

## ELDER REFLECTIONS

### What Do You See?

Is my faith in God such that others can see it when I am having both good and bad days? C.S. Lewis tells a story in his book *Mere Christianity*, which has a strong point about who we really are. He tells about a man who walks into a room and hears his acquaintance saying some very unpleasant things and acting in a very disturbing way. The acquaintance quickly says if I had known you were there I would have not acted that way. The problem is that there is always someone there. God is always watching but even more, do I really know how many lives I impact both good and bad on a daily basis? Integrity and my faith in God go hand in hand; I must be the same person publicly and privately. If I act like a "church person" carrying around my ten pound judgment Bible, what kind of effect will I have on people? Will they want to believe in God, will they see a need to give their life to Christ? What if I commit myself to developing my Christ-like character, what if I would stop and ask "What would Jesus do?"; what if I remember that someone is always watching? I hope one day when someone is describing me they will say, "You know Darrell, bald guy with great faith, faith you could see, the kind of faith that makes you want to know Jesus". "He was a sinner like me, but he trusted in Christ, served, and he knew that God would fill in all the cracks."

**1 Timothy 4:15-16:** *Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

In Christ, Darrell

### Christmas at Jefferson

**Christmas Worship** with the JCC Choir on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am. We will have Sunday School at 9:45am and there will be only 1 service on this day.

**Christmas Eve @ 6pm /Christmas Day @ 11am** • Identical Services (No Sunday School on Christmas Day.) Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!



### Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all who helped out with our project this year - whether it be preparing boxes, donating money or packing cartons. It was our best year ever. Jefferson exceeded its goal of 250 boxes by making 305 boxes to be sent to the hurting children of the world. They will not receive other gifts. With your gift, they will hear about Jesus, the best gift of all! We collected 2741 boxes which is a record for us. **On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am, we plan to go to Charlotte to the OCC Warehouse to work. See Francis Spainhour for details if interested.**

## C3 STUDENT MINISTRIES

CONNECT TO CHURCH - CONNECT TO CHRIST  
CONNECT TO THE WORLD

**December 4<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Coach Small Group will meet in the High School room from 6-8:30pm.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Drive-Thru will be taking place at the church. All students are encouraged to get involved with this vital piece of ministry. We will not have **Small Groups** on the 7<sup>th</sup> and there will not be any evening activities on the Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** C3 will have it's annual Christmas party from 7-8:30pm. Mark your calendars now and come join us for a great night.

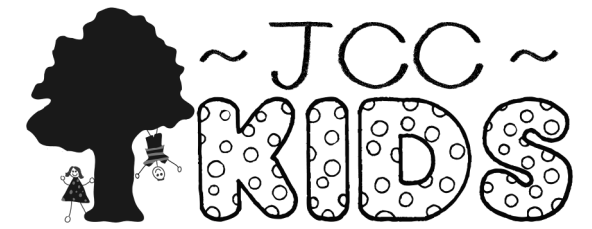
**December 18<sup>th</sup>:** Final Deposits for TCTC are DUE!!!

**December 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>:** C3 will not have **Small Groups**.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Merry Christmas!!

Youth Inc. Annual HS Mobile Lock-In • Fri./Sat.,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

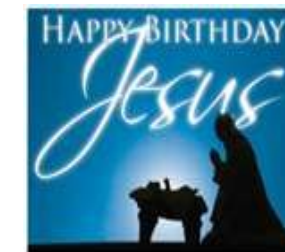
Cost is \$20. We will leave the church at 9:30pm on Friday night and return around 7:30am on Saturday morning. We will eat pizza, go ice skating, go bowling and see a movie.



JCC Kids Choir presents...



December 18<sup>th</sup> • 6pm  
Refreshments to follow



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS  
PARTY  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>  
DURING JAM TIME

## December Schedule

December 4..... Adult Christmas Worship with Choir  
December 8-11 ..... Christmas Drive-Thru  
December 18 @ 6pm ..... Kids Christmas Program  
December 24 @ 6pm ..... Christmas Eve Service  
December 25 @ 11am ..... Christmas Service

## Statistics for November

Total Offerings - \$60,680.31  
Additions for 2011 - 47      Avg. for Worship - 409



As Varsity Church heads into it's first full year of existence, I was reminded recently of why we all need Jesus. My wife, Kara, leads a lady's group on Thursday mornings at our home. Four women attend - three from our church and one from the community we live in. One of the ladies just went through a horrible divorce and cancer. The other three ladies are all married to men who are un-churched - they are atheist or non-practicing in their faith background. Just so you know, I am NOT bashing the men! This group is a great statement about Chapel Hill. A place with MANY people far from God, struggling to find something to hold onto.

I sit and listen to others in our community and our church as they tell the stories of what is going on in their lives. All I hear is hurt, pain and confusion. Where do I turn? What do I have to hold onto? What else is there in life for me?

I know there are similar stories all over our world just like these. The one thing I keep going back to is, how do people make it without Jesus? Kara and I were talking about the hurt in our community the other day and we said, 'We can only make it and survive with Jesus.' As we head into the holidays (which seems to add MORE pain), I pray God will use us to bring a little bit of Jesus to the lives here. I also pray that if you are a follower of Jesus, that you will take a little bit of Jesus to wherever you are. Our world is hurting. The only answer is Jesus.

~ Chad Simpkins

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOARD MEETING** - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**YOUNG AT HEART** - Our December meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Following the meeting, we will have our annual Christmas Luncheon. If you plan to send Christmas cards to members of the group, give them to Hazel Cook by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. She will distribute them at the party. Remember to bring a useful, wrapped \$2 gift to exchange. **The Young at Heart meeting will be changed from January 10<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. This will be our planning session for 2012. Bring suggestions.**

**IRON MEN MINISTRY** will be having a Bible Study meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the FLC in the last classroom on the left. Come and join us from 7-8pm on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> as we continue our study in 1 Timothy. Contact Josh Snow (983.4980) with any questions.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** - The Lydia Circle will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We will be giving a party for the special needs children on this day. See Lib Tabor for details.



Get Ready...Start Praying  
January 2012

40 Day challenge is right  
around the corner

New This Year - **SPROUTS**  
Preschool Grow



January 20<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup> 2012

Atlanta, GA • 4<sup>th</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> graders

See Chrissy for details

**PRAYER CONCERNS** - Lester Tedder's family, Amanda Ingram and family, Edgar & Doris Burrow, Melissa Kiger, Dewey & Maria Parlier, Craig Hunter, John Johnson, Wayne Whittaker, Kim Speas, Pam Klutz, Larry Couch, Jack Edwards, Aaron McKinney, Rich Wilmouth, Jackson Helmlly, Carey Roope, VARSITY Church (Chad Simpkins), Ark Church (Chad Holmes), City Church (Chris Jones), Discover Church (Crockett Davidson), Open Door Christian Church (Daniel Sostaita), Our Troops

**NURSING HOME & AT HOME** - Mary Belton, Frankie Burrow, Lucille Hutchins, Elizabeth Kiger, Logene Moser, Thelma Moyer, June Nance, Katherine Ogburn, Sylvia Payne, Lena Pegram, Charlie Spainhour's mom, Dot Stewart, Dee Tuttle, Lillie Westmoreland

**TROOPS OVERSEAS** - Ben Booth, Tyler Essick

**PEACE CORPS** - Brenna Mickey

**MISSIONS OVERSEAS** - Emilee Cook

If we take a name off and you would like it placed back on the prayer list, call the church office or fill out a visitors card.



Beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>



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# 2011 Christmas Drive-Thru

Live Nativity sharing the Christmas Story

December 8th—11th

**Hours of Operation**

Thursday & Friday • 7pm—9pm  
Saturday & Sunday • 6:30pm—9pm

8200 Jefferson Church Road  
Rural Hall NC 27045



Free Admission • 7 Live Scenes



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Join Us for  
a Special  
Morning of  
Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> • 11am

Our Adult JCC Choir will lead us in a morning of Christmas worship. High energy songs, combined with the message of Jesus' birth that will guide our praise directly to where it belongs...the throne of God.

Invite your friends and join us as we celebrate the gift of his birth together.

## Babies in 2011

If you had a baby born in 2011, please contact and give their name to Libby Tabor (969.5086) or Faye Dodson (969.9573) ASAP as we do not want any baby left out. These babies will be presented with a Bible from the Lydia Circle.

### Contribution Envelopes



If you are not currently using the contribution envelopes but you would like to begin using them for 2012, contact Pam at (969.2341) or at jeffersonchurch@yahoo.com.

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# IN TOUCH

December 2011

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### Weekly Services

Sunday AM @ 8:30 & 11  
Wednesday PM @ 7

### For More Info

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## Staff Scriblings



Once again, the year has flown by and the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are upon us. God has certainly been good to us at Jefferson Church this year. We hope and pray that you regularly take inventory of all the blessings you (and we as a Church family) receive on a daily basis.

We want each of you who serve here at JCC to know how thankful we are for you. So many of you give tirelessly and sacrificially of yourselves all year long. You are fulfilling your purpose, as followers of Jesus Christ, when you serve in His name. Your support of us as a Church Staff and the love that you share with us is both encouraging and uplifting. Thank you!

While the nation's economy is still struggling, God's people at JCC have been faithful to continue to sacrifice. To those who give generously of your monetary blessings, we want you to know that you are helping to provide the tools to reach people and change lives in the name of Jesus Christ, and we are most grateful.

Thank you to the men who are willing to step up and serve as Elders and Deacons, giving of their time and energy and of their hearts, in service to the Lord's Kingdom. The hours and even the headaches of helping to steer our Church body does not go unnoticed by the Church Staff. And, while it may at times seem like a thankless job, it certainly is not done without our gratitude. All of our teachers (preschool through to our Senior Adults) are vital to our work here. You can't know how much you are appreciated. So many of you who prepare communion, lead Kid's choirs, prepare and present worship services, set up and take down tables and chairs, keep an eye on and maintain mechanical systems, unlock and lock doors, turn on and off lights and heating and/or air conditioning systems, operate sound and lights and audio/visual systems, fix coffee and clean up afterwards, make preparations for banquets and other fellowship gatherings, greet our guests with a bulletin and a warm smile, work as youth coaches and drive buses, as well as so many other forms of service... please know that we could not do ministry, as we do, without your selflessness.

Of course, we are most thankful for God and His infinite mercy, and our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for giving us hope for eternal life and a heart for ministry so that we might carry that hope to this community and to the world. We praise Him for giving us His Holy Spirit to guide our hearts and to intercede on our behalf. Thank God for the precious Gift of Christmas.

Many thanks in Christ and Merry Christmas from your JCC Staff  
- Jerry, Steve, Todd, Chrissy, Pam and Drewann



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*seek ... to save  
strengthen ... to serve  
send ... to share*