

Christmas Baskets



WestWay will be delivering Christmas baskets to deserving families at WestWay. If you would like to donate money for this, please look for Missi Prohs in the foyer before and after church each Sunday until December 11th. Suggested donation this year is \$35, but a gift of any amount will help.

Go Green and be a good steward of church resources. If you have email, you can receive the Update via email and help the church save postage and paper costs. To receive the Update via email, contact the church office by calling 635-2654 or email scott@westwaychurch.com and state; "I would like my update emailed!"

Important 2011 Tax Information

If you would like a giving statement from the church regarding your 2011 giving, please indicate this on your white friendship card, or contact Scott in the church office. Statements will be mailed to you in late January.

For gifts to the church to appear on your 2011 giving statement they need to be placed in the offering on or before Sunday, December 25th. Gifts received after this date, even if they are dated in 2011 will appear on your statement for 2012. Receipts for non-cash gifts need to be turned into the office with an explanation of what the gift was. If you have any questions regarding your giving, contact Scott in the church office.

Pastoring Elders

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| Jon Arnold | 672-9930 | Dwight Barrett | 436-7339 |
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| Milton Mott | 632-8078 | Aaron Prohs | 436-2015 |
| Scott Reisig | 631-0956 | Dave Robinson | 631-6918 |
| John Thomas | 623-2636 | | |

Please pray for our Missionaries:

- Dale & Huey Mason
- Summit Christian College
- Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
- White Water Christian Church in Laramie, WY
- Marilyn Cook / Mission to South Africa / Grace Place
- Myanmar Christian Mission

You may activate the prayer chain by calling the church office at 635-2654.

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Update December 2011

Christmas Eve Communion Service
 Saturday, December 24th, 2011 at 6pm

Christmas Day Celebration Service
 Sunday 10:15am / No Sunday School



Glory to God in the highest & on earth peace to men....
 Luke 2:14

55 & Alive
 Saturday, Dec 17th / 9am
 Tea Garden
 1900 South Beltline Hwy West, Scottsbluff
Notice the time change!
Hope to see you there!

WOW WOMEN OF WESTWAY

WOW ANNUAL CRAFT PARTY
 Ladies, are you excited? It is that time of year again, time for our annual craft party. It will be held on **Saturday December 10th from 9 AM - 1 PM in Room 107**. If you attend WestWay, we would like to see you come to our party. Each year we have so much fun! This year we will be making a *gingerbread house*, a *pinecone swag*, and a *food gift in a jar*. We will enjoy fellowship with one another and lunch is included. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (accompanied by an adult) under age 12. You must make your reservation in advance, and pay before the day of the craft party. Look for our sign-up table in the foyer on Sunday, November 27th and Sunday, December 3rd. Be there or be square!!

One
Incredible Moment
A Musical Celebrating the Majesty of the Manger

 Thursday, December 8 & Saturday, December 10
 7:00 PM
 WestWay Christian Church

Valley Women's Fellowship
 Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 / 6:30pm Supper
 Central Church of Christ / Gering, NE
 Speaking: Amber Berlin / Mission: Eastern Europe



John Petersen will be at the WestWay Christian Church, to share the good news of Jesus in a Gospel Concert on Sunday evening December 4th, at 6:00 pm. John has been singing gospel music for audiences of all kinds throughout the United States for most of his life, starting when he was a very young boy. His brother Tim Petersen and he traveled together some, after he graduated from high school, which started his full-time traveling ministry. After his older children became school age, he stopped traveling full-time for a while and served as a preacher for local churches, while his children grew to adulthood. The concert here, will be made up of a wide variety of types of songs, hymns, and spiritual songs, and maybe even just a fun song or two. John often shares some of his life experiences during the concerts, to give some personal examples of how God really is still in control, and is the one to turn to for ALL needs. All ages will find something to remember from this experience. Please plan to be here for this concert, and to bring a guest(s). A Love offering will be received at the concert for support of this ministry.

WORDS FROM WILLIE

In a heart that is selfish and filled with pride?
“Ready for Christmas, you’ve worked, that is true,
But you did those things you wanted to do.
Ready for Christmas-your circle is small;
Why you are not ready for Christmas at all!”
She awoke with a start and a cry of despair:
“There’s so little time, and I’ve still to prepare!
Oh, Father for give me, I see what you mean
To be ready is more that a house swept clean!
Yes, more than the giving of gifts and a tree,
It’s the heart swept clean that He wants to see.
A heart that is free from bitterness, sin.
Ready for Christmas and ready for him!
(Unknown)

Christmas is about Christ changing the world
one sinner at a time. Accepting Jesus Christ
as Savior and Lord of your life changes you to
be like him. If you’re not free from bitterness

and sin, if you’re not changed to be like
Jesus, then you’re not ready for Christmas.

*Blind (your name)! First clean the inside of
the cup and dish, and then the outside also
will be clean. (Matt 23:26)*

Join me in **December** praying and reading
through the book of **Luke** one chapter a day
starting December 1st. There are 24 chapters
in Luke, and reading a chapter a day will take
you up to Christmas Eve. It will bless you as
you let the gospel of Christ richly dwell in you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Praising Him, Jesus Christ,
Willie

Student Ministries—Mike Andrews

I want to ask you to be praying for Spring Thing
2012. I know it’s early, but as the plan comes to-
gether for the weekend, would you be praying that
God would be orchestrating it all to challenge young
people and strengthen His young Kingdom workers.

We’ll be challenged with the theme “Imminent
Crash.” This Kingdom is no accident though; we’re
not talking about a wreck. We’re talking about an
unstoppable church being led by His Spirit on Jesus’
mission to reconcile the world to His Father.

Did you know that a group of rhinos is called a
crash? Because of their capacity to pretty much
obliterate anything that stands in their way, they’ve
earned that name collectively. They can run about
30 miles an hour, but only see clearly about 10
yards ahead. Whatever obstacle stands in their way
will probably not stand long.

I think that’s a great picture for the church. As we
follow Christ, we shouldn’t have to see what’s way
down the road, only the next few steps. If the Spirit
says move, we better move! And in His power, we’ll
be able to knock down the walls that keep people
from seeing God.

The young generation today has so much potential.
They will (and already have) change things dramati-
cally. I can’t wait to see how they will change the
church and the world as they move collectively to
the sound of Jesus’ voice. Be praying that Spring
Thing would be greatly used by God to help them
identify His leading and the walls they are called to
break down. Be praying we’d be used to help stu-
dents understand what it means to be a church
worthy of the name we’ve been given.

Children’s Ministries - Joe Petersen

Dear Family,

It’s that month again. The scenery changes inside
and out. The music gets a new twist. The stores
are busier. Children are excited. Gifts are being
bought. Trips are being planned. Parties are being
attended. Special meals are planned. The smells
of candles and pine trees and cinnamon candy,
and fresh baked rolls and pies are in the air. Ah, it’s
Christmas! I pray it’s a merry season for you!

This year the children will be singing a couple of
songs in the Christmas Eve Service. We will be
practicing these songs on Sunday mornings and
Wednesday evenings each week until that time. I’ll

send home more specific information as to when
they will need to be here that night, and those
kinds of things in the next couple weeks.

With all the busy schedules and plans before us,
it’s easy to forget what the true reason for this
season is. Please be on your guard against that
and remind yourself of this verse, “*But in your
hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be
prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks
you to give the reason for the hope that you have.
But do this with gentleness and respect,*”

- 1 Peter 3:15

Happy Holidays to you all,
Joe

Marshall’s Moments

I wonder what Christmas means to our
missionaries? Take a moment and think
about Marilyn Cook in Africa with all she has
been through this last year and the burden for
the children. The scope of feeding nearly a
thousand children once a week, and then the
added burden of trying to give just a little
something for Christmas. WestWay, through
your giving to Faith Promise we were able to
help with the cost of these gifts. I believe
Marilyn’s Christmas joy comes from seeing
the smiles of the children.

I wonder what Christmas must be like for our
evangelists in Haiti and Myanmar? These
men and their families give of themselves all
year, asking nothing in return as they sacrifice
so much to take the precious gospel message
to others who have never heard. I wonder
what Christmas means to the people in these
countries who live in a one room hut, who
know nothing of black Friday, shopping

malls, or Christmas trees? I wonder what
Christmas joy would feel like to be thankful
for a bowl of rice.

I can remember the Christmas Cindy and I
spent in Russia and even though we were half
way around the world from our family we
were so thankful for all that God had lavished
on us. I remember the tears, but I don’t
remember if they were tears of joy and
thankfulness, or tears of loneliness.

Take some time this Christmas season and
prayerfully remember our missionaries
around the world. Don’t get caught up in all
the hustle and bustle of Christmas but get
caught up in the one whose birthday we
celebrate.

May Christ be the center of your Christmas
marshall

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

December 2011

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other announcements are found on the back side of this calendar. Make sure to flip it over and check it out!

1 1 Cor 9-11

Praise Team "B"
Practice at 5:30pm

2 1 Cor 12-14

3 1 Cor 15-16

4 2 Cor 1-4

Sunday School / 9am
Celebration / 10:15am

John Petersen
in Concert
(See Update for Details)

5 2 Cor 5-9

6 2 Cor 10-13

7 Acts 20:1-3,
Rom 1-3

Praise Team "C"
Practice at 5:30pm

Wednesday Night Activities
Pioneer Club / 7:00pm
6th Grade - Sr. High / 7:00pm

8 Rom 4-7

Panhandle Christian
Choir Association
Christmas Program
"One Incredible Moment"
(See Update for Details)

9 Rom 8-10

10 Rom 11-13

WOW Craft Party
(See Update for Details)
Panhandle Christian
Choir Association
Christmas Program
"One Incredible Moment"
(See Update for Details)

11 Rom 14-16

Sunday School / 9am
Celebration / 10:15am
Evening Service / 6pm

12 Acts 20:4-23:35

13 Acts 24-26

Valley Women's
Fellowship
(See Update for Details)

14 Acts 27-28

Wednesday Night Activities
Pioneer Club / 7:00pm
6th Grade - Sr. High / 7:00pm

15 Col 1-4, Phm 1

Soup Kitchen
Please Volunteer

Praise Team "A"
Practice at 5:30pm

16 Eph 1-6

17 Phil 1-4

18 1 Tim 1-6

Sunday School / 9am
Celebration / 10:15am
Evening Service / 6pm

19 Titus 1-3

20 1 Pet 1-5

21 Heb 1-6

Wednesday Night Activities
Pioneer Club / 7:00pm
6th Grade - Sr. High / 7:00pm

22 Heb 7-10

Praise Team "B"
Practice at 5:30pm

23 Heb 11-13

24 2 Tim 1-4



Christmas Eve
Communion Service
(See Update for Details)

25 2 Pet 1-3,
Jude 1



No Sunday School
Celebration / 10:15am
No Evening Service

26 1 Jn 1-5

Church Office Closed

27 2 Jn 1, 3 Jn 1

28 Rev 1-5

29 Rev 6-11

Praise Team "C"
Practice at 5:30pm

30 Rev 12-18

31 Rev 19-22

December

Birthdays

1. Lucille Lineback; Elise Troutman (Manda)
2. Jered Eskam / 3. David Griffiths
4. Jacque Clark (John) / 5. Shawna Conn
6. Ramona Handley; Huey Mason (missionary); Elizabeth Andrews (Mike); Manda Troutman
7. Amy Barrett; Steve Howe; Devin Kling; Cameron Harpold (Ivan)
8. Michelle Munoz; Maddison Hall; Megan O'Steen
9. Jordan Michal; Connie Dike; Jerry Smith
10. Michele Arnold
11. Zane Davis; Joshua Scanlan; Nick Harpold
12. Denise Prohs / 13. Jesse Leathermon
14. Ed Meininger; JT Jackson (Heather)
15. Dianne Kreiling; Marie Wong (Wing/missionary); Rebecca Olson; Vera Morgan
16. Nancy Powell; Abby Elliott; Braxton Sell (Josh); Roylene Todd
17. Jim Dietrich; Dustin Stephenson (Jean Wegelin)
18. Heather Jackson / 19. Tiffany Elder (Pam Kiltbau)
21. Dustin Jones; DJ Rico / 22. Rick Derr
23. T.J. Cline; Jeff Martin; Tammy Green; Debbie Schwartzkopf
24. LaWayne Klein; Randy Strom
25. Darlene Whitney; Alex Warfield (Cathy); Dion Campbell-Ojeda (Paul Ojeda) / 27. Sarah Quijas
28. Ellen Ritchey; Connie Hubbard; Jean Brown; Sarrah Troutman (Manda)
29. Susan Schoeneman; Kristy Pate; Brandon Ferreyra; Joey Jolliffe (Rick) / 31. Tyler McCarthy (Jolynn); Hector Garza

Our love and prayers are with:
Aaron & Denise Prohs and family
in the passing of
Wesley Richard "Dick" Prohs
(Aaron's grandfather / Denise's father-in-law)
on Sunday, October 30, 2011

Our love and prayers are with:
Virginia Ojeda and family in the passing of
Katheryn Reyes (Virginia's sister)
on Saturday, November 12, 2011

CONGRATULATIONS

To James & Kelsey Miller on the birth of their son,
Preston James Miller
on November 17, 2011 / 6 lbs. 13oz. / 19½ inches
Aunt - DeDe Miller
Grandparents - Jim & Linda Miller
Great - Grandparents: Doris Trout & Jean Blackburn

Anniversaries

4. Jerry & Lori Smith
14. Tim & Kathy Johns
15. Ed & Kay Meininger; Dan & Callie Weinreis
16. Paul & Bobbi Neideffer
18. Roger & Wanda Palmer
19. Fernando & Marie Perez
21. Dave & Chris Robinson
23. Larry & Phyllis Plummer; Paul & Sandra Palmer; Brent & Nadine Wearne
28. Dwight & Jenni Barrett; Myron & Kim Klein
30. Steve & Diana Haun
31. Manuel & Lisa Perez; Bryan & Pam Kiltbau

Additions and Changes to the Church Directory.
Please make the necessary changes.

Changes to the Directory:

Mike & Misty Smith

2565 Ponder Place
Gering, NE 69341

If you are subscribed to the online directory, these changes have already been made.

You can update your directory and view it anytime on your computer. Contact Scott in the church office to get connected to receive the online Church Directory.