

# *Welcome to the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church*

*November 26, 2011*

May the love of Jesus warm us as we worship together today. As we begin this season of the year, take time to be truly thankful for what God has done in your life: yesterday, this month, this year, and throughout your lifetime. His blessings are all around us.

## **A Time to Share Lunch**

We are not having a fellowship meal at the church today, so this is a good time to invite our visitors and guests to your home. We are thankful for God's provisions that we can share with others.

## **Fellowship Meal Next Sabbath**

Our fellowship meal next Sabbath, December 3, will be hosted by the deacons and on December 10, we will have our general church potluck.

## **Tangible Appreciation for our Pastors**

Next Sabbath we would like to present our pastors with a nice gift for Christmas. Even though October is officially pastor appreciation month, we choose to honor our pastors during the Christmas season. Thank you for turning in your gifts by the end of November so we can present this to them next Sabbath.

## **Night of Hope**

Our Christmas outreach this year will be an indoor event, and taped for television. It will be aired on Christmas Eve and Christmas day on channel 40. Please pray as we practice, prepare and participate in this event, that it will be a blessed evening that touches the hearts of all who witness it, whether in person or on television. This is a great time to invite your friends and neighbors to join you at the church for this evening program.

## **Practice for Night of Hope**

Nightly practices will take place the week of December 5 – 8 as we prepare for the Night of Hope program. Please be prepared to come as needed.

## **December Fruit Order**

The deadline to order Florida citrus fruit will be December 4 with pick-up on December 18. This will be the last order before Christmas.

## **Depression Recovery Program**

We will be presenting a depression recovery program here at the church during the months of January and February. Beginning January 5 with a pre-session meeting and then running every Monday night through March 5. On March 5 there will be a special closing banquet.

Accompanists: *Beth Bartlett*

## **Christmas Behind Bars – GEO Prison**

Our monthly Friday night visitation at the GEO – Plainfield prison will not occur next Friday night because the gentlemen who oversees such events at the prison is not going to be there. We will let you know when our next time will be or if this will be rescheduled during December. Our January prison date will also be switched due to our special weekend program at the church with Elder Dick O'Ffill.

## **December Meetings:**

### **School Board Meeting**

The school board will be having their next meeting on December 1 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Church Board Meeting**

Our next church board meeting will be December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Adventurers & Prayer Meeting**

Both Adventurers and Prayer Meeting will resume this coming Wednesday evening at their regularly scheduled times of 6:30 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. respectively.

## **Devotional Book Orders**

There's still time to place your 2012 discounted devotional book order. Sign up sheets are on the table in the lobby.

## **Investment Labels**

Please remember to turn in your labels for investment by the end of December. Virginia Dunder has been faithfully processing these for many years now. You may place your Worthington, Loma Linda or Morning Star labels in the container provided in the lobby.

## **Labels for Schools**

Please cut labels from your products that say, "Labels for Schools" and place them in the "Labels for Schools" container in the lobby. Julie Pullen is in charge of processing these.

## **Community Services Offering**

The offering on Sabbath, December 10, will be to help Adventist Community Services in their work to transform communities and people's lives in practical ways. They have programs for youth, seniors and their caregivers, urban dwellers, and more.

## **Church Service Once Again on TV**

Channel 40 will be airing our Pastors' sermons beginning in January. They feel we have a good, quality program and will be airing it four times per week. Please pray as we once again step into this outreach arena.

## **Christmas Eve Program**

Plan now to attend our Christmas eve service at the church on December 24.

## *Something To Ponder . . .*

Homeward Bound...

My brother, my sister, I urge you to prepare for the coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. Day by day cast the love of the world out of your hearts. Understand by experience what it means to have fellowship with Christ. Prepare for the judgment, that when Christ shall come, to be admired in all them that believe, you may be among those who will meet Him in peace. In that day the redeemed will shine forth in the glory of the Father and the Son. The angels, touching their golden harps, will welcome the King and His trophies of victory--those who have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. A song of triumph will peal forth, filling all heaven. Christ has conquered. He enters the heavenly courts, accompanied by His redeemed ones, the witnesses that His mission of suffering and sacrifice has not been in vain.

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## **Prayer Request**

Please remember Marsha Powell in prayer.

## **Christian Record Services**

Christian Record Services, a Seventh-day Adventist Church Ministry, is seeking an individual in Ohio to serve as a full time representative. CRS has been helping the blind to see Jesus for 110 years. More information about Christian Record Services can be obtained at their website [www.christianrecord.org](http://www.christianrecord.org). You may contact Larry Hubbell at [larrycrs@hotmail.com](mailto:larrycrs@hotmail.com) or call 248-634-4379 if you are interested.

## **40 Days of Seeking God**

As we welcome in 2012 we want to spend time with our Best Friend. We will have our 40 days of seeking God from January 4 – February 12. As this time approaches you may want to be thinking of what you will do to make this 40 days an extra special time with you and God.

## **Guest Speaker Coming in January**

On January 6 and 7 we have invited Elder Richard O'Ffill to join us. He will be speaking on Friday night and Sabbath morning. You will want to make sure you are here for this special weekend.

## **3ABN Television**

If you are interested in acquiring 3ABN television services for your home, please contact Pernel Harrison at 866-419-1385 or go to this website: [www.3abn.glorystar.tv](http://www.3abn.glorystar.tv) or see [www.3abn.org](http://www.3abn.org) for details.

