



Ann Arbor church of Christ  
**Neighborhood Church**

## Welcome

Welcome to the Ann Arbor Church of Christ! We are so glad God brought you to us today and it's our prayer that He will use us to bring you even closer to Him.

During our Sunday morning worship hour we offer a Bible-based worship program for children ages 3 through 1st Grade, and 2nd-4th Grade. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper. There is also a cry room for training small children in the back of the auditorium where you and your children can still see and hear the service.

If you would like to know more about us, our services, or our ministries, one of our shepherds or ministers will be happy to talk with you. We would love to help you in any way we can!

### Our Shepherds:

Terry Dalrymple 769-7367  
 Jon Keith 747-6827  
 Karl Luttrell 995-4407  
 Jim Mattocks 433-0217



### Upcoming Events

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 6	Feed the Flock

### This Week's Church Billboard

**"Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain!"**

Visit us on the web at:

[www.AnnArborChurchOfChrist.com](http://www.AnnArborChurchOfChrist.com)

## Receiving Forgiveness at Christmas

By Rick Warren

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.*" Luke 2:11 (NIV)

Knowing that Christmastime is God's chosen time teaches us that Christmas is the time for us to receive forgiveness for the wrong things we've done.

God didn't send us a salesman because we don't need a product. He didn't send us a politician because we don't need diplomacy. He didn't send a scientist because we don't need more information. God sent us a Savior because we need a Savior. If we didn't need a Savior, God wouldn't have wasted time sending one. God sent a Savior so we could receive forgiveness.

Why do I need a Savior? The Bible says that heaven is a perfect place. There's no sin in heaven; there's no suffering in heaven; there's no pain in heaven; there's no sorrow in heaven. It is a perfect place. The Bible says only perfect people get to live there. Obviously, if imperfect people lived there it wouldn't be perfect. That means I don't stand a chance of getting to heaven on my own merit.

So we all have a big problem. Here's this perfect place, but none of us are perfect. So God came to earth in the form of Jesus, who was perfect. I can't get to heaven on my own, but Jesus says, "I will be your Savior."

How do I let Christ save me? It's real simple. You admit you need a Savior. That's hard for a lot of us because it hurts our pride. We think we're a good person. That may even be true but you're not good enough. You're not perfect. We must admit, "I need a Savior. I need help. God, I need Jesus in my life. I need Jesus to be my Savior."

I was a life guard when I was younger. One thing every lifeguard knows is that you can't save anybody who's trying to save themselves. If you've ever watched a lifeguard approach a person who is drowning, you will see the lifeguard swim out to the person and then just tread water. The lifeguard will watch the swimmer flail around until he or she finally gives up and goes limp. At that point, the lifeguard can simply put an arm around the swimmer's shoulder and swim back to shore.

It's that easy! But as long as the swimmer is trying to save him or herself, then no one can save him or her. If you grab on to swimmers before they give up trying to save themselves, they'll pull you down with them.

In the same way, God can't save you until you stop trying to save yourself. You can't have Christ as your Savior until you quit trying to get to heaven on your own effort. You have to just relax (remember 'stop being afraid') and say, "God, I don't deserve to be forgiven. I just cast myself on Your mercy." And God says, "That's what I've been waiting for. You are forgiven."

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17 NLT)

# Worship Guide

Darryl Canty	Welcome
Emily Jobe	Special Pre-Worship Song
Jon Keith	Call to Worship
997	"Come All Ye Faithful"
Tom Lockett	Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26 – 38
1028	"O Holy Night"
Darryl Canty	Prayer
	Special Song
Dakoda Canty	Scripture Reading: John 1: 1-4, 14, 29
Tom Ogar	Communion
1017	"Away in a Manger"
999	"The First Noel"
Karen McConnell	Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46 - 56
Darryl Canty	Offering
1018	"Joy to the World"

**Song Leader:** Bryan Jobe

*"And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."  
| Corinthians 10:16-17*

## Sunday Morning Servants

	December 27	January 3
Scripture Reading	Various	
Morning Prayer	Darryl Canty	
Communion Prayer	Tom Ogar	
Sound Room	The Leymans	

**Communion Servers for the Month of December:** Randy Hoffman\*  
Qunal Jackson  
Rob Fagerlund  
Jay Lambert  
Jon Keith  
Rex Leyman  
Dakoda Canty



\*Denotes Lead server who is responsible for making sure other servers are ready to go each week during the month.

## To Save a Life Movie

Our church is committed to sharing the love and truth of Jesus Christ in any and every way possible. Movies can be powerful tools in communicating the love of Jesus Christ. I would like our church to help promote a movie that is coming out the weekend of January 22nd 2010 called To Save A Life.



**Here is what we need to do to help: We need to pre-buy tickets.** If the churches and people in the area can pre – sell 70 tickets at \$10 each then we can bring the movie to Ann Arbor. Possibly you are praying for an opportunity to share Christ with a friend but you don't feel like it is time to invite them to church quite yet maybe this could be a good next step for him/ her.

Here is what you need to do to pre-buy: bring your \$ to me (Darryl) by Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010. Please write your checks to the church. You do not have to specify what time you are going to be able to go to the movie during the weekend of January 22-24. You will receive a voucher that will allow you to see the movie at your convenience. Many of you are going to the movies anyway why not give some eternal purpose to your entertainment. Much Love, Darryl

Virginia Bird's daughter, Karen Fletcher, has a 3 month old grandson who was born with an undeveloped heart. The first surgery of two very serious surgeries will take place January 11th in Detroit. Please keep the family and little Tony in your prayers

## 3rd-5th Grade Reading Schedule

December 28	Luke 5:17-39
December 29	Luke 6:1-26
December 30	Luke 6:27-49
December 31	Luke 7:1-30
January 1	Luke 7:31-50

## Attended Nursery

12/27 Becky and Mary  
01/03 Tausha, Suzel Diego, Mary Hovan-Gailbreath  
01/10 Sonya, Brittany & Becca Brugh

\*\*Please Staff Nursery at the **Start** of Worship\*\*

## Family Report

Sunday Giving (12/20)	\$3,793
Weekly Budget	\$3,175