



FIRST ASSEMBLY

January 2012

to know Christ and to make Him known

The Freedom Press

2012—A Year of Growth and Glory

(our Growth, God's Glory)

Our reason for being – a believer, a church - - is not to show how awesome we are but to know and make it known just how awesome our God is. Our joy is found in this – God's greatness not our own.



Madison Avenue, television, billboards all seem to proclaim how worthy I am, how I ought to pamper myself, demand my rights, and how much I deserve the best. Even bad theology and pragmatic churches promote self-worth and arrogant Christianity.

But the reality is I am not the center of the universe, God is and He deserves the praise and glory.

This is good news. Since God's glory is best displayed when I delight in Him then He will do all He can (and that's a lot) to lead me in paths of righteousness – for His

name's sake! He will make things right in me so I can more rightly glorify Him!

And it is good news because it sets us free to --- love our spouses without expecting them to provide our deepest joys, love our children without expecting them to promote my self-worth, love our neighbors, co-workers and strangers without expecting them to serve my awesomeness.

It is good news because we are easily entreated not easily offended.

God glorifies Himself in nature, in power, in the incredible making of a universe. Still His most glorifying act is the very personal way He enters into covenant relationship with us. He forecasted it through the prophets, He declared it via John the Baptist, He proved it in the Person of Christ, and broke it open on Calvary.

Our role? Our church's role? Since all glory, honor and authority is given to Jesus, *"Go and make disciples of all nations, bap-*



tizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always..."

Let us unite in effort this year to grow, to know, to be disciples (not merely followers) and to glorify God, to make Him known and find our joy in Him.

Enjoying the Journey with you,

Pastor Wayne

Vertical Kids (ages 4-10)

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
@ First Assembly

Our newest curriculum is called "Olympic Training". Each lesson focuses on being a part of God's team and the spiritual battles that occur in our daily lives. In Corinthians 9:25 Paul tells us those who enter a race go into strict training. Through these lessons we desire that children learn to overcome daily and grow spiritually. Come join us as we work toward obtaining the prize Jesus offers those who endure till the end.

| Date | Topic | Scripture |
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| Jan 4 | Joining the Team | Acts 16:31 |
| Jan 11 | Carrying the Torch | Matthew 5:16 |
| Jan 18 | Growing Athletes | Romans 12:2 |
| Jan 25 | Activity Night | |

Men's Fellowship

Monday, February 6
6:30 pm—Johnny Carino's
Robinson Township

Please RSVP to Jeremy at
412-608-9558 by February 4.



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Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 28
at 8 am

Kings —Neville Island

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If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Rogerson at 412-608-9558.



Remember in Prayer:

Ryan Driscoll
Luke Metcalf
Nate Ruffing

Weather Delays/Closings

In the event that weather conditions (ice or snow storms) or facility issues (water/heat concerns), First Assembly will make notice of cancellations by leaving a message on the church voice mail.

Call 412-264-8665 and listen to the message to see if any services have been canceled.



A Little Housekeeping....

In an effort to keep the church foyer neat and orderly, we are asking that members do not leave bags of clothing, dishes or donated items in the foyer. If you are giving or returning items to other members, please be sure to give items to them directly. Items left in the foyer will be donated to local goodwill stores. Thank you for your assistance!



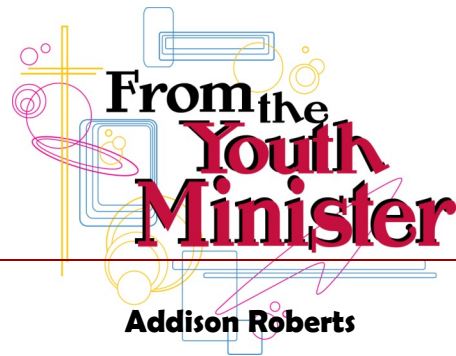
**Star of Bethlehem
Movie Night
@ First AG
Saturday, Jan 14
6:30 p.m.**

From Producer Stephen McEveety (The Passion of the Christ) comes an amazing documentary on the Star of Bethlehem.

This presentation, has rapidly grown in popularity around the world by thousands who have seen this dramatic revelation as it explores the exciting truth of scripture and reveals the evidence for God's existence as seen in the stars above.

Presenter Rick Larson walks you through Biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of this celestial event as well as the vastness of God's creativity.

Group will go to Eat-n-Park after the movie for pie and fellowship!!



Addison Roberts

Lifting up Christ and Teaching Students to Do the Same

As a youth ministry, we have decided to make it our mission this year "To Lift up Christ and Teach Students to do the Same." Jesus tells us that when he is lifted up, he will draw all men to himself. With this in mind, our focus for the year is worship. This doesn't just include songs but everything we do and say. As we lift up Christ, we will invite people to lift Him up with us. We look forward to the growth that will come as we do this.

Prayer Request:

More Leaders (If you have an interest in youth, please talk to Addison)
Growth
Service Opportunities (If you have a project, let us know)



Connections Group is a new "old idea" which identifies and reaches out to guests with the purpose of welcoming them, extending Christian fellowship thru conversations and meals to ultimately integrate them into our body of believers.

Monthly connection group dinners allow us to get to know our new guests better in a warm home where hospitality and care can be shown.

In addition, our vision is to make follow up contact and care calls with our guests as well as our members as the need arises. If anyone is interested in reaching out to new people and caring for our own members, we'd love to have you join us.—Mike and JoAnn Walsh (412-264-1519).

January Midweek Services

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.



Bible Study — Adults meet in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Junior High Youth Group meets at the Well on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Vertical Kids meet at the Church on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 7 pm Midweek Service 7 pm Junior Youth Group 7 pm Vertical Kids | 5 7 pm Senior Youth Group 7 pm Red Letter Fellowship (Farago Home) | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 7 pm Midweek Service 7 pm Junior Youth Group 7 pm Vertical Kids 9 pm RMU Chi Alpha | 12 7 pm Senior Youth Group 7 pm Red Letter Fellowship (Farago Home) | 13 | 14 6:30 pm Star of Bethlehem Movie & Fellowship |
| 15 | 16 Martin Luther King Day | 17 6:30 pm Council Meeting | 18 7 pm Midweek Service 7 pm Junior Youth Group 7 pm Vertical Kids 9 pm RMU Chi Alpha | 19 7 pm Senior Youth Group 7 pm Red Letter Fellowship (Farago Home) | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 6:30 pm Connections Gathering @ Walsh Home | 24 | 25 7 pm Midweek Service 7 pm Junior Youth Group 7 pm Vertical Kids 9 pm RMU Chi Alpha | 26 7 pm Senior Youth Group 7 pm Red Letter Fellowship (Farago Home) | 27 | 28 8 am Men's Breakfast (Kings - Neville Island) |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |