



# The Branch

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## THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, for the retirement party you gave me on December 19. I truly did not expect a recognition event, nor think it necessary. But because you are such gracious and generous people, you went over and above in expressing your appreciation. Thank you so much for all the kind words, cards, gifts and well-wishes. Charlie and I will miss you more than you can ever imagine. Let's pray for one another, asking God's blessing and guidance in the months and years ahead. He is faithful and will continue to lead both us and you. Again, our heartfelt thanks.

----- *Martha Starr*

## RECOGNITION / RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP FOR MARTHA STARR

Martha's retirement was celebrated on Sunday, December 19, 2010 in the Fellowship Hall from 4-6pm. It was a time for Martha to meet with well-wishers and share memories of past years.

Those years spanned 24 and even more if we consider the time Martha spent with the church prior to her service as Minister of Christian Education.

Several members of the congregation gave a splendid presentation, which included speeches, a poem, a presentation of flowers and money tree, a presentation of a scrapbook and a little ditty sung by Jack Wolgemuth.

A few tears were shed and lots of laughter and smiles. There was plenty of food and a plethora of stories.

We will truly miss Martha. She will leave a great void in our church family.

*Diane Wagner*



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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

The full import of my retiring is dawning on me slowly. This will be my last Christmas and New Year's as your pastor. It really does make me sad. Terry and I will have invested twenty-three years here by this summer. It makes me sad, maudlin, nostalgic, and yes, ever excited all at the same time.

I just finished my Christmas sermon for December 19. By the time you read this you probably will have forgotten. I asked the big question, "What does it mean?", and concluded that: 1. God knows (you, me) and (you/I) am important; 2. God loves (you, me) and (your/my) life counts; and 3. God believes in (you/me) and (your/my) faith counts.

I find solace in that; it is truth I can live with.

*Pastor Jim*

**CARTOON**



**JANUARY SERMON SCHEDULE**

I will preach till I leave from the Sermon on the Mount titled – Sermons from the Sermon

- 2 Blessed are the poor in Spirit
- 9 Blessed are they that mourn
- 16 Blessed are the Meek
- 23 Blessed are the hungry and thirsty
- 30 Blessed are the Merciful



**OUR MISSION**

**We strive to be:**

- A community where people meet Christ;
- A family where people encourage one another in Christ;
- A school where people become Disciples of Christ.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS REPORT**

As you know, our yearly Christmas offerings come from the Christmas Eve Service as well as the Christmas Worship services (Dec. 19). This year, the Church Board decided to give each organization a predetermined amount (see below) with the balance of the offering going to our General Fund.

Organizations receiving donations from LBIC this year were:

**To our cross-cultural workers:**

- \$100 to Hope Newcomer
- \$200 to Clinton and Christina Simmons
- \$200 to Krista and Philip

**\$100 to each to the following ministries:**

- American Cancer Society
- Child Evangelism Fellowship/Good News Club
- No Longer Alone Ministries
- Paxton Ministries
- LOVE, Inc. (Love in the Name of Christ)
- Hospice of Lancaster County
- Queen City Farms, Buffalo, NY
- LAVORP (Lancaster Area Victims Offenders Reconciliation Program)
- Water Street Ministries
- MCC Materials Resource Center

## MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS

### Please pray & offer praise for:

- **The Connect Group**, meeting on alternate Sundays. Pray that members grow in their walk with Christ and that they grow in their commitment to His work in the church.
- **The Good News Club** at Bucher Elementary school. We began our club on October 21 with 17 children and our average attendance is now 25 with over 30 on the attendance role. Regular invitations for children to accept Jesus as their Savior are provided and there have been results! Praise God!
- **Pray that our Church Budget** will end the year with a positive balance, and **Praise God for the great November and early December offerings!**
- **Praise God for a December 5 offering of over \$30,000!**
- **Continue to pray for LBIC as we begin a search for a pastor.** Pray that we will discover God's will and that He will prepare a pastor for LBIC.



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP UPDATE

With the retirement of Martha Starr as Minister of Christian Education at the end of December 2010 and the retirement of Pastor Jim, senior pastor, this article will answer some of the frequently asked questions regarding how LBIC will proceed with CEC ministries.

1. Are we going to hire a new CEC director?  
Not at this time. The Church Board of Directors has determined that because Pastor Jim is also retiring in the summer of 2011, it would be prudent to continue the CEC ministries with our capable CEC volunteers until a new pastor joins us and has opportunity to experience our ministries. At such time, a decision will be made regarding replacing staff members.
2. Were current CEC volunteers aware that they would be working without a CEC director's assistance?  
Yes. All CEC and Children's Leadership Team (CLT) members as well as Church Board members were invited to a meeting in late October to review positions and responsibilities and how to proceed following Martha's retirement. At that time, each ministry was reviewed and decisions on how to staff them were decided.
3. Was it a difficult process finding people to lead ministries?  
God was working in many people's hearts and volunteers stepped up without hesitation! All jobs are filled and people are excited about their opportunity to serve.
4. What about those ministries that Martha personally directed such as the Wednesday morning mom's groups, and chairing CEC?  
Volunteers within the groups will lead the groups. They are capable and will use Martha's model to continue meaningful group sessions. CEC is being led by Diane Wagner until after Annual Council, at which time new CEC members are elected and a chairperson will be determined.
5. What is the process for finding a new senior pastor?  
Bishop Nate Yoder has been in contact with LBIC and is fully aware of the need for a new senior pastor. He preached at LBIC on November 14 and read Pastor Jim's letter of retirement to the congregation at that time. Since then, Bishop Nate has scheduled a meeting with the Pastoral Committee (Church Board members minus the current pastor) to discuss the process and to obtain input from the Pastoral Committee members. Bishop Nate will assist us in all decisions involving a new pastor.
6. What can we do as the LBIC family?  
Pray that God will prepare a senior pastor.

*Bill Ziegler*

## VISION UPDATE

Many of you have been asking about the **Connect group**. The Vision Team believed that there were church couples who would appreciate an opportunity to gather regularly with a defined purpose. As a result, Freys and Millers began discussing the possibilities, targeting couples and singles who would benefit, and attended a "small group" seminar at LCBC in late October. Meanwhile the **Connect Group** started in early October and has had huge success! With a small start on the first meeting of 8, subsequent meetings have seen the group grow to 15! The group meets on alternate Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Church House kitchen. They fellowship around food, study God's word, pray with each other, and discuss common interests and issues facing them. This is NOT a Bible Learning Class. CONNECT groups are designed for 4 to 6 couples or singles of similar interests with a shared goal of growing in their Christian faith. Through topical discussions and social interaction, group members develop strong relationships with one another, with Christ and with the church. Group leaders invite potential group members to participate and meeting times are scheduled around group participants' needs. Participants can expect a comfortable non-threatening environment for sharing and learning, an avenue for Christian discipleship (learning how to follow and serve Christ) and beneficial and long-lasting relationships with other Christians and with the church.

Plans are being discussed regarding starting a second group! Pray for this viable ministry as it grows and develops!

*Bill Ziegler*



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## NICARAGUA TRIP, EARLY SUMMER, 2011

Ever have a desire to experience another culture, or share your faith with those of another language? Or an opportunity for those who have already lived overseas in other settings to compare experiences? This is the opportunity of a lifetime. Plans are being made for a team from Lancaster BIC to spend a week in Nicaragua this June/July time frame; after teachers and students are finished for the year. Marshall Poe (life-long missionary to Nicaragua) will be our facilitator; Marshall travels to Nicaragua several times a year and he will be going there again in a month or so to check out the details of where we will be going and what we will be doing. Male or female, young or old, there will be something for you to do. You will be responsible to cover the cost of the trip; you will be strongly encouraged to find prayer and financial sponsors to support you on this trip. You will be given the opportunity to share with the BIC church members from a local church in ways that you have never done before. (There will be several along who can help translate between English & the local Spanish language). You will return with a new sense of thankfulness for having had the opportunity to pray and share with Nicaraguan BIC church members. Interested in finding out more about such a trip? See Dave Warfel or Shandi Santos and they will add you to the "interested" list. Nothing will be finalized until Marshall returns from his next trip, but it's not too early to make tentative plans now.

*Dave Warfel*

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST AND A SHORT SWAP MISSION

On December 10, six of our LBIC men travelled to Chauncey, West Virginia to assist a young family who is expecting twins in February. Their mobile home needs a roof before winter. The father, Billy, is trying to repair the home; however, it is more than he can handle. The WV SWAP director alerted John Kreider of the need, and a crew from LBIC quickly volunteered and left on Friday, Dec. 10 at noon. They returned on Sunday evening, Dec. 12. The work involved building a frame to support a new peaked roof above the trailer. Please continue to pray for this young family as they prepare to welcome twins into their dry home, and **Praise God** for disciples who answer His call!

*Bill Ziegler*



## WINTER OUTREACH TEAM

Help our BIC Brothers and Sisters in Zimbabwe!!

**WINTER OUTREACH TEAM**

**April 15-30, 2011**

The project is a renovation of the girls' dorm at Ekuphelani Bible Institute (EBI). No professional experience required.

Trip cost is \$900 plus airfare (includes all in-country food/lodging/project donation)

Adults, Families, Retirees  
We need more team members  
**JOIN NOW!!!**

For information contact Steve at: 717-264-7767

Or email: [office@priority1ministries.org](mailto:office@priority1ministries.org)

You can print an application from the website:

website: [www.priority1ministries.org](http://www.priority1ministries.org)



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS & BUDGET APPROVAL MEETING

### LBIC ANNUAL COUNCIL

January 9, 2011 Annual Church Council will be held following worship and a light lunch. Annual Council occurs only one time a year. It is your opportunity to be a part of the business of the church; a time to discover how the church operates; a time to make a commitment to give your time, talents and treasures for the New Year! The yearly "Annual Council" is a business meeting when each church commission and committee enters a written report including the business his or her group implemented for the previous year. Each church member receives the report booklet in advance. In addition, elections are held for various openings for Church Board, Deacons, Trustees, Christian Education, Personnel, and Finance commissions. Because of staggered terms on each commission, each year elections are held to fill the open spots.

Finally, the new church general budget is approved. A budget review already happened in December. The budget was presented by the church treasurer, Steve Crider. Those in attendance were able to ask questions about any portion of the budget.

Please plan to join your church family for this important Annual Council.

**DATE: Sunday, January 10, 2010 following worship and lunch (by donation). Childcare is available. Please register your need in the narthex.**

*Bill Ziegler*

### OUR VISION

"Fulfill the Great Commission in Manheim Twp. & be a visible spiritual force in the community."



## Music Notes

*Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and SHOUT for joy! Psalm 33:3*

### THE FIRST NOEL – CHRISTMAS EVE 2010

A huge THANK YOU! to the Christmas Choir members and instrumentalists for their hard work and dedication during an already busy time of year. I certainly hope you and your family was able to attend and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, during the Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful New Year!

### LBIC CHRISTMAS CAROLING

This year, folks from the LBIC congregation met on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to travel to two destinations in hopes of spreading Christmas cheer to our friends and neighbors in the community.

Nearly 21 carolers and instrumentalists traveled to enjoy the warmth of indoor caroling (and thank goodness since it was a balmy 28 degrees outside!) Special thanks to the Long, Muskens, Poe, Seiger and Starr families, as well as Kristy Snyder, Jim Yoder, Bill Ziegler, Jordon Groff, Dave Warfel, and Lloyd Melhorn for representing LBIC during our time of caroling. Thank you to Rose Long for bringing her accordion and Jordan Groff for joining us with his baritone saxophone.

Our first stop was at the Berean Bookstore in Lancaster where we spent about 30 minutes spreading Christmas joy through our favorite Christmas carols.

The final stop was at the new Manheim Township Library. This was a special evening at the library – Santa was there to greet all of the children. The event attracted nearly 200 folks from the community and LBIC was able to serenade them for the last 30-40 minutes of the event. The library staff was so appreciative for our contribution that we were asked to make this an annual stop!

“Glad tidings to you, wherever you go; Glad tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!”

### ADULT CHOIR – JANUARY 2011 SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday-2<sup>nd</sup></b> –	No Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday-5<sup>th</sup></b> –	6:30-8:00pm Rehearsal
<b>Sunday-9<sup>th</sup></b> –	10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
<b>Wednesday-12<sup>th</sup></b> –	6:30-8:00pm Rehearsal
<b>Sunday-16<sup>th</sup></b> –	10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
<b>Wednesday-19<sup>th</sup></b> –	6:30-8:00pm Rehearsal
<b>Sunday-23<sup>rd</sup></b> –	10:00am Rehearsal (sing during 10:30am service)
<b>Wednesday-26<sup>th</sup></b> –	6:30-8:00pm Rehearsal
<b>Sunday-30<sup>th</sup></b> –	No Adult Choir

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR – JANUARY 2011 SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday-2<sup>nd</sup></b> –	No Rehearsal
<b>Sunday-9<sup>th</sup></b> –	11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
<b>Sunday-16<sup>th</sup></b> –	11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
<b>Sunday-23<sup>rd</sup></b> –	11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
<b>Sunday-26<sup>th</sup></b> –	10:00am Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (sing during 10:30am service)

Nicole J. Siegel  
LBIC - Director of Music Ministries  
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njsiegel@comcast.net – e-mail

## JUST DO IT Church/Community Sports

### Pilates

Pilates is open to anyone each Monday evening at 7:30 pm. The group meets in the gym and is led by Kristy Snyder. Stop in and get fit! Those winter doldrums are about to set in!

### Basketball

Weekly basketball began Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and will meet each Monday evening at 7:30 pm. David Snyder organizes this sport.

### Volleyball

Weekly Volleyball meets each Tuesday evening at 7 pm. Matt Warfel, Jack Wolgemuth and John Kreider organize this sport.

### Over 30 Basketball (Play at your own pace)

Over 30 Basketball meets each Thursday evening at 7 pm. Pastor Jim and John Snyder organize this sport.



## SOUP AND SONG FOR A WINTER EVENING

Have you ever been to a "Sub, Salad & Song" evening? On January 13 at 6:PM you are invited to a Soup and Song in the Fellowship House. This is a casual occasion to gather for supper, than move to the piano to sing your favorite songs from the old red songbook while Mabel plays the piano. You say you don't sing – that's fine, you are still more than welcome to join us, and we'll even sing some of your favorite song choices.

Go to the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board and sign one of the areas.

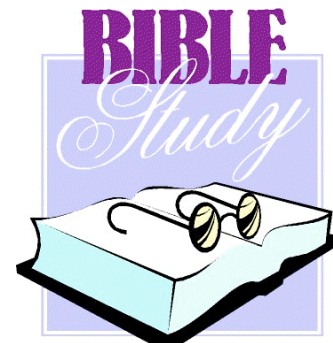


## NEW BIBLE STUDY PLANNED

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study is beginning a new book study on January 11. The book is I Corinthians.

We welcome other women to join us 8:15-9:15 AM in the church library. Our meetings consist of a time of sharing and giving prayer requests, prayer, and our book study.

Contact Carolyn Groff if you have interest in attending or questions.



**LIBRARY NEWS**

**You can find it in our Library . . .**

Here at Lancaster BIC we subscribe to *Brethren in Christ History & Life*.

This little booklet is published three times a year by our denomination. It includes a variety of articles on subjects of current interest, biographies, book reviews and sometimes letters to the editor.

The latest issue includes the following:  
by Dwight Thomas, "They Brought a Kodak: The Earliest Photographs of Brethren in Christ Missionaries in Africa,"

by Ruth Dourte, "Reflections of an Octogenarian,"

by Darleen Maust, "Never Say Never: The Art Work of Darleen Maust,"

by Nathan E. Yoder, "Refracted through Anabaptist Lenses: Doctrine, Piety, Nonconformity, and Mission,"

by Youngson Palibendipo, "Ephraim Disi: A Tribute,"

by Jane Meyers, "preparing for Love Feast,"

and more.

You will find these books in the middle section on your left when you enter the library. Our set of *Brethren in Christ History & Life* is complete and reading past editions is an excellent source of enjoyable reading on Brethren in Christy history.

- C. Groff



**SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTS**

Don't forget Scrapbooking & Crafts will be on January 14 from 7-9pm. Please join us for fellowship and crafting. It is a relaxing time to enjoy your hobby and the company of some really great women.

Come with your craft and a small snack to share if you wish.

Need help with a new craft endeavor? We are here to help. Get those pictures organized. Get baby's first year in an album. Create a perfect scrapbook gift for graduation or an upcoming wedding or anniversary. We can get you started.

Hope to see you there!

*Diane Wagner*



Submissions to the Branch should be emailed to [brancheditor@gmail.com](mailto:brancheditor@gmail.com) or placed in the designated mailbox at LBIC.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Lauren Weaver
- 4 Alex Tomassetti
- 6 Jonah Eastep
- 9 Rosemary Rineer
- 10 Eric Miller
- 11 Jim Boyer
- 11 Joanne Felix
- 11 Shantee Reitzel
- 12 Charlotte Espenshade
- 19 Lisa Sanders
- 19 Jane Forbes
- 20 Steve Smith
- 22 Carl Sollenberger
- 22 Geoff Dissinger
- 23 Ronnie Gant
- 23 Lauren Weaver
- 29 Terry Ernst
- 29 Isa Warfel
- 30 Kyle Thrush
- 31 Paul Landis
- 31 Greg Seiger



**GAME NIGHT AT THE SANTOS'**




All Late 20 Something's are invited to the Santos' house Jan 21 at 7:00 pm for a night of fun and fellowship! Bring your favorite game to play! Invite a friend! Let's see how many people we can cram into their apartment! Their address is 7 Welsh Dr., Apt A, Lancaster, PA 17601.



January



# 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning classes 9:00 Connect group 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship class 10:50 Children's Worship	3	4 Toddler Gym Vision Team	5	6	7 8:30 Walk & Wellness Gym Time Plus	8 7:00 Men's Bible Study
9 8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning classes 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS & BUDGET APPROVAL MEETING – Following lunch	10	11 8:15 Ladies Bible study Toddler Gym 7pm CEC mtg Worship commission	12	13	14 Gym Time Plus 7pm Scrapbooking & Crafts	15 7:00 Men's Bible Study
16 8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning Classes 9:00 Connect group 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship class 10:50 Children's Worship	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day 	18 8:15 Ladies Bible study Toddler Gym	19	20	21 8:30 Walk & Wellness Gym Time Plus	22 7:00 Men's Bible Study Movie Night (tentative) <b>BRANCH DEADLINE</b>
23/30 8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning classes 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship	24/31 Church Board Meeting	25 8:15 Ladies Bible study Toddler Gym	26	27	28 Gym Time Plus	29

**CRAVE CALENDAR**

**January**

- 5 Volunteer's Meeting (NO CRAVE)
- 19 Gym Night
- 28 Fire/Kick the Can

**February**

- 2 Paxton St. Game Night
- 16 Gym Night
- 18-21 Senior High Retreat

**March**

- 2 Roller Skating
- 4-5 Jump Start Retreat
- 16 Gym Night

**FIRE AND GAME NIGHT**

On January 28 CRAVE is having a Fire and Game Night! Starting at 6:30 pm there will be a fire, snacks, and outside games. Dress warm! This event is dependent on the weather. Friends are invited to join. Please sign up on Shandi's office door if planning on attending. Watch church mailbox for more info!

**MEMORY VERSES**

The following Primary Sunday School class students, Grades 1-3, have completed all of their assigned memory verses for the Fall 2010 Quarter. Excellent work, students!

- Paige Eastep
- Carrie Gordon
- Jared Gordon
- Kyle Thrush
- Kameron Yoder
- Logan Weaver

Congratulate them when you see them. :) *Patty Ziegler*

**GOOD NEWS CLUB**



Want to be a part of spreading The Good News? Recently Pastor Jim stated that statistics show that only 5% of Christians say they led someone to Christ! Well, here is your chance. Read this report and you may see that there are jobs waiting for you with our Good News Club, and the opportunity to witness for Christ happens each Thursday at Club! Oh, and just in: Praise God! A first grader asked Jesus to be his Savior on Thursday, Dec. 16!

We have already completed our first semester of Good News Clubs at Bucher Elementary School. It seems like we just began! At a recent club meeting, Carol Farmer, a Child Evangelism Fellowship staff member (and a member of Conroy BIC) visited our club. Following the club, she shared the following with us regarding how our club has progressed. (paraphrased)

"I am impressed with the professionalism, the excitement demonstrated by leaders, the unity, the receptiveness of the kids, and the evidence that the kids are learning and responding positively couldn't be better news! Praise God! Your efforts each week are bringing good results for the Kingdom."

Jessica Gordon, the administrative assistant who keeps all the other leaders organized and on task also reported that several parents have shared observations that helped confirm that the club is meeting the spiritual needs of kids. Their kids "want" to do their daily devotions (Wonder book devotional) and "look forward to club each week"! How cool is that!

These positive comments are the reason our club is growing! With 30 on our list and an attendance on December 9 of 26, (3 new 5th graders and a 3rd grader) we have much to be joyful about. God gave his Son to us and we are sharing His Good News with our community.

On a practical note, it is wonderful that this handful of children have donated \$58 toward the Good News sponsored missions program and have also earned enough "bucks" to earn a year-end party! It is hard to believe that our first semester as a Club has already drawn to a close. We had a Christmas party with cookies baked by LBIC members. God is blessing this club and we are energized as we look forward to semester two...starting in February!

The vision team members are: Jessica Gordon, Amanda Guito, Bill Rhinier, Phyllis Sauder, Sandy Stauffer, Bill and Patty Ziegler, and Jay Zimmerman.

*Bill Ziegler*



## PRESCHOOL NEWS


It is really hard to believe that the preschool classes have finished for the year and will not return until after the New Year's holiday. The older class worked hard creating Christmas jingle shakers that they gave to all the children in the Gym Time Plus Classes and the Mom's group. There were smiles all around as the little ones got a new toy and the preschoolers felt good about doing something nice for others. Besides that, the class worked super hard on a holiday program for their families. They even took a little trip to the local elementary school to watch their holiday program and get some inspiration!

The toddler class had fun learning about Christmas, too. There was a tree to decorate, a nativity scene for them to play with, and crafts to make. We read lots of stories and sang songs. They enjoyed an in-class party with a yummy snack and a special viewing of "A Charlie Brown Christmas".

To make all the special events happen this month, we needed lots of help. We had several parents join us on our field trip, Shelly Crider helped in the kitchen while we made cookies for our holiday program, and DeAnne Thrush came in to help dress up the children for the program so that we could act out the nativity scene. Thanks to each for your help, many were blessed by your efforts and each event would have been less enjoyable without them.

*Jessica Gordon*





## From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

1. Good	Righteousness
2. Death	Children
3. Go	Life
4. Evil	Come
5. Adults	Bad

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are \_\_\_\_\_, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV  
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of \_\_\_\_\_." John 8:12, NIV  
(2)

"I have \_\_\_\_\_ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV  
(3)

"For what do \_\_\_\_\_ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"  
2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV  
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as \_\_\_\_\_ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV  
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children

# The Branch

## The Staff

### *Senior Pastor*

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## Did You Know...

- ✓ Amanda Guito and Bill Rhinier are engaged to be married?
- ✓ that trustees are seeking a volunteer to clean the sanctuary?
- ✓ that we have received one donation toward the Family Life Center dedication plaque since the last issue of BRANCH?
- ✓ that the audio team is in need of Sunday Morning worship audio assistance? Can you push a button? You're hired! Please see Gary Groff or Bill Ziegler.
- ✓ that the Good News Club had a Christmas Party with cookies compliments of Seigers, Wolgemuths, Zieglers, John and Susan Snyder and Shaidas?
- ✓ that you can listen to sermons on the church web site? [www.lanbic.org](http://www.lanbic.org). Click on the sermon you want to listen to under the heading: "Most Recent Sermons" located on the front page of the web site. Then, click on the play arrow and listen.
- ✓ that you can submit articles at anytime to the BRANCH? It would be great to hear what some of you have to say about church related topics.
- ✓ that there is a pair of lady's eyeglasses in the church office? They were found two weeks ago.
- ✓ that there is an adult-sized eyeglass lens that was found and is also in the church office?
- ✓ That Dalia David, Kristi Reitzel and April Young were the key volunteers for Sunday morning practices for the Children's Christmas program? Thanks Dalia, Kristi, an April!

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### **Sunday**

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Bible Learning Classes  
10:30 Worship

### **Wednesday Lift**

(to resume in February)

6:00 Evening Meal  
6:45 Groups for All Ages  
7:00 Prayer Team