

WELCOME VISITORS We're happy to have you visiting with us today and hope that you will come again. Please fill out a visitor's card and pass it to the right so that we'll have a record of your attendance.



Take the year 1809. The international scene was tumultuous. Napoleon was sweeping through Austria; blood was flowing freely. Nobody then cared about babies. But the world was overlooking some terribly significant births.

For example, William Gladstone was born that year. He was destined to become one of England's finest statesman. That same year, Alfred Tennyson was born to an obscure minister and his wife. The child would one day greatly affect the literary world in a marked manner. On the American continent, Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. And not far away in Boston, Edgar Allan Poe began his eventful, albeit tragic, life. It was also in that same year that a physician named Darwin and his wife named their child Charles Robert. And that same year produced the cries of a newborn infant in a rugged log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky. The baby's name? Abraham Lincoln.

If there had been news broadcasts at that time, I'm certain these words would have been heard: "The destiny of the world is being shaped on an Austrian battlefield today." But history was actually being shaped in the cradles of England and America. Similarly, everyone thought taxation was the big news--when Jesus was born. But a young Jewish woman cradled the biggest news of all: the birth of the Savior. - Adapted from Charles Swindoll

To avoid offending anybody, the school dropped religion altogether and started singing about the weather. At my son's school, they now hold the winter program in February and sing increasingly non-memorable songs such as "Winter Wonderland," "Frosty the Snowman" and--this is a real song--"Suzy Snowflake," all of which is pretty funny because we live in Miami. A visitor from another planet would assume that the children belonged to the Church of Meteorology. - Dave Barry in his "Notes on Western Civilization"

In December 1903, after many attempts, the Wright brothers were successful in getting their "flying machine" off the ground. Thrilled, they telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, "How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas." He totally missed the big news--man had flown!
Daily Bread

SPECIAL NEEDS The elders are asking the congregation to help with a special need. Please give your check to one of the elders to fill this benevolence request.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE Due to the holiday being on Sunday our worship hour for January 1 follows.
We will only have Worship from 11am-12noon.
(There will be children's classes during worship).
There will be no A.M. class and NO evening services.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES On 12/ 28/16, for the Wednesday before New Year's we will meet in the auditorium and the kids will have their usual songs before the announcements and prayer. Then we will have a combined devotional to close out the evening. If you have questions, please see Nathan.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS With the holiday season the office hours will be December 27, 28 & 29. Bulletin information needs to be turned in early!
***Starting in **2017** Haley Gittus will be working as the office secretary.

NEW YEARS EVE The Ridgewood Church of Christ will be having their annual Midnight Watch on December 31 at 7:00 pm. Guest Speaker this year is Nate Wolfe. Flyer posted on the foyer bulletin board.

DIRECTORIES New address directories are in the foyer, please look for your name at the top right hand corner.

LOCKING DOORS Lately doors have been left unlocked to the building. This is not a good practice of keeping our building secure and safe for those who work and worship here. If you are in charge of locking up EVERY door much be checked. If you are not going to be here, please ask someone else to take care of securing our building. If you come into the building during non-designated worship hours YOU are responsible for relocking the door as you come in.



**NATE & JENNIFER
A.J. & LIZ
PAULA**

- Terry Howell—Bay Park Hospital
- Jacquie Sloan—Lutheran Village at Wolfe Creek

Prayers for those with illnesses, recovering from surgery and going through rehabilitation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR John Huntzinger, Charles Hyndman Sr., Anna Copass, Ruth Watson, Tony Ramos, Kay Hammond, Alma Schultz, Mary Henry, Norma Gonzalez, Carmen Wright, Mike Borysiak, Robert Dickey, Larry Hollstein, Jasper Lucas, Bertha Wells, Jim & Neva Hall, Terry Howell, Alton Tripp, and Jack Reynolds.

READING Dec. 25, 2 John, 3 John & Jude; Dec. 26, Revelation 1-3; Dec. 27, Rev. 4-8; Dec. 28, Rev. 9-12 Dec. 29, Rev.13-16; Dec. 30, Rev. 17-19; Dec. 31, Rev.20-22.

RECORDS DEC. 18, 2016			
9:00	73	BUS	
10:00	201		
6:00	69		
Wed.			
Contribution			\$6,548.00
Special			<u>1,395.00</u>
Total			\$7,943.00
Weekly Budget			\$5,717.06

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE	
Sun.	9:00 am Bible Study
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm Worship
Wed.	7:00 pm Bible Study
Thurs.	11:30 am Bible Study