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WELCOME GUESTS

- **Guest Card:** Let us know about yourself by completing the Guest Card in your bulletin.
- **Information Central:** Stop by Information Central after the worship service. Our Information Team would like to meet you and answer any questions you may have.
- **Coffee and Refreshments:** Available each Sunday after worship for your enjoyment as we get to know you.

YOU ARE INVITED

- **Starting Point Luncheon** - Sunday, January 10th 12:45 p.m.
New to Bidwell Pres? We invite you to lunch and an opportunity to meet our staff and learn how you can start to get connected.
- **Discovering BPC** - Wednesdays (starting January 13th), 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Discover what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ and what it means to be a member of Bidwell Presbyterian Church. Childcare is provided; reservation required.
- **The Heart of Our Faith** - January 13th through February 10th Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
If you are new or would like to renew your faith, this class is part of God's ongoing homecoming party here at Bidwell. Video presentations by Henri Nouwen, Steven Spielberg, Franco Zeffirelli and times for journaling and discussion make this an engaging course.

complete the registration card found in your bulletin, to register for one or more of the above events/classes.

A Friendly reminder to SILENCE your cell phones during the services.

HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

REAL LIFE GROUPS WINTER SESSION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE DECEMBER 27TH

Visit the Information Central table on the patio and pick up a registration brochure. Complete the tear-off portion and return it to the church office. It's that simple! If you are already connected with a group, it is not necessary to register. For more information, contact Jaclyn Mattson, 343-1484 or email jmattson@bidwellpres.org. For more about Real Life Groups, visit www.bidwellpres.org/programs/adult/smallgroups.

2010 W.O.W. SPRING TERM REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 6TH

Registration for spring W.O.W. Classes is here! Stop by the Information Central table or the church office to pick up a class catalogue. Find out more about W.O.W. at www.bidwellpres.org/programs/adult/WOW.

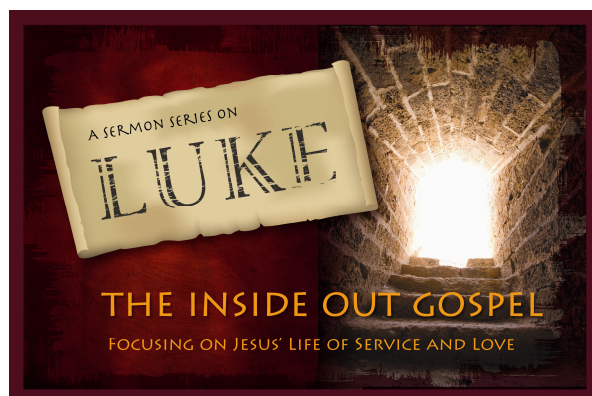
2009 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS

In order for your giving to be recorded in 2009 for tax-purposes, contributions must be post marked by the 31st of December. You can also bring your contribution to the church office by noon on December 31st.

NEW SERMON SERIES

BEGINS JANUARY 3RD

Join us as we kick off a 32-week sermon series on the Gospel of Luke, entitled "The Inside-Out Gospel; Focusing on Jesus' Life of Service and Love."



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BULLETIN SCHEDULE

Need an announcement in the bulletin? Submit your bulletin announcement by Mondays 5:00 p.m. on the following dates to bulletin@bidwellpres.org. Please include the publish dates in the subject line, send a copy to the administrative assistant for your ministry area for inclusion on our web site, and remember to reserve the facility for your event!

Sunday Bulletin Date

Sunday, January 10, 2009
Sunday, January 17, 2009
Sunday, January 24, 2009
Sunday, January 31, 2009
Sunday, February 7, 2009

Bulletin Deadline Date

Monday, December 28, 2009
Monday, January 4, 2009
Monday, January 11, 2009
Monday, January 18, 2009
Monday, January 25, 2009

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Children

8:30 a.m.

Nursery Care (birth - age 3): Room 106

9:45 & 11:11 a.m.

Nursery Care (birth - age 3): Room 106
Preschool Class (3 - 5-year olds): Room 105
Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Room 110
2nd-4th Grades: Room 205

Nursery & Preschool
We are learning all about creation.



Kindergarten - 4th grade
Have joined Joshua's army to learn about living a life of courage.



NOTE: There will be no Kidwell Park Program on December 27th. Only Childcare for 0-3yrs of age will be offered.

Youth

Zone 56 on Sunday Mornings (5th & 6th Grades)

We gather with leaders and our friends to have fun and learn about Jesus. Zone 56 meets in room 210. Please sign in.



NOTE: Zone 56 will not meet on December 27th



Jr. High Underground: Unplugged

Meet at 11:00 on the patio at the Underground table, sign in, and walk with leaders to the Ballroom (242 Broadway, above Starbucks).

NOTE: Underground will not meet on December 27th.

High School

High School students worship with the congregation during services in the Sanctuary. Worship times are 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:11 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

College

Five Forty Five

The Five Forty Five is our college-friendly worship gathering. This worship service has ended for the semester, but will start back up on January 10th. To find out more visit www.bidwellpres.org/programs/college/worship.

Adult

ARK adult Bible Class meets at 9:50 a.m. downstairs in Room 015. We're using the book, *Leap Over the Wall*, by Eugene Peterson.

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Youth Ministry

High School

For more information about High School programs or events, contact Julie Jessen (jjessen@bidwellpres.org) or Brian Solecki (bsolecki@bidwellpres.org) via email or at 343-1484.

Refuge at the Ballroom - Will not meet December 30th

The Refuge youth group meets each Wednesday during the school year, 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Grand Ballroom, 242 Broadway (above Starbucks). We come together to engage in relationships with each other, with leaders, and with Christ.

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Winter Camp—January 29th - 31st

Winter camp at Pilot Lake is coming up and you won't want to miss it. Registration forms are available at the Refuge on Wednesdays, at Information Central on Sundays, in the church office, and on the BPC website.

Jr. High School

For more information about Jr. High programs or events, contact Julie Jessen (jjessen@bidwellpres.org), Brian Wainwright (bwainwright@bidwellpres.org), or Michaela Warthen (mwarthen@bidwellpres.org) via email or at church office: 343-1484.

The Underground D-Groups on Wednesdays— Starts January 13th

Jr. High discipleship groups (D-Groups) coincide with WOW Terms. D Groups will meet again starting January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Winter Camp—February 5th- 7th

Jr. High winter retreat at Diamond Arrow Camp will be a blast! Registration forms are available at the Underground, at Information Central on Sundays, in the church office and on the BPC website.

5th/6th Grade

For more information about 5th/6th programs or events, contact Julie Jessen (jjessen@bidwellpres.org) or Brian Wainwright (bwainwright@bidwellpres.org) via email or at church office: 343-1484.

"Hangtime"— Starts January 13th

Hangtime is scheduled to coincide with WOW Terms. Hangtime will start again January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

College Ministry

The January Not-So-Small Group:

A college-aged, coed gathering that meets for Bible study and fellowship during winter break. Great for students who are looking to get plugged in and check out what the "small group" experience is like. This group will meet for three weeks in January on Thursday nights (Jan 7th, 14th, 21st) at the Prehodos' home, 1250 Hobart St. This is an open group; no need to sign up, just show up! Contact Bonnie Johnston or Erick Smith for more info. bjohnston@bidwellpres.org or blondhopper@aol.com or 343-1484 x104.

Join a College Small Group:

Now is a great time to sign up for our college small groups! They kick off again with the new spring semester on January 25th. Our small groups are groups of 3-12 college men, women or coeds led by caring adult members of the congregation. We study the Bible, share our lives in great fellowship, pray together and serve together. This is an awesome way to go deeper in your faith in meaningful community. Contact Bonnie Johnston for more info. bjohnston@bidwellpres.org.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We're looking for College Small Group Leaders and Adopt-a-Student families for the spring semester. If you have a mature faith in Christ and a heart for college-aged folks growing in their faith, please contact Bonnie Johnston for more information or to apply: bjohnston@bidwellpres.org or 343-1484 x104.

545 Schedule for January:

Jan 10th: 545 with dessert following worship in the Fellowship Hall
Jan 17th: 545 with dessert following worship in the Fellowship Hall
Jan 24th: 545 Semester Kickoff with dinner following worship in the Fellowship Hall

Mexico Mission Trip (January 17th-23rd)

Forty college students and 10 mentors are heading on a mission trip to Mexico where they will partner with YWAM to care for the poor by building houses and share the love of Christ by connecting relationally with local impoverished families. Please pray that they would share the love of Christ, would travel and work in safety, and would grow in their faith and in community.

Thanks to Cookie Bakers

A big thank you to all of the bakers who donated to the Five Forty Five cookie project. It was wonderful to have all the help putting it together. Thanks again, Doris Dunham.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 27th

8:15 a.m. Praise Band Practice **Room 110**
 9:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer **Room 112**
 9:30 a.m. Nursery for Sunday Services **Nursery**
 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship Service **Sanctuary**
 9:50 a.m. ARK Adult Sunday Class **Room 015**
 11:00 a.m. Nursery for Sunday Services **Nursery**
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Monday, December 28th

4:00 p.m. Weekly Worship Planning Meeting **Conf. Room**
 6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

Tuesday, December 29th

5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

Wednesday, December 30th

6:30 a.m. Barnabas Men's Ministry **FH**

Thursday, December 31st

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study **Room 112**
 12:00 noon Church Office Closes

Sunday, January 3rd

8:15 a.m. Praise Band Practice **Room 110**
 8:30 a.m. Nursery Care for Sunday Services **Room 106**
 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service **Sanctuary**
 8:30 a.m. Sunday School **Rooms 106, 209, 210**
 9:15 a.m. Intercessory Prayer **Room 112**
 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service **Sanctuary**
 9:45 a.m. Kidwell Park: Birth-4th grade **CE Wing**
 9:50 a.m. ARK Adult Sunday Class **Room 015**
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 11:11 a.m. Zone 56 **Room 210**
 11:11 a.m. Jr. High Unplugged At the **Ballroom on Broadway**

Monday, January 4th

4:00 p.m. Weekly Worship Planning Meeting **Conf. Room**
 6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

Tuesday, January 5th

10:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Mtg. **Room 112**
 11:45 p.m. PW Luncheon **FH**
 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal **Sanctuary**
 6:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting **Conference Room**

Thursday, January 7th

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study **Room 112**
 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal **Sanctuary**
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

Friday, January 8th

3:00 p.m. Jr. High Small Group **Vestibule**
 6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

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 4:00 p.m. Winter Life Connect **FH**
 5:45 p.m. Five Forty Five Worship Service **Sanctuary**

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Our mission is to glorify God by serving friends, church and the community when there is a special need for prayer. Please join us.

PRAYER PROMPT

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4: 6-7

PRAYER REQUESTS (PRAYER CORDON AND E-MAIL) If you have a special prayer need or request that you want to be confidential, please call the church, 343-1484, or prayer deacon Connie Gaines, 893-2065. If you would like your request to be covered by the e-mail prayer, send requests to prayerrequests@bidwellpres.org. All prayer requests are considered important and are handled with urgency.

PRAYER AND PRAISE (WRITTEN REQUESTS) You may use the back of the Attendance Card for writing any personal requests you have for prayer. These cards are collected every Sunday, and the pastoral staff and prayer ministries team will pray for you. For information please call the church, 343-1484.

SUNDAY INTERCESSORY PRAYER You are invited to join us TODAY at 9:15 a.m. to pray for the worship services. We meet in the chapel (Room 112) behind the sanctuary.

MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL—A DAILY WALK IN THE WORD

Monthly devotionals are available at the Care Ministries Table on Sundays. The devotional booklets contain a daily Bible verse, inspirational reading, prayer and journal exercise.

PRAYER WITH MOMS IN TOUCH

You are invited to join Moms In Touch. We are a group of Moms who gather weekly to pray for our school-aged children and their schools.

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY--CURRENT PRAYER DIARY AVAILABLE

"Alpha <for the> Military" has a prayer diary useful for understanding challenging issues facing our troops on military bases & battlefields around the world; our chaplains helping men/women in their darkest hours find or reconnect with God. Visit www.alphausa.org/military and click the title "Prayer Diary" on the left side of the page for the current PRAYER DIARY.

BAPTISM SUNDAYS

Baptisms are offered on the dates below at any of our 4 services. If you are interested in being bap-

January 17	April 18	July 18	October 17
February 21	May 16	August 15	November TBD
March 21	June TBD	September 19	

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(Dec. 13th through Dec. 20th)

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“Proverbs 3:5-8; Psalm 37:3-4”

“Pursuing God’s Good Path”

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