

WELCOME:

On behalf of the Stone House family I'd like to welcome you to SHPC. I am glad you are worshipping with us this morning and I sincerely hope that you find our gathering to be meaningful.

Our worship style is informal, so we invite you to dress comfortably. We have a nursery for our infants and pre-schoolers, and one of the ushers would be glad to direct you to that location. In addition, we offer "Discovery Time" for children in grades K-5 immediately following the Children's sermon. If you would like to make a donation when this morning's offering is received, feel free to do so; but please don't feel any pressure. Today's celebration is our gift to you.

Following our worship gathering we invite you to join us for coffee and cookies, and I will look for an opportunity to meet you. Thanks for being with us, and may God's richest blessings be yours.

because of Him,
Pastor Bob

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Worship Gathering – 12.03.06

(10:00 am- Toano Middle School)

We Come Together in God's Name

Call to Worship and Gathering Music

Let All Mortal Flesh

In Christ Alone

Children's sermon

Welcome and Announcements

We Draw Near to Christ through the Word

A Child's Christmas Letter

Special Music: *Some Children See Him*

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Sermon: "Close Encounters of the Holy Kind: faith, not formula."

We Respond in the Power of the Spirit

Offering: *Isn't He*

The Lord's Supper

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Benediction

This week at Stone House...

Today:

*Angel Tree continues
Congregational Meeting following
worship*

Pot luck and Grand Illumination-

*4PM Williamsburg Community
Building*

HS Youth- 7PM office

Wednesday:

Women's Group-7PM office

Thursday:

Coffee & Conversation-8:30AM

Ukrop's

Better 1/2 -10AM office

MS Youth- 6:30PM office

*Outreach Meeting- 7PM The
Wingates*

Friday:

*Friday group- 7AM Coffee
Beanery*

Saturday:

Men's group- 7:30AM office

Sunday:

*Last day to turn in Angel Tree
gifts*

HS Youth- 7PM office

the Adventure continues . . .

Outreach Ministry

- Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps bring the spirit of Christmas to those less fortunate in our community. Stone House is participating in this community wide Christmas project. Please plan to sponsor an Angel. The “wish list” of a child or senior is on the ornament, along with age, sizes and special needs. A blue ribbon is for a boy, pink for a girl and yellow for a senior citizen. Share with the Angel that touches your heart. Please have all gifts to Stone House no later than December 10. Your gifts should not be wrapped but please use the Angel tag to identify your gifts. The Salvation Army will prepare all gifts and pass them on to the Angel families. If you have any questions by contact Cheri Mulhare, 258-3995 or cherimulhare@hotmail.com.
- Christmas Kettle Ringing scheduled throughout the month. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Dunbar.

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Miscellaneous

- Plan to join us for our regular 4th Sunday in Advent at 10 am on December 24 and then for our family Candlelight Christmas Eve celebration at 5 pm on Sunday, December 24.
- Ministry Team annual reports are due by Wednesday, December 27. Any questions, please contact Colleen.

Children’s Ministry

- Discovery Time - Parents please note that there will be NO Discovery Time for children in the preschool, K-2, or 3-5 classes on December 24 or December 31. Children are welcome to remain in worship. Nursery care however, will be provided and will also be available for worship at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve.
- Parents - **Please note that Discovery Time for Grades K-2 and 3-5 does not end until 11:20 a.m.** You are welcome to pick up your children from the nursery and the preschool class when worship ends and then enjoy a cup of coffee and good fellowship until the older kids are finished with their classes. Please do not pick up your older children until 11:20 a.m. so that teachers have adequate time to complete their lessons. Thank you!
- Preschool Parents - Elizabeth Layton's last day in the preschool class will be December 10. Please join us in the classroom after worship for cake and juice and to thank her for her work with our children. Elizabeth graduates from William and Mary on December 16.

Point Person
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