

# The Cito Fellowship News

A Newsletter of the Cito United Methodist Church

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## Valentine's Babysitting Offered

We will sponsor a Valentine's Day event beginning February 10. Please bring your teenagers and younger children to the church beginning at 5PM. We will provide evening or overnight babysitting so that parents can have a special evening for Valentine's Day.

Children who will not stay the night must be picked up by 9:30PM. We will have a lock-in in the Fellowship Hall with the youth who remain after 9:30. In the morning the youth will make breakfast for any adults who would like to come at 8:30. A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex for babysitting, the lock-in, and the breakfast. If you would like to donate items for breakfast, sign up on an additional sheet in the narthex.

## Financial Statements Available

If you would like to have a year-end financial statement for tax purposes, contact Sharon Glenn or Leah Beck.

## Attendance for December

	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 24	Dec. 25
Worship	101	145	161	163	137
Offering	\$1302	\$1458	\$1865.79		\$1585
Sunday School	42	41	48	—	—

Information for the next newsletter is due to Kate Carbaugh by Jan. 27. Drop info in the box in the office.

## Scrapbooking Day Planned

Join us for a scrapbooking day January 28 in the Fellowship Hall from 8AM-4PM. Bring a friend and your scrapbooking supplies to fellowship with us for a couple of hours or the whole day. If you plan to attend or have any questions, please call Brandi Mellott at 485-3899.

## Youth Group Location Change

Both youth groups will now meet at the Moore farm. They will continue to meet Saturday evenings or Sunday afternoons. If you have any questions, please contact Hope or Sherri Moore.

## Library Highlights for January

**Adult:** *The Christmas Shoes*—Read the story that is described in the song by the same name that you may have heard on the radio. For Christmas a little boy wants to buy his dying mother a pair of shoes.

**Youth:** *Christmas Stories from the Heart*—This book is a collection of short stories for the Christmas season.

**Children:** *Children's Letters to God*—This book is a collection of children's letters to God that you can use to encourage your children to talk to God often in the new year.

You can find this month's selection for check-out on the barrel. Please remember that others may want to read these books and keep them no longer than two weeks.

## Daily Devotions for January

1 Timothy 1:12-20	1 2	Philippians 1:3-11	2	1 Thessalon. 5:16-22	3	1 Peter 3:8-12a	4	Luke 18:1-8	5	Matthew 5:43-48	6	1 Timothy 2:1-7	7
James 5:13-18	8	Psalms 148:1-6	9	Psalms 148:7-13	10	Matthew 12:36-42	11	John 3:1-15	12	Matthew 15:1-9	13	Matthew 22:41-46	14
Acts 8:26-31	15	Acts 8:32-40	16	Acts 10:1-8	17	Acts 10:9-16	18	Acts 10:17-22	19	Acts 10:23-33	20	Acts 10:34-43	21
Acts 10:44-48	22	Acts 11:1-15	23	Acts 9:32-42	24	Luke 4:1-13	25	Matthew 26:36-46	26	Mark 15:33-37	27	Acts 12:1-5	28
Acts 12:6-11	29	Acts 12:12-17	30	Luke 5:4-11	31	Acts 11:1-10	1	Acts 11:11-18	2	Acts 9:1-9	3	Acts 9:10-16	4

## The Ultimate Resolution

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all

As the new year rolls around, many people set resolutions. Resolution comes from the word resolute which means to be firmly determined in purpose, to be steadfast, faithful, loyal, and true. A resolution is not just a half-hearted attempt or wishful thinking. It entails doggedness and determination.

Many folks will resolve to lose weight, to exercise more, to relax, or to have quality family time. All of those are great resolutions, yet we cannot lose sight of the ultimate resolution. An area for firmness, faithfulness, and complete commitment is our love for God. Life’s ultimate resolution is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. The words from the GODSPELL song “Day by Day” should be our goal. We need to “See thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly—day by day.” Each day is an opportunity to fall deeper in love with God.

Here are some suggestions for increasing your love for God in 2006:

1. **Worship God regularly.** Make every effort to participate in

corporate worship on Sunday mornings and spend time each day in your own private worship of God.

2. **Have a quiet time each day.** Set apart time for Bible reading, prayer, meditation, and adoration.

3. **Tell God, “I love you.”** He loves to hear it!

4. **Establish relationships with other Christians** to learn, fellowship, and love. Commit yourself to attending Sunday School, becoming part of a small group, or getting together to pray. We cannot love God without loving others.

5. **Tell others about the #1 love of your life.** Our ultimate devotion should not be to a spouse or significant other. It belongs to God. If our love for God supercedes all else, we will want to tell others about the love we are experiencing. Tell someone else about the joy you have in Jesus and invite them to experience God’s love for themselves.

May 2006 reflect your love for God,

*Pastor John A. Godissart*

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For the Prayer Chain,  
call Beverly Smith at  
485-3862.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day  Janet Souders & Pat Everts' B-days	2	3	4 Choir Practice—7PM  Brandi Mellott's Birthday	5	6 <b>Epiphany</b>	7  Adam Hollinshead's Birthday
8 Children's Christmas Program  Julie Shearer's Birthday	9	10 Council Meeting—7PM  Alisa Truax's Birthday	11 Choir Practice—7PM  Linda Clippinger's Birthday	12	13 <u>Movie: Left Behind 3</u> —7PM  Melvin Everts' Birthday	14  Linda DeShong's Birthday
15 Younger Youth Group—2-3:30 Jennifer Sheeder & Josiah Ritchey's Birthdays	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 Choir Practice—7PM  Joy Ritchey's Birthday	19	20  Karen Peters' Birthday	21 Teen Youth Group—5:30-8PM
22 Younger Youth Group—2-3:30	23  Dave Albrecht's Birthday	24 Trustee Meeting—7PM	25 Choir Practice—7PM  Janey Snyders' Birthday	26  Terri Booth's Birthday	27  Kayla Mumma's Birthday	28 Scrapbooking—8AM-4PM
29 Younger Youth Group—2-3:30	30  Betty Buterbaugh & Seth Smith's B-days	31	1 Choir Practice—7PM  Faye Bard's B-day	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Teen Youth Group—5:30-8PM  Jacob Everts' B-day