

Starting Wednesday, January 6

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS**

begin at 5:45 p.m.

offered at an affordable price for the convenience of those coming to the church activities

and beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Children's activities  
Youth Activities**

**& ADULT INTEREST STUDIES**

The six week study of the book *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay begins. Pastor Quin and Beth will be leading.

Don't worry if you cannot attend all the sessions.

Each one will offer a worthwhile study.

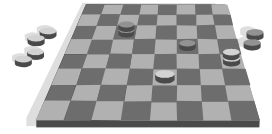
Purchase the book online or at a bookstore if you wish.



**eXtra Years of Zest**  
for Senior Adults

Tuesday,  
January 19th

10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall



**Pot Luck . . .  
Bring Anything!!!**



*Games and relaxation  
from the Holiday rush*

*Patricia Patterson, Carl &  
Norinne Collea in charge*

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**Events of the Month**

**Regular Schedule**

**JANUARY 2010**

- 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 17 - DEACONS' MEETING..... 5:30 p.m.
- 19 - XYZ..... 10:30 a.m.
- 24 - THE LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVED ..... 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- 25 - 26 - WSBC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE - THERMOPOLIS
- 31 - MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING..... 6:00 p.m.
- CARE MINISTRY ACTIVITIES each Mon. or Tues. (6:30 p.m.)

- SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**
- Early Morning Worship..... 8:00 a.m.
  - KUYO Radio Program, 830 AM..... 9:00 a.m.
  - Bible Study for all ages..... 9:15 a.m.
  - Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.
  - Midwest Worship Service ..... 3:00 p.m.
  - Youth Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.
  - Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.
- MONDAYS**
- Men's Morning Prayer ..... 6:30 a.m.
- TUESDAYS**
- BCM - College Center Rm. 217..... 8:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAYS**
- Meal ..... 5:45 p.m.
  - Preschool (3-K)/Children/Youth Activities..... 6:30 p.m.
  - Adult Studies ..... 6:30 p.m.
  - Midwest Activities - Adults, Youth & Children..... 6:30 p.m.
  - Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:45 p.m.
- THURSDAYS**
- Men's Discipleship Brkfst at the Platte River..... 6:30 a.m.

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# FROM PASTOR QUIN

Today, I'd like to share with you a love story. Personally, I'm much more inclined toward something that John Wayne would be in rather than a love story, but this one is real, so please indulge me for a few minutes.

Many of you know that in December my daughter Angie and her husband Justin returned from Africa with a newly adopted son. If you are not familiar with the whole story, let me share that with you now.

In the summer of 2004 Angie went to Africa to work along side some of our International Missionaries. Her assignment was to work in an orphanage in Lesotho, Africa. In the seven weeks that she spent there, she cared for many orphaned babies and young children. One particular little boy named Letlotlo, a six-month-old babe in arms, touched her heart. While caring for him, she felt a strong impression from God that someday, this orphaned boy would be her son. This made no sense, for at that time, she was not married, had just begun a career, she had no idea what the future held for her. The potential of a young, single white American girl adopting an African child seemed extraordinarily improbable.

The next summer Angie married her high school sweet heart, Justin. They began what would appear to be a fairly normal married life, with Justin developing his career in sales and Angie teaching and tutoring math. About a year into their marriage, Justin approached Angie with the idea of trying to adopt Letlotlo. This was more than she had ever hoped or dreamed, but God had laid this on Justin's heart. This African baby was a half a world away. But, he still was held tightly in Angie's memory and heart. To make a long story not quite so long, they contacted the orphanage found out that Letlotlo had not yet been adopted. So they began the process. The process was moving along slowly but surely and just when it seemed that everything was about to fall into place, the government in Lesotho placed a moratorium on all foreign adoptions because of abuses they had found in their system. This moratorium was only lifted in the spring of 2009.

In this interim time, Angie and Justin had two sons of their own, Jaxen and Kaden, (I know you haven't heard anything about my grandchildren). As soon as they received the news that the moratorium had been lifted and that Letlotlo was still available for adoption they pushed forward with the adoption process. I will not go into the many, many obstacles they had to overcome, but they were dealing with two governments (ours and theirs), a mountain of red tape, an inefficient adoption agency, and language and cultural barriers. But, with the speed of an animal that is the cross between a turtle and a sloth, each obstacle was overcome. So, four years of work and frustration finally culminated in their recent trip to Africa where they gathered unto themselves their newest, but oldest son, a handsome, bright, almost six-year-old boy named Letlotlo.

They are home now and Letlotlo, Angie, Justin, Jaxen and Kaden have quickly assimilated into a bright and beautiful family. Letlotlo is so well adjusted that they are already considering putting him into an American kindergarten.

I share this with you because I want you to know this beautiful story. But also, it teaches us a number of lessons. First, it teaches the power of prayer. Thank you all so very much for the many prayers that you have offered concerning this over the last several years. But also, it draws for us a picture of how God loves us.

There were many times through this process that Angie and Justin could simply have given up. But they already loved Letlotlo and no price was too high to get him. Is that not exactly how God deals with us? Imagine the frustration that God has felt through the ages as He has dealt with a people who are far from Him (the difference, Letlotlo was distant through circumstance, not his rebellion). But no matter the price, His love for us drove Him to bring about the processes of redemption that could reconcile us to Him. In this we accept His gift of forgiveness and become a part of His family. We are a part of a family that is based on unconditional love. This love is patient, it perseveres, it reaches across distance and time until it can be fully expressed and fulfilled. This is how God loves us.

Happy New Year,

*Pastor Quin*

**January 25-26**

## State Evangelism Conference

**A free, two-day conference of inspiration, information and training for pastors and church leaders at Risen Son Baptist Church**

**342 Amoretti St., Thermopolis, Wyoming**

**Featured Speaker: Tom Clegg, author of "Missing in America"**  
See the poster or call the church office for more information

**CARE** Ministry  
**JANUARY**

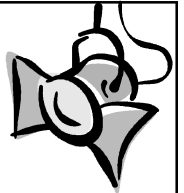
"C" Team - Monday, January 4th - 6:30 p.m.  
"A" Team - Tuesday, January 12th - 6:30 p.m.  
"R" Team - Monday, January 18th - 6:30 p.m.  
"E" Team - Tuesday, January 26th - 6:30 p.m.

There is *always* room in our CARE ministry for additional faithful team members! Contact Heather Valdez at the church office, 261-9896, or at home, 472-0734.

You will be richly blessed as you richly bless others!

## Wednesday Night Discipleship

With the goal of helping people grow so that they can better deal with life situations, we are changing our Wednesday evening structure to emphasis personal spiritual growth. Please pray for these studies as we look at biblical teachings concerning a variety of needs that all of us will face as our lives unfold.



Spotlight  
on Ministry

### mom to mom Heart talk

*Mom to Mom* is a biblically-based program designed around the Titus 2:4 concept of older women teaching and encouraging younger women in their relationship with their husbands and children. Through small group interaction led by "Mentoring Moms", growth occurs not only in our parenting skills, but also in our wholeness as women -intellectually, relationally, and spiritually.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOONS from 5:00 - 6:30

for fun, fellowship, and encouragement as we play, pray, and study together.

January 3, 17, & 31  
February 28  
March 14 & 28  
April 18

Register now by calling 307-261-9896 or e-mail [qbwilliams@msn.com](mailto:qbwilliams@msn.com)

*There is no fee, but your commitment is needed for proper planning. Also, please advise us if church childcare is needed for your children.*

Ladies Bible Study  
at Boyd Avenue Baptist Church

### *Loved by God* Trusting His Promises & Experiencing His Blessings

by Liz Curtis Higgs

(author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*)

Cost: \$15

Study Dates:

**Sunday Afternoons**

from 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Jan. 10 & 24

Feb. 7 & 21

March 7 & 21

April 11



Are you looking for a Bible Study that is gifted with deep spiritual insights and a generous helping of humor?

To register, call the church office at 261-9896 or email [qbwilliams@msn.com](mailto:qbwilliams@msn.com)

## What's Happening at Midwest

Things have been going well in Midwest. We served Thanksgiving dinner to 72 people on November 18. We helped with groceries for 125 people last month. We gave out turkeys and toys on December 21. Thank you to everyone who has donated food and time to make all this possible.

When we open the food pantry there are many opportunities to share about Christ, pray with people and minister to people. If you would like to be a part of this, the food pantry is open the first Tuesday of every month. The clothes closet is open other times during the week. Please contact me, Paul Brow or Colleen Harrison if you are interested.

**Pastor Gary**

Matt. 4:19

## Student Ministry Reflections

Happy New Year! As I get out my 2010 calendar, I notice one big difference from my 2009 calendar. The 2009 version is full of writing. Activities, meetings and notes fill most of the squares throughout the calendar. The 2010 version is relatively blank. It contains few marks or notes. The 2010 calendar is waiting to be filled in.

Our calendars tell us a lot about our lives. 2009 is a record of all that is past. The last year may have been full of great things and difficult times. It was full of many memories, some of which we may wish to forget. 2009 may have been a great, bad or just an ok year, but it is gone. We will never have 2009 again.

Just like my 2010 calendar waiting to be filled in, our 2010 is waiting to be filled in. Not the pages in the calendar, but the pages of our lives. Every day is a new opportunity to live. A new opportunity to make the most of what God has given us. A new opportunity to be productive and active in our world. A new opportunity to seek and serve God with all that we are.

We can determine what 2010 will be like for us. Maybe not every circumstance, but our attitudes, focus, and direction. Paul said in Philippians that "one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead." (vs. 3:13) We don't have to let our past determine our future. Let this be the year that we reach forward to what lies ahead. Paul also shares with us what he is reaching for in verse 14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

My goal for 2010, press on toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. To be who He wants me to be and do what He wants me to do. May my life be filled with His desires? What will your 2010 look like?

In Him,

*Ed*