

Kalamo

Monthly Newsletter

For

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Caring, Compassionate, Inviting

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Vision Page

Our Vision:

- **Build relationships with our Neighbors!**
- **Help our Neighbors get to know their neighbors!**
 - **Listen to their stories!**
 - **Share our Story!
(the Good News)**

Our vision is to get to know our neighbors.

*This enables us to care for them, to be available to help them,
laugh with them.*

*It gives them the opportunity to see the light of Christ in our lives and
in our hearts!*

Consider your New Year's Resolutions!

Think about:

- How can I love God more?
- Ways I can serve my neighbor more?
- How can I understand my faith better so I can share with someone else?

Holiness/Spiritual Growth is:

Loving God (& praying)

Caring for (Loving) neighbor

Sharing the Good News

Living into the Fruits of the Spirit

We learn more about how we can grow when we recognize our own Spiritual Gifts.

Current Topics



It's Gotta be Done!

We have a beautiful place of worship. A place that is the House of God and a place that we invite guests to come and be with us. Our house does need to be cleaned on a weekly basis. We have a few dedicated volunteers that are willing to contribute their time to keep our house looking good. Unfortunately, they are getting worn out. Please consider volunteering to clean or help clean the church just once per month. We have a written procedure, all necessary supplies and tools to be quick and efficient. There is a sign-up sheet at the back, make a note on your connection card or contact Penny Pierce (ppierce2005@sbcglobal.net) .

What are qualified charities?

- The charity must be able to receive tax-deductible donations.
- In IRS terminology, they must be 501(c)(3) organizations.
- Most notably, political organizations are NOT qualified charities.
- I personally think that the charity should also be compatible with Christian Ethics (See Matthew 25:35-36)

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Pass-through giving

- Passing charitable contributions to outside charities through church.
- Not intended to replace your regular giving to the church!
- Current Pass-throughs include Siren-Eaton and Crop Walk.
- I would like to do it for Heifer International.
- We could do this for other qualified charities.

Why do pass-through giving?

- You could contribute directly to the charity, but:
- You would not need to write checks to individual charities.
- Write one check, give it to the church, then church sends to charities.
- The church gets “credit” for being giving generously to other worthy causes.

More...

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Why do pass-through giving?

- Would reduce the amount of junk mail you receive.
- If you deduct contributions, you would have fewer charities to track.
- If you prefer doing your own donations, by all means continue to do so.

Heifer International

- Most of you likely already are familiar with Heifer International (HI).
- In short, HI provides livestock and instruction to small farmers
- Donors choose which animal to give
- And donates the money to HI which provides the animal
- The strategy is to give people the means to provide for themselves
- Instead of just a hand out of food.
- So a gift to HI is a gift that keeps on giving.
- A catalog of giving options to HI is at the back of the sanctuary.

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Don't forget to take your prayer card with you wherever you go



Kalamo Prayer Card

1 Thessalonians 5

Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak.

Be patient with everyone...

Always pursue the good for each other and everyone else.

Rejoice always. Pray continually.

Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good.



Prayer Suggestions for the Week

Sunday – Love of God

Monday – Peace

Tuesday – Love of Neighbor

Wednesday – Patience

Thursday – Goodness

Friday – Faithfulness

Saturday – Thanksgiving

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Missions



Events

Praying together!



*January: right after Bible study
which starts at 11:00 on Mondays
At the church*

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Fun and games group

meet the first Thursday of every month. from 6 to 8. Available to all people who would like to develop friendships with others. Please come and enjoy fun conversation and games Leaders are Roy and Mary Weldon.

Vision-Design Team



The Vision-Design team next meeting is at the Pastor's: Monday, **January 6@11:00 a.m.**

- Planning our spring "mixer" events.
- Growing in our prayer lives.
- Working on ideas for ministry.
- Discerning our mission.
- Lunch provided

All are invited, please RSVP.

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New Bible study begins **January 13th
Mondays @ 11:00 a.m.**

This will be a working time to discuss the upcoming sermon and build Scripture and talking points around the theme.

Tuesday, January 14th >> moving to January 21st !

Siren Outreach

The Siren Shelter is the only shelter in Eaton County for both families, and women and children dealing with domestic violence. Available to all people who would like to serve others. (Will have to submit to background check.) We meet 9:00 on the 2nd Tuesday each month at Siren to help with whatever is needed. We are there from 9 am to noon. Leader: Ruth Avery (269-763-3378).

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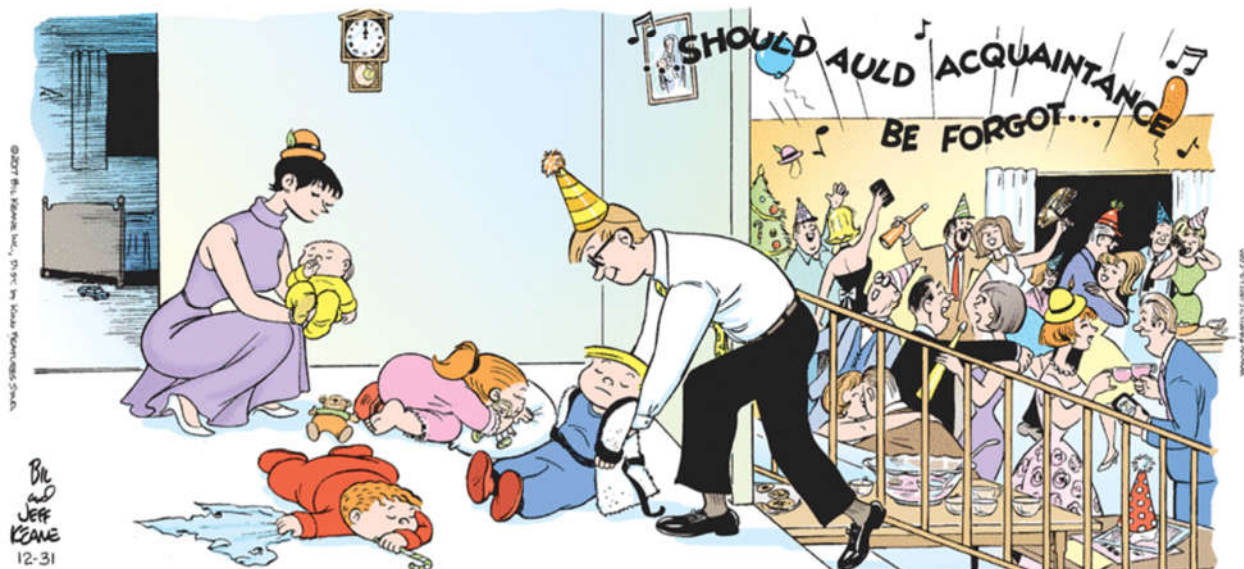
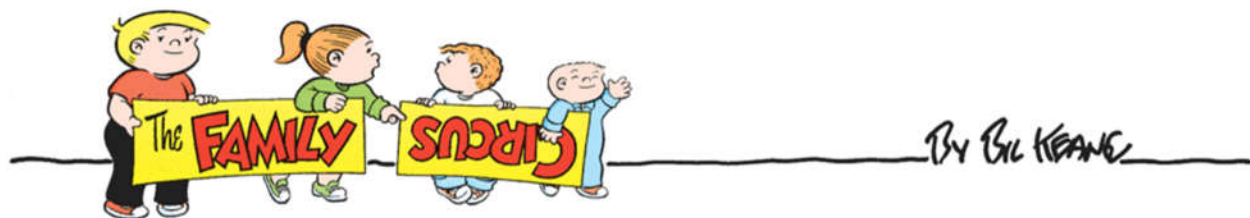
Anyone that wants to come and share in this mission are invited. Normally the 3rd Wednesday of the month and the preceding Tuesday. This month is: **January 14 and 15**. Tuesdays usually start about 9:00 am. Wednesday is pick up day - please get there by no later than 8:45. This is a great mission for our church. Leader is Sandy Bukoski.

January 24th Church Meetings Trifecta!!!



- The Finance Team meeting @ 5:00:
review finances and explore vital financial stewardship.
- The Ad Council at 6:00:
Review and coordinating church activities
- The Trustees at 7:00:
discuss the needs and care of our church property.

A Little Humor



Q. What do snowmen order at fast-food restaurants?

A. An iceberg-er and fries!

Q. What do snowmen do when they're not feeling well?

A. They take a chill pill!

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On a fishing trip to a remote lake in Northern Quebec, I asked the outfitter, "Do you stay here during the winter?" "No," he said. "The snow gets too deep. We can't get supplies in. Like many Canadians, I go south for the winter." "Oh," I said. "Where do you go?" "Michigan."



Funny Pictures on www.LeFunny.net

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How do you prevent a Summer cold?

Catch it in the Winter!



Whoever said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results has obviously never had to reboot a computer.

—William Petersen