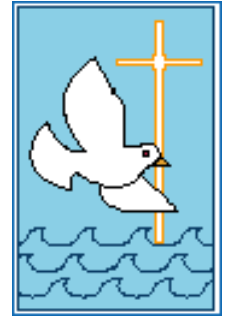


THE DOVE'S WING



December 2006

Christmas is Coming, Christmas is Coming

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Even though it isn't quite Thanksgiving yet, our church is busily preparing for the Christmas season. Adults, youth, and children all have some really fun events coming up— events to help us celebrate Advent. Nothing is greater than the fact that God became a human being, someone just like us, so that we could understand His love for us and know what we need to do to experience that love. That's why we take four weeks to observe Advent rather than just a single day like most birthdays. Please allow yourself the privilege this season of really experiencing God's love. Take time to worship Him, to pray, and participate in our special musicals, plays, dinners, and worship services. Let Christ fill your Christmas, not just on December 25 but for the whole next month. Here is our schedule of events. We'd love for you to be with us.

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| Sat. Dec. 2, 6pm | FAMILY NIGHT PIZZA & MOVIE & ADVENT WREATH-MAKING |
| Sat. Dec. 9, 6pm | ALL CHURCH PROGRESSIVE DINNER |
| Sun. Dec. 10, 10:30am | SPC CHILDREN PRESENT A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL...
"The Twelve Days of Christmas" |
| Sun. Dec. 17, 10:30am | SPC ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CANTATA...
"One Small Child" |
| Wed. Dec. 20, 7:30pm | YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY |
| Fri. Dec. 22, 6-10pm | CHRISTMAS MUSIC, DRAMA, AND PREACHING OUT-REACH AT THE PALISADES MALL (first floor) |
| Sun. Dec. 24, 10:30am | CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE |
| Sun. Dec. 24, 8pm | CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE |





21 children from our Sunday School enjoyed an afternoon of hay riding and pumpkin picking at Auntie El's Farm.

Join us for Uganda 2007

Dates: Friday, July 6- Friday, July 20

Cost: \$2500-\$3000 per person, all inclusive

Accomodations: the beautiful [Namirembe Anglican Guest House](#) in Kampala, a 15 minute walk from Back to God Ministry's office

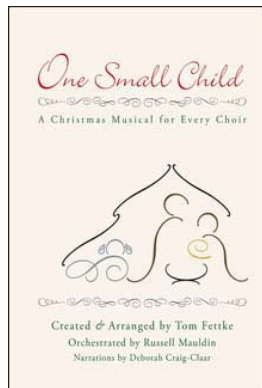
Children and families are welcome

Ministry: 4 known opportunities are school classroom construction in Mwera, teaching Bible lessons to children in Mwera and Kampala, evangelistic outreach meetings in various locations, teaching the Dunamis course in one or more locations. Potential opportunities include elementary school teacher training, medical outreach, business and trade training, more complex construction. Opportunities will be tailored to the skills of our team as we learn who will accompany us. Two big things we'll need are adults who love to work with children and adults who will just spend time loving and being with the Ugandan people.

Fun: a three day safari trip to the [Queen Elizabeth National Park](#), [Murchinson Falls Park](#) or another park TBD.

Praise God: \$555 has been raised for Backpacks for Africa from our loose change offerings.

Celebrate the birth of our King this Christmas with *One Small Child*, a simple and poignant Christmas musical from one of church music's favorite arrangers, Tom Fetteke. Borrowing from the rich history of music, *One Small Child* renews classic like "When Are on the "This Child introduces new songs "King Jesus Name"



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Come hear our choir perform this great cantata **Sun. Dec. 17** at the 10:30 morning worship service, 7:30pm Dec. 14 at the Williams Residence in Manhattan, and 6:00pm Dec. 22 at the Palisades Mall.



Karaoke Night was a hit. Over \$700 was raised to benefit the Deacon's fund.

Youth Group News

I really can't believe the beautiful fall leaves are almost gone and that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The past few months have absolutely flown by!

In October the kids and their families had a great time trying to find the way through Stony Hill Garden's gigantic corn maze. (There was one point, after we had been in the maze for over an hour, we found ourselves completely lost and just about as far away from the exit as we could possibly be. We were all astonished after getting help from some of the guides that we only had to make all left hand turns, and we were out in a matter of minutes.) This made me think of how we get ourselves into situations at times when we think there is no way out, and that we will never get beyond it, but really we are just a few left hand turns, if we ask for the right help.

More recently, November 4th I took a few kids to The Rising Tour concert at Nyack College. It was great for the kids to experience different forms and styles of worship, especially since we have been leading in worship and dance ourselves. The kids have done a great job in church at letting their own gifts and talents be used for God's glory. It is tough to get up in front of people and I think that they have done a phenomenal job, and learned a lot about worship through it all!

The past month we have focused on sharing our faith with our friends and it is my prayer that as the Christmas season approaches they will continue to share that gift realizing that it is worth more than any of the material gifts they will give or receive.

For the upcoming months I have ordered devotionals from YouthWalk.org for the teens to be able to start developing their own personal devotion time with Christ. These devotionals come in small magazine form and are very relative to the teens lives. Each Sunday morning we will recap that week's devotion with a follow-up lesson from the same organization. (Feel free to check them out at their website www.Youthwalk.org). Looking ahead we have a lot of great events coming up for both middle school and high school ages! May this season continue to bring all of us together in the love of Christ!

Upcoming Events:

• **December 1-2nd: Rockland County All Night Youth Fest \$30** (*this is a county-wide youth all-nighter headed up by Pastor Matt Poterbin from New City Gospel Fellowship. It will be held at two Westchester county locations, the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club and at Sportime USA, it will be an all night of fun with Ice skating, ping pong, swimming, arcade games, batting cages, laser tag, bumper cars, a climbing wall, pizza and soda, and much more!*) more information to come.

• **December 8-10th: Young Life Senior High Winter Weekend at Lake Champion \$89** (*Talk to Carl and Jenny Whitlatch with any questions.*)

• **December 20th : Youth Group Christmas Party 7:30pm**

• **March 2-4th : Junior High Weekend at Lake Champion \$89 (** \$10 deposit Due BY November 29th) ****



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Emily drives the bus at Auntie El's Farm

Mark Gomes teleprompts
for karaoke night

