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**A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR:**

A Christmas Twist!

But the Treasury said, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be to all people. Today in the town of New York, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find him wrapped in Armani and working on Wall Street. And suddenly a great company of executives appeared with him praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth wealth to all men on whom his favor rest'."

This is the Christmas and New Year message that most people in the world today want to hear. That Washington is going to save us from our financial problems and put the American economy back on track. This is the same kind of message that the Jewish people were waiting to hear when Jesus came. That a messiah will come and save them from the financial and political oppression placed upon them by Rome. They were wrong just as we are wrong.

The Messiah that came was not and is not the one they hoped for or expected. He was not one who cares about wealth, money or the political system. He cares about the poor, the sick, the hungry, the outcast, the homeless, and the imprisoned. He cares about justice and equality. He cares about our relationship with God and our fellow human beings. He cares about us and wants us to put our faith and hope in Him not our economy or government.

Paul in his letter to the Philippians says, "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, have the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."

May we begin the New Year looking to Jesus in faith and hope by serving others.

Pastor Bobby

*Empowered by the Spirit, We will reach out in Love and Fellowship; Teaching and Making Disciples.*

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THERE IS BUT ONE LORD  
*Jesus Christ...*  
1 CORINTHIANS 8:6, NIV

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## World Outreach

By Dave Harlow, World Outreach Chair  
(Amy Abbott and Mary Caress also on the committee)

This is from Johnny Wray, former head of OUR Week of Compassion. The writer Isaiah wrote about the desert and cities, both places where, traditionally, dark forces are known to dwell. Deserts were, well, deserted; barren, distant, and potentially deadly. If something happened in the desert, there might be no one to hear, willing or able to help.

People living in the cities are without water. Who hears their cries? Isaiah asks "What shall I cry"? What shall we cry? God asks us to repair the brokenness in His world. Compassion is different from sympathy and charity.

Compassion means "to suffer with," and that is what we do through our work with and giving to Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion aims to hear the one crying in the wilderness and to respond with mercy and justice.

Through our partners, Week of Compassion is positioned in cities, villages and rural outposts all over the world, to be poised to respond in the event of natural or human disaster. Week of Compassion hears the calls every day, around the world and around the year. Disasters don't just hurt one person, and that hurt isn't healed in just one day. Mary and I will be doing mission work in the lower 9th ward of New Orleans in February, a disaster that happened going on to 4 years ago. How would you like to be out of your house for that length of time?



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### A Reminder

As I am writing this it is zero degrees outside with a wind chill of who knows what! When you are wondering how you could better serve God and his people, it would be nice to have an active Beneva member offer to serve. Most of my outreach articles are about global ministries. We really [Beneva] need to address local missions. Anyone and any person is welcome. Meetings can be after worship.

Dave Harlow Outreach chairman

A Story from your Global Ministries Dec. 2008

"Mary said, "here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word". Luke 1:13

### Christmas in Japan

Christianity first came to Japan during the 16th century, and the first Christmas celebration was reportedly held in 1565 by Father Frois. Christianity was forbidden during the 17th century, and it wasn't until 1858 that foreign missionaries were again allowed to come to Japan. This year the United Church of Christ in Japan celebrates 150 years of Christianity in Japan.

Today, Christians represent less than 1% of the population. Christmas celebrations have been embraced by many people in the wider culture though. As in the United States, a commercial atmosphere has developed around the holiday. The message of Christian love has also led Christmas to become a festive event for couples, somewhat similar to Valentine's Day. Many families celebrate on Christmas Eve with a special Christmas cake. Churches celebrate with candle light services, church concerts, and nativity pageants. In some churches, a unique tradition has arisen. After the service on the Sunday before Christmas, Santa visits the children and gives them gifts. In return, the children give Santa gifts of rice, so that they learn it is important not only to receive gifts, but to give them as well. The rice is shared with children in need. In these ways, Christ's messages of loving one another and helping those who are in need are powerfully represented to the children. The United Church of Christ in Japan is a partner with Global Ministries.

Your outreach team-  
Amy Abbott, Mary Caress, and Dave Harlow †

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### Martha Circle

The Martha Circle will meet at Shirley Blanton's home on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm. We will have a special guest – Mary Lee! All ladies of Beneva are invited. Please RSVP to Shirley at 377-7894. †

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## Joshua's Men

January 5th — 7:00 pm

Happy New Year!! May God richly bless you and your families with a healthy and prosperous new year.

ALL men are invited to the monthly gathering of Joshua's Men. We will meet on Monday, January 5, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM for fellowship with our brothers in Christ, Prayer and praise songs. During this meeting we will continue our training, helping each of those who attend to be a "Man of His Word" in all aspects of his life. Please join us and add your unique perspective to the growth of God's men in service to Him and to bring Him Glory through our actions. Please don't forget to invite at least one friend to join us. It may change their life as well as yours.

We are still formulating our ministry's long term schedule of organized events (outside of our regularly scheduled monthly Monday Night meetings). As mentioned before, our goal is at least six months of scheduled activities that are the collective product of those that regularly attend our meetings. This will be our major priority for January of the new year. We will hand out the schedule as soon as it becomes available.

For more information or questions please contact Steve Dziadik at 941-228-8605. ☩

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## Recycling Fundraiser

Do you have old cell phones sitting around your house? Bring them to church! In an effort to raise much-needed funds for our church, as well as do our environment a favor, we are conducting a drive for used electronic items. Through this program, we send out the items so they can be recycled in the proper way, and our church receives a bit of money for each item sent. If you have: Cell phones, Digital cameras, iPods, Laptops, or used Ink Jet cartridges, we want them! No accessories please, and if an item is broken we still receive money. Ask your friends, neighbors, and even local businesses for items to be recycled. We can all make a difference in the life of our church and our environment through this exciting drive! ☩

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## Beckham's Fundraiser

Don't forget about a great opportunity that awaits you at BECKHAM'S restaurant, located at 1272 S. Tamiami Trail in Osprey, (South Bay Plaza). They will send Beneva Christian Church a check for 15% of your bill for any Sunday noon meal. Simply enjoy a great lunch at BECKHAM'S after church on any Sunday, give your server the name and address of our church, and they will mail the church a check! Everyone is suffering in these hard economic times, and this is a way for us to help ourselves, as well as support a local restaurant and do our part to keep them in business. We received a very heartfelt 'Thank You' letter from Beckham's for participating in their Brunch Cashback program, as it has helped them get through the financial slumps. They look forward to welcoming us to brunch throughout 2009, and I hope that everyone makes a trip (or two or three) to Beckham's! Take your friends and family along. Enjoy a great meal, great fellowship, and help support our church!!! ☩

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## Cartridge World Fundraiser

Keith and Debra Harrison, owners of CARTRIDGE WORLD, 3472 Clark Road, have offered their cartridge recycling program to Beneva Christian Church. Place your empty cartridges in the recycling basket in the Narthex. We will take them to CARTRIDGE WORLD and they will quarterly reimburse Beneva Christian Church \$2 for usable name brand cartridges with print heads, \$1 for HP Brand usable cartridges without print heads, \$.50 for all other name brand usable cartridges without print heads. They will also send us \$3 for usable black and color laser toner cartridges.

Let's recycle and help support our church in the process! ☩

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*"All that I am I owe to Jesus Christ, revealed to me in his divine Book."*

—David Livingstone

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Interested in a home visit with Pastor Bobby, or a cup of coffee at the church? Please contact him at **400-7349** (cell) or the church at **924-8713** to arrange a convenient date and time. ☩

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## Youth: Mark your Calendars!

CYF Assembly is January 23-25, 2009

Beneva Youth please put these important dates on your calendars. We hope for a great attendance. †

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## Sunday Morning Youth Programs

By Patricia Poquette, Christian Education

Kathy Bearden will be teaching grades 5th thru 12th. All others please go to the nursery.

We ask that if you are dropping off your children at the nursery for bible studies, that you please pick them back up after class. The nursery attendants can then have a coffee break before 10:30 services, when the children can return to the nursery.

After the Children's Moment during the 10:30 a.m. service, the children will go to Fellowship Hall where grades 2, 3 & 4 will go to Worship & Wonder while Grades K & 1st will go the Seekers classroom for bible studies. †

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## Nursery Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the nursery during Sunday worship. The nursery is located to the left of the Sanctuary and is for children up to 5 years old. We would like to have enough people volunteer so a person only is out of church services one Sunday every 4-6 weeks. We are not gender biased, men are welcome; teenagers are also welcome in addition to an adult. Please contact Patty at 780-2300 or Corry at 915-3206. †

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## Sunday Bible Classes

By Patricia Poquette, Christian Education

Adult bible studies are led by Pastor Bobby Dickerson, and are held every Sunday between 9 and 10 in the morning in Fellowship Hall before church services at 10:30 am.

Haven't tried a class yet? Come join us and see what we're learning. †

## Request from the Christian Ed. Department

If anyone would like to donate a TV and a separate DVD/VHS component player, please contact us. We are looking for these items for the 10:30am Sunday School class for the Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Graders. Any type of Veggie Tales movie would also be greatly appreciated. If you do not have any of these electronic devices, donations would be gladly accepted to aid in purchasing them. Thank you! †

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## Cornerstone

Sunday School Class: Sundays—9:00 am

This class helps us to read and understand basic biblical passages. It is a catalyst for our devotional lives and gives us an opportunity for fellowship with other disciples. This group is designed for all adults — any age. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Bobby at the church. The nursery will be provided during this class. We hope to see you at Cornerstone each Sunday. †

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## Christian Symbols



Anchor Cross

The anchor is a symbol of the Christian's hope in Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19, NIV).

The early Christians used this cross during the days of persecution. They saw hope in the anchor's cross, while non-Christians saw nothing but an anchor. †

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## Bifocal Bunch News

There will be a Bifocal Breakfast on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Sugar & Spice at 9:00am. Please RSVP to Shirley.

### Super Bowl Party:

There will be a Super Bowl Party on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm at the home of Jerry and Mary Caress, 4175 Escondito Circle, in Prestancia. Please try to carpool. Bring finger foods, snacks, or desserts. Please let Mary know what you're bringing, Jerry needs to notify the guard at the gate of all guests.

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## Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. We would like to invite any lady in the church to join us. Bring a sandwich, beverage, and dessert will be provided. †

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## Poinsettias

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Honor/Memory Of</u>
Bob & Mary King	Our Children
Charles & Wanda Rabjohns	Ruthanett Rabjohns
Roberta Bo Bragg	James Harold Bragg
Suzanne Davis	Father—H.W. Zattau F.J. & K.C. Courtad
Ruth Wolf	Husband—Eugene Wolf Parents and Friends
Florine P. Blake	John A. Pierce
Anonymous	Our Lord and Savior
Laverne Thomas	Oscar Thomas
Mabel & Wally Brunton	Deceased Family Members
Frank and Sara Metheny	
Larry & Jackie Hazen	Tracey Clark Joshua Lisowski Arden Sperry
Gail Brodkorb	Lee Brodkorb

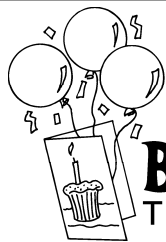
## Angel Tree

### Donor

### In Honor/Memory Of

Charles & Wanda Rabjohns	Mr. & Mrs. Willie Melton Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rabjohns
Florine P. Blake	John A. Pierce Elaine G. Klenck
Roberta B. Bragg	James Harold Bragg
Frank & Sara Metheny	Howard Metheny Cleona Doran
Bob & Shirley Blanton	Louis & Bertha Rinker Robert & Thelma Blanton Bob & David Rinker Mariellen Sipe
Claire Rieser	Albert Rieser
Dale Root	Mother—Betty Ward
Glenn Oneal Jr.	My nieces, nephews, grand-nieces & grand-nephews
Marilyn Gerkin	Family
Bessie Zauner	Frederick O. Zauner Harriet P. Charmock
Platt Family	Harold & Ruth Rabjohns Bob & Alice Platt
Larry & Jackie Hazen	Joshua Lisowski Tracey Clark Arden Sperry Bob Hazen
Glenn & Jane Oneal	Our Parents
Barbara Clements	Everett Clements Elizabeth Burch

Thank you ALL for your support!



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Jan 03 Bertha Stanley  
 Jan 04 Joanie Abbot  
 Jan 04 Jane Holbrook  
 Jan 05 Marlene Silva  
 Jan 08 Walt Carroll  
 Jan 09 Olevia Fulkert  
 Jan 11 Brenda Root  
 Jan 11 Bessie Zauner  
 Jan 11 Maggie Sumney  
 Jan 13 Carly Walsh  
 Jan 14 Glenda Morgan  
 Jan 14 Joyce McClain  
 Jan 14 Holly Fuqua  
 Jan 16 Wanda Rabjohns  
 Jan 16 Nicholas Taylor  
 Jan 18 Kennedy Fuqua  
 Jan 18 Nathan Byrd  
 Jan 19 Edward Kelly  
 Jan 19 Don Pesano  
 Jan 20 Amber Murphy  
 Jan 21 Ajayla Poquette  
 Jan 21 Jeff Blanton  
 Jan 22 Bob McClain  
 Jan 23 Vesta Stanley  
 Jan 23 Troy York  
 Jan 24 Bob Blanton  
 Jan 24 Jackie Hazen  
 Jan 24 Randy Weber  
 Jan 24 Luther Bollman  
 Jan 26 Rea Davies  
 Jan 27 Iris DuBois  
 Jan 29 Justin Pruse

*If we have dates that are not correct, or if we don't have your special days listed, please notify the church office. ☩*



*Happy Anniversary!*

Jan 05 Thomas & Joy Byrd  
 Jan 11 Don & Patricia Weaver  
 Jan 15 David & Glenda Morgan  
 Jan 20 Charles & Wanda Rabjohns  
 Jan 25 Jon & Tanya Hart  
 Jan 28 Dr. Bobby & Leanne Dickerson

### November Financial Update

By Duane Wyatt, Stewardship Chair

	<u>November 2008</u>		<u>November 2008</u>	
			<u>YTD</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$12,406	\$14,883	\$169,582	\$143,724
Expenses	20,084	20,738	210,675	210,640
Gain(Loss)	(7,678)	(5,855)	(42,084)	(66,915)
Checking Bal.			\$4,343	

Income for November was down \$2,400 because the last Sunday was the



30<sup>th</sup>, therefore the deposit wasn't made until 12/1 - meaning we had 4 Sunday offerings instead of the forecasted 5. On a YTD basis we are still ahead over \$24,000 because of the special gifts we received earlier in the year. Expenses for the month were very close to budget (under by \$700). On YTD BCC is right on target for total spending. As we knew all along, cash was going to be very tight at the end of 2008, and it certainly is. We have not paid our '08 property taxes (5,000) or the 4th insurance payment (7,000). We believe we will be able to pay at least one of them - the other will depend on how well Christmas sales, year-end giving, and if we receive any more special gifts.

We now have a lawyer assisting in determining our exact Little Disciple flood loss, thus we do not have a final conclusion to what amount BCC will be responsible.

Thanks to all for your support in 2008! ☩

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## Little Disciples Preschool

By Cindy McDowell, Director

Happy New Year from all of us!

We hope your holidays were filled with love and laughter. We look forward to being together again and can hardly wait to see what adventures the New Year brings. A great big thank you goes to everyone who helped us to help others by purchasing Christmas gifts for young and old. The contents of the stockings we filled were given to Beneva's Food Pantry on December 19th. Thank you for making Christmas special for those in need.

January is our midpoint in the School Year and is the time for our Parent/Teacher Conferences. These will be held the last 2 weeks of the month on a sign-up basis. This is the opportunity for our parents to meet with their child's teacher, to find out how they are doing, and to look toward goals for the remainder of the year.

We will also send out information at the end of January regarding Early Registration for the 2009-2010 School Year. Registration for our current and alumni families for the 2009-2010 School Year will then officially begin on February 16, 2009.

Little Disciples Preschool does not currently participate in the Voluntary Pre-K program. We have been in operation for 20 years and have been able to provide many wonderful extra programs to our students. We are also blessed with Degreed Teachers and classroom Aides who care for our program so much that they successfully sought and received our NAEYC Accreditation and continue to support those high standards. To turn our program towards the VPK (voluntary Pre-K = free) program would mean the end of our Handwriting Without Tears program, Sign Language, Movement, classroom Aides, Outdoor Classroom, continuing education for all staff and so much more.

It is my hope that all these programs and the staff that provide them will be able to continue next year and into the future. Your support of all we provide is detrimental to that end. Referrals to our program and subsequent registered students help us keep the dream alive. We thank you for your support and look forward to all the future holds. †



## Teacher Tidbits by Mrs. Kay Goodman

We hope your holidays were wonderful! We sure had a busy December with Christmas projects, a ride on the Polar Express, our Christmas Concert and a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. January finds us just as busy as we get ready for Parent/Teacher Conferences starting on 1/20/09.

Here's wishing everyone a Happy New Year! †

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## Prayer Partners

The following people had prayers requested for them during the month of December. Please take a moment for them, and continue to lift them up in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God Bless.

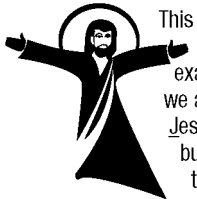
- Charlotte Green & Family
- Humbert Family
- Loved ones of Neal Cody
- Loved ones of Betty Maddox
- Barb Fulara
- Bessie Zauner
- Nate Nelson & Mother & Sister
- Mary Yarman
- Bobbie Hartong
- Barbara Clements
- Larry Hazen's mother
- Jerry Caress
- Cathy Morris
- Marshall & Iris DuBois
- Dean & Carole Platt
- Scott Bouley
- Beneva & LDP Staff
- Ryan Bergeron
- Jack Naulty
- Ed & Bev Owens
- Greg Freeman
- Brad Hall
- Joseph Douvillier
- Military overseas & natural disaster victims
- Those struggling to make ends meet
- Families of those killed in India attacks

Regional:

- Connie Elmore
- Loved ones of Ionia Bostic
- Dick Shrock

"When we come together as one in prayer, all things are possible". †

## WWJD key chain



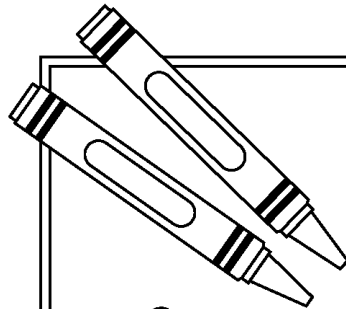
This craft is a reminder of Jesus' perfect example for us. When we ask "What Would Jesus Do?" we can build our character to be more like his.

### What you need:

- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)
- 32 mm split ring (key ring)
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or  $\frac{3}{8}$ " )
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm or  $\frac{1}{2}$ " )
- black permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.
7. With a permanent marker, write a letter (W, W, J and D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.



## Just for KIDS

### CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.



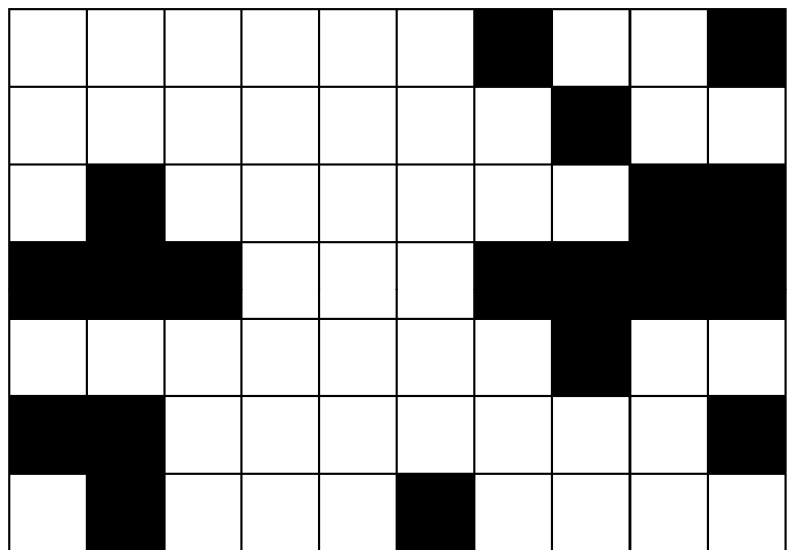
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Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

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## Deacon Serving Schedule for January 2009

Elements Preparation for January — Alicia Brodkorb & Deanna Root

### January 4

- 1 Cindy McDowell C/B
- 2 Suzanne Pruse B
- 3 Jan Bogart
- 4 Lori Walsh

### January 11

- 1 Debbie York C/B
- 2 Alicia Brodkorb B
- 3 Tim Brodkorb
- 4 Nila Valvo

### January 18

- 1 Deanna Root
- 2 Cindy McDowell C/B
- 3 Suzanne Pruse B
- 4 Jan Bogart

### January 25

- 1 Nila Valvo
- 2 Alicia Brodkorb C/B
- 3 Tim Brodkorb B
- 4 Debbie York

B= Bulletins: Arrive at 9:45 am to hand out bulletins.

C=Captain: Arrive at 10:10 am to check that the communion table is complete and all Deacons are accounted for.

U=Usher stays in the back and seats the late people and handles the microphone or announcements and prayer requests.

If you are unable to serve on scheduled date — Please arrange to have someone cover for you on that date.

All Deacons serving on their Sunday are to make sure all bulletins, cups and papers are picked up from the pews.

Communion Cups — fill grape juice to line right before it starts to curve — IF MUCH POUR SOME OUT.  
Communion Preparation — Give to Organist (on wooden shelf), Worship & Wonder (in Fellowship Hall) and Nursery.

If you have any questions call Amy Abbot (Deacon Chair) at 922-1089.

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## Please Remember our Homebound

### Ruth Martin

1343 Lucaya Ave  
Venice, FL 34285

### Thelma McKahan

22 Horton Cir  
Sarasota, FL 34232

### Wilma Kauffuss

3270 Lake Pointe Blvd  
Room 125  
Sarasota, FL 34231

Please remember those who are sick and our “shut-ins” this Christmas season. Drop a Christmas card or note to those who are unable to attend our weekly services and let them know they are missed. John and Charlotte Green are currently at Palmer Ranch Health Care. Please remember Donna Shrimplin, Leanne Dickerson, Iris DuBois, Charles & Bobbie Hartong, Leon & Edith Davidowski, Mary Yarman, and any others who may appear on our prayer list.

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## Blood Pressure Check

By Pauline Totten, Healthcare Services

Our Blood Pressure service will take place in the CYF room on January 4th at 11:30 am (after church). Please come if you are concerned about your health.

Would anyone who is involved in the medical field contact me at 349-3167. †

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If you would like to be added to our e-mail prayer chain please send your request via email to:  
churchoffice@lifeatbeneva.org

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In addition to our sermons now online we also have the following features:

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- Links of interest to Disciple websites
- Church event calendar and weekly schedule
- Contact information and more . . . . .

## Church Office

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Pastor: 400-7349

The office hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

### Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Dr. Bobby Dickerson

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Church secretary: Caitlin McDowell

bccoffice2@verizon.net

Director of Music: Greg Fulkert

Youth Director: Corry O'Carroll

Director of Little Disciples Preschool: Cindy McDowell

Pianist/Organist: Janene Overley

Custodian: Yves May

Nursery Attendant—

Chair of the Board: Olevia Fulkert

Treasurer: Duane Wyatt

treasurer@lifeatbeneva.org

Financial Secretary: Frank Metheny

financial@lifeatbeneva.org

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## February Good News

**Deadline for articles sent to the church is the week of January 19th.**

Articles may be sent directly to Caitlin McDowell at  
bccoffice2@verizon.net †

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## The Life of Beneva in January 2009

<u>January 1, 2009</u>	<i>New Year's Day</i>	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>January 2, 2009</u>		<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open		3:00—5:00 pm
<u>January 4, 2009</u>	<i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Blood Drive—On Grounds		9:30am-12:30pm
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>January 5, 2009</u>		<u>Monday</u>
Joshua's Men—Fellowship Hall		7:00 pm
Martha Circle—Blanton Home		7:15 pm
<u>January 6, 2009</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>
Bifocal Breakfast—Sugar & Spice		9:00 am
<u>January 7, 2009</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>January 8, 2009</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
Community Bible Study—F.H. and Sanctuary		7-8:30 pm
<u>January 9, 2009</u>		<u>Friday</u>
Naomi Circle—Fellowship Hall		12:00 pm
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Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>January 14, 2009</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>January 15, 2009</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
LDP Chapel Moments—Sanctuary		11:30 am
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary		7-8:30 pm
<u>January 16, 2009</u>		<u>Friday</u>
LDP Chapel Moments—Sanctuary		11:30 am
Food Pantry Open		3:00—5:00 pm
<u>January 17, 2009</u>		<u>Saturday</u>
Beta Sigma Phi Fashion Show—Fellowship Hall		

<u>January 18, 2009</u>	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>January 19, 2009</u>	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>January 21, 2009</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>January 22, 2009</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary		7-8:30 pm
<u>January 23, 2009</u>		<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open		3:00—5:00 pm
<u>January 25, 2009</u>	<i>Week of the Laity</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>January 28, 2009</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>January 29, 2009</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary		7-8:30 pm
<u>January 30, 2009</u>		<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open		3:00—5:00 pm

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## What Do Disciples Believe?

Like most Christians, Disciples affirm:

- ◆ Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God, and offers saving grace to all.
- ◆ All persons are God's children.

Beliefs and practices usually associated with Disciples include:

- ◆ *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- ◆ *Diversity of opinion.* Each person is free to determine individual belief guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer.
- ◆ *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although Disciples generally practice baptism by immersion, they honor other baptism traditions as well.
- ◆ *Importance of church unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- ◆ *The ministry of all believers.* Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- ◆ *Freedom of belief.* Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. †



The chalice symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism.

## Discover . . . Spiritual growth

Every Disciples congregation meets weekly to worship God. In the warmth of God's presence and with the support of others, we grow in our understanding of God in ways that make a difference in our everyday lives.

Through worship that is both contemporary and traditional, we discover the joy of trusting and following Jesus.

Around the communion table, we acknowledge Christ's presence and remember the meal He shared with His followers. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.

Whether you are a longtime follower of Jesus Christ, or curious about Christianity, the Christian Church can help you explore Christianity and learn about Christ. †



### Sunday Schedule

Adult & Youth Bible Study Class	9:00-10:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery	10:30 am
Worship & Wonder	After Children's Sermon
Youth Groups	4:30 pm



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