

# Welcome December 27, 2009

## Today's Schedule

### Morning Worship

**9:30 AM** Sunday School

**10:30 AM** Children's Church: *Paula Stubblefield*

Praise & Worship: *Praise & Worship Team*

Message: *Rev. Douglas Martin*



**6:00PM** **NO SERVICE**

Enjoy your evening with your family or fellowship with another church family.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please email your announcements to [debbieshoup@gmail.com](mailto:debbieshoup@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday.*

## Look what's happening at CCRO!

**SCHEDULE CHANGE** Please note the new schedule for our Sunday morning services.

**Sunday School** 9:30am  
**Morning Worship** 10:30am



We are doing this in order to have a full discipleship time and celebration experience while at the same time dismissing more consistently at the noon hour.



All church activities have been cancelled for **Wednesday, Dec. 30th**. Have a blessed time with your family and friends. Merry Christmas!

### CONNECTION GROUPS

**2010** The new year is just around the corner. We will be adding three new connection groups in addition to our second Sunday night connection time. We will be adding a motorcycle group, bowling group and a walking/exercise group. If you are interested in participating in any of these three groups, please sign up on the sheets at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Cindy Tomas.



**ROYAL RANGERS** has a new leader and now they need helpers. Please see David Rodela if you think you would like to be a part of this fun and rewarding ministry on Wednesday evenings.

## Pastor's Corner

### RE-GIFTING SEASON?

The gifts are all opened. Gift bags are folded neatly and stored for the next gifting opportunity. Colored tissue paper is folded and tucked in with the bags. Underneath the tree it is barren and empty. The things that were once boxed, wrapped, enclosed in a fortress of plastic, and twisty tied in all sorts of creative and imaginable ways are now hanging on hangers, adorning bodies, sitting in the entertainment center or are already burned up as calories. Now what?

We can do all sorts of things with gifts. We can wear them, eat them, ride in them, ride on them, plug them in, switch them on, live in them, spray them, glue them, drive nails in the wall and hang them up, read them, write on them, color them, paint them, chew them...we can even re-gift them!

Re-gift them? Isn't that tacky?

Previously this has been reserved to a few fruit-cakes that have been making the rounds all over the world since the 1800s or an occasional book, CD, or sweater that was "Just not us!" But re-gifting is biblical!

Especially with God's gifts!

This is not a typical Christmas example but consider for just a moment the sort of giving that Jesus does. Remember the feeding of the five-thousand men plus women and children? Jesus blessed the bread and the fish and gave it to the disciples. The disciples re-gifted it to the people in the groups sitting on the ground and the men in the groups re-gifted it to the women and children. Everyone had plenty and there was enough left over to fill the twelve baskets that the disciples were using—the ultimate "doggie bag" of leftovers of blessing.

Now the return to Christmas, the shepherd re-gifted what they were given—a message of great good news to all people. They immediately started re-gifting all around Bethlehem.

It is officially "re-gifting season" in our "Bethlehem"!

*Pastor Doug*