

Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday evening 7 p.m.

COMING EVENTS
& ACTIVITIES

No service this evening! Spend time with your family and friends.

Have a Merry Christmas!

New Years Eve service on Sun. Dec. 31st at **5:00 p.m.**

This will be the church's final service for the year. Let's have a great attendance and encourage the Four young men who will each bring a short message. There will also be special singing, and a meal following. If you ladies could bring your favorite soup, and sandwiches or "finger food," and dessert if you like, we'll end the year with a good time of food and fellowship

Finance Committee Meeting: January 5th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

at the church.

January 14th, Sunday at 6:00 p.m. will be the **church's annual business meeting**, and election of officers.

Last Sunday Attendance	89
General Fund	2,992.00
Missions Offering	595.00

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From The
Pastor's Desk
Dec. 24, 2006



World Missions

**I said a CHRISTMAS PRAYER for you
because the season's near.**

**I didn't ask for riches
but for gifts so much more dear.**

**I asked for joyful gatherings
with your family all around,
and for carols to inspire you
with their old familiar sound.**

**I asked for quiet moments
in your heart on Christmas morn,
for a special time to celebrate
the Savior who was born.**

**I asked for friends to send their best
that you might know they care...**

**I asked for peace and love and hope,
and I know God heard my prayer.**

Nancy Brummett

Christmas time in Italy

One of the most incredible scenes in Italy during Christmas time are the beautiful nativity scenes throughout the country.

The practice first became popular thanks to one called St. Francis who in the year 1223 set up a live presepio, complete with animals, near a cave on Christmas eve. The word "presepio" literally means a "manger" or a "crib." All across Italy other began building their own nativity scenes, some with real-life people, and some with statues. These all have one thing in common: each pays homage to Jesus' birth. If you see a presepio before midnight on Christmas Eve, baby Jesus will be missing. His figurine is not placed in the presepio until one minute before Christmas Day.

We have been on the road for a year and a half raising support. We are so thankful for the opportunity to have been in so many churches sharing the burden we have for the people of Italy. 60 % of our support is raised with more promised and our target for leaving for Italy date is set for June of 2007. We are getting very excited as we are beginning to make the necessary preparations for passports and visas. Please continue to make this part of the deputation process a matter of prayer. We are continually amazed at how God works through his people when they pray.

Thanks to you that have prayed for Jon. He had the eye surgery on November 15, and is recovering very well. He still has a weight lifting restriction of 20 pounds and his vision is still blurry, but pressures within the eye are very good. The doctor is very optimistic.

Thank you for all your support.

Jon and Becky Liles