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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School– Sunday 9:00 AM

Worship– Sunday 10:15 AM



HOME IMPROVEMENT NIGHT



Spring semester of HiN kicks off
on January 22nd at 6 PM
See you then!

Stacy's Studies

[Jesus Is Our Peace](#) (taken from a devotional by Harvest Prayer Ministries)

Posted: 30 Dec 2013 10:00 PM PST

We can follow Jesus' example as a peacemaker, and allow peace to rule within us. His life was foundationally peaceful, and He passed on to us His peace, which was not of the world but which has overcome the world. Read and reflect on these passages of Scripture as we focus on the peace that passes all understanding as we comprehend His coming:

- *"He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And He will be their peace"* (Micah 5:4-5).
- *"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"* (John 14:27).
- *"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33).
- *"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace"* (1 Corinthians 14:33).
- *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful"* (Colossians 3:15).
- *"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you"* (Philippians 4:9).

God of Peace, as I face this New Year spread out before me with all of its infinite possibilities, I desire to step into it fully aware of Your power and joy and transformational life living within me. I'm so thankful for the peace of Christ that rules in my heart! Give me the grace to obediently follow the plans You have for me and put into practice all that I learn, receive, hear and see in Christ!

–Adapted from the article [Prayers for a Peaceful Household](#) by Kim Butts.

Prayer Points

As you come to the end of the year, lift your voice in praise to the one who is a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. Thank him for the tender talks you have had with him over the past year. Confess those times when you foolishly doubted the power of prayer. Commit yourself to maintaining a daily prayer time in the coming year. Ask God to keep you accountable to him.

Pray for God's kingdom to come in the coming year. Ask that believers throughout the earth will be bold witnesses for Christ so that all people everywhere might have the opportunity to hear the gospel.

–Prayer Points taken from [Patterns for Prayer](#) by Alvin VanderGriend

We need Jesus' peace for our lives this new year. Pray for peace daily for our congregation.

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Hope Counseling



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Hope is an anchor for the soul.

Hebrews 6:19-20

It's always time to be grateful...

"Timing matters. The Bible says, 'But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son...' (Galatians 4:4); and "There is a time for everything..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

"I don't want 2013 to end without telling you how deeply grateful I am"... words written to supporters of Lincoln Christian University by President Keith Ray, just months before his retirement as President of Lincoln Christian University. His words remind me of how important it is to make the most of every opportunity to love God and others...and do so whole-heartedly.

At the end of the year we look back and reflect on the days gone by. We remember the good and the bad. But, hopefully we do so with the view of scripture that reminds us, *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sister, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."* James 1:2-3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ." 2 Cor 1:3-5

Dear Heavenly Father,

It is easy for us to reflect on our suffering. My prayer is that it will produce perseverance and help us finish its work so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything! Lord, please use all these things for our good, and your glory...so that we can participate in your kingdom work. Help us to have a grateful heart not only for what you have given us and how you have provided for us, but for what you are doing and how you are preparing us for what is ahead!

Father, please don't let us waste our days and opportunities to show others your goodness and grace...mostly, by showing them Jesus. Thanks be to you, gracious Lord; for the year ahead. May it be salted with Grace and Peace, and give us the courage and wisdom to choose you ever day! Help us to think on things that reflect you and your goodness and help us to have an attitude of gratitude for everything that you bring us! In Jesus precious name, Amen.

Happy New Year...Together in Christ, *Brenda*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Winter is here. Lets all do our best not to drag in too much snow etc. on the new carpet. If we get a big snow see if Marvin needs any help with clearing the sidewalks.

WORSHIP TEAM

LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS

EDUCATION

We are still teaching God's Word at 9:00 am for ALL ages.

Come and be apart of one of the classes provided.

FELLOWSHIP

AREA MEN'S MEETING

January 7, 2014 7 PM

at Clinton

Van leaves at 6 PM

Family Movie Night committee will meet January 12th following the AM service to plan out this coming years movie schedule and titles.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 6: Leadership 7 PM
- Jan. 7: Area Men's Meeting -Clinton, 7 PM
- Jan. 14: WCS Meeting - 7 PM
- Jan. 15: HiN Evaluation Meeting - 6 PM
(Food Served)
- Jan. 18: Food Pantry Open - 9 to 10 AM
- Jan. 19: Nursing Home Services - 1:30 PM
- Jan. 22: Spring semester of HiN Begins - 6 PM

WCS (Women's Christian Service)

Our W.C.S (Women Christian Service) will be Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 P.M at the church. We meet just once a month in which we have a business meeting, bible study and a time to fellowship. For January please read Judges chapter 16 as we will be studying about Delilah.

We've had a card ministry that we do monthly as well as other projects during the year.

Why not come get acquainted with other ladies of the church. Maybe this will be a place that you can serve the Lord. Our hostesses for January are Judy Kelly and JoAnn Coile. Bring a friend and come join us in January. Linda Beatty, Sec/Treas.

Cookbooks (\$5.00) and ornaments (\$5.00) will be available through the office or by contacting Linda Beatty. They make great gifts.

FOOD PANTRY

The S. C. C. food pantry continues to be a great opportunity to show others Christ's love through the gift of food and other basic necessities and we cannot do it without all of your generous gifts. Thank You!

Pantry date & time:

January 18th, from 9 to 10 AM

Items Needed:

- | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PAPER TOWEL | Peanut Butter | Tuna |
| TOILET PAPER | Hamburger & | Tuna Helper |
| KLEENEX | Spaghetti | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Canned Corn | Green Beans | Peaches |
| Pears | | |

Basic paper products and staple items are always needed. Watch the Food Pantry door for a list of the current items needed.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON JANUARY 31ST. IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE HAVE IT INTO THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH. THANK YOU.

WE NOW HAVE OUR WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING.

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WHERE YOU ARE?

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The E.D.G.E.
Living the Every Day God Experience

What we are talking about when we aren't talking about God

Pt. 1 – Politics, Religion and Sports:

There's very little that we can actually talk about that wouldn't, in some way, correlate, and in one way or another be linked too, if not be directly affiliated with God. It doesn't matter if your conversations linger on the weather, which is set in motion by its' creator, or if you prefer to discuss the fundamentals of Tchaikovsky and the music of the romantic period, which flows from the creative and passionate parts of our persons, which are systemic of the image we bear, being that of God Himself. Perhaps you prefer to discuss the health and progress of the years' crop which is a direct result of both your efforts to work the ground, mans original job given by God, and natures affects on them, again something set in motion by the creator.

However we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses that fervently work hard to avoid the very thought of bringing God into a conversation (yes even 'Christians'). There are those who desperately want nothing to do with God, or at least a god that would expect anything from them, or maybe a god that didn't offer the easy answers, or was too confusing, or made one feel as though they were 'bad'. These are those who are either unwilling to allow any god other than themselves to have any say in their 'reality', or they are simply uneducated about God. Even a proper education about God does not guarantee ones willingness to participate with Him, much less believe in, or want anything to do with Him.

And as this is the world that we live in, God gets lumped in with politics, because God is viewed as a system of control. Or He's thrown in with sports, because it always depends on who's team you side with. God becomes a taboo cliché. "Don't talk about politics, or religion, and stay away from sports if you want to play it safe." So our conversations, no matter how relevant to God and the one who gave meaning to language, are driven into a dark corner where we have to be ever so careful not to mention a perfect God or how much He loves us.

Yet even as Christians, we are riddled with misunderstandings about who God is and how He fits into a world that is crazy and angry, and sad, and confused, and looking for meaning. And so we feel as though we are backed into a corner, yet in reality we are finding ourselves in the very same place that those who don't understand God and our relationship with Him. Because we don't know how to talk about God specifically, we avoid the conversation altogether. We are bombarded with the demand to "shut up already" by those we even perhaps thought were safe to talk too. This mentality then comes to work with us, comes into our homes, even to church with us, and we are so burdened with fear that we are unsure of who is safe to talk about God with. This fear leaves us speechless and powerless, and ultimately builds in us the same attitude that caused us to remain silent in the first place.

There innumerable conversations where God is present and moving and so instead of intentionally and tactfully looking for ways to avoid Him, be ready to be encountered by Him and moved by Him and used by Him to be empowered to talk about politics, and religion and sports.



WHERE YOU ARE?



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Rock

(4th, 5th, & 6th Graders)

Belinda Landry &
Amy Hamilton, Leaders

Jr. Hi Group

(7th & 8th Graders)

Greta Sutter, S. S. & HiN
Scott Embry Leaders

B-Team

Sr. High Group

(9th - 12th Grade)

Jonathan Burian, Leader
Emilee Burian



HiN

Home Improvement Night

January 22 Pigs in a Blanket, Chips, Veggies, Dessert

January 29: Nacho's, Veggies, Dessert

February 5: Vegetable Soup, Cracker, Relish, Dessert

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE ON THE WEB SITE!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ALL CHURCH EVENTS**

**The E.D.G.E.
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missions we support

The money for these missions comes in through the offering each Sunday. 15% of the offering is placed into the mission account. On a 5th Sunday, the offering is split 50/50 between the mission account and the general fund.

The amounts do not reflect any designated income. The Benevolence Fund receives \$50 each month from the Mission fund to build that account. Total monthly commitment is \$ **2,010.00**.

Little Galilee Christian Assembly
\$600.00/ mo.

Bill Loft Mission in Spain
\$100.00/ mo.

Lincoln Christian University
\$300.00/ mo.

Shiloh Children's Christian Ranch
\$200.00/ mo.

Illini Christian Ministry
\$200.00/ mo.

\$160.00/ mo.

Central Illinois Evangelistic Association/Stadia
\$100.00/ mo.

Mission to Tanzania, DeLaughter's
\$100.00/ mo.

Restoration House, New England
\$125.00/mo.

Nagaland Outreach Children's Ministry
\$125.00/mo.



CHRISTMAS CLUB

Christmas Club/Adopt-A-Family

Our Christmas Club account is growing for the 2014 season. Balance as of the end of December is, \$ 15.00
The Christmas Club Committee

We were again given 35 people from the Ridgeview School District Adopt-A-Family to shop for Christmas items.

January's Noisy Offering will be going to Illini Christian Ministries

If you have a heart for Missions and would like to become involved, please come and sign up for one or all three of the following mission area's.

LOCAL MISSIONS: Jim Kern, Elder

B & G Evangelism/Fellowship/Outreach
Benevolence Our Youth Programs
Evening WCS Worship/Music/Power Point
Food Pantry S. S. Teachers/Nursery

HOPE COUNSELING CENTER

Brenda Sommer, LPC

This is an advanced ministry outreach that will support, educate, provide therapy and encourage all people. This service is offered to the community and surrounding areas.

NATIONAL: Jim Dunham, Elder

CIEA/Stadia, Church Planting
Illini Christian Ministries, Inc.
Lincoln Christian University
Little Galilee Christian Assembly
RHM, New England, SouthPoint C. C.
Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch

INTERNATIONAL: Steven Beatty, Elder

Bill Loft Missions, Inc., Spain
C. of C. Mission to India, Bernel Getter
Nagaland Outreach Children's Ministry
Mission to Tanzania, DeLaughter's

Are you praying this prayer?
"Here Am I Lord, Send Me."

Who I am in Christ determines what I do for Christ.
Be in prayer as to where you may to serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS *These are the newest prayer requests. Please add them to your existing prayer list. World Concerns: Haiti, Chile, Our World Leaders, Japan, Libya*

Newest Prayer Requests

All our Missionaries
 Our Country & Lawmakers, World Happenings
 Storm victims in Washington and Gifford
 S. C. C. Leadership Team

David Kennedy, kidney failure
 Marvin Voelker, recovery from knee surgery
 Richard Ummell, lung cancer
 Matt Born, upcoming back surgery
 David Martin, upcoming back surgery

Protection and Safety of Servicemen:

Bruce Withers
 Alan Burns
 Daren Cagle
 Jonathan Rieches
 Jason Jayne
 Zach Schertz, Ft. Benning
 Todd Leatherman, Chaplain, ND
 Larry Blythe
 David Schaefer, NC
 Jace Badia
 Bryan Bein, USAF, Tacoma, Washington
 Patrick Fry, Alaska

Long Term Illness

Marilyn Tjarks	Rick Marlow	Cynthia Minor
Marilyn Hadden	Janice Harden	Bonnie Hill
Chuck Bridgwater	Kyla Zastrow	Lou Prosser

Service Personnel Overseas

Stephen Castleman, Germany

Our Care Center Residents:
 Heritage Manor, Colfax: Juanita Duncan
 Gibson City: Lillian Larson and Violet Roberts
 Evergreen Village, Normal: Ruby Smith
 McLean Co, Nursing Home, Mary Kelly

HOW TO ADOPT A MISSIONARY

A simple Seven-Fold Adoption Plan

- 1) **PRAY DAILY:** Every day one prays for specific needs for the members of his adopted family or single missionary.
- 2) **GIVE WEEKLY:** As you place your offering in the plate each week, this can give a new sense of joy knowing you're helping your adopted missionary through giving to the Church. The Lord's work helps a missionary family or single missionary. It is not a "pain", but a pleasure and our "gains". Give and it shall be given unto you. (Luke 6:38)
- 3) **WRITE MONTHLY:** There is nothing that encourages missionaries more than a letter or a card of encouragement.
- 4) **SEND CARE PACKAGE:** Send a book, gum, candy, small toy, etc that would benefit your missionary. Be sure and check before sending things to make sure that there would be no difficulty in getting the contents of the "care package" through customs.
- 5) **REMEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** Nothing carries a more personal touch than remembering these dates.
- 6) Check with your Mission Leader for a missionary to adopt. The leaders are: Local, Jim Kern; National, Jim Dunham & International, Steven Beatty.
- 7) If you have any questions, ask your Mission Board Leader.

"Our mission is to love God, to win others to Christ, and to edify and equip the faithful for service."

STATS	12-1-13	12-8-13	12-15-13	12-22-13	12-29-13
Worship Offering	4,802.75	2,724.01	3,792.45	3,622.58	2,882.00
Designated Offering	76.00	200.60	38.50	75.00	110.00
Noisy Offering					
Weekly Budget		\$3,541.22			
Sunday School	87	90	87	84	82
Morning Worship	117	109	117	115	112

JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jr. & Sr. Hi Pot-luck Party 6PM to 8 PM At the EDGE	2	3	4 Ashley Kaiser
5 Jennifer Searby	6 Leadership 7 PM	7 Prayer Hr.  6:30 PM Area Men's Clinton 7 PM Hannah Hudson Jim Adams	8 Jim Dunham Jonathan & Emilee Burian Marvin Voelker	9 Scott Embry Cassie Enghausen	10	11
12 Susan Phillips	13	14 Prayer Hr  6:30 PM WCS - 7 PM	15 HiN Evaluation 6:00 PM Belinda Landry Michael & Beverly Cox	16	17 David Howes	18 Food Pantry 9-10 AM Becky Howes
19 Nursing Home Services	20 Beyer's Gotcha Day	21 Prayer Hr  6:30 PM Dale Kingsley Nikolai Beyer	22 Spring HiN Begins 6 PM	23 Kendra Jones Tanya Windle	24	25 Bryin Hunt Darlene Max- well Kayla Miller
26	27 Hunter Beatty	28 Prayer Hr  6:30 PM Donald Braasch	29 HiN 6 PM	30 Kacie Kern	31 Louis Prosser	

Our Volunteers' Schedule	January 5, 2014	January 12, 2014	January 19, 2014	January 26, 2014	
Meditation	Stacy Landry	Jonathan Burian	Jim Dunham	Steve Beatty	
Offering Prayer Serving at the Table	Bob Beatty	Terry Embry	Ernie Hamilton	Kirk Kaiser	
Servers	Scott Embry Noah Hamilton	Noah Hamilton Buddy Hudson	Buddy Hudson Eric Kern	Eric Kern Levi Kern	
Infant Nursery Sunday School and Church (if needed)	Ryan Embry	Karlee Sommer	Addie Ramirez	Lauren Sutter	
Toddler Nursery Sunday School and Church	Jeany Embry Deena Raymer	Jeany Embry Scott Embry	Jeany Embry Terry Embry	Jeany Embry Tricia Douglas	
Greeters	Frank & Greta Sutter	Gene & Tonia Talley	Bryan & Brenda Sommer	Brent & Donna Beyer	
Communion Prep	Gene & Tonia Talley	Angie Miller Stacy Ramos	Cathy Blythe Judy Kelly	Bob & Marilyn Moore	
Sound Technician	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	
Projectionist	Nikolai Beyer	Kaitlyn Beatty	Ilya Beyer	Lauren Sutter	
Worship Team	Belinda Landry Jenee' Beatty Emilee Burian Pam Dunham Greta Sutter	Belinda Landry Jenee' Beatty Emilee Burian Pam Dunham Greta Sutter	Kendra Jones Jenee' Beatty Emilee Burian Pam Dunham Greta Sutter	Belinda Landry Jenee' Beatty Emilee Burian Pam Dunham Greta Sutter	

**WE DON'T CHANGE GOD'S MESSAGE—
HIS MESSAGE CHANGES US.**