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As the elders reviewed the past year, and looked forward to the new, one thing really stood out. Your excellent stewardship!

It has long been our desire to give around 25% of our tithes and offerings to missions, and when we project our financial needs for a year we set the giving to missions accordingly. But even after adding support for Zach's internship with Encounter mid-year it became obvious that your giving would far exceed our expectations, and that to keep the percentage around 25% we should give an additional \$10,000 to missions. And, as God always does, He made it clear to us that there were a couple of mission needs that we could meet.

After Jesse Yangmi's death it was announced that Asian Christian Mission would be disbanded. But Ati, his widow, continued ministering to the people of Thailand, and the mission was reorganized. When we then learned of her desire to take water filtration systems to 15 villages in 2021, we sent \$5,000 to make it possible.

We then began supporting Ati on a monthly basis in 2022, and have been excited to be a part of what she is doing. In her summer newsletter she shared how, among many other things, she had sent four teachers from village churches to a program to train Sunday School teachers, and hoped to send 50 high school and university students to an intensive 5-day training program to equip them to share their faith with their non-Christian friends next April. The cost for the training, housing, food, and transportation will be \$8,000. Due to your faithful stewardship, we have already sent a check to make this possible.

On the local front we just learned that the campus ministry at UIS and LLCC was in need of additional funds to meet their budget for the current fiscal year. We have therefore sent them an additional \$2,000 to help meet their ministry needs for students here at home.

With all the dire financial news we hear about today, and even experience, I can't express the gratitude I feel for the way you continue to support our church and the ministries that God sends our way.

God Bless, Rick



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Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

7:00 p.m.

STATISTICS		
	11/6	
Worship		126
Offering		\$9,570.00
	11/13	
Worship		114
Offering		\$11,091.04
	11/20	
Worship		105
Offering		\$4,079.96
	11/27	
Worship		100
Offering		\$4,844.21

AFFIRMATION OF ELDERS & FINANCIAL PROJECTION

The elders will introduce themselves for the sake of our newer members and present the financial projection for 2023 during the worship service on December 4th. Everyone will then be given the opportunity to affirm them and the projection of \$313,700, requiring an average weekly offering of \$5,919, on the 18th.

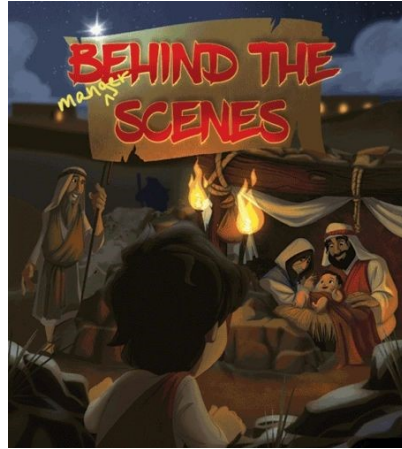
PAUL & KERRI DANIELS

Included in the projection for 2023 will be support for Paul & Kerri Daniels in France. We supported Paul in a variety of mission endeavors for a number of years, and after then teaching at a Christian high school in Kentucky for many years, he and his wife returned to full-time mission work in France. They are currently working with a congregation in Poitiers and hope to establish house churches throughout the city. They are working under the auspices of Team Expansion.

ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM

CHURCH ALLIANCE

We have joined the Church Alliance of Alliance Defending Freedom, giving us access to legal advice and representation in the event of challenges to our freedom of speech and worship.

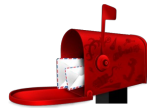


CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DECEMBER 11TH, 9:15



Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to meet at the church at 5:30, December 18th, to go Christmas caroling. We will be singing at a couple of senior facilities and several homes before returning to the church for goodies.



The Christmas mail box is in the hallway. Feel free to use it to send and receive congregational Christmas greetings.



Junior High/High School

As it turns out, this Sunday, December 4th, is the best day for our fall service project. We will be leaving right after Sunday School with our first stop being Arby's for lunch.

Then we will be off to the two yards we have lined up for that afternoon. Both have a lot of leaves, but I believe we should be done somewhere between 3:00-4:00. We will keep all the parents updated as we move along. Please bring a rake, pair of gloves and warm clothes if needed as we have fun and serve a few in our congregation together!



Junior High/High School

For those going to play paintball this Saturday, we will be leaving from CCC at noon. It turns out that we will have a nice group of players! But, there is always room for more. The more the merrier when it comes to a paintball match. Feel free to invite some friends, or if you missed the sign up sheet come anyway. Just let me know so I can manage the transportation.

As a reminder, the cost for two hours of paintball will be \$25 per person. That covers everything you need while at the park (equipment, paint, etc.) Please bring a little extra money in case the group wants to stop at Dairy Queen for a quick snack on the way home.



Junior High/High School

Our traditional gift exchange will be at the Blakley's house on Sunday, December 11th starting at 6:00pm. We should be done around 8:00pm which is perfect timing for parents leaving the Sunday evening study to come get you for the ride home.

Most of you know the white elephant rules, but in case you need a reminder, they are very simple. Don't go out and buy anything! If you feel you must, please don't spend a lot of money. Look around your house or in your garage for that crazy item that has taken up space for years and wrap it up! Some junk is more appealing than other junk, so there will be a chance to steal gifts as the exchange progresses.

Also, we'll have a few other group activities including that big ball of saran wrap filled with prizes and gift cards. Come hungry cause we will have pizza and a lot of snacks! Hope you all can make it!



Junior High/High School

Plan on having a great night out on the town this New Years Eve, Eve (Friday, December 30th). We are scheduling our super fun broomball game, dodgeball at the camp, some good ole time at Steak and Shake and other ideas are being explored to set us up for a great evening together. Stay tuned for more details!