

LIBERATED WAILING WALL COMING TO GLORIA DEI!!

Gloria Dei's first weekend in 2009 promises to be exciting!! On Sat., Jan. 3, 5:30pm and Sun., Jan. 4 at 8:30am and 11:00am; Jews for Jesus' Drama and Music Troupe, "The Liberated Wailing Wall", returns to Gloria Dei. Don't miss worship on this weekend, when these traveling musical missionaries bring their unique Messianic Jewish style of proclaiming Jesus as Messiah. It has been a few years since one of the Liberated Wailing Wall troupes has presented their message through music, drama and testimony. Bring a neighbor, friend or family member with you to one of our three, Jan. 3 & 4, weekend worship times. You and they will be blessed.

DECEMBER'S MISSION EMPHASIS....

Gloria Dei's December '08 Mission Emphasis is the "Lift High the Cross" Hot Air Balloon Outreach Ministry led by former Gloria Dei members, Rev. Jay and Vicki Mason. The undesignated "Missions" gifts for the last three weekend's in December, will support this exciting nationwide outreach ministry. To support them any other month, please write "Lift High the Cross" near the "Missions" box on your envelope, and indicate the amount.

GLORIA DEI NEEDS "GIVING STIMULATION"

Gloria Dei's July-November '08 Tithes and Offering "Regular giving" was 17% OFF our giving during the same time frame last year (aprox. \$2000/week) ...HELP!! Your Gloria Dei's leaders are wrestling with some sobering cost cutting measures if Gloria Dei's giving does not increase. They will be taking a close look at Gloria Dei's November and December giving numbers to determine their recommendations to the congregation in January. Are you responding to God, with your tithes and offerings, in the manner that God has blessed you?

THRIFT SHOP - On Wednesdays the Thrift Shop hours are **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Monday & Saturday hours: **9:30 AM - 1:30 PM**. We need all kinds of mens, ladies, and kids clothes, Housewares, lamps, mirrors, small electrical appliances, coffee pots, dishes, pots, pans, glasses, etc.

MISSION UPDATE

We are receiving gifts for Gloria Dei Academy Students. We still need Bell Ringers to represent Gloria Dei out in the community - plenty of time slots are available. We are also accepting grocery bags for the Cooperative Feeding Program.

HOMELESS WEEK - MON. DEC. 22 - FRI. DEC. 26

Sign up on the poster in the church foyer to provide meals or hospitality during the week that our new friends will be with us. Come share a meal, a game, a movie, or some conversation. You will find new friends, laughter and the joy of serving those who need our care and concern.

“...Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. . .” Acts 10:4

NEW PRICING FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

When signing up on the Flower Chart - please note:

First line on chart (one vase) is \$15.00

First and Second lines on chart (two vases) is \$30.00

Second line only (one vase) is \$15.00

Special Flower arrangements (\$15.00) may be ordered, after the two vases are covered. Roses are \$5.00 .

CAN YOU HELP CHRISTMAS EVE?

We need ushers, communion servers, greeters and live Nativity people for the 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 pm services. Sign up on your attendance form or call Helen at 954-475-0683, ext. 110.

GLORIA DEI MUSIC DIRECTOR, KEVIN BAETZ'S SON, KEVIN M.

BAETZ, recently headed to Marines' boot camp. He would welcome your Christmas greeting:

Baetz, Kevin M 9243, PLT 2012, Co. Fox, Bn 2nd, Box 12012

Parris Island, SC. 29905-2012

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS!!

Your church family, Gloria Dei, needs your prayers, your gifts and YOU this Christmas. As we approach the end of 2008, how are you saying "THANK YOU" to your Heavenly Father? Please remember your church family.

PASTOR'S NEW BIBLE CLASS IN 2009...

Beginning in 2009, Pastor Darrell will offer a "Digging In" To This Week's Scripture Lessons, two times each week, Sunday at 9:45am and Wednesday at 7:00pm. Will you make getting into the Bible one of your "New Year's Resolutions"??

COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP CHRIST THE NEW BORN KING!!

Are you taking advantage of the worship opportunities that God gives to you?

THANK YOU, GLORIA DEI ACADEMY STUDENTS AND STAFF!!

The two Christmas presentations, on Wed., Dec. 10, by the pre-school, and Wed. Dec. 17, by Kindergarten-Eighth Grade, were MAGNIFICENT! Thanks to the many many people who made them possible. Those in attendance were truly blessed!

**LADIES IN MISSION BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY RESUMES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD.**

We will resume our first and third Saturday Breakfast at 9:00 am in the Chapel, and Bible Study will commence at 9:30 am. We should be out by 11:00 am. Questions, call Marcia Gomulka or Marian Fowler.

FORMER MEMBERS SHARE NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS...

Gary & Sandra Pederson, who moved to Michigan several months ago, now have new e-mail address. Their Christmas letter is posted in the hallway. Here is their mailing address and new e-mail address:

7161 Dean Rd., Fenton, MI 48430
mipedersons@yahoo.com

THE NATIVITY STORY, MONDAY, DEC. 22., 1:00 PM

The Monday afternoon Revelation & Daniel: An Exploratory Study members invite you to view the film The Nativity Story on Monday, December 22nd in the church sanctuary at 1 PM. Please join us for this inspirational film of Mary and Joseph's epic journey of hope and discovery. This is a family film for all age groups. We will resume our regular bible study on Monday, January 5th. Our Christmas prayer for all is that: CHRIST MAY BE BORN IN YOU!

WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO CHRISTMAS WORSHIP???

Please pick up a number of the postcard size Gloria Dei Christmas worship schedules, and INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!! Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are wonderful times to share your house of worship with a neighbor, friend, co-worker or family member.

MISSION: HAITI TO SEND FOLLOW-UP TEAM JAN. 26-31 -

The mission trip to Gonaives this past October was so powerful and positive that MISSION: HAITI decided to send a follow-up group the end of January. We hope to send about 15 people to do a medical clinic and prayer and witness. We are looking for folks who have medical professional skills, doctors, nurses, paramedics or other paraprofessionals. We also have a great need for anyone who would like to pray with those in need and share the Gospel with those who do not yet know the love of Christ. Please contact Helen Roenfeldt if you would like to go or if you know someone we should contact...954-475-0683 ext. 110. If you would like to make a contribution to send this team you can place a donation in your offering envelope and mark MISSION: HAITI on the "OTHER" line. Thank you.