"View From My Window" by Pastor Everhart

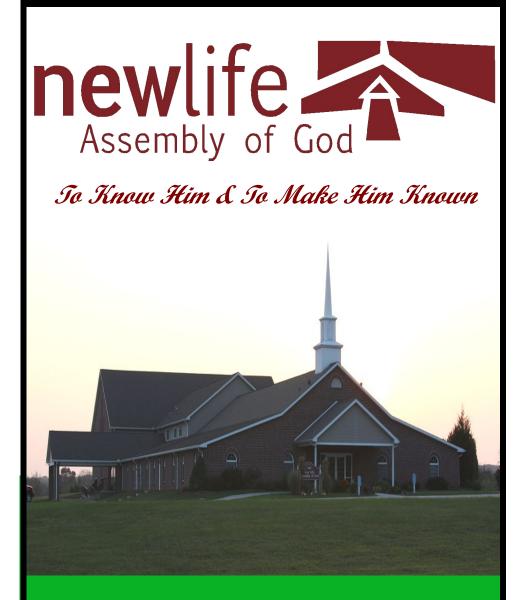
Try as I might I just can't get back to the feelings I had as a child at Christmas. Pastor LeRoy reminded us last week of how we couldn't sleep the night before and how a week before Christmas was like an eternity. Actually when you factor those things into the equation maybe it's better to be an adult during this time of the year! I suppose the wise thing to do would be to pick and choose the childlike stuff and the adult-like qualities that blend together to make a wonderful Christmas holiday. Maybe that's part of the wonder of family: the blending of old and young in a common experience: the kids bring the awe and wonder, the adults polish it by decorating, cooking and wrapping special gifts. The place we all meet together is at the manger scene. There the children forget about their wish list for a moment and adults allow the stress of their plans to ease. While united we turn our hearts upward in praise then bow low in grateful thanks for a God who would come to save us. Anyone can celebrate a holiday but only Christians know Christmas. Any kid can get excited about surprise gifts; any adult can decorate or plan a meal but only a Christian can celebrate Christmas: O come let us adore Him!

> Lead Pastor: Pastor Joel Everhart Associate/Youth Pastor: Pastor LeRoy Bunker Board Members:

Vickie Blevins: Secretary, Emily Strine: Treasurer Greg Geiman, Dave Mickley, Rick Quinn & Andy Storm

Take some time to visit our website: <u>www.eastberlinassembly.org</u> To see more events, select Calendar. To schedule the facilities for use, please see or email Deb Flickinger at: elphtlvr@embarqmail.com Another way to stay connected? Find us on Facebook: New Life A/G & Amplified Youth Ministry

Welcome to



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We're glad you are here!

Weekly Announcements:

- Christmas Eve Service @ 7 pm this Wednesday.
- Tithing envelopes are on the Christmas card table in the foyer.
 If yours are not there, or if you would like to start using tithing envelopes, see Emily Strine after the service.
- Christmas Mail is located in the foyer. Please check for your name periodically as mail continues to come in.
- Left over Christmas Dinner Silverware odds & end pieces are located in the foyer.
- Christmas gift ideas....Giant and Nell's gift cards are being sold in the financial office following the 10 am morning service. Proceeds from the sales of these gift cards will go in a fund to assist with financing the children & youth camp events.
- Youth Group Winter Retreat: January 23rd—25th Information available on youth bulletin board. Commitment and deposit due today.
- Next Sunday: 9 am Sunday School & 10 am Worship Service, no 6 pm Service

Upcoming Events:

- Mon. Dec. 29th: 6:30 pm Volleyball see Angie Kline for details
- No Wed. Evening Service on Dec. 31st.
- Sunday, Jan. 4th: Regular service schedule resumes Communion will be served.
- Monday, January 19th 7 pm—9 pm Beginner's Coupon Class
 Sign up Sheet at the Welcome Center

Sunday, December 21, 2014

- <u>9:00 am:</u> Sunday School
- <u>10:00 am:</u> Morning Worship Service <u>Sermon:</u> "O Holy Night" Luke 2 <u>Children's Church</u>: Please bring your child back to sign them in and out for safety reasons.
- <u>Noon:</u> Children's Christmas Program Practice
- <u>Noon:</u> Youth Group Christmas Party
- <u>3:00 pm</u>: Children's Christmas Program

<u>Get Connected Today:</u>

NURSERY: staffed for all services to care for children ages birth—3 years old **Nursing Mother's Room is Available**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: (3 & 4 yr olds), (K—2nd Grade), (3rd—5th), (6th—12th), (Royal Rangers 9th & up) & (Adult Class)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: boys & girls 3 yrs—6th grade

AMPLIFIED YOUTH MINISTRY: 7th—12th grade

KID'S CLUB: Sun. @ 6pm ages 3-9 yrs old

GIRL'S CLUB: Wed. @ 7 pm for girls ages 3-8th grade

ROYAL RANGERS: Wed. @ 7 pm for boys ages 3–12th grade

MINISTRIES: GREETERS, WORSHIP TEAM, SPECIAL MUSIC, CREATIVE WORSHIP, SOUND, MEN'S, WOMEN'S, DRAMA TEAM, YOUNG @ HEART