3**

**OBJECT LESSON FOR CHILDREN**

**SERMON: “How to be Happy in the New Year”**

The pursuit of happiness is as American as apple pie and ice cream. You would think that after 200 plus years of seeking happiness we would be, well, happy. What have we learned about how to really have a happy new year.

**The Rev. Burton Carley will deliver the sermon at the eleven o'clock service**

**Church of the River Calendar  
Quotation of the Week**

“Have you met the inn keeper to your heart?” — bc

**The Church office will be closed from Thursday, December 24 through Friday, January 1.**

**Sunday, December 27**

9:30 a.m. The Quest Group will meet in the Beacon Room to consider “The Bible-Down & Dirty.”

10:00 a.m. Questions of Faith will not meet.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Childcare for infants and preschoolers

Noon Coffee Hour in the Mississippi River Room

12:30 The Lunch Bunch is invited to the home of Jane Soffos for lasagna potluck. The address is 14596 Cranford, 38117. To coordinate your part of the potluck call Jane at 685-1660.

**Wednesday December 30**

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary.

**Saturday, January 2**

5:30 p.m. YRUU lock in at the home of Tim Wheat, 4932 Sullivan Woods Cove. All high school youth are invited. Call Tim Wheat for details at 685-0244.

**Sunday, January 3**

9:30 a.m. The Quest Group will meet in the Beacon Room to consider “The Bible—Down & Dirty”

10:00 a.m. Questions of Faith will begin the study of “Blink”, by Malcolm Gladwell.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

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**Announcements from the Children’s Ministry**

Thanks to the beautiful children who made our Candlelight Service so special. Reader, Reeves Bauer; Santa Lucia, Caitlin Lloyd; and her attendants, Tirehonor Fleming, Grace McDonald, Amelia Shaw, and Tashi Wischmeyer

On Sunday, December 27 childcare will be provided in the nursery and preschool classroom for our youngest children. All others are invited to worship in the sanctuary at 11:00. Religious Education classes resume for all ages on Sunday, January 3.

On January 2, the YRUU and alumnae will once again celebrate an epic holiday adventure. The fun begins at 5:30 at the Wheat’s and continues all night through pizza, movies, lazer tag, foosball, video games, and a lock in. Call Tim Wheat for details. All high school youth are invited!

**Interested in being a Census Taker?** United States Census 2010 is conducting testing and training down here at the Church of the River Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Two sessions this week and then skip to January for the Monday, Wednesday & Friday schedule. Drop in or schedule yourself by calling 1-866-861-2010.

**The Care Coordinator for December is Marty Holladay. You can reach Marty at 725-4103 The Care Coordinator for January is Mary Jo Miller. You can reach Mary Jo at 327-7930**



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE STAFF OF THE CHURCH OF THE RIVER

(Continued from page 1) **January 3 calendar continued**

**Childcare for infants and preschoolers**  
Following the object lesson, Kindergartners will return to their classroom and River Explorers will meet in the Mississippi River Room. Middle School will meet in their classroom with their Adventure Club sponsor.

Noon **Coffee Hour** in the Mississippi River Room.  
12:30 p.m. **The Lunch Bunch** will meet at the Grand Pacific, 6105 State Rd.

**January 6**

7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice** in the Sanctuary.

# Thanks

to Joe & Brenda Dailey, Jim & Suzanne McDearman, Laurel Reisman, Ernie & Sue Britton, Bob Deininger, The Catholic

Charities of West Tennessee, Rick & Beth Schneiders, Kate & Joe Wespiser, Dave & Judy Smith, Margaret Park and Ann & Roger Knox for gifts to the Music Fund, and Jim & Sue Ferguson and Joel Reisman & Anne Mathes for gifts to the Endowment Fund, Lyndall & Shirley Rich for a gift to the Emergency Maintenance Fund, Bryson & Laretha Randolph for a gift to the Memorial Garden Fund and June Kramer for a gift to the Soup Kitchen all in memory of **Bob Myers**

**Thanks** to Joe & Brenda Dailey, Cheryl Deininger, Jim & Suzanne McDearman, David & Lisa Jennings, Jim & Sue Ferguson, Dan & Carroll Mayfield, Gene Green & Mary Todd, Laurel Reisman, Michelle Osterhaus, Joel Reisman &

**Among Our Members** **Congratulations** to Josh & Melanie Clark and to the Cook family on the birth of **Rigby Finch Clark**. Rigby was born on December 17, 2009 and weighed in at 6 lbs 13 oz. Welcome to the world, Rigby.

Anne Mathes, Virgil & Beverly Deininger, Emma, Gregory & Judy Finch, Edith Wheeler, Anne & Roger Knox and Rick & Beth Schneiders for gifts to the Endowment Fund, Ernie & Sue Britton, Dave & Judy Smith, and Margaret Park for gifts to the Music Fund, Lyndall & Shirley Rich for a gift to the Emergency Maintenance Fund, Wayne & Donna Sue Shannon and Vivien Weeks for gifts to the Soup Kitchen all in memory of **Margaret Deininger**.

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**Thanks** to Laurel Reisman for a gift to the Endowment Fund in honor of **The Landers Family** and **Tim Parks and Jeanne Bleu**.

**Thanks** to Lynn Jaseph Jones and Helen Jaseph for a gift to the Endowment Fund in memory of **Larry & Carrie Jaseph**.