

Election Sunday on December 9th

Upcoming Nominees for 2008:

-Elders:

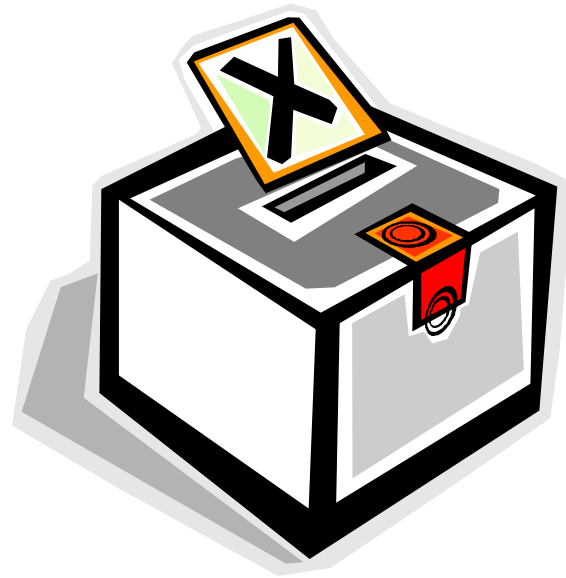
Dan Oswald
Ken Parrott

-Deacons:

Mike Metzker
Ray McClelland Sr.
Travis McClelland
Joe Stephon

*There are no additional Trustees to be elected this year.

The 2008 Election Day will be held on Sunday, December 9th directly after the morning worship service. If you are not able to attend or are shut-in, please contact an Elder so they can get you an absentee ballot. These will need to be turned in on or before December 9th so that they may be tallied into the vote.



DOVER

CHRISTIAN

CALLER

Vol. XL December 1st- No.23

Sunday School: 9:30am;
Morning Worship: 10:30am
(330)364-3520 or fax (330) 343-1235
web address: doverfcc.com; e-mail:fccdoover@verizon.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group:

Regular Meeting:

December 2: 5:30-7:00 at the church

December 9: Kid's Christmas Party from 2-4pm

December 16: Christmas Caroling

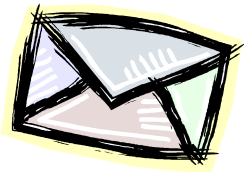
December 23: Youth Group Christmas Party
(time TBA)

New Junior Worship Program:

Beginning on December 2nd, a new Junior worship service will begin for children in grades kindergarten – 5th grade. Volunteers are needed for this program. Each leader will serve for 2 weeks and will be paired with a member of the Youth Group. All materials and curriculum will be provided. No experience is needed and all members are encouraged to participate. Sign up sheets will be available in the foyer. Please direct all questions to Joe Stephon @ 330-364-3270

Offering Envelopes:

If you don't already receive offering envelopes and would like to, please contact Julie Stephon at Church or @ 330-364-3270.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This year the Christmas Eve Service will be December 24th @ 5:30 pm. Please contact Dana Dawson or Emily Keith if you are interested in sharing special music, reading, or would like to help in any way.

Adult Christmas Social

All Adults are invited to attend the annual Christmas Social. This year they will be meeting out at Dutch Valley in Sugarcreek @ 5:00pm. Please contact Shirley Homan if you have any questions.



Interested in knitting or crocheting, OR learning how? Meet at the church, Dec. 13th, 7:00 pm. We'll share ideas, projects, fun and fellowship. Materials will be provided.

Congregational Meetings:

Starting **December 13th**, there will be a Quarterly Congregational Meeting before the Board Meetings. The Meetings will begin @ 6:00pm.

2008 Schedule of Meetings:

January 24th, 2008 - 6:00pm

April 24th, 2008 - 6:00pm

July 24th, 2008 - 6:00pm

October 23rd, 2008 - 6:00pm

Congratulations to Harp Dursik who was Baptized Sunday evening, November 18th @ the Church!!!



Tim & Liz Remillard placed their membership at the church on Sunday, November 18th. Remember to welcome them to their new church home.



Nursing Care Centers:

Winona Gilbertson – Park Village
Laura Eames-Luyster –Park Village
Janet Welch – Amberwood
Bob Coffee – Park Village
Edgar Evans – Park Village

Shut-Ins:

Annabelle Vandevort – home
Velda Kistner - home

Special Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the family of **Hans Bichsel** (Cathryn Neidig's cousin) who passed away Monday, 11- 26
Marsha Schrock (Bridgewater's daughter) biopsy 11-26
Carrie Anders – 3 broken toes on right foot
Harv Ankrom & Harv Ankrom II (friends of Shirley Homan) both suffering from cancer
Barry Oiler – surgery postponed/ he will be wearing a special boot for 8 mos.

Praises:

Glen Griffith – home
Kay McClelland - home
Rick Powell (friend of Homan's) test results came back negative
Marge Neidig –home after knee replacement surgery 11-8-2007
Timothy Thomas (Ray Beal's grandson) home and doing much better

STAFF AT DOVER FCC

Our Elders:

Ray Beal
Jeff Neidig
Ken Parrott
Charles Raffle

Our Deacons:

Bill Leeper
Paul Mowrey
Dan Oswald
Ken Page

Our Trustees:

Bob Anders
Darrell Douglas
Brad Fuller
Travis McClelland
Phil Miller
David Schwarm
Chuck Snyder
Joe Stephon
Keith Stutzman

Church Secretary:

Emily Keith

Treasurer:

Julie Stephon

Wee Worship:

Linda DeVore
Ouna Goins

Youth Group:

Joe & Julie Stephon

Nursery Coordinator:

Cathryn Neidig

***Child of Promise:
A Prayer for Christmas Morning***

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Who are you little baby? Who are you little Christchild, lying so quietly in manger straw? Who are you that angels should herald your presence and stars announce your birth? That wisemen and shepherds -- the high and the low -- should bow before you? Who are you, child of Bethlehem, son of David? What is your future? What is your promise?

Seven centuries before your birth the ancient Scriptures speak of you...

For to us a child is born,
To us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulders,
And his name will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
There will be no end.*

What is this government? What is this peace, O Christmas baby? Are you a warrior-to-be? Are you a king? What promise do you hold?

How can you be the Mighty God while flecks of straw, blown from the stable floor, dot your fine hair? How is this?

How can you be the Everlasting Father while not yet an hour old? How is it?

How can you be a Wonderful Counselor before you've learned? A teacher before you've been taught? What is the wellspring of your wisdom?

What is this mystery set before us, enigmatic newborn lying in a stable manger, born of parents poor, yet destined for this greatness? You must be the One we've hoped for, longed for all our lives. The One who will set us free from our depressions and oppressions, within and without.

Little wonder angels cannot contain their Good News of Great Joy. Little wonder heavenly host sing in chorus,

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men....**

Be my peace, O Prince of Peace. Let its gentle, joyful blanket comfort my nervous soul, and still the warring of your earth.

Be my government, O Christ. Govern not my own heart only, but also this desperate world in which I live.

Be my Everlasting Father and my Counselor. By your counsel guide me out of confusion and turmoil into the sunlight that always shines above my low-lying clouds.

Welcome, Christchild. All my life I have needed you. O Child of Promise, this Christmas morning I give to you my heart. Amen.

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