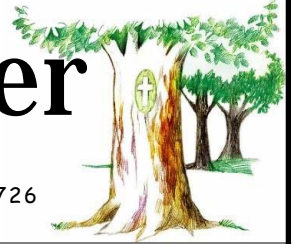


# THE GOOD NEWSletter



Sharing the Good News of Christ

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Kylee Gaunt, daughter of Dr. Jay and Lynel Gaunt, went on a short term mission trip to Tanzania this summer. This is Kylee's account:

*I had an amazing opportunity to go to Tanzania in Africa this summer. This trip would have been nothing if it had not been founded on prayer. I want to thank my family, church, friends, and the friends that I have not met yet, for all the prayers and encouragement. The trip was through a program called "Xtreme Impact", which is geared towards college-bound high school students. I decided on Africa despite the many options to interesting places all over the world. God placed a compassion in my heart specifically for Africa and I am so grateful that I answered His call.*



*The trip was led by Jeremy and Charissa Jones who had lived in Tanzania before. They acted as our unofficial big brother and sister, and really helped us to grow spiritually. There were fourteen teens on the trip and all of us bonded extremely well and we are still quite close today. Nearly every night of our trip we would reminisce and share our thoughts on the day, and have devotions or sing praise songs. God unified our team and answered countless prayers.*

*During the trip, God's hand was seen everywhere. We helped to roof a church in a small village and even held the first church service there. We also did many health promotional activities with the children. I have never seen such poverty and sickness. It caused me to think about all that I have. Even though our language was limited, it was incredible to see how gathering up a child in your arms spoke to them. My heart broke for the hurting and lost people, but God always had something new for me to learn every day.*

*I have never met so many smiling people in my life. The culture is focused on relationships and taking life slowly. Americans have a lot to*

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Bill Stankiewicz, a Big Woods Bible Church member, is a chaplain with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team. This disaster relief ministry takes the Gospel message of hope to people who think there is no hope after a natural disaster. Here is Bill's story:

*Eunice, a sweet 88 year old lady, stands in her yard picking up twigs from the aftermath of hurricane Gustav. The storm had struck a huge oak tree causing it to fall on her greenhouse. The greenhouse then fell onto her special lime tree. Eunice was very happy to see us, yet amazed that someone came to help her. We proceeded to cut down the oak tree and tear apart her shed in order to save the lime tree. When all was said and done, the wood from the tree was stacked in the yard and lit on fire. Eunice thanked us for a job not possible for her considering her age and weight at a mere 85 pounds.*

*This seemed to truly be the land that "time forgot". It is a place where young and old alike still know their manners, such as "Yes, ma'am" and "yes, sir". During September 13th through the 21st, I was deployed to Gonzalez, Louisiana, just 20 miles south of Baton Rouge. As our team began assisting those in need in this economically disadvantaged area, we saw these people had a different view on gratitude. They expressed a deep appreciation for the help they received.*

*Mary had come home from her work as a school food service staff to find our team working*



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This year's Christmas cantata is "The Gift Goes On" by Russell Mauldin and will be performed for both worship services on Dec. 14th. It features both traditional carols and choruses as well as new, original contemporary Christmas songs. This is the fourth year for the Celebration Choir, which annually performs a preview of the year's cantata at WalMart in conjunction with "Mark the Shark's Toy Drive."

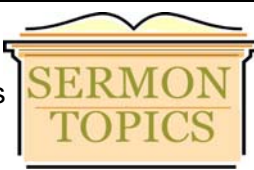
**Pastor Ted's Message**

There was an art contest held in a local school one Christmas season a few years ago in East Texas.

One of the prize winners was a picture drawn by a nine year old boy showing three men, offering gifts to the baby Jesus in his manger. What made the picture unique is how the three gift presenters arrived — there was a fire truck on the side of the picture. The principal asked the boy about his decision to draw the truck and the boy, in his heavy East-Texas accent, was quick to reply: "Well, the Bible says the wise men came from *a-far*." Our holiday celebration should come from a fire — a fire within. Thanksgiving is a fire to give God as much acknowledgement and praise as possible. Christmas praise comes from a fire to honor Christ as Lord and Savior. If anyone should know how to celebrate with all our hearts, it is the Christian. We can recall all the Lord's goodness, miracles, and favor on us. We can recall with joy our salvation and the numerous ways He has delivered us. This season we will be having a series "Home for the Holidays." We will look at how to be glad and full of praise despite the pressures and relational dynamics. We will study how to express our gratitude so God is glorified and how we can teach our children about the Lord in the holidays. Psalms 9:1-2 says: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." And Psalm 86:12 says, "I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever." The praise and worship comes from a heart that is on fire with love and praise to God and a driving desire to honor Him.

*Pastor Ted Justice*

- Nov. 2—What is Happening to My Country
- Nov. 9—Praying for the Leaders of My Country
- Nov. 16—Missions Conference
- Nov. 23—Changing the Home with Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30—Home for the Holidays Thanksgiving Celebrations
- Dec. 7—Home for the Holidays
- Dec. 14—Christmas Cantata
- Dec. 21—Home for the Holidays
- Dec. 28—Celebrations That Launch Us



Communion will be held during both worship services on November 16 and December 21.



**BWBC Financial Snapshot**  
Report Date: 10-12-08

**Treasurer's Report**

<b>Cash</b>		
Savings Acct		\$120,995.16
Checking Acct		<u>\$ 80,442.16</u>
<b>Total Cash:</b>		<b>\$201,437.32</b>

**Funds & Liabilities**

General Offering	\$ 48,204.79
Building Fund	\$137,026.13
Women's Ministry	\$ 4,682.30
Missions - Hales	\$ 200.00
Missions Equity	\$ 1,500.00
Benevolence	
Balance	\$ 4,370.10
Payroll Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,454.00</u>

**Total F&L: \$201,437.32**

**Balance**

**Balance: \$ 0.00**

**Missions Given YTD: \$ 71,098.73**

Treasurer: Zane Patalive - 769-7335



Introducing...the "new and improved" Big Woods website! The new website should be online sometime this month and will be much more functional, brighter, and useful! The biggest difference will be that the weekly prayer lists and our newsletters will be online and available for easy download. The website's "environment" will look different and will be better organized to find information about Big Woods and our various ministries and outreaches. Also, for those who will be adding new web content for their various ministries, it will not be necessary to know a lot of "computer lingo" to make changes to the site. As soon as you see the new look of the site, be sure to get a username and password registered so you can take advantage of everything the new website at [www.bigwoods.org](http://www.bigwoods.org) has to offer!



**Stay Up to Date on Prayer Requests and Church Happenings By Joining the E-Mail Listserv**

Joining the Big Woods Prayer Listserv is quick and simple! It is a great way to send and receive prayer requests and stay informed of the latest church happenings. To join, send a blank email with the subject SUBSCRIBE to [prayer@bigwoods.org](mailto:prayer@bigwoods.org). To submit a prayer request that will automatically be sent to everyone on the listserv, send an email containing your prayer request to [prayer@bigwoods.org](mailto:prayer@bigwoods.org).



### Women's Prayer

Several weeks ago, a survey was given to all women at the worship services. It concerned our Women's Prayer Groups and how to make them

more effective and better attended. One change suggested was to make the time later. So, for the next several months, the breakfast gathering held every third Saturday of each month will begin at **8:00 a.m.** The weekly groups will still meet at 6:00 a.m., but there was an interest in an evening group. This is still in the planning stage. Watch the weekly Sunday bulletin for more information on this in the future.

The Women's Prayer Groups meet at various times throughout the month for ladies to get together to fellowship and lift our prayers to heaven. All women are invited to come share in these times of blessings together. Each week, women meet on Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. at the home of Linda Gray (893-1253) in Lock Haven. Every Friday morning at 6:00 a.m. women gather at the home of Lynel Gaunt (769-7224) in Woolrich.

The third Saturday of the month, the women of Big Woods enjoy breakfast together (now held at **8:00 a.m.**), followed by a short devotional and time of prayer. These are great times to fellowship with each other. The theme throughout the year is the Names of God. At **8:00 a.m.** on Saturday **November 15th**, the women will be meeting for breakfast at the Blue Chimney Restaurant. The last breakfast of the year is always a special one, held in our church that is beautifully decorated just for this event. Plant to attend on Saturday **December 20th** at **8:00 a.m.** to celebrate the birth of our Savior and sing praises to our King.

Watch the church bulletins for more information on these events as the dates approach. Come enjoy wonderful fellowship time with each other.

I look forward to seeing you at our next breakfast.

Ministry Contact — Yvonne Butville— 753-5373



### Change for the Better

Our "Battle of the Bulge" meeting on October 13 began with a brisk walk about! After our quarter mile stretch, Sue Powlus delighted us with a bottle of water and a snack treat of healthy trail mix. We were women on a mission — waging war on the unwanted inches around our waists! Sue introduced us to "MUFAs", her walking tips, and inspiration through God's Word as we looked at Daniel 1:8.

We invite women to join us on **November 10th** where we will be in the home of Barb Powlus on Mary's Lane in Mill Hall. Again focusing on a specific topic for those of us experiencing our afternoon years in our season of change. We do have a heart for women and our desire is to have each woman be informed and to make better decisions for their health and life.

*Helen Barrett*

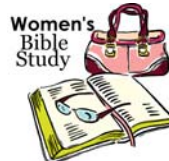
Ministry Contact: Helen Barrett - 726-4055

### Card Ministry



Do you enjoy sending cards to people? We are looking for someone to take over the card ministry to send out birthday and anniversary cards from the church. Cards and stamps, along with the information regarding

the ministry, will be provided. You may also want to get a small group together to write out the cards. If you are interested in overseeing this ministry, please contact Traci Fotorny.



### Women's Bible Study

The next women's Bible study will begin on January 13th. The book is entitled "Spiritual Arts" by Jill Briscoe. Using Paul's letter as her guide, she uncovers eight "spiritual arts" that

Christians are called to practice regularly: contentment, intimacy, simplicity, ministry, tranquility, humility, and harmony. The study will last for eight weeks. More details will be announced soon.



The Johnston, Driscoll and Fotorny LIFE group has a ministry opportunity for you. We are looking for volunteers to help us teach a lesson at our Backyard Bible Club meetings. We will provide the lesson for you. If you are interested in getting into our teacher rotation, please contact Traci Fotorny (tracifotorny@embarqmail.com or 726-3210) to choose a date and lesson topic. You can bless the lives of these children by teaching a lesson. We can guarantee that, in return, you will be blessed by these children.

Other ways you can help with this ministry is by donating some individually wrapped snack items (small bags of chips, crackers, etc.) or drinks (juice boxes, juice bags, Lil' Hugs). There is a plastic bin in the Welcome Center at the church where you can drop off your snack donations. If you'd like to donate money for us to purchase snacks or fruits, you can put it in an envelope marked "Backyard Bible Club" and put it in Traci Fotorny's mail folder. If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way, please see Traci Fotorny. Thank you to those individuals who have already donated some snacks and drinks.

# Nursery News



A special thank you to Kathy Marcell, Jim and Linda McCloskey, and the Gaunt Family for recently volunteering to serve in the Nursery and Pre-School. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to a great group of volunteers.

New child information sheets will be coming out soon, so please keep an eye on your church mail folders. These sheets help the volunteers serve your children better. I hope every one has a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Date	8:00 a.m.	Babies 10:30 a.m.	Preschool 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 2	Zeller Family	Brian and Bekah Cygan, and Haylea Myers	Rachelle Sheets & Kimber Brady
Nov. 9	Zeller Family	Drew and Lynn Talbot, and Teri White	Janell Myers and Sherry Haffley
Nov. 16	Zeller Family	Ken and Jessica Hall, and Linda Justice	Billy and Donna Powell
Nov. 23	Zeller Family	Art and Linda Gray, and Traci Fotorny	Jim and Linda McCloskey
Nov. 30	Zeller Family	Susi Gray, Marian Conn, and Kathy Marcell	Thane and Rachel Turner
Dec. 7	Zeller Family	Matt and Ellenee Barrett, and Kelly Eck	Rachelle Sheets & Kimber Brady
Dec. 14	Zeller Family	Mike and Tara Remick, and Helen Barrett	Dave and Patrice Dale
Dec. 21	Zeller Family	The Gaunt Family	Terina Marconi, <b>NEED HELPER</b>
Dec. 28	Zeller Family	Brian & Bekah Cygan, and <b>NEED HELPER</b>	Billy and Donna Powell

Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time. If you are unable to work on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement. If a replacement cannot be found, please contact Ellenee Barrett at 748-5941.

Ten of our teens had an amazing weekend of camping at the JOMM-O-RAMA. Our teens survived some extreme weather, basically froze with smiles on. We saw some awesome team work as our teens worked together competing against other youth groups. They had great times of worship and digging into God's Word. We hope everyone went away challenged in their faith and walk with Jesus. So for all you teens who missed it this year, maybe next year will work out for you! We want to say "THANK YOU" to our fearless leaders for braving the elements with our teens and making the trip possible!



Youth Ministry

there will be a **BLIND DESSERT NIGHT!** Sounds intriguing, doesn't it?! This event is for the teens and their parents. Teens, don't leave home without them (your parents, that is). It will be a most exciting and educational night, so you won't want to miss it! So please put it on your calendar.

In December, the Turners are planning a Christmas party but we are keeping up the suspense and will announce the date when it has been settled upon. You won't want to miss this awesome Christmas party so stay tuned! We are planning a sledding party in January, so pray for snow!

Contacts: Brian & Rachael Montei 398-1320, Kraig & Kimber Brady 753-5305, Dan & Sue Ulmer 327-9235

For all of our amazing teens at Big Woods, we just wanted to let you know we love you! And because we love you, we have planned some really fun events in the next two months.

Bo and Terrie Hagaman are hosting a hike on **Sunday, November 2nd**. They will be leaving the church after the 2nd service and request that you bring a bagged lunch. Drinks will be provided (thank you so much Hagamans!) Parents are invited to join their teens and the plan is to get back at the church for pick up by 5:00 p.m. You will be hiking at the beautiful Little Pine State Park. Please RSVP to Bo and Terrie at 769-7994 or email to thagaman@verizon.net.

On **Friday, November 7th** at the Brady's home

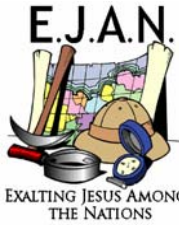


New Additions to Our Church Family

Congratulations to Doug and Michelle Orsi on the birth of their daughter. Sedona Bella Orsi was born on Oct. 22. She weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 19-3/4 inches long. She joins her big brother Joshua at home.

Jesus is the gift that fits the size of every heart!





The EJAN team would like to thank you for providing New Tribes Mission with another building. It hasn't been built yet, but all the materials have been covered and are just waiting for our amazing team of builders to find a Saturday when they can all get together. New Tribes assured us that spring would be just fine as well, so we'll keep you posted!

We would also like you to remember Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes these next few weeks. You could have a small party and have everyone bring something to put in your shoebox; or plan an event with your small group to see how many boxes you could fill. Those are just two ideas as to how to make this a special event. We would encourage you to prayerfully fill these boxes as miracles all over the world are happening when children receive exactly what they had wished for or needed; and in so many ways opens up doors to share Christ.

The last event we'd like to remind you to be in prayer over is our Missions Conference happening November 16th during normal church hours. Please pray for the EJAN team as they plan the event and try to make it inspiring, exciting, and as challenging as possible! Please pray that all of our plans would fall into place and be exactly what God wanted. Thank you for being an amazing body of believers, brothers and sisters, and friends. We look forward to serving you!

Ministry Contact: Brian & Rachael Montei - 398-1320

## National March for Life in Washington, DC



Can you think beyond Christmas? An important event will be held as it has been for the past 35 years. On Thursday, January 22, 2009, hundreds of thousands of Americans will gather in our nation's capital to bring the pro-

life message to Washington officials and the country at the 36th Annual March for Life. This is an all day, outdoor event that begins with many pro-life politicians and clergy speaking at a rally, then a mile walk to the Capitol building to meet with our own local politicians in office.

Yvonne Butville has attended this event every year for over 15 years and she is willing to take anyone interested in attending. We would leave Lock Haven at 7 a.m. and return about 10 p.m. There are people who travel for days on buses from across the country to be present, and some even come from foreign countries. The faces are of every age and racial group, several babies in strollers and some individuals in wheelchairs. Many of the attendees are teens and college students. This is an issue that affects each one of us in God's family. Would you be one to stand for the unborn that day?

Plan now to attend. School children are welcome (with their parents' permission). If you are interested or for more information, please call Yvonne Butville at 753-5373 or visit the website at [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org).



## Big Woods' At Life Chain '08

The afternoon of Sunday, October 5th was a beautiful, sunny autumn day as approximately 1100 people of all ages from over 60 churches and organizations in the area were part of the Annual Life Chain on the Golden Strip in Williamsport. Within that group were a dozen people representing Big Woods Bible Church.

Both sides of the road were lined with people silently and peacefully holding pro-life signs while in individual and group prayer for one hour. The event provided a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion is wrong and that our church is opposed to the killing of unborn children. It is important in this day to support the sanctity of human life.

Thanks to those who committed that hour to stand and pray against abortion.

(Kylee Gaunt's story continued from page 1)

learn. Our team went to the island of Zanzibar for three days and we were exposed to their Islamic culture. It was so eye-opening and challenged me to share with them and pray for them.

Construction work was done on a country orphanage so that the children could move out of the busy and congested city. The orphanage, once completed, will be able to house over five times more children than the one in the city. The children from the orphanage blessed us by coming with us to the only water park in Eastern Africa. We spent the day laughing and splashing, unaware that we had just given them the highlight of their year. The last adventure of our trip was a safari in Selous (a game reserve the size of Switzerland) for three days. We saw some of God's beautiful creation and took a lot of pictures lions, zebras, giraffes, and baboons.



After three weeks, our incredible adventure came to a close. As we were all feeling sad about the trip home, a thought came to mind that we may be finishing an adventure, but God has another one right around the corner. I hope to return to Africa some day and continue building relationships with those wonderful people, but it is all in God's hands and it has been said that you can leave Africa, but Africa will never leave you.

Many believe that "missions" is not for them. As Christians, we are called to share the great news of Christ to the world (Acts 1:8). Our God is a God of missions, so, one may decipher that because Jesus Christ is living in you, you are called to be a missionary, whether the field is across the street or across the ocean.

(Bill Stankiewicz' story continued from page 1)

diligently in her yard to remove the tree that had landed on her home. She was so overwhelmed with joy that she began to cry. She left for a brief moment, only to return with water and snacks for all of us. Mary invited us to come to her school for lunch the next day. We realized our purpose was as much to fellowship and witness as well as work. We arrived at the school all hot and sweaty from our work. As we entered the school, we were welcomed with overflowing gratitude. Our team was escorted to the cafeteria, where 700 students pass through to eat their lunch. Before we sat down, we circled together and prayed. You could have heard a pin drop. In the quietness of that middle school cafeteria, we sensed a deep seeded respect for faith.

I also had the opportunity to counsel, instruct, and train a new chaplain who had never had any field experience. It was exciting to help him learn the chaplain's responsibilities, contacts, etc. It was really neat to aid and assist through my own twelve deployments. I was able to share my experiences, faith, and working with others within the parameter of disaster relief.

Every deployment has its unique ministry opportunities. In conclusion, it never fails to amaze me of the presence of our Lord and Savior and how He is magnified and glorified to have volunteers serve in restorative and/or spiritual purposes. I would like to encourage others to become deeply involved in any way they can. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as God uses me to touch those who are hurting in this world.

(Our next newsletter will feature a report on Bill's latest deployment to Texas for hurricane Ike cleanup.)

Make a

## "Thankful Garland"

What you need:

- construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- pencil, marker or crayons
- yarn, ribbon or raffia
- scissors
- hole-punch
- spray bottle filled with water
- (optional) real leaves
- (optional) wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.) or any dried pasta with a hole

What to do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the construction paper sheets flat and spray the paper with water from the spray bottle until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the crumpled paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or one thing for which you are thankful.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the thankful leaves, beads, cereal and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

## JUST FOR KIDS



## Pin the Star on the Manger Game

What You Need:

- Butcher paper or poster board
- Markers
- Start cut-outs from construction paper
- Blindfold

What to Do:

On large butcher paper or poster board, draw a picture of a stable. Draw a "+" above the stable where the start should go. Give each person a star cut-out from yellow construction paper. Blind fold each player and just like in "Pin the Tail on the Donkey", each player tries to put their star above the stable. The player who puts their star the closest to the "+" wins.

# Believers vs. the Internet: David Taking on Goliath (Part 2)

By Phil Leslie

When David spoke up to inform the men (which included Saul and his older brother) who were looking at the Philistine army (which included a rather intimidating man named “Goliath”), wondering who was going to tackle this beast, immediately he was labeled as “arrogant”...



adequate protection for free?

One effective — and FREE — virus protection software is **avast!** and can be down-loaded from [www.avast.com/eng/home-registration.php](http://www.avast.com/eng/home-registration.php) after registration. You provide an active email address and a “key” code is then emailed to you to activate the software. Each year you get a new registration...all free.

<sup>24</sup>When all the Israelite men saw Goliath, they retreated from him terrified. <sup>25</sup>Previously, an Israelite man had declared, “Do you see this man who keeps coming out? He comes to defy Israel. The king will make the man who kills him very rich and will give him his daughter. The king will also make the household of that man’s father exempt from paying taxes in Israel. <sup>26</sup>David spoke to the men who were standing with him, “What will be done for the man who kills that Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Just who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?” <sup>27</sup>The people told him about the offer, concluding, “That is what will be done for the man who kills him.”

<sup>28</sup>David’s oldest brother Eliab listened as he spoke to the men, and became angry with him. “Why did you come down here?” he asked. “Who did you leave those few sheep with in the wilderness? I know your arrogance and your evil heart — you came down to see the battle!” <sup>29</sup>“What have I done now?” protested David. “It was just a question.” <sup>30</sup>Then he turned from those beside him to others in front of him and asked about the offer. The people gave him the same answer as before. <sup>31</sup>What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, so he had David brought to him. <sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, “Don’t let anyone be discouraged by him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!” (1 Samuel 17, HCSB)

David could approach this situation because he was confident that he knew he was protected by God. He could be free to focus on removing this threat from Israel as opposed to watching the Philistines engulf them.

When we know we are protected when we surf the Internet, it no longer is a Goliath that seems bigger than we are. There are resources to protect your computer from viruses but you also should pay attention to subtle warning flags that may let an unwelcome intruder into your system.

Most computers come with a trial for virus protection. Then, after the first 6 months, it expires and some users think they can still carry on as usual without concern. Those are the ones who could have a computer rendered useless in a few months. The reason is their virus protection was not updated. It wasn’t updated because the trial period had expired. And in order to extend the protection, the user must renew the license. But why spend \$40 or more a year when you can get

Some other free sources of protection are:

- **Spybot Search & Destroy** which watches out for spyware, adware, hijackers and other malicious software. ([www.safer-networking.org/en/download](http://www.safer-networking.org/en/download))
- **Adware** ([www.lavasoft.com/single/trialpay.php](http://www.lavasoft.com/single/trialpay.php)) also does what Spybot does plus protects from Trojans, worms, password stealers, bots, and key-loggers.
- **WinPatrol** ([www.winpatrol.com/download.html](http://www.winpatrol.com/download.html)) alerts you to hijackers, malware attacks, and critical changes made to your computer without your permission.

I’m sure you may have never heard of some of these intruders that are lurking in cyberspace, but the fact is that they could be in your computer right now and you don’t know it. And these are just a FEW of the software programs that are available to keep your computer safe to surf the Internet — and they’re all FREE!

Being discerning about where you click can also prevent heartache on the ‘net. Many have fallen prey to the eCard scam, assuming that a friend has sent them an “electronic greeting” message. Instead, when they clicked on the link to read their message, they got a malicious code that took over their computer. Valid “eCards” always include the sender’s name so you know who’s sending it to you.

Attachments to email messages can also quickly cripple a computer with a virus. Many come from spam, but occasionally you may be infected from opening an attachment sent by a friend. Be suspicious if you get an email from someone you know that has “Hi” or “Question” in the subject line. This is typical of a virus that has sent out dozens of infected email from a person’s address book. If you want to be sure you’re getting a safe message, you can always call or email the person to double check before clicking anything.

In Part 1, virtual communities like MySpace and Facebook were cited as ways a believer can extend their testimony or their ministry by reaching out to another. However, in order to enjoy the benefits of using sites like these or to have the confidence to explore the wealth of resources available on the Internet, you need to have the assurance you have the protection that provides the confidence.



# Reformation Day

The date was October 31st, 1517. The place, Wittenberg, Germany.

In one hand, Martin Luther grasped a hammer. In the other, a long piece of paper covered with his writing. Luther walked out into the street and straight over to the castle church. There, he nailed the paper to the door. Community messages were often posted on the doors of the church. So Luther's actions would not have seemed strange to anyone watching. The message on that however, would change the world.



A monk and a professor of theology, Luther spent much time studying the Bible. The more he studied, the more he disagreed with the doctrine of the Medieval Catholic church. The paper he nailed to the door of the Castle church listed 95 points of disagreement. Now, Luther had no plans of leaving the church. Nor was he trying to start a public dispute with the church. He never dreamed those 95 points, called the 95 Theses, would spawn a revolution of thinking in Germany and across Europe. Luther simply wanted to express his newly-discovered views of the Bible. He wanted to discuss them with other church leaders.

Without Luther's knowledge, someone printed copies of his message on the newly-invented Gutenberg press. Those copies were distributed all over Germany. Within weeks, Luther found that he was the subject of everyone's thoughts. From the cathedrals and great stone castles of his homeland to the pubs and peasants' cottages, everyone was talking about Luther's views. The Protestant Reformation had begun! Just what was the Protestant Reformation all about? What did Luther and others protest? The chief debate was the matter of salvation – how man could have his sins forgiven and be restored to a right relationship with his Creator-God. The church taught that people could buy forgiveness for their sins. Luther's 95 Theses protested this teaching. Luther and other reformers taught that God alone could grant forgiveness. The reformers also taught that religion and good deeds could not save people. They taught that salvation came only through faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ. "Through faith alone in Christ alone" began to be heard all over Europe. The reformers urged people to transfer their confidence for salvation from the church and its religious traditions to Christ alone. They encouraged people to read the Bible. They also preached that the Bible should serve as the Christian's final authority.

The world has been feeling the effects of the Protestant Reformation ever since. The Reformation not only gave birth to Protestantism, but also brought about social, political, and economic changes. Common people learned to read so that they could read the Bible for themselves. As more people learned to read, more people also began to write in common languages. And as literature increased, public education followed. Primary schools began offering basic education in reading, writing, math, and religion. Educated people began to pursue careers outside the church. Protestantism taught that work was a gift of God. So people worked hard. This work ethic led to scientific discovery, inventions, and wealth.

Politically, the religious debate spurred the Eighty Years War and the Thirty Years War. It also influenced the English Civil War. These conflicts forever changed the face of Europe. Reformation Day commemorates Luther's posting of the 95 Theses. It also celebrates the changes brought about by the Reformation.

Reformation Day is celebrated as a national holiday in Slovenia. It is a state holiday in five German states. It is also celebrated in some Protestant churches. Lutheran churches traditionally celebrated the Festival of the Reformation on October 31st, but now celebrate it on the Sunday on or before October 31.

*This article was submitted by Evelyn Dingess. Go to [www.theholidayzone.com](http://www.theholidayzone.com) for Reformation Day activities.*



Come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Big Woods will be having a birthday party for Jesus (ages 5+) the morning of Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> (don't forget to bring a new unwrapped toy to place under the Christmas tree). We desire to reach out to the

community. So please encourage your child to bring a friend that doesn't know the wonderful story of our Savior's birth. Big Woods attendees can RSVP for the party in the Welcome Center. For guests that don't attend Big Woods, please call Sherri Wilson at 748-0964. Our maximum number of guests will be 100 so please register early. If you would like to volunteer to help with the party please contact Val Bennett at 769-6374



## **Newsletter Deadline**





The deadline for the **January & February 2009** newsletter is **Wednesday, December 17, 2008.**

Please submit your info by email to [tracifotorny@embarqmail.com](mailto:tracifotorny@embarqmail.com) or place it in Traci Fotorny's mail folder in the church's Welcome Center.

# November

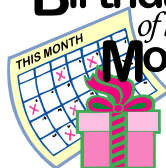


# 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7 am
2 Youth Hiking at Little Pine	3	4  Women's Bible Study 9:30 am	5	6 Men's & Women's Prayer 6:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	7 Women's Prayer 6:00 am Youth Night at Brady's home	8  2-4 pm
9	10 Elder Mtg 7pm Change for the Better mtg	11 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Veteran's Day	12	13 Men's & Women's Prayer 6:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	14 Women's Prayer 6:00 am	15 Women's Prayer Breakfast 8 am @ Blue Chimney
16 Missions Conference 	17	18 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am	19	20 Men's & Women's Prayer 6:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	21 Women's Prayer 6:00 am	22
23	24	25	26	27  Thanksgiving	28 Women's Prayer 6:00 am	29
30	Deacon Mtg 6pm Elder Mtg 7pm					

- 2 - Paula Ardner, Thomas Cygan
- 4 - Grace Remick
- 5 - Lindsay Borges, David Muthler
- 7 - Sandy Patalive, Tim Wilson,  
Rachel Hall, Grace Moore Whyte
- 8 - David Dale, Corrie Dingess
- 9 - Kathey Blazina
- 11 - Norm Hale
- 12 - Bekah Cygan
- 16 - Donna Powell
- 18 - Bobbie Jo Simcox
- 20 - Laurie Neilson

## Birthdays of the Month





- 21 - Isaac Brady, Bill Stankiewicz
- 28 - Zeb Zellers, Jessica Hall
- 29 - Bill Sackett



- 13 - Bo and Terrie Hagaman
- 20 - Steve and Rachelle Sheets
- 25 - Doug and Michelle Orsi
- 26 - Denny and Terina Marconi

# DECEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Men's & Women's Prayer 6:00 am	5 Women's Prayer 6:00 am	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7 am
7	8 Elder Mtg 7pm Change for the Better mtg	9	10	11 Men's & Women's Prayer 6:00 am	12 Women's Prayer 6:00 am	13  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jesus! Party
14 Christmas Cantata	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 Men's & Women's Prayer 6:00 am	19 Women's Prayer 6:00 am	20 Women's Prayer Breakfast 8 am @ BWBC
21  1st day of winter	22 Deacon Mtg 6pm Elder Mtg 7pm	23	24	25  Christmas Day	26 Women's Prayer 6:00 am	27
28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve Ball			

- 2 - Caroline Borges
- 4 - Laura Leslie, Roberta Muthler
- 11 - Sherri Wilson
- 12 - Buzz Tressler
- 16 - Caleb Blazina
- 18 - Dan Ulmer
- 19 - Rachel Turner
- 26 - Brad Marr
- 28 - Aaron Stankiewicz, Greta Russo
- 29 - Brenda Rossman, Stacey Blazina, Audrey Myers



- 18 - Bill and Kathy Stankiewicz
- 21 - Scott and Traci Fotorny
- 29 - David and Susi Gray  
Jack and Evelyn Dingess