

COMMUNITY, TRUTH, LOVE



First Apostolic Church

Connection

VOLUME

DECEMBER 2017

Wrapping All
the Way

Christmas Musical

**Sunday December 17th
at 10:30AM & 5PM**

Based in Tuneville, where the townspeople are known as Tunies, and their leader, King Dazzlebaum, has declared that EVERY DAY is Christmas!

We will be having a cookie reception in the Fellowship Hall following the 5PM performance. This will be a great opportunity to invite family and friends. If you'd like to donate 2doz cookies to the reception see Sis. Mary Howard.

Scrip

Gift Cards

Be a blessing to the Church



Scrip Christmas Ordering Schedule December 4th & 11th

Use Scrip to do your Christmas shopping or to give as gifts. I have a large list that are available for me to order. All proceeds from the Scrip program are going into the Building Fund towards our new roof.

"EXALTING OUR MARVELOUS AND GLORIOUS GOD"

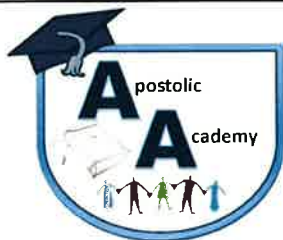
Sunday, December 31st Special Presentation 6 PM -8 PM
Communion will follow presentation for those who wish to participate.

Please make plans to include God in your New Years Eve Celebrations. There will be plenty of time to celebrate with friends and family afterwards. You do not want to miss this unique presentation!!!!



**CHRISTMAS
FOR CHRIST**

Don't forget to
get your CFC
pledge in!



Apostolic Academy

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

Thursday nights at 7:00PM

December's Classes:

Pastor's Bible Study Youth Class & Jr. Youth Class

December Service Schedule:

Sunday 3rd- Normal Schedule.

Sunday 10th- Normal Schedule-

Guest Evangelist Felix Crowder

Sunday 17th- 10:30AM & 5PM Musical

"Wrapping All the Way." Cookie reception after 5PM performance.

Sunday 24th- Service 10:30AM-12PM

Sunday 31st- Service 10:30AM-12PM

New Years Eve service with communion 6PM-8PM



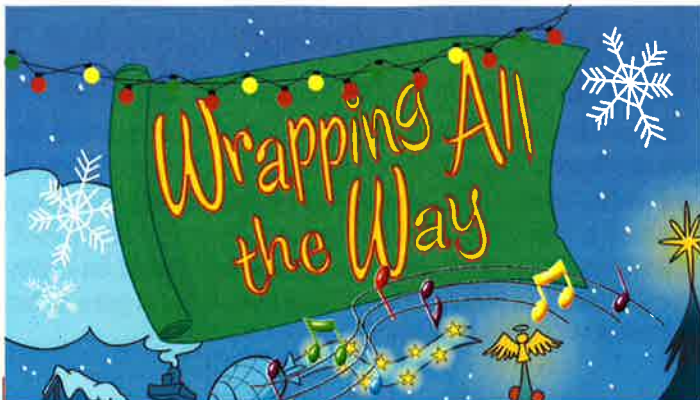
Simplify Christmas

Celebrate *Christ*

Sunday Series in
December
"Gifts That Keep
On Giving".



The
SON OF
GOD
BECAME A MAN
TO ENABLE
MEN
TO BECOME
SONS
OF GOD
C.S. Lewis



Practices are on Thursdays from 7PM-8:15PM
& Sundays from 10:30AM-11:30AM

Other practices times December 3rd following Sunday service (a lite meal will be provided), and Saturday December 9th & 16th at 12:30PM.

The Hyphen Ministry had a revival weekend the last weekend in October. We heard some anointed singing, testimonies and a message from Bro. Trimble on Friday. Had a fun time at the apple orchard on Saturday. Then on Sunday we heard Kelvin speak on purpose and many were involved in an illustrated sermon. Thank-you to everyone who supported this weekend!



Dec 7th & Dec 14th

THURSDAY'S

FOCUS is FASTING

How to choose a fast
Purpose of Fasting
Benefits of Fasting
Testimonies
Recipes and Resources



30 days of fasting coming up in January

How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, His precepts!

- Benjamin Franklin

Bible Study



Do you know someone who would like a Bible Study? Would you like to teach a Bible Study but you're not sure how? We'd love to help!


See Bob or Tammi Bauske for more information.



December Events

Hyphen Class— December 3rd during the 10:30AM service following worship.

*I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me.*
-Phillipians 4:13



Nursing Home Service

Every 3rd Saturday from 2:30PM-3:30PM

We have a time of worship, scripture & fellowship with the residence. We will meet at Woodside 120 W. 26th St. Chicago Heights, IL. If you would like to be a part of this ministry see Shirley Menias.

I am looking for volunteers to help get together Christmas gifts for the nursing home. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping. Thank you!

Shirley Menias.



Bread for the soul...

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."
Matthew 1:23 NKJV



Donations Needed: Christian books for all ages.

Topics could include: everyday Christian living, using our God given gifts and talents, prayer, fasting, etc.
Book donations can be left in the prayer room.
Please contact Janet with questions. 708-296-7517

These books will be available to purchase for \$1.00 in December and January. (money goes to FAC)



"CRAZY HAT" Christmas Convivium

Saturday December 9TH 6:00 P.M.

The Holidays are coming and we want to celebrate with our church family. More JOY will be hosting a Christmas Party for the entire church. Get your creative juices flowing and design yourself a "crazy hat" because we are having a "CRAZY HAT" Christmas Party. Obviously, the hat's theme should be Christmas related and you need to be able to wear it. A prize or two will be given for the best hat.

We will gather in the Church Fellowship Hall. Wear your special hat creation and bring a side dish or dessert and a beverage.



If you would like to participate in a gift exchange bring a wrapped gift valued about \$10.

Let's enjoy a "family time" together with our church family.
Come have a good time!



Please make sure your contact information is up to date asap for the 2018 FAC directory. There is a directory list on the Welcome Desk. If your name is not on the list and you'd like to be included in the directory add your name to the last page.

The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents
but in *His*
presence

All hands on deck...
Looking for volunteers to go to the VA nursing home in Manteno, IL anytime Monday-Friday.
Contact Betty Dew if you are interested and for more details



FOR IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE

*"For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock"
(Psalms 27:5).*

David was called, "A man after God's heart", because God's heart was to dwell with sinful humanity by offering him a redemptive intimate relationship. David sought after this heart by responding to this incomparable love, even in times of trouble. For in the times of trouble some people seek after many different alternatives to navigate themselves from their trouble. Yet, David sets his face like flint in the time of trouble to seek God's heart.

David describes this asylum of prayer in four ways (Amplified version):

A shelter

A secret place

His tent

High upon a rock

David knew in order to take care of his sheep and to exercise his military skills for conquering the land he must return to this kind of place every day.

He calls this place an impenetrable rock in a high place.

He was secured in the hour of great peril and inner anxieties.

This place kept him from the reach of his enemies who sought after him.

This place of prayer was an asylum or as Solomon called it in Song of Solomon a traveling car (Palanquin bed). It was surrounded by 60 soldiers to guard Solomon's bride in the time of trouble.

The shelter, the secret place, the tent and rock of prayer delivers us from the evil of trouble but not always out of trouble itself. It is God's intent to always reveal more of His infinite character and nature to us in the time of trouble itself (Psalms 25:14).

God uses the time of trouble to mature our love in Him and for Him so we can handle the kingdom business of soul winning with his heart and not our own. But this is so only if I retreat to this shelter and palanquin bed of prayer. David sought this place in the time of trouble for his sheep! He would calm his sheep in the time of trouble by taking them to this secret place.

David would sing to his sheep to comfort them and introduce them to the God of the secret place. He would defend them from the lions and bears and bring them to the place of safety. This is what happens when we go and come out of the secret place of prayer. We bring those we disciple into this place in the time of shelter. So they may experience the God of the secret place for safety and revelation of the knowledge of His love for them!

How to pray:

Help me Father to run into this secret place every day, especially in the time of trouble. Help me to seek You, not just in the time of trouble but just to acquire Your heart for me. To seek You to know You and become like You.

I claim your grace to bring those I disciple into this secret place to encounter your infinite character and nature.

Help me to depend on You and not the arms of my intellect, and competencies for daily decision making through this secret place in You.

Pastor Don Roger

Wisconsin District Prayer Coordinator



Special teaching on
Fasting and Prayer
Thursday December
7th and 14th at 7PM

This will help us to prepare for
the upcoming 30 day Daniel
Fast kicking off the new year.

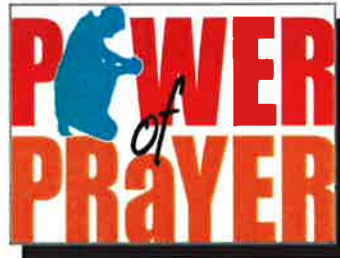
More details to come.

Special thanks to Tammy Becker who lead and organized prayer for the persecuted church. We learn of some of the difficulties and sacrifices they make, and also had a time of prayer. Let's continue praying for those that live in areas of the world who can't freely worship the Lord Jesus.



Have a prayer request?

You can email prayerteam@stegerapostolic.org
and the prayer team will receive your request.
Or contact the church office at 708-758-7536.



Every Sunday 10-10:15
am in the sanctuary
Adults Teens and Kids
are welcome.

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for
Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV

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December 2017

Senior Pastors
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Assistant Pastors
Rodney & Ann Kidder

Care Ministry
Men & Women's Ministry
Family Ministry
Rodney & Ann Kidder

Christian Education Ministry
Jodi Atwood

Promotions Ministry & Church Finances
Renee Lobaugh

Connect Ministry
Paul & Karen Fox

Discipleship Ministry
Chris & Cynthia Feuerstein

Prayer Ministry
Janet Streck

Safe Harbor
Shirley Menias

Worship Ministry
Alyssa Cox

Hyphen Ministry
Renee Lobaugh

Student Ministry
Alex & Jacquelyn Grana

More JOY
Les & Cheryl Wells

Home Bible Study
Bob & Tammi Bauske

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Christmas Party
10	11	12 More JOY Lunch	13	14	15	16 Nursing Home
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Christmas Musical 10:30 & 5PM						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve Service 10:30-12						
31						
Service 10:30-12 & 6PM-8PM						

Church Schedule

Sunday

10:30 AM

Christian Education for all ages

Worship Celebration

Thursday

7:00 PM

Experience Connection Class

Christian Scouts, ages 5-11