

**MAYWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ DECEMBER 2010**  
**Only those who see the invisible accomplish the impossible**

**A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN**

*Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12*

Dear Church Family:

Every year at this time I seem to talk to you about Christmas gifts. Last year I shared about a Charlie McCarthy Mannequin I received as a boy! I couldn't wait to share it with everyone I saw! Have you been excited by a gift you received under the tree? What about the gift that God has given you at Christmas? Are you excited to share with people that gift?

Well God has given us the best gift ever: Eternal life through His Son Jesus. And this gift was announced by the Angels. This Christmas gift was sent because it says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the World that He sent His only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Wow, what a gift! You and I will receive so much more joy and happiness from this gift than from any gift we have ever received under the Christmas tree.

When I received Charlie McCarthy, I couldn't share Him enough with other people. I need to share God's gift even more that I shared my Charlie McCarthy gift. Charlie ended up wearing out, broken and in a box up in the attic! But the gift that Jesus gave is new everyday and lasts forever! What about you? Have you shared the gift He has given you with someone else? I want to encourage you right now to make this a Christmas Tradition: Sharing the Savior!

I have another question for you? I ask this question every year. What can you give Jesus as a gift for His birthday? Maybe you could give Him more of your time. Give Him more time in the study of His Holy Word, more time in adoration and praise, and more time in the work of His church. Ask God what gift you can give Him this year, He will show you.

May the love of Christ dwell in your hearts this season and years to come.  
The Bryden family is blessed to be at Maywood Community Church.  
God has indeed blessed me in being your pastor.

May the Lord bless you all this Christmas Season!

Pastor John, Kelly, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Abigail

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### P.U.S.H

### (Pray Until Something Happens)

We have arrived at the end of another year! What a great year it has been. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the church for all the gifts that were given to me this year. The youth group has seen a considerable growth in attendance and an amazing growth in relationships and friendships. Thanks to the might grace of Jesus Christ! It has been an honor to serve Maywood Church this year. I enjoy the privilege of watching the teens grow. Maywood has a great group of youth!

It has been a busy month and lots of activities. I am prayerfully looking forward to another great month of holiday celebration and activities with the youth group. I also get to celebrate the 12<sup>th</sup> year married to the love of my life! So as you can tell December is a great month for me and my family.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** is our first "parent's night out" fundraiser. The youth and several youth volunteers will be available from 6-9pm to babysit children as their parents get a night out on the town donations will be accepted and the funds raised will go to the youth account.

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** from 6-7:30pm will be the first annual "White Elephant Christmas party"; this is for youth 6th-12th grade. Lots of food and fun! Come and bring your friends. Bring a gift you found, a gift you don't want anymore, either because it's outdated, or it's the wrong size, obnoxious, tacky, it's out-of-style, atrocious, or just plain ugly!

Everyone brings a wrapped gift. Nobody should know which gift you brought so do not put your name on it! It should be an item that someone would actually want or use. (Or you could make it interesting and bring something totally off the wall) This gift could be new or in old condition.

Prepare slips of paper with numbers on them and have everyone draw one.

On the first turn, person #1 chooses a gift, opens it, and it is admired by all...you hope! On the second turn, person #2 gets the choice of "stealing" any unwrapped gift (#1's) or choosing a wrapped one. On the third turn, person #3 gets the choice of "stealing" any unwrapped gift(#1's or #2's) or choosing a wrapped one. Game continues based on the following:

1. - If a gift is stolen from you, you can steal a gift from someone else (see #3 and #4 below), or open a new one.
2. - Turns proceed until everyone has a gift. A turn is ended when a gift is opened and (hopefully) admired by everyone.
3. - A gift cannot be stolen more than once in a turn.
4. - The third "owner" of a gift gets to keep it - it is unavailable to be stolen again.

At the end of the last turn, the first person (who had no choice at the beginning) can choose to put back his or her gift and steal any gift that is still available - see #4 above. Then the gift "exchange" is started again (see #3 and #4 above) and ended when someone either chooses or is forced to take the gift given up by person #1.

Wrap the gift really pretty and "foo-foo" especially if it's a crank gift. It is so funny when everybody fights over a gift that is beautifully wrapped and then they open it and it's a bottle of ketchup or something!!!

Also if your gift is small wrap it up in a big box. You can even put one box in another and so on. Then the participant has to open numerous boxes. People love to choose the largest present, but then when they start opening it they realize its all paper and boxes and a tiny little gift inside!

As always please be in prayer for our youth and all that they have to face day to day. I pray that we all at Maywood "bridge the gap" and make the church a large group without age. I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and that we all pause to remember that the Infinite GOD came to earth in a finite body taking on all of our sins so that he would take the punishment and not us! What amazing love and Grace that we will never fully understand.

Joel Banister  
Associate Pastor of Maywood Community church  
Youth and Music

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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Open Communion will be available from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
There will be a special Candle Light Christmas Eve service at 8:00 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS EVE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
CHRISTMAS DAY: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
NEW YEARS EVE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>  
NEW YEARS DAY: SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011

Christmas must always start with Christ  
For He has saved us and changed our lives  
So let's keep the "Christ" in Christmas

From our family to yours  
Maywood Community Church Family  
Wishes all of you a  
Very Merry Christmas  
And a Blessed New Year

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Ladies Council Christmas Luncheon  
December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



Program & Social Hour, Catered Luncheon & Installation of 2011 Officers.  
(\$5.00) Gift exchange optional.

At our November meeting the Nominating Committee,  
Lois Moon, Marilyn Mosley & Barbara Zimmer presented a roster  
for officers to serve next year.

This roster was approved.

2011 officers will be:

President Pat Rogers

Vice-president Beverly Howard,

Secretary Karen Ferbezar

Treasurer Joyce Cunningham.

Thanks to your generous donations and an successful bazaar we are proud to  
announce that for Christmas we will be donating to many organizations.

\$500 to God's Mountain &

\$300 to each of the following,

Salvation Army, Harvesters, Cancer Action, Cross Lines, City Union Mission

We will be giving \$1000, divided between four local school districts,  
for families needing some help.

We also have set aside some cash to help other families this holiday season.

If you know of someone in need, please call Joyce Cunningham,  
our Mission Chairman @ 721-2096.



Council will be setting up a "Help Keep Us Warm" Christmas Tree, for children and  
adults.

This will be for hats, socks, gloves/mittens, scarves.

***Help us fill this tree with warmth.***

We will see that an organization helping others will receive these items.

Council Christmas party December 16<sup>th</sup> is open to all ladies of Maywood.  
Please call Beverly Howard @ 299-4412 if you plan on attending. Ladies please join  
us.

*Council Members would like to wish you a  
Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.*

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**SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY GREETERS**  
**2011**

Names will be posted in Sunday's bulletin and in the monthly newsletter.  
If the following schedule does not work for you please call  
or switch with any other greeter.

More greeters needed.

Please call the church office if you are interested in serving in the ministry.

	<b><u>8:30 service</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 service</u></b>
January	Betty & Darrel Denny	Rick & Carol Gaster
February	Beverly & Kenneth Howard	David & Sandy Moon
March	Sue Anne & Larry Breedlove	Janis Riggs
April	Lois & Ted Moon	Kurt & Laura Ulreich
May	Volunteers needed	Dorothy & Charlie Caldwell
June	Marilyn & Jack Mosley	Susie & Bill Montgomery
July	Vera & Bob Shutz	Alaina & Jon Montgomery
August	Kelly McGrath & Karen Uzelac	Linda & Jim Ulreich
September	Phyllis Rutler & Charlotte Daniels	Sabrina & Jay Slapper
October	Pat Rogers	Volunteers needed
November	Kerry & John Green	Gretchen Peirsol & Steve Peirsol
December	Cyndi Berry & Tom Elliott	Frank & Linda Nelson

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**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER**

	<b>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</b>	<b>11:00 A.M. SERVICE</b>
<b>12/05/10</b>	Sabrina Slapper & Candy Wagner	Kelly Bryden & Laura Ulreich
<b>12/12/10</b>	Karen Uzelac & Kelly McGrath	Kevin & Christy Hardwick
<b>12/19</b>	Lana Howe & Andrea Strick	Jon & Alaina Montgomery
<b>12/26/10</b>	Gretchen Peirsol & Meghan Theiss	David & Sandy Moon

**We are looking for volunteers who love kids that would be willing  
to help out in the nursery .**

**If you are interested in helping, please contact Fay Ward at 299-4841.**

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**SERVICE WORSHIP TIMES**

**8:30 a.m.** Traditional

**11:00 a.m.** Contemporary

**10:00 a.m.** Sunday School

Board Meeting will be **Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Board meetings are for all Deacons & Trustees.

Did you know? The church leadership is always open to hearing from the congregation.

Do you have a suggestion for a new ministry or how we can glorify the Lord through our church?

Please fill out a piece of paper and drop it in the suggestion box on the information table at the back of the church.

Please include your name so we can properly respond to your suggestion.

Men's Ministry Breakfast **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

Men's Ministry Breakfast is for all men, young and old.

Feel free to bring a guest.

Business Meeting **Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to attend the business meeting.

You must be a member to vote on any decisions being made for the church.

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**LADIES FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY**

The last Ladies Fellowship Bible Study will be Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

The group will resume after the Christmas holidays, weather permitting.

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**SALVATION ARMY ANGELS**

Thank you for your donations to this wonderful program and for making a difference in a child's life. Without your kindness and generosity, 75 children would not have had a Christmas. You have made a difference in a child's life.

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*What Christmas Is All About*

Christmas will always be for us  
A time to reflect on Christ  
The gift God gave to all the world  
Was the gift of His life

We know Christmas is not about tinsel  
Nor fancy Christmas wreaths  
Nor is it about all the decorations  
That adorns our Christmas trees

And it's not about Holly or Mistletoe  
Hanging from our doors  
Nor is it about the gifts that are left  
By the jolly Santa Claus

Christmas is more than all of this  
And the only reason why  
We celebrate Christ's birth together  
And the wonder of His life

So remember as you celebrate  
Just what it's all about  
And invite the Lord to join with you  
Instead of leaving Him out

For He will always be the reason  
We celebrate this day  
No substitute the world may offer  
Can take that meaning away

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# Merry Christmas

Maywood Community Church  
2010 Christmas Celebration  
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2010  
Time: 6:30pm

It's a Christmas Celebration! Join us on December 19<sup>th</sup>  
for the 2010 Christmas celebration.

All of the children have been working very hard in preparation for the program  
this year and would like to invite you all to see their performance.

There will be a cookie reception following the Christmas Program  
in the church kitchen.

We are looking for volunteers to bring 2-3 dozen cookies each for the reception.

If you would like to donate, please leave the cookies in the church kitchen on  
December 19<sup>th</sup> or contact Rachel Ulreich at (913) 515-0602.

Thank you for supporting the Children's Christmas Program  
and we look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,  
Rachel Ulreich  
Laura Ulreich  
Kelly Bryden