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Operation Christmas Child

Once again we will be partnering with Samaritan's Purse to send Christmas boxes to children all over the world who would not otherwise receive any gifts. We will be sharing the love of Jesus with each and every box sent. Last year we sent out 312 boxes.

Here's what to do: 1: Get a standard size shoe box or pick up one at the church.

2: Select a quality toy to bless a child.

3: Pack other toys, hygiene items, & school supplies.

4: Pray for the child who will receive the gift.

5: If possible, donate \$9 per box for shipping.

6: Drop off at church by Sunday, November 15.



Pack a shoe box to help bring good news & great joy to children around the world!

Living Nativity

CrossBridge Church will be presenting a live nativity hosted by Jo-Kay Corral. We will combine scripture, acting, music, and live animals to tell the Christmas story. The first performance will be Friday, Dec. 18 and is reserved for our church family and guests. The second night will be Saturday, Dec. 19, and is designated as a community outreach. Both will be held outside and refreshments will be offered. Busing and parking will begin at 6:00PM and the live nativity will begin at 7:00PM each night. More details to come. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at the church. Actors and singers of all ages are needed.

Praise

We are thankful for all those who were baptized on Sunday, November 1.

David Birkmaier

Matte Laurila

Kristina Laurila

Isabella Elliot

Ken McIlhany



Baptism: The First Step of Obedience To Christ

There was great excitement around CrossBridge this week as we witnessed 5 people give testimony to Christ as their Savior and Lord. Each person was genuine in their proclamation of what it was like before Christ, their reasons and events surrounding their believing in Jesus, and their testimony of how Christ has changed their lives. There was a great warmth in the church as each person was baptized in the cold waters of the baptism tank. The warmth came in the encouragement as the people responded to the step of obedience to Christ each person made.

As a father I was so pleased with my own son stepping up to give his testimony and go into the waters of baptism. I respect my son making his own decision to follow Christ and step up to obey the Lord. Every parent needs to lead their children toward Christ but each child must make their own choice to follow Christ.

So who should be baptized? Those who have trusted in Christ as their Savior and want to obey His commands. There are 2 passages that point to this truth. Acts 2:41, "Those who believed & accepted His message were baptized..." and Acts 8:12-13, "But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News...& the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men & women. Simon himself believed & was baptized..."

If you are ready for this step of faith please talk to Pastor Kevin as we prepare to have another baptism in the coming month. This time the water will be warmer.

LIFE GROUPS

Parenting 101 Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00PM at the Birkmaiers' house, 33 W. Jarvi Rd in Negaunee. 6 week study. Babysitting will be available during the study.

Kid's Quest

Thursdays at 6:30PM. For grades K-5. **Meeting virtually on Zoom through December. Email douglaura2001@msn.com for Zoom meeting info.**

CrossWay/CrossTraining

Sundays at 4:00PM. For grades 6-8 & 9-12.

**all groups meet at church unless noted otherwise*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast Fellowship-Saturday, Nov.7 from 9:00-10:00AM.

Children's Christmas Play Costumes-Donations of fabric, burlap, white sheets, or anything that would work to make Christmas play costumes are needed by Friday, November 13. Please place donations in the box by the main entry door.

Christian Creators Women's Fellowship-Saturday, November 14 from 1:00-3:00PM. Come gather to fellowship & get to know one another. We will be creating a fall centerpiece instructed by Sarah Elliot & Susi Collick. Cost is \$5. Sign up on the sheet on the table to ensure enough supplies will be purchased. Sewers needed as well for sewing costumes for the Living Nativity. Please bring your machines & supplies. Separate sign up sheet for sewers on table.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes-We will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse OCC again this year. Boxes are available. Please only take the number needed. The deadline to drop off boxes is Sunday, Nov. 15.

Living Nativity-Friday & Saturday, Dec. 18 & 19, at the McIlhany home, 119 Snowfield Rd in Negaunee. Friday will be for CrossBridge outreach & Saturday for community outreach. Busing and parking will begin at 6:00PM and the live nativity will begin at 7:00PM each night. More details to come. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at the church. Actors and singers of all ages are needed.