

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

December 25th ~ January 1st

Sunday December 25th
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
 (Nursery & Children's Church Available)
 No Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 (Nursery & Children's Church Available)
 No High School Youth

Monday December 26th
 Office Closed

Tuesday December 27th
 6:30 p.m. Life Recovery ~ Coffee Corner
 6:30 p.m. Eating Disorders Anonymous ~ Rm. 202

Wednesday December 28th
 12 Noon Prayer and Communion
 6:30 p.m. No Awana
 6:30 p.m. No Middle School Youth
 6:45 p.m. Adult Prayer ~ Rm. 202

Thursday December 29th
 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice

Friday December 30th
 Noon - Sterneman Holiday Open House
 9:00 p.m.

Saturday December 31st

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 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
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 No Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 (Nursery Available)

Giving December 18th—December 24th

Budget	\$ 8,077.00	\$ 411,927.00
Received	\$6,415.16	\$ 424,165.66
	(\$1,661.84)	\$ 12,238.66

Please pray for God's continued provision.

Volunteer Schedule

	<u>Today</u> <u>Nursery</u> Tilly Family	<u>January 1st</u> <u>Nursery</u> Jenna Johnson
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.	(No Nursery) Wendy K.	Jen Daus Harker Family
	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Children's Church</u> Fries Family
8:30 a.m.	No Children's Church	Jackie Somers & Demie Bond
10:45 a.m.		
	<u>Ushers</u> Clair Grandy Judy Grandy Martha Stiller Lenny Kunzer	<u>Ushers</u> Bob Freeh Nels Andersen Martha Stiller Lenny Kunzer
8:30 a.m.		
10:45 a.m.	Rich Bond Pat Kedrowski Mike Kasprowicz Matt Harker	Jerry Boyer Pat Kedrowski Mike Kasprowicz Randy Thompson

Prayer Chain

To submit a request call
 Daytime: Dara Shank (763) 441-5681
 Evenings: Inga Iliff (763) 856-2085 or go to zefc.org and go to the Contact Menu

Please Pray For:

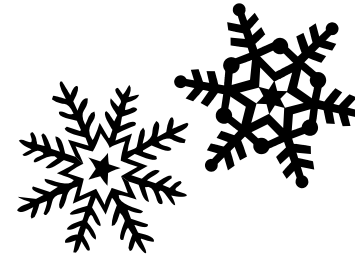
- ✠ **God's continued healing presence and strength for:**
 Ken Martin
 Howard Meloch
 Kathy Meloch
 Jody Dubay ~ caringbridge.org/visit/jodydubay
- ✠ **Our Military**
 Robert Dubay - ROTC
 Troy Gabrielson - Guards
 Matt Harker - Guards
 Andy Johnson - Virginia
 Matt Johnson - Charleston, South Carolina
 Sara Hansen - Pensacola Beach, Navy Hospital
 Peter Loso - Afghanistan
 Andrew Nordlund - Afghanistan
 Curt Serbus - Guards
 Tim Serbus - ROTC
 Nick Thompson - Afghanistan
 John Vargas - Navy



Zimmerman Evangelical Free Church

"To know Jesus Christ and make Him known"

Sunday, December 25, 2011



Holiday

Celebration

Christmas Messages 2011



Message: Birthday Celebration

Pastor Tom Sterneman

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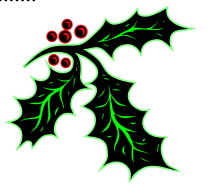
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December 25th & January 1st Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service





**Welcome
to
Zimmerman Evangelical Free Church**

Thank you for joining us today!
We wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events



Sterneman Holiday Open House
Friday December 30th
Noon to 9:00 p.m.

New ALPHA Course
Sunday January 8th, 6:00 p.m.



**Holiday
Open House**
at the Sterneman's
Friday December 30th
You're invited to drop in any time between
Noon and 9 p.m.

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Come Hungry!



Open
9 to 11AM

**COFFEE
CORNER**

It's all good



Choose the virtuous brew
that kicks back to kids
in the Twin Cities* **Keep
it local!**

Now featuring fall
favorites like apple cider
& Chai Tea as well as
fresh baked goods.



General Information
Please silence your cell phones and pagers during the service.

Nursery
Nursery is available for infants through age two during worship services


**Congregational Meeting/
Potluck**
Sunday January 29th
Following 2nd Service



LOVE OFFERING

The Love Offering is an opportunity to contribute a special gift to our pastoral staff. If you would like to participate in this, please mark your check or envelope "Love Offering" and drop in our offering or give to an elder.

Remember all charitable donations to any non-profit organization are due before December 31st in order to receive tax benefits for 2011




December 31st

Children's Church
Children's Church will not be available December 25th or January 1st
Children's Church will resume January 8th.

Activity Bags
Activity bags for kids are located in the back of the Worship Center.
Please return them to one of the back tables.

TRAP JOURNALS
Sign-up for January Journals at the table in the foyer.


Get Connected!
Connexion Groups start again **January 8th**
Sign-up in the foyer
If you would like to be connected into a group.
January 8th ALPHA will also begin.
Sign-up in the foyer or online at zefc.org



**Women's Bible study connexion group presents
FAITHFUL, ABUNDANT & TRUE:**
going deeper still.
Beginning Tuesday morning, Jan. 10th @ 9:30 a.m.
Signup sheet in the foyer.
Child care will be available.
Questions? Lenee Wrede 763-856-0060 or lencewrede@sherbtl.net


Communication Cards
Let us know you are here today! Write your prayer and information requests on the back and drop them in the offering basket.

Sunday School and Adult Education classes will resume January 8th.



Jan-8th

Quotes Corner



Oh! The million Christmas mornings
When you'd lie, a babe again,
Beneath a million million trees
And hear the countless tongues chanting
your name.
Ah ... will they remember crimson
Dripping from the iron nails
And will they pray, and will they know
A whiter white than snow?
Keith Patman



Please Remember
to use only Insulated Coffee Mugs with lids when enjoying a beverage in the Worship Center.
This helps save our carpets from stains.
Thank You

Life **R**ecovery **M**inistry



A Christ-Centered 12 step approach.
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. here at ZEFC.
For dealing with any life-controlling issue.



**Before you start your
New Years resolution**
Enjoy a meal or just some ice cream on
**Sunday,
January 1st
Noon to 4:00 p.m.**
A portion of these sales will go towards ZEFC student ministries.

Birthday Celebration
Luke 2:1-7
12/25/2011
Pastor Tom Sterneman

I. Invitation is given. (vs.1-3)

A. We invite people to celebrate with us.

B. God invited people to celebrate the new birth.

He used Emperors. (vs.1-2)

He used Dreams. (Matthew 1:20)

He used Stars. (Matthew 2:1-2)

He used Angels. (Luke 1:30; Luke 2:9)

II. Guests arrive. (vs.4-5)

A. Mary and Joseph

B. Shepherds

C. Magi

D. we too are invited. (Matthew 11:28-30)

III. How does someone come to a new birthday celebration?

A. All people are invited. (John 3:16)

B. God draws people to Himself (John 6:44)

C. Holy Spirit convicts (John 16:8)

D. Jesus Christ saves (Romans 5:9)

E. our choice (John 1:12)

IV. Celebrations of new birth.

A. Celebrate Christ's birth. (vs. 6-7)

1. Time came for the birth (v.6)

2. She gave birth to a son (v.7)

B. Celebrate our new birth.

Today is Celebration Day!

Celebrate the birth of Jesus.
Celebrate your birth in Him.