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Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services 4 and 5:30 pm

Celebrate in a beautiful worship experience with candlelight and carols.

**Pastor Jon will present,
*God: Exalted!***

(The Nursery will be open for your convenience but not staffed.)

Sunday Worship

9 am Traditional Worship

Nursery/Preschool, Kids Church for K-5th grade & Youth classes

10:15 am Spanish Worship

Conducted in Spanish and led by Daniel Hernandez

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Nursery & Sunday School for Preschool - 5th grade

6 pm Converge (A fresh church experience designed toward Young Adults)

**Pastor Jon will present the
Bible Message series,
*GOD INCARNATE!***

**Sunday, December 6
*GOD: A Man?***

Communion will be served at all services.

**Sunday, December 13
*GOD: Humble?***

**Everyone is invited to return at 4 pm
for the Children's musical drama,
A Christmas Carol: Scrooge in Bethlehem.
A Birthday Celebration for Jesus
complete with birthday treats
will follow the presentation.**

Sunday, December 20
Concerts of beautiful Christmas music and the message, ***GOD: A Servant?***
Enjoy special treats and coffee following all services.

Sunday, December 27
Pastor Ron will present the
Bible Message, ***GOD: Our Hope!***

In partnership with our Hispanic Ministry

Celebrating 3 Kings Day January 9th, 2010

3 Kings Day is a holiday celebrated by Hispanics when children receive toys and delicious food is served. We call this the "Day of Epiphany", commemorating the story of the Magi who brought gifts to the new born Jesus.

An event is planned for **Sat. Jan. 9th from 12 noon to 3 pm** where the Spanish speaking community will be invited to celebrate at Cross of Glory. A gospel presentation will be given by Daniel Hernandez and toys will be distributed to the children.

Here's an opportunity to be involved!

Bring a toy! Collection will continue through Jan 3. Toys can be brought to the cart in the Glory Cafe south entrance or the Kids Clubhouse.

Guidelines:

New toys- \$10 or under

No weapons or battery operated toys

Do not wrap

Volunteer to serve! Help on Jan. 9th with greeting, food service, toy distribution and setup/cleanup.

Contact: Daniel Hernandez or Pastor Ron.

Discipleship Ministries for Adults

Sun. Dec. 6-- All small group leaders and hosts are invited to a wrap-up session at either 9 am or 10:30 am in the Adult Ministry Center. A light breakfast will be served.

Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

Bible Study and Prayer

--- **English Bible Study** *Christ -The One and Only!* led by Pastor Ron offered Dec. 2, 9 and 16 (Rm 2)

--- **Spanish Bible Study** led by Daniel Hernandez (Rm 1)

Children's Ministries

Sunday Mornings...

9 am Nursery and Preschool and K- 5th grade Kid's Church

10:30 am Nursery and Preschool and K- 5th grade Sunday School

Wednesday Nights...

6:45 pm KidsJAM for ages 2 - 5th grade

KidsJAM final 2009 event will be on Wed. Dec.16.

KidsJAM will not meet on Wed. Dec. 23 or 30 and will resume Wed. Jan. 6, 2010.

Please invite your family and friends...

Sunday, December 13 at 4 pm to the Christmas musical drama,

A Christmas Carol: Scrooge In Bethlehem and a Birthday Celebration for Jesus!

Birthday treats and special activities will be held in the Glory Cafe following the performance. This event will be enjoyable for all age groups! Nursery will be open for your convenience but not staffed.

Youth Ministries

Jr. and Sr. High meet each Sunday at 9 am in the Youth Center

Wednesday Nights in the Youth Center

Jr. High meets from 6:30 - 8 pm

Sr. High meets from 7:30 - 9 pm

(The overlap gives both groups a time of worship and fellowship together)

Jr. and Sr High final get-together for 2009 will be Wednesday, December 16. Youth Group will not meet on Wednesday, Dec. 23 or 30 and will resume on Jan. 6, 2010.

For information on Jr. and Sr. High activities, check the **Youth Ministry** page at www.gloryonline.org. **Remember to RSVP online for activities!**

On Mission With God...

Upcoming Mission Trips...Open to All! Short-term mission trips are an exciting discipleship-ministry opportunity our church offers - designed to maximize ministry cross-culturally in obedience to the Great Commission.

Cross of Glory is offering 4 Trips for 2010: Applications are due Dec. 20!

2 trips: God's Littlest Angels Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Dates: Feb. 12-19 & 19-27, 2010

2 back to back trips. 8-10 people per trip.

Ministry will be to encourage and spend time with orphaned children waiting for adoption.

2 trips to Mexico:

#1 with Immanuel Baptist of LaPalangana - March 19-27, 2010

#2 with El Divino Baptist of Matamoros - April 5-12, 2010

10-12 adults per trip plus any directly supervised children.

Ministry will involve VBS, prayer walks and outreach in partnership with the Immanuel Baptist Church or El Divino Baptist Church .

For more information call Pastor Ron at 952-935-3696 or email at rgullman@gloryonline.org.

A brochure and applications for these trips are available at <http://www.gloryonline.org> and at the Information Center.

I have seen many people's lives changed by their participation on a mission trip. Great things happen when we trust God and step out in obedience and faith. I would love you to join us!

Pastor Ron

Various Opportunities

For All Women:

---Wedding Shower for Courtney A.

Tues. Dec. 1 at 7 pm at Cross of Glory. Details at the Information Center.

---L.I.F.T. (Ladies In Fellowship Together)

Tues. Dec. 15 at 11 am at the Wendy's on Excelsior Blvd. in Hopkins. This is a casual "come and go" gathering for anyone. You can grab something to eat or just come for a visit.

---Mom/Kids Learning & Play Group

Meets every 2nd - 4th Wed. from 9:30-11:30 in the Preschool Room. Contact person: Sandi C. (Call church office for phone number)

For Keenagers (Sr. Adults):

---Thurs. Dec. 10 at 12 noon, Bring an appetizer to share. Pastor Chuck Rehman will be speaking.

Momentum (Young Adults - single or married):

---Christmas Party on Fri. Dec. 11 from 6:30 - 9 pm in the Youth Center. Please RSVP on what to bring for potluck and bring a \$5 white elephant gift. Kids are welcome.

Contact people: Erin V. and Heather T. (Call the church office for phone numbers.)

Men's Breakfast Club (Open to all):

---A group of men meet for breakfast every Tuesday morning at 9 am. The restaurants vary.

Volunteer Opportunities for Everyone:

Office help needed on an on-call basis

Coffee Coordinator for Sunday Mornings

Greeters to welcome people Sunday Mornings

Dinner At Your Door Drivers- once a month

Keenager event hostessing (Kitchen help)- once a month

To volunteer, contact the Church Office at 952-935-3696

Electronic giving is available at Cross of Glory. Authorization forms are available at www.gloryonline.org or at the Information Center.

Finance Report: ending October 2009

	Budget	Actual	Difference
General Fund Income	\$359,738.00	\$321,295.50	-\$38,442.50
General Fund Expense	\$359,738.00	\$332,282.89	-\$27,455.11
Net Shortage:		- \$ 10,987.39	
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Faith Promise			
Missions Income	\$ 29,150.00	\$ 23,752.50	-\$ 5,397.50
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Missions Expense	\$ 29,150.00	\$ 25,315.72	-\$ 3,834.28
Net Shortage		-\$ 1,563.22	

December Office Hours:

Open: Mon - Fri. 9 am - 4 pm.

Closed: Thurs. and Fri. Dec. 24 and 25, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.