

**JANUARY 1, 2012**

**RAMBLINGS**

--By Roger

**Happy New Year!** I hope you are looking forward to 2012, and that you are praying for the Lord's work here and around the world. As the new year gets underway, there are some questions I'd like all of us to ask ourselves. Are there ways we can be more involved this year? Are there folks we can invite to worship or study the Scriptures with that others may not be able to reach? How can our lives more effectively show the love of Christ to those around us? Please give those questions some thought, and in those areas which call for improvement, commit to doing better.

It was nice to have **Nick** and **Heidi Rice** with us this past Wednesday, and to hear **Nick's** report on the work he is doing in Kayenta, AZ on the *Navajo Reservation*. If you were unable to be here, but are interested in learning more about that work, **Nick's** monthly reports are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

God willing, our *Thursday Ladies Class* will meet this week. We will resume our study of the *Sermon on the Mount*.

Also, the last Sunday evening in January our young people will be leading our worship. The young men will be reading Scripture, leading prayer, and making the announcements, and **Paul Jacoby** has agreed to be our speaker. Please mark that on your calendar and make a special effort to be here.

Plans for our *2012 Summer Series* are almost complete. We should have details in another week. We think it will be an exciting and informative series, and one our family, friends, and neighbors should also find of interest.

**JANUARY 8, 2012**

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Don't forget that the last Sunday evening in January our young men will be leading our worship. In that service they will be reading Scripture, leading prayer, and making the announcements. **Paul Jacoby** has agreed to be our speaker. Please mark that on your calendar and make a special effort to be here.

Last Sunday morning our adult Bible class began meeting in the multipurpose room. We think the multipurpose room provides a better setting for the kind of class we would like to have. It is certainly more conducive to asking questions and facilitating discussion. Please be patient with us as we work out the kinks in the seating arrangements.

As I mentioned last week, plans for our *2012 Summer Series* are almost complete. They should be finalized soon.

Our quarterly elders and deacons meeting will be later this month (January 22), and will be followed by our annual business meeting. Please make an effort to be here, if at all possible. Your input is valued.

The **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Area Wide Worship Service** will be this afternoon at 2:30 at the Camden Avenue meeting house. The Sunrise congregation is in charge this year. If you are interested, details are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

We are scheduled to host the first of the **2012 Friday Night Sings** on February 18. I know the weather can be a little treacherous, but barring a snow storm, we shouldn't have too much of a problem. We have only had to cancel once because of weather. Let's hope this year will not be the second time.

**JANUARY 15, 2012**

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Preparations for our *2012 Summer Series* have been completed, and a list of speakers and topics is available on the table in the foyer.

God willing, our quarterly elder's and deacon's meeting will be Sunday, January 22. We also plan to have a congregational business meeting that evening. Please note both on you calendars and plan to attend.

I think I mentioned last week that we are scheduled to host the first of the *2012 Friday Night Sings* February 17. We will no doubt have a period of light refreshments following the sing, so your assistance will be needed. Additional details will be forth-coming.

Are you attending a Sunday morning Bible class? If not, let me encourage you to begin. We are meeting in the multipurpose room, and the study is one that should be of interest to all of you. For the next several weeks we will be examining the lives of familiar Bible characters and how they handled adversity. We are currently looking at the life of Joseph. I hope to see you in class next Sunday morning.

We heard from **Bessie Hupp** and her daughter, **Pat**, over the holidays. They are doing well and send their love. I put a picture of **Bessie** and her new great-grandson, **Iagan Lucius Patrick**, on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**JANUARY 22, 2012**

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God willing, our quarterly elder's and deacon's meeting will be this afternoon. We also plan to have a congregational business meeting tonight. Please note both on your calendars and plan to attend.

Next Sunday evening our young men will be leading our worship. **Paul Jacoby** has agreed to be our speaker. I'm sure this will be an uplifting time of worship. Please make a special effort to be here.

God willing, the first of the **2012 Friday Night Sings** will be here February 17. Please note that on your calendar and plan to attend if at all possible.

Schedules for our **2012 Summer Series** are available in the foyer. Although it's still several months away, I hope you are looking forward to the series. Will you make a concerted effort to be here each week, and will you encourage others to attend with you?

We continue to have a number of folks who are dealing with illness. You will find an extensive prayer list in this bulletin each week. I hope you are remembering our sick in your daily prayers. God is real, and He does hear and respond to the prayers of His people, so keep the lines of communication open and know that your prayers really do help! As James wrote: *Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working* (James 4:16).

**JANUARY 29, 2012**

**RAMBLINGS**

--By Roger

This evening our young men will be leading our worship. **Paul Jacoby** has agreed to be our speaker. I'm sure this will be an uplifting time of worship. Please make a special effort to be here again tonight.

The first of the **2012 Friday Night Sings** is just three weeks away. We will be hosting that sing February 17. If at all possible, plan to join us, and invite someone to attend with you.

God willing, my first gospel meeting of the year will be March 4-8 with the Steelton congregation in New Martinsville. In my absence on the 4<sup>th</sup> **Barry Warden** will be speaking at the morning assembly and **David Casto** will be the evening speaker. I'm sure you will look forward to hearing both of them.

There will be a brief meeting of the elders and deacons next Sunday evening at 6:00. Fellows, please note that on your calendars.

We received word this past Sunday evening that one of our missionaries in India, **Daniel Singh**, had passed away. **Daniel** died January 20<sup>th</sup> and memorial services were held on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We had supported **Daniel** for more than thirty years. Our condolences were sent to the family and the church in Birpara, India where he had labored for the past thirty-two years. Please keep **Daniel's** family and the church there in your prayers.