

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

Staff:

Pastor- Dr. Robert Melone, Jr.
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Worship Gathering – 12.17.06

(10:00 am- Toano Middle School)

We Come Together in God's Name

Advent Call to Worship and Gathering Music

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Forever

Children's sermon

Welcome and Announcements

Offering

Light of the World, Children's Choir

We Draw Near to Christ through the Word

A Grandmother's Christmas Letter

Special Music: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, Chris Botti

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-22

Sermon: "Close Encounters of the Holy Kind:

Here and now"

We Respond in the Power of the Spirit

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Lo, How a Rose*

Benediction

This week at Stone House...

Wednesday:

No Women's Group

Thursday:

Coffee & Conversation-8:30AM

Ukrop's

No Better 1/2

Burnt Ordinary Meeting- 1:30PM

office

No MS Youth

Friday:

Friday group- 7AM Coffee

Beanery

Saturday:

No Men's group

Sunday:

Regular Worship- 10AM

*Family Candlelight Christmas Eve
worship-5PM*

the Adventure continues . . .

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 classes when worship ends, 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!

Point Person
Heather Craddock
369-0327

Foundations Ministry

- SHPC will be providing free wrapping at Barnes in Noble in Newtown. If you are interested in volunteering please sign-up in the fellowship area.

Point Person
Char King
564-0724

Miscellaneous

- Beginning in January, we will have volunteers in the office on Monday and Friday of each week. We are really in need of additional people willing to help out. Hours are from 9 am –12 noon. If you are interested please contact Betty Barber, 565-0388.
- 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.

Outreach Ministry

- Christmas Kettle Ringing scheduled throughout the month. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Dunbar.

Point People
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