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Jesus Christ Is The Door and The Light

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As we wonder why New Year Day is on January 1st every year, let us look at the origin of it. In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar, the Roman emperor, first established January 1 as New Year Day, naming after Janus, which was the Roman god of doors and gates, and had two faces, one looking forward and one back. This false god does not exist anymore today .

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the door of the sheep because He is the good shepherd. John 10:9

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

John 10 explains that as He is a good shepherd, Jesus gives His life for the sheep. It means that God shows us His love by sending Jesus to die on the cross for us while we are sinners. As we realize we are lost sinners, we ask Jesus to forgive our sins, accept Him as our personal Savior, and become His children of His family having a new life. That is why He is called the door of the sheep.

As we have seen New York City Times Square dropping ball on TV every year, we have thought about its origin. When the New York *Times* officially opened its new headquarters in Times Square in 1904, the owner, Alfred Ochs, had a grand party of New Year's Eve with an all-day street festival and a fireworks display ending at midnight while more than 200,000 people cheering. Later the firework display was not allowed by the city so Ochs had an idea of having a "time ball" descending just before midnight to mark the exact end of the year. The first lighted 400-pound iron-and-wood ball was lowered from a flagpole on December 31, 1907. The Bible tells us that Jesus is the light of the world.

John 8:12 - "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

As we are lost sinners, we walk in darkness and have corrupted life. As we look at Jesus as the light of the world, realize we are lost sinners and understand why He died on the cross, we ask Him to forgive our sins and accept Him as our personal Savior, and we have the light of life.



Christmas Tour

On December 10 a group of ladies decided to have Christmas tour to enjoy and to help the Hansons with renovating their home before selling. There were five homes to tour. The first stop was at Donna Marten's house which had Old World theme. Then they moved on to the McCarley's home and their theme was White Christmas. Afterwards, the tour took them to the Chang's home and their theme was Merry Beary Christmas. The tour continued to the Cox's home and their theme was Snow Dogs Sled to Winterland. Finally, the tour stopped at the Hanson's home and their theme was an An Inspiring Christmas. The people stopped at each home to enjoy the sight and tasted some refreshments.



White Christmas at McCarley's



Doggy Christmas at Cox's



Merry Beary Christmas at Chang's



Gathering for refreshments at Chang's

Christmas Play

On December 19 there was a play based on Micah 5:2 mentioning the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. There were both children and adults performing in the play. There were children coming home for Christmas, especially those from out of state. Afterwards, Rev. Hanson preached the sermon based on prophecy from Micah 5:2. After Sunday School people gathered for aromatic Christmas dinner. Pastor Hanson and his wife received the monetary gift from the church for their Christmas.



George McCarley as a shepherd with his shepherd boy, Trenton Morse



David Volk as Joseph and Joanne Harris as Mary went to the inn to get a place from Hannah Her as an innkeeper



Clark Corogenes as Micah prophesying the birth-place of the Messiah



Elmer and Noreen Bowers as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus



Veronica Her, Leeana and Deanna Hill as the singing angels



People gathered together for Christmas potluck



Beautiful Christmas gifts for the Hansons



Ordination Service

On January 16 Deaf Liberty Baptist Church had an ordination service for four assistant pastors and six deacons. Teddy Chang, Clark Corogenes, Nathan Hill, and Jerry Sanders are the assistant pastors. Modeling purpose-driven church Teddy Chang will focus on membership helping the people from the crowd to find Jesus and caring for the flock. Clark Corogenes will concentrate on maturity helping the Christians to become fruitful. Jerry Sanders will work with the members finding their ministry in the church whether singing, teaching, cleaning, etc. Nathan Hill will focus on evangelism and mission.

Ron Bagby is the chairman of the board of the deacons. Our deacons are David Cox, Derrick Harvey, Kong Her, Mike Lewis, and George McCarley. Even though all the deacons will work together each of them has a major part. David Cox will work mainly on worship. George McCarley will focus on the church events while Mike Lewis will work on media such as website and video. Derek Harvey will work with finance and records while Kong Her will take care of the maintenance of the property.

We had a big audience attending this service. Families and friends witnessed the ordination of the assistant pastors and deacons. Pastor Hanson preached on "Potter and the Clay". After the service, instead of having Sunday School, we went to a bigger place for refreshments. Each ordained servants shared with the crowd their responsibilities as expected for 2011.



Pastor Hanson prayed while other deacons laid their hands on Michael Lewis for the ministry as deacon

Each deacon received a certificate for being ordained as a deacon.





Back from left to right: Kong Her, Teddy Chang, David Cox, David Hanson, Jerry Sanders, Derrick Harvey, George McCarley, Ron Bagby, Michael Lewis
Front from left to right: Clark Corogenes and Nathan Hill

David Hanson prayed while Teddy, Jerry, and Clark laid their hands on Nathan Hill for the ministry as an assistant pastor



Families, and friends gathered to celebrate with ordained assistant pastors and deacons



DLBC Super Bowl Fellowship 2011

Sunday, February 6, 2011

Pittsburgh Steelers 25 vs. Green Bay Packers 31

DLBC's memberships and visitors came to Super Bowl Fellowship at the White House in North Overland Park Baptist Church. We provided a technology projector connected to the converter box with the antenna and watched at a large screen just like real big movie. We shared fine coffees, snacks, desserts and Dominion Pizza. We so enjoyed watching the super bowl game and the fellowship with people are so warm and fun. Most of us supported Green Bay Packers to win in Super Bowl game. Those who attended our fellowship are about 50 people.



DLBC Super Bowl Fellowship 2011

Clark Corogenes

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On February 6 which was on Sunday DLBC members and visitors came to Super Bowl Fellowship at the White House in North Overland Park Baptist Church. We provided a technology projector connected with the converter box to the antenna so we can watch on a larger screen like a movie at a theater. We had fine coffees, snacks, desserts, and Domino's Pizza. We enjoyed watching Super Bowl game and fellowshiping with people. Most of us supported Green Bay Packers to win the Super Bowl game. Approximately 50 people attended the Super Bowl fellowship.



Valentine's Day Banquet

Teddy Chang

Deaf Liberty Baptist church had Valentine's Day Banquet at the white House on February 12. Thirty-eight people had come for a great pleasant fellowship. We got to know more of the purpose of Valentine's Day. People wore pink and red at the banquet. Gates' BBQ Restaurant was able to cater at our church. We had BBQ pork ribs and chicken wings and legs, BBQ beans, potato salad, breads, and pickles. Drinks were provided including coffee and hot tea. Mixed nuts and mixed fruits were also served.

The theme this year was "Love Mess". We had a drama based on "Love Mess". It was about a story of Jacob and two wives, Leah and Rachel. David shared devotional on "Love Mess".

Afterwards, we had games and had fun. We had to spell out the biblical words and solve the puzzles.



New Year Eve Fellowship

We had a great fellowship on New year Eve at Olathe Bible Church where Tommy Thompson is a member. Tommy Thompson had been a great help to us and stayed with us for fellowship, food, and fun. Approximately 50 people had come including visitors. The place we rented is a recreation place for young people. This room has game room including pool, skeet ball, air hockey, and ping pong. Joshua Hottle with his wife's aid coordinated the tournament. Some played basketball there also. The winner of each game was able to receive a prize. There were door prizes as well. We had movies as well. We showed "Letters to God" and another movie about the tribulation as described in Revelation. Jerry Sanders shared a devotional concerning preparation for new change in 2011. We had started at 6 pm and ended at approximately 12:30 am. We celebrated as we entered 2011. Everyone seemed to have a great time and was weary. Next year New Year Eve falls on Saturday.



Events

February 25
March 11-13

Seminar
NCAAD Basketball Tournament in Georgia

March 13

Daylight Saving Time



March 18-20

Mission Conference with Frank Laurent from Tanzania



April 9-11
April 24

31st Antioch conference with Bill Schutt from Indiana
Easter Day: Sunrise service to celebrate the resurrection of
our Lord Jesus Christ at approximately 6:30 am

