

Latrobe Alliance Church

December/January 2015

Listing of Ministries

SUNDAY

Worship Team Practice 8:30 am
 Prayer Preparation 9:10 am
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nursery (through age 3)
 Pre-K to grade 2
 Grade 3-5
 Youth, Grades 6-12
 Young Adult
 Adult

Family Night 6:00 pm

Kids Club
 Wired/Grounded (Youth Groups)
 Adult Bible Discovery
 Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

Our Mission:

*To bring honor to God by helping people everywhere.

*To learn to trust and obey Jesus.

Our Priorities

- *Exalting God's Name
- *Exploring God's Word
- *Encouraging God's People
- *Exhibiting God's Character



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Preparing for 2015

Can anyone really believe that 2015 is just around the corner? Is anyone ready for what 2015 may bring into our lives? That is the question that deserves an answer. One thing that is absolutely certain is that there will be change, for better or for worse. That's the reality that informs our preparation.

The beauty of walking the Christian walk is that we have a firm, unchanging (actually unchangeable) foundation. Hebrews 13:7-8 tells us to *"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* (NIV) Prepare for 2015 by strengthening your faith on the sure foundation of your relationship with Jesus Christ.

The confidence we have as Christians is in the Truth we declare. Many religions and societies claim to have truth based on the philosophies and wisdom of man. 1 Corinthians 1:20-21 poses this question: *"Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe."* (NIV) Our truth is not those philosophies, concepts and principles, but Jesus Christ Himself, *"The Way and the Truth and The Life."* (John 14:6) So our confidence is not in a philosophy or a moral code but in the Person Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world. Prepare for 2015 by knowing God's truth in your heart as well as in your mind.

The joy we have as Christians is in knowing our loving Heavenly Father and seeing Him at work in our lives. We know that He loves us more than we love ourselves (Matthew 7:9-11). We know that He is in control of our lives and everything in the entire universe (Acts 17:28). As the songwriter once penned, "I don't know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future." Prepare for 2015 by growing closer to your loving Heavenly Father and trusting more fully in His love for you.

I'm really looking forward to 2015 and what God wants to accomplish here at Latrobe Alliance Church. Let's get prepared now so that we can welcome 2015 and all that God has for us with open arms – and open hearts.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Pastor Tim

Worship Assistants

	A-V Tech / Sound	A-V Tech / Computer	Ushers
12/7	Dave G.	Sean R.	George O./Larry R.
12/14	Doug Mc.	Matt L.	Dave G./Sean R./Josh C.
12/21	Kevin R.	Sean R.	Sherman H./Ed S./Hans S.
12/28	Lee S.	Matt L.	Denny B./Chris H./Tom M.
1/4	Doug Mc.	Sean R.	Bob L./Matt L./Ben H.
1/11	Dave G.	Matt L.	Lee S./Austin S./Vincent S.
1/18	Kevin R.	Sean R.	George O./Larry R./Sam G.
1/25	Lee S.	Matt L.	Dave G./Sean R.

Safe Place



	Safe Place/SS	Safe Place/MW	Deaconess Greeter	Food Fellowship
12/7	Darlene H.	The Halls	Judy M.	Semelsberger
12/14	The Onuskos	Judy M.	Pat H.	Pohland
12/21	The Youngs	Pat H.	Karen S.	
12/28	The Grumbines	The McCrackens	Judy M.	Cherry
1/4	Darlene H.	The Halls	Pat H.	
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Nursery Attendants



Children's Church Volunteers

	Nursery/SS Lead	Nursery/SS Helper	Nursery/MW Lead	Nursery/MW Helper	Children's Church
12/7	Kim M.	Donna Mc.	Christy H.	Abby Mc.	Cherry L.
12/14	Joyce O.	Kim M.	Courtney O.	Chloe P.	Lee & Kelly S.
12/21	Wendy R.	Joyce O.	Cherry L.	Mya S.	Lisa P.
12/28	Donna Mc.	Wendy R.	Lisa P.	Michaela M.	Darlene & Christy H.
1/4	Kim M.	Donna Mc.	Christy H.	Abby P.	
1/11	Joyce O.	Kim M.	Courtney O.	Abby Mc.	
1/18	Wendy R.	Joyce O.	Cherry L.	Chloe P.	
1/25	Donna Mc.	Wendy R.	Lisa P.	Mya S.	

Children's Church will be meeting every Sunday morning for children age 4 through those who are entering 5th Grade.



We have a quiet area for Nursing Mothers in the ladies' restroom.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

For February edition is:

Jan. 18th

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December

- 8 - Allyson Steffey
- 9- Jani Rybacki
- 14 – Montgomery Kuhns
- 14 – Robert Lukon
- 29 - Hans Semelsberger
- 30 – Jaxson Gibson
- 30 – Jodi and Mark Henry
- 31 – Pastor Tim

January

- 6 – Eli Keffer
- 10 – Dustin Hall
- 11 – Cameron LeBlanc
- 12 – Chloe Pohland
- 17 – Heather Keffer
- 18 – Mary and Joe LeBlanc
Maverick Steffey
- 19 – Kevin Smith

Governing Board

After a time of prayer, November's business was reviewed. Other business discussed was:

*2014 C&MA Christian Community Mission Policy The paragraph regarding LAC employees' health care benefit plans covering prescription drugs that induce abortions was deleted. *Final document was approved and signed.*

*Driveway A partial solution has been found by Dave Grumbine and Ben, the neighbor.

*Blood Drives We will try a trial of scheduling every 2 months beginning in January. *Approved.*

*Passover Celebration with Abraham Sandler He would like to come and present JESUS IN THE PASSOVER. Pastor will check on available dates. *Board approved.*

*Date for next Governing Board Meeting Change to the 16th due to the district Christmas party on Dec. 9th. *Board approved.*

*Breakfast in Bethlehem We would like to use live animals for the living nativity. Bret did not feel that we would need to check on insurance. *Board approved.*

The next meeting is scheduled for **Dec. 16th, 2014.**

Candlelight Service

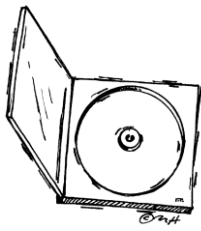


**Christmas Eve at
6 pm**



The annual Church Christmas Party will be held at the church **Dec. 7th** at 6pm. It will be a covered dish dinner.

You don't want to miss this time of fellowship and Family-Friendly Fun. Make this a memorable start to your Christmas celebration for the year.



CD's Now Available

Latrobe Alliance Church is now offering CD recordings of our services. You can order individual CD's of services you have missed or you can subscribe to weekly CD's. There is no charge for this service. For further information, see Pastor Tim or call the church office.



Christmas Pageant

The annual Christmas Pageant is fast approaching. It will be Sunday, **Dec. 14th** at 6pm. We encourage individuals and groups to prepare something musical, dramatic or meditative that will help us to celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Breakfast in Bethlehem

Breakfast in Bethlehem will be held Dec. 20th from 10 am – noon for children ages 3 through 5th grades.

Guests will be served breakfast by Bethlehem townspeople followed by activities in Bethlehem Town Square, otherwise known as the church sanctuary. Children can do a craft and play games that focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

The highlight of the morning will be a journey back to the first Christmas where children will experience a living nativity. The holy family will be represented along with the animals in the stable. Children will have the chance to touch the animals, with supervision.



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Church Humor

One day in Sunday School the children were asked to draw a picture of what they had learned. The teacher looked at one of the results: it was a passenger jet with a pilot and what was obviously the Holy Family in the back. The teacher exclaimed: "That's not in the Bible!" The child answered: "Yes, it is! That's Pontius the Pilot."

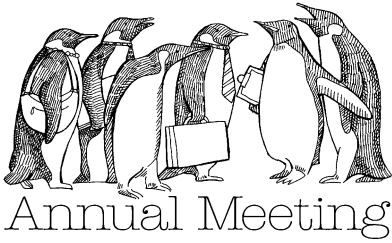


“Who followed Jesus at His birth? Wise men.”

“A savior has been born to you.”



Luke 2:11



The annual Congregational Meeting will be held **Jan. 21st** at 7:00 pm.

If you are a member, please make it a priority to attend this important meeting of our church's business.



We are happy to host another Red Cross Community Blood Drive sometime in **January**.

Volunteers will be needed to perform registration, to serve as greeters and runners and serve in the cantina.

Watch the church bulletins for the date and time.



Thank you for your Mahaffey Grove donations. Please keep them coming!

For December we are seeking donations of stationery and stationary items such as blank notes, thank you notes, birthday cards, pencils, pens, International envelopes (pre-stamped) and stamps and any other writing-related items. For January, we are asking for fleece blankets and toiletries, including regular and travel size soaps, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, razors, etc.

This year's National Project is "Tell Me a Story". Great Commission Women are seeking to fund storytelling efforts around the globe, in the many places where the majority of the population cannot read. This oral tradition is the best way to share the story of Jesus and reach many people. To that end, on Sunday, February 8th, we will have a special "Biblical guest," who will visit us during the service to tell her story of redemption. Stay tuned for more details on this mystery visitor!



New Year's Prayer

Lord, this year I want to change, and I've said that in the past. But now my prayer is different 'cause I understand at last.

I wanted my own way before, I ignored your loving plans. But now I'm putting everything into your nail-scarred hands.

I promise to obey you out of gratitude and love. I won't be giving orders to my Father up above.

I finally realize the truth and so I've changed my prayer. The safest place for me to be is in your gentle care.

Please be my shepherd, Jesus, that's all I ask of you. In good times and in bad this year, Take my hand and lead me through.

Amen.

--Jack Zavada