

THE EVANGEL

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NEOGA  
DECEMBER 2014



*O Come*  
LET US  
ADORE  
HIM

## Neoga Community Food Pantry

November: 45 families, 139 people served,  
3 deliveries, 17 volunteers, 25 volunteer hours.

## Community Clothesline:

Nov 6th: 29 families, 77 people  
Nov 21st: 11 families, 27 people

# Intercessory Prayer

### CURRENT (3 WEEKS):

Chris Biford— pancreatic cancer  
Operation Christmas Child—Gifts  
Kaitlyn Burton— recovery back surgery,  
praise..home.  
Sean Whetsell-Leukemia  
Donna Lake-breast cancer  
Madison Karrick-facial surgery  
Ellen Palmer— blood transfusion 11/28  
Norma Huffman-12/4 tests  
Tristen Karrick

### ONGOING CONCERNS:

Paul Frailey  
Joann Hood— heart  
Caitlin Scholl— accident recovery  
Neoga Schools funding/ES closing  
LCU President search  
Don Scoles  
Harry Starwalt

### FIGHTING CANCER:

Chuck Bartlett  
Edith Winberg  
Stacey Morris  
Betty Zumbahlen  
Kirk Zuhone  
Clint Mausehund  
Bob Trefzger

### IN CARE FACILITIES:

Marilyn Rennels-Heartland  
Elsie Phillips— Heartland  
Carolyn Gast— Cumberland Co  
Allene Young— Harmony Center

### IN THE MILITARY:

Wes Letizia— Air Force  
Alicia & Steve Tordoff— Army Reserve  
Tyler Briggerman— Navy  
Shane Gephardt



# Prayer Encouragement

What is it, then, that makes prayerlessness such a great sin? At first it is looked upon merely as a weakness. There is so much talk about lack of time and all sorts of distractions that the deep guilt of the situation is not recognized. Let it be our honest desire that, for the future, the sin of prayerlessness may be to us truly sinful.

Consider - What a reproach it is to God

There is the holy and most glorious God who invites us to come to him, to hold converse with him, to ask from him such things as we need, and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with him. He has created him we might find our highest glory and salvation.

What use do we make of this heavenly privilege? How many there are who take only five minutes for prayer! They say that they have no time and that the heart desire for prayer is lacking; they do not know how to spend half an hour with God! It is not that they absolutely do not pray; they pray every day - but they have no joy in prayer, as a token of communion with God which shows that God is everything to them.

If a friend comes to visit them, they have time, they make time, even at the cost of sacrifice, for the sake of enjoying converse with him. Yes, they have time for everything that really interests them, but no time to practice fellowship with God and delight themselves in him! They find time for a creature who can be of service to them; but day after day, month after month passes, and there is no time to spend one hour with God.

Do not our hearts begin to acknowledge what a dishonor, what a despite of God this is, that I dare to I cannot find time for fellowship with him? If this begins to appear plain to us, shall we not with deep shame cry out: 'Woe is me, for I am undone, God; be merciful to me, and forgive this awful of prayerlessness.'

From Chapter 1, The Prayer Life  
by Andrew Murray



## Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

6:30 pm

December 24

## Toys for Tots

89.9 and Toys for Tots will be broadcasting live from The Depot in Neoga on Dec 5, 4-6pm.

Bring toy donations to The Depot and signups will be available for one stop community Christmas at Lake Land College.



# Thank You!!!

FCC collected 93 Shoeboxes  
21,135 were delivered to the Effingham, IL  
collection site. Please continue to pray for the  
Kids/ families who will receive these gifts of love.

First Mid Illinois Bank & Trust has begun it's **"Sponsor A Child for Christmas"** event. Choose a tag with information about a child from the Christmas tree located in the bank lobby. Return gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) and the tag to the bank by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. The tags provided are all children in the Neoga school district.

First Mid will also once again provide **food boxes** to the less fortunate in the community. Please feel free to drop off non-perishable food items and hats / gloves at the bank from now until Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> or FCC by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Food boxes and gifts from "Sponsor A Child" will be delivered by the Neoga Ministerial Alliance on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations for both of these events are accepted and appreciated.

The Neoga Community  
Christmas Cantata performers'  
present...

## We're Glad *YOU CAME*

A Musical Celebration of the Savior's Birth

Saturday, December 13 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 14 4:00pm

Grace United Methodist Church

## Youth Updates:

### December 17:

Birthday party for Jesus.  
Youth and families invited.

You are  
HERE!!

### December 19:

Overnighter 6-12th grade. \$5 for youth. **Volunteers needed** for the night and people to come fix breakfast.

Donations of soda, chips and snack appreciated.



# December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm Open AA	2 Volunteers at Heartland Winter Huffman	3 3:30-4:45pm 4/5th grade bible study 6:30pm Youth Group 8:30pm College Small Group	4 1-5,6-8pm Community Clothesline Paci McLure Amanda Schulte	5 Gustin Bauguss Paul Lake	6 Wilma Kingery
7 4pm Elder Mtg 5:30pm Prayer Mtg	8 7 pm Open AA Brianna Dow	9 Myrna Morris	10 3:30-4:45pm 4/5th grade bible study 6:30pm Youth Group 8:30pm College Small Group Jim Baker Randy Rennels	11 11 am Seniors' Fellowship George Brazelton	12 Alaina Lake	13
14 4pm Financial Board Mtg 5:30pm Prayer Mtg	15 7 pm Open AA	16	17 3:30-4:45pm 4/5th grade bible study 6:30pm Youth Group (Birthday party for Jesus, families invited) 8:30pm College Small Group	18	19 Youth Group Overnighter Mel & Andrea Workman	20
21 4pm Elder/Staff Mtg 5:30pm Prayer Mtg	22 7 pm Open AA	23	24 6:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Terry Miller	25	26 Leota Figgins Bill & Leota Figgins Harry & Judy Starwalt	27
28 5:30pm Prayer Mtg Mike & Doris Goodson	29 7 pm Open AA Betty Kenworthy	30	31			

## Ladies...

Dec. 17, 2014 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Ladies, we invite you to take a break from your busy schedule, come to the basement fellowship area and enjoy Bible Study, Fellowship, and Prayer. Our study will focus on "how to bring Christ to our world" by focusing on the life of Mary.

Coming in January 2015..Sunday, January 4 (6:30pm-7:45pm) & Wednesday, January 7 (9:15 am-10:30 am), our Ladies Bible Study will begin a six week study, with Kelly Minter, of Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. Providing we do not have any snow or ice days, we will conclude the study the week of February 22. We will not meet the weeks of January 18 or February 15. This study includes a series of discussions and questions; it does not include a DVD presentation. More details later.

## Seniors...

Dec.11, 2014 11am - 1pm Senior's' Young and Old

Come at 11 am for Christmas carols and a presentation on past & current Christmas decorations by Mary Bell. Following the noon meal, join us in a "White Elephant" gift exchange. "White Elephant" gifts are not purchased but are something already in your home or garage that you no longer need or want...you are encouraged to get creative for this fun activity. The question? Will one of the gifts be the scare crow? Meat and dinks will be provided for the meal. Please bring a dish to share.

Second Thursday in January and February 2015 (11 am to 1pm) Mark your 2015 calendars now and plan to enjoy the worship, fellowship, and lunch with seniors of all ages. During our worship time the Seniors will put their traveling shoes on and journey to the Holy Land with Dr. Jack Hayford. God 's Word comes to life as we follow in Christ's footsteps.

	Video	Audio	Greeters	Children's Ministry	Communion	Servers
7	Jim	Tom	Fontella Waddell	<u>Nursery</u> : Cathy & Mahayla Oakley <u>Wee Worship</u> : Sheri Coen, Andrea Workman <u>K-5th</u> : Jennifer Davis, Michael Baker, Kristen Albin	Randy Rennels Barry Conn Art Walk Chad Walk	Reggie Rennels Zach Letizia Monte Page Alan Baker
14	Matt	Aubrey	Marian Lindley	<u>Nursery</u> : Joann Miller, Pam Storm <u>Wee Worship</u> : Louella Drum, Katie Hakman <u>K-5th</u> : Paula & Rory Gentry, Julie Altman	Doug Baker Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Paul Lake	Roger Banks Austin Robinson Doug Moore Reggie Rennels
21	Michael	Aubrey	Wilma Burton	<u>Nursery</u> : John & Reeni Letizia <u>Wee Worship</u> : Cheryl Gilbert, Penny Hess <u>K-5th</u> : Paul & Amber Lake, Austin Robinson, Amia Workman	Randy Rennels Barry Conn Art Walk Chad Walk	Zach Letizia Monte Page Alan Baker Michael Baker
28	Jim	Brianna	John & Mary Ann Wilson	<u>Nursery</u> : Judy Starwalt, Linda Baker <u>Wee Worship</u> : Jacob & Brianna Dow <u>K-5</u> : Joni McClure, Zach Letizia, Megan Robinson	Don Coen Dave Coen Doug Baker Jack Gilbert	Bill Kenworthy Paul Lake Austin Robinson Doug Moore