

# *Welcome to the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church December 3, 2011*

We extend a warm and sincere welcome to everyone worshipping at Cicero today. As we worship, let us pray that God will open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of His Word.

## **Fellowship Meal**

Our fellowship meal today will be hosted by the deacons. We encourage all our visitors to join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service. Other members are invited to bring food and join in also. Next Sabbath is our general church potluck and will be held in the elementary school gym.

## **Christmas “Night of Hope” Program**

Next Sabbath will be our special musical program. You are invited to encounter a night of Christmas music and reflections presented by Indiana Academy and the Cicero SDA Church. This will be taped for television and aired on December 24 at 2:30 p.m. and again on December 25 at 5:30 p.m. on channel 40.

## **Florida Fresh Fruit**

Tomorrow, December 4, is the deadline to order your Florida fruit. Pick up will be on December 18 between noon and 2 p.m. You must pick your order up on December 18 since the school will be closed during the next two weeks and no one will be there to let you get your fruit. This will be the last order before Christmas.

## **Appreciation for our Pastors**

Due to circumstances beyond our control we aren't able to present our gift to the pastors this Sabbath, but will plan on doing so next week. With the change in events you may still turn in your gifts this Sabbath to be included in next weeks gift.

## **Sympathies Extended**

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Sheri DeWitt on the loss of her brother, Wayne, to a long-term illness. Please remember Sheri and her family in your prayers.

## **Young Women and Mothers with Children**

You and your children are invited to enjoy a “cookie exchange” and get together at Kandi Jamieson's home, on December 13 at 11 a.m. Please contact Kandi at 317-773-0038 for more information and to RSVP.

Accompanist: *Virginia Rood*

## **Enhance Your Outlook on Life!**

During the months of January and February, a depression recovery program will be held at the church. The pre-session meeting will be on January 5 and the closing banquet on March 5. The meetings will be held each Monday evening from January 9 through February 27. The time will be announced later.

## **Night of Hope Practices**

Monday through Thursday we will be having nightly practices for our presentation next Sabbath evening. Tuesday night at 7 p.m. we will have vignette practices and a full dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. It is important that everyone involved be at these practices so the program will run smoothly.

## **Depression Recovery Program Staff**

An organization meeting for the staff helping with the depression recovery program will be held on December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Since our program will begin immediately following the holidays, we need to meet at this time. Please don't miss this important preparation meeting.

## **Quit Smoking Program**

We need those with a medical background, those who have smoked and quit, and anyone wanting a blessing, to help in the “Quit Smoking Program” that will be held in the Tipton Living Center, 114 W Madison Street, Tipton, IN. Meeting dates will be January 18, 19, 22-26 and February 1-2 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact PJ Ryan at 317-408-0543 or pj.ryan@live.com to be included in the schedule. Thank you and may God bless you.

## **Watercolor Pictures**

Those who participated in the last watercolor class are asked to bring their pictures and display on the table in the foyer.

## **Devotional Books**

Those purchasing the 2012 devotional books through our church at the discounted prices must turn in your money to the church office by December 10. We need to have the money in hand prior to placing our order with the ABC.

## **Love Offering via Christmas Stockings**

Our Christmas Love Offering will be taken each Sabbath in December. Just pick up a Christmas stocking from the basket in the foyer and place your gift in it and hang on the Christmas tree on the platform. Next Sabbath, December 10, we will have a big Christmas box up front for these as the tree will need to be off the platform for our program that evening.

## **Coming in January**

We will have Elder Dick O'Ffill speaking to us the evening of January 6 and again on Sabbath, January 7. He is a much in demand speaker for revivals and mini-series. His style of preaching is like none other, so plan to join us the first weekend of January for his meetings.

## *Something To Ponder . . .*

In all who are under the training of God is to be revealed a life that is not in harmony with the world, its customs, or its practices; and everyone needs to have a personal experience in obtaining a knowledge of the will of God. We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, “Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10. Here alone can true rest be found. And this is the effectual preparation for all who labor for God. Amid the hurrying throng, and the strain of life's intense activities, the soul that is thus refreshed will be surrounded with an atmosphere of light and peace. The life will breathe out fragrance, and will reveal a divine power that will reach men's hearts.

*Desire of Ages, Pg. 363*

## **December Meetings**

### *Church Board Meeting*

This Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. our church board will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

### *Prayer Meeting*

We will be meeting at 6:50 p.m. each Wednesday evening during December except December 28. There will not be any meetings at the church the week between Christmas and New Years.

### *Adventurer Meetings*

The Adventurers will meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in December through the 14th only, and will resume the first Wednesday in the New Year.

### *Christmas Eve Program*

You are invited to come to our Christmas Eve service at the church on Sabbath evening, December 24. Time to be announced.

## **End of the Year Reminders**

Please turn in your labels for investment and your labels for school before the end of the year. There are two different containers in the lobby, one for investment and the other for schools.

If you wish to give donations and have them recorded for 2011, remember that they must be received by the church office no later than Dec. 31.

