



# NORTH WOODS VISION

Proverbs 29:18

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DECEMBER 2016

# Jesus

*The Reason for the Season*

Children's Christmas Musical - Sunday, Dec. 4th at 5:30 pm  
(Precious Jewels Presentation)

Church Christmas Fellowship Meal - Sunday, Dec. 11th at 5:30 pm  
(a celebration of our Saviors birth!)

Carols and Candles - Sunday, Dec. 18th at 5:30 pm  
(a candlelight service)

Christmas Eve Service - Sat. Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm  
(a family-friendly worship service)

From the

# Pastor's Pen

## Church Family,

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

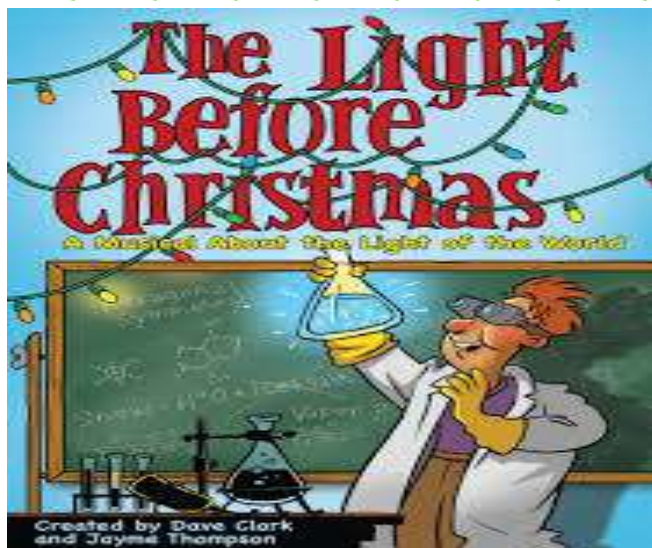
Act 1:8

The Christmas season is upon us and with the season comes our emphasis upon missions. We have the privilege and honor to be used of God to make disciples of all nations. Hopefully, by now, you have noticed our new missions wall in the foyer. This is a visual reminder of the commission our Lord has given us. We are to be about reaching out to those in our community, in our state and nation, and to those around the world! Smaller churches like ours often think they are too small to really make any impact. Don't believe this for one minute church. I personally have seen a church of about 60 regular folks who had a budget of around \$120,000 per year give an average over \$30,000 to missions on a yearly basis. The last 4 years on average, our church family has given \$12,648.00 to missions per year. I believe God is calling us to have a greater impact for God's kingdom work in our Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria, and around the world. How will we do this? We will begin adjusting our missions giving from 3 major missions offerings 3 times a year where we encouraged our church family to give as much as possible during those short emphasis times to giving weekly, a small amount, as much as each person or family has been led of the Lord to give. I believe we have the potential to at least double, maybe even triple, our missions giving over 2017. This will set our church family up for making a greater impact at home and around the world for our Lord's Kingdom. Thank you North Woods family for your faithfulness to the Lord through your sacrificial missions giving. Together, we will trust the Father to use us for His glory at home and around the world.

**Pastor Roger**

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alan Morrison	12/01
Daniel Banes	12/02
Jacob Parent	12/05
Crista Skinner	12/08
Danny Willis	12/09
Melody Boone	12/10
Alisa Roop	12/12
Avery Willis	12/12
Jackie Rogers	12/15
Rosa Torres	12/17
Carol Morrison	12/17
Emily Banes	12/18
Colleen Rogers	12/20
Michael Sucacin	12/20
Jennifer Gallien	12/21
Gracelynn Thompson	12/21
Betheny Murillo	12/27
Emily Skorupinski	12/27
Eric Westerman	12/31
Luke Westerman	12/31
Clayton Shackelford	12/31



Beaker and friends are preparing for their Science Class Christmas Party!

As they decorate the classroom and trim the tree, a few thoughtful lessons from their teacher help the kids begin to understand how the birth of Jesus was not the beginning of the story but the middle of a much bigger story, and why we celebrate Christmas.

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 2016

*the gospel resounds*

**Week of Prayer for International Missions  
 December 4-11, 2016**

**Harrell Family, Nocala, Mozambique  
 Copeland Family, Verona, Italy  
 David & Hanna Harris, South America  
 Haun Family, Nalerigu, Ghana  
 Dove Family, Sandefjord, Norway  
 Cregg Family, South Asia**

**Betheny Amber, Johannesburg, South Africa  
 Layla Murphy, Southeast Asia**

go online to: [imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering-week-prayer/](http://imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering-week-prayer/) to find out more about the missionaries



*This Christmas you can reach out  
 and transform lives with the love of Christ  
 by being a giver, deliverer,  
 or prayer partner with us.*

*Angels are available to choose now!*

*Please return gifts by Dec. 11th  
 We will be delivering the gifts on Saturday, Dec. 17th  
 if you would like to be a deliverer, please sign up in*

**CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP MEAL**  
 December 11th - 5:30 P.M.

Let's celebrate our Savior's Birth with a meal  
 and fellowship with our friends and family.  
 Bring your favorite candy or cookies along with a  
 casserole, vegetable or salad.  
 See you soon!

Carols & Candles  
 December 18th at 5:30 pm

This evening reminds us what Christmas is all about in an atmosphere of worship ending by the glow of candlelight.

The doors will open at 5:00pm and the worship service will begin at 5:30pm. Bring your entire family and invite your friends to this incredible evening of worship.



*Ladies  
 Christmas  
 Party*



**The Ladies Christmas Party will be hosted by  
 and held at the home of Julie Boone  
 on Tues. December 13th at 7:00 pm  
 Sign up in the foyer to bring your favorite  
 Christmas snack, finger food or dessert.  
 We will also be having our Christmas ornament  
 exchange (white elephant style) again this year, so  
 bring an ornament wrapped up and ready to play!**

## OUR GIFTS TO MINISTRY

**BY OUR GIVING:**

YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$ 237,325.78
Budget	\$ 242,016.16
YTD Budget (Over/Under)	\$ (4,690.38)

**BY OUR ATTENDANCE:**

Nov. Avg. in Sunday School 2016	75
Nov. Avg. in Worship Service 2015	97
Nov. Avg. in Worship Service 2016	83

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Come join us **Wednesday** nights from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** for a time of **Games** *Worship* and **Bible Study!**

Every teenager is capable of influencing someone. You have the potential to impact the world around you! And wouldn't you know it? Jesus had quite a bit to say about how you should use your influence! Join us Wednesday nights as we dig into God's word and learn how we should be impacting our world!

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

We'll be working through 1-2 Peter and Jude, calling ourselves to embrace our identity in Christ as chosen strangers set apart by God to advance Christ's kingdom in our schools, neighborhoods, and communities. Let's find out who we are and how we are set apart as we study 1-2 Peter and Jude together!

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 16th - Youth Christmas Party  
6-9 PM

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Join us on Sunday Evenings as we B.U.I.L.D. our church family! 5:30-6:30 p.m.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Cook	01/03	Michael Nekooi	01/20
Joy Tichenor	01/06	Reagan Shamburger	01/20
Jeremy Franks	01/13	Susan Brown	01/26
Ronald Breckel	01/15	Darleen Haws	01/29
Jackie Reid	01/17	Brad Wilburn	01/31
Nicky Sucacin	01/17		

*Please be in special prayer for . . . Bereaved*

President Obama and other leaders  
Our service men and women  
and their families

Robert & Diana Clark,  
serving in the Philippines;  
All home and foreign missionaries  
and their families

Home Bound Families

Pauline Cross  
Mildred Harrington  
Sheila Martin  
Bonnie Barger;

The Walker Family  
The Parish Family  
The Holmes Family  
The Barger Family

