

CONSTRUCTING CHRISTMAS

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. - Romans 6:23

Forgiveness cannot be _____, but it is a _____ that must be received through Jesus Christ.

From up a tree - to a Family Tree

God's promises to Abraham: *Genesis 12:1-3*

- Make his _____ great.
- Make him into a great _____.
- _____ all peoples on earth through Abraham.

"and through your offspring, all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." - Genesis 22:18

Matthew 1 traces the _____ of Jesus all the way from Abraham down to King David, and finally down to Joseph, who was the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called the Christ.

A Family Picture to Remember

- Starting with Passover, God provides a picture throughout the Old Testament of _____ which provided for the _____ of an innocent third party to give its life for the guilty party.
- In the establishment of the sacrificial system of worship, the _____ would place hands on the _____ as a sign of transferring his sins onto the lamb before it was sacrificed.
- After centuries of animal sacrifice, Jesus is called the "_____"
- As the innocent lamb, Jesus took the place of _____ that we might be forgiven.

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Jingle Jam Next Sunday, December 21, at 4:00 & 6:30 pm. In order to help even out the number of people, we're asking that families with Tiny Town age children please try to attend at 4:00. Questions? Please call Deb Kay.

Cookies and Milk Needed next Sunday morning, December 21 for our Jingle Jam event as well as for our Reaching Out event to about 100 children from the Boys and Girls Club on December 22. Would you be willing to donate cookies or a gallon of milk? If so, please bring your cookies or milk with you next Sunday morning in a disposable container and drop it off at Guest Services in the Atrium. Thanks!

Christmas Eve Join us for a candlelight Christmas Eve service and communion on Wednesday, December 24, from 6-7pm. No childcare will be provided.

Reach for More: Connecting With God Through Prayer Are you ready for a spiritual boost as you begin the new year? You will not want to miss this special growth opportunity January 23-24. Come reach for more with us.

Youth Winter Retreat Cost is \$135.00 with Registration and deposit due by December 21, 2009. Middle School Weekend February 6-8. High School Weekend February 13-15.

Church in the Home On Sunday, December 28, we will celebrate Church in the Home. We will provide you with resources to worship in your home that Sunday with your family. We will not have a corporate worship service at our facility that morning. Questions? Call the church office.

21 Day Fast We want to encourage the SSCC family to join us for a 21 day fast as we begin the new year. This time is set aside to humbly seek God. We will concentrate on praying for the body of Christ during this time and asking for God's vision, wisdom, and power as we move forward in the new year. Begin to pray and think now about how God might lead you to fast in some area of your life during this 21 day season.

Holiday Schedule Due to the holidays the following will not be held:

12/21	Rush Hour
12/23-1/7	Men's Fraternity
12/24	Inside Out
12/24-12/31	Ladies Evening Bible Study
12/25	Grief Recovery
12/28	All on-campus events
12/30	Celebrate Recovery
12/31	Inside Out
01/01	Grief Recovery

SSCC Financial Update :: Jan.-Nov. 2008

General Giving	\$1,917,423
Building Giving	\$457,770
Total Giving	\$2,375,193
Operational Expenses	\$1,453,176
Missions	\$176,188
Interest Expense	\$405,827
Total Expenses	\$2,035,191
Total Cost of Building	\$12,400,000
Debt as of Nov. 30, 2008	\$9,900,000
Paid to Date	\$2,500,000



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