

Sunday, December 20th

Announcements	Elders
Worship Coordinator	Jim Simmons
Welcome Center	Gary & Carole Brinkhoff
Communion Preparation	Rob & Polly Ritter

Communion Servers

Steve Haskew	Howard McClellan
Shawn Corbett	Diego Montes
Lucas O'Connor	Ted Parker
Duane Bradley	Bob Penttila

Morning Service

PA/Audio	Wade Leverett
Media	Blaine Bowen
Song Leader	Paul Schneider
Table Leader	Chris Freeman
Scripture (2 Timothy 4:1-8)	Norm Birt
Sermon	Edward Bowen
Closing Prayer	Byron Elrod
Adult Class PA	Greg Morrissey

Evening Service

PA/Audio	Rick Luke
Media	Greg Morrissey
Song Leader	Kenton Lee
Scripture (Acts 1:13-26)	Mac Kilpatrick
Sermon	Edward Bowen
Table Leader	Tom Yaeger
Closing Prayer	James Wilson

Nursery Attendants

Ruth Wilson & Vicky Lee
December 27th
Helen Jurgemeyer & Jill Parker
January 3rd
Wanda Dickinson & Melissa Elrod

Wednesday Evening, December 23rd

Song Leader James Wilson

Times of Worship

Sundays
Bible Classes 9am
Worship Service 10am
Evening Worship 6pm
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7pm

For the Record 12/13/09

Bible Class.....155
Worship.....214
Evening.....95
Contribution....\$6,931.25
Budget.....\$5,887.00
YTD.....\$(27,461.79)

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Dave Spong	Ladies Class
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Youth/Teens	303-684-0159
Byron Elrod	303-772-2886

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The Heartbeat
of
Longmont
Church of Christ

WELCOME VISITORS

We would like to express a special welcome to you if you are visiting with us today. Please take a moment to visit the welcome center located in the foyer, we have a gift we would like to share with you. Whether you are already a committed Christian or just beginning to learn about Jesus, you are very welcome at any of our activities. Check out this bulletin for some of the planned events coming up over the next few weeks.

OUR MISSION

We exist to glorify God and lead others to Him. We are committed to the teachings of Christ as expressed in His written word. We demonstrate God's love through serving others.

NURSERY

During our morning and evening services we provide an attended nursery downstairs for infants and toddlers up to 36 months.

Welcome to
Worship!

I Will Call Upon The Lord Song # 63

Elders Prayer

Praise The Lord Song # 74
O Holy Night Song # 1028
Angels We Have Heard On High Song # 1002
The First Noel Song # 999
How Beautiful Song # 365

Communion Offering

O Come All Ye Faithful Song # 997

Scripture Reading (2 Timothy 4:1-8)

Joy To The World Song # 1018
Dismissal to Children's Bible Hour

Message- "Stay the Course"
Presented by Edward Bowen

Sweet By And By Song # 878

Closing Prayer



HELP US SHARE THE LOVE OF THE LORD WITH A
CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION
THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 23RD AT 7PM



How Will Your Christmas Be?

by Peter Morphy

One of the common questions asked after Christmas is, "Did you have a good Christmas?" and "Did you get what you wanted?" Sadly,

for some adults, the most important time of Christmas is getting the right present. For other families, there are only shallow relationships among relatives. Gifts, small talk, niceties and watching television are the façade that covers over empty hearts and lives.

As we mature, we delight more in giving than receiving. Jesus Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Family reunions, like Christmas, are really about relationships and being with those we truly love.

I wonder if God had a good Christmas this year? After all, He is the one who taught us how to love and give (1 John 4:19). Our Heavenly Father demonstrated the greatest love by giving the greatest gift to fulfill the greatest need. Is our relationship with God like the families who have no intimacy?

Some members of His family meet together when it is required. Perhaps we come because it is the right thing to do or so others won't think badly of us for not attending the get-together. Yet we feel uncomfortable when we are together because we are not connected. We don't have a personal, intimate relationship with anyone in this family, even our Father. Our heart feels empty and we'd rather be somewhere else.

Since it is the right thing to do, we attend. Often showing up late and leaving early. We bring the token gift along, because it is expected or we feel guilty if we don't give something. We keep the small talk to a minimum, being careful to conceal who we really are. We know that deep down God doesn't want a gift or our money; He desires an intimate relationship with us.

Often in the Old Testament, the people brought numerous and extravagant gifts to offer to the Lord, but they were unacceptable because their hearts were not right (Isaiah 1:10-15). God is more concerned about the giver than about the gift.

The Lord is gracious and loving. He wants us to come to Him and love Him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:29-30). He will accept us into His family when we turn to Him. Jesus, our mediator, will re-present us as a beautiful gift. God wants to cleanse our sin, restore us into His kingdom, and bless us abundantly (Isaiah 1:18-19).



MYSTERY MEMBER

1. I flew in a hot air balloon over Longmont.
2. I took a ride in a helicopter when I was 40.
3. I worked at a photography studio when I was 16.
4. I taught the deaf and hard of hearing.
5. I was honored on TV and was on the front page of my hometown newspaper.
6. I met John Elway.
7. I once worked in a jail ministry.
8. I like to embroider.

WHO AM I?

Last week's mystery member and 'gymnast who qualified and competed at the regional meet as a first year level 5, who jumped off a rock into the ocean last summer, and who likes the number 14 and playing football', was **Mister Caleb Churchill**. Bill Irwin was the first to guess it!

Come up with 4 or 5 clues about yourself and drop them in Britnie's box in the workroom or email them to: britniec@longmontcoc.org



The Bowen Family will be hosting the December Youth Devo TONIGHT following evening services! Everyone bring drinks, the Bowens will provide the rest.



All our men are encouraged to start the new year with a monthly Men's Breakfast, here at the building, on Saturday, January 2nd at 8am. Our men meet every first Saturday of the month and enjoy a devotional and meal together. Please plan to join us and bring a breakfast dish to share!



Janice Dean would like to invite all ladies to a Women's Breakfast at her home (2349 Rancho Road) on Saturday, January 9th at 8:30am. Please mark your 2010 calendar and plan to join us for a special time of fellowship. Bring a breakfast dish to share.

MEMBER UPDATES

Judith Hirschfeld is back worshipping with us again. Judith resides at 10976 N 49th, Longmont, CO 80503. She can be reached at 303-776-4600, or on her cell, 303-847-6626. We are happy to have her back!

Also, please make note that Dave & Joyce Spong no longer have a landline and can be reached on their cells. 303-250-6481 (D) or 303-319-3566 (J).

NOTES OF THANKS

We would like to thank you all for your prayers, support and monetary gifts you have given to our family. We are humbled by your generosity and we have truly been lifted and encouraged by your love and kindness. Our hearts have been touched deeply and we love you all very much! Thank you!

The Ritter family

Shyll and I would like to express our sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your prayers, cards, and thoughts during the passing of my dad. Once again, I am reminded of the importance of our church family when we are faced with difficult times. Please continue to pray for my mom as she copes with this transition.

Edward Bowen & Family

We cannot even begin to express our thanks for the amount of love, support, and encouragement you have given our family over the past year. We would have never made it through the past 12 months without such wonderful friends. You have helped pay our bills, put gas in our cars, food on our table, and have given our children a Christmas they would not have otherwise had. For all of these things, we are forever indebted and incredibly thankful. Your prayers have lifted us up daily and it has been amazing to watch God answer our prayers in many different ways. We feel more blessed than we ever have in years past and we are so honored to be a part of such an amazing church! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

The Corbett Family



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY	MON, DECEMBER 28
Youth Devo at the Bowens	Elders meet 7pm
WED, DECEMBER 23 Congregational Candlelight Celebration 7pm	THUR, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR 'S EVE
THUR, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	FRI, JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR 'S DAY
FRI, DECEMBER 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	SAT, JANUARY 2 Men 's Breakfast 8am
SUN, DECEMBER 27 Bridge 2pm	WED, JANUARY 6 Mobile Health Clinic 8-5pm

Ladies Class meets Tuesdays at 10am
The Quilters meet Thursdays at 10am

Sunday Children's Programs

9am- Bible Classes for all ages (4 months-adult)

10am- Adults and families worship & Attended Nursery (0-3 years)

During Morning Sermon
Children's Bible Hour (4 years-4th grade)

6pm- Adults and families worship

During Evening Sermon
Attended Nursery (0-3 years) &
Children's Bible Hour (4 years-4th grade)

Wednesday Children's Programs

7pm- Bible class for all ages (4 months-adult)