

# Apostolic Church of Belleville

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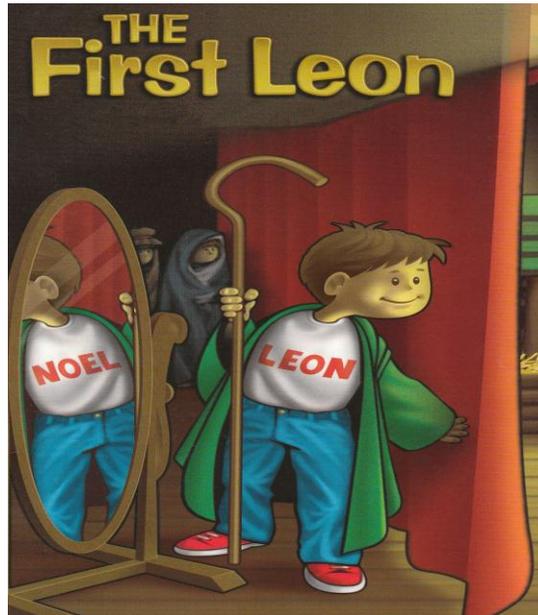
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## December 2012

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## kidzMINISTRIES & the Music Department presents:



## 2 Performances

**Saturday, December 22**

**7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 23**

**10:00 am**

In this charming musical, you will see the Christmas story through the eyes of Leon. Leon is...special. Ever since he discovered his name spelled backwards is Noel, he's felt a call to tell the world the true meaning of Christmas.

But when he tries out for every role in the annual pageant, he finds that he's the only one who doesn't get a part. Rejected!

Now Leon understands how Mary and Joseph must have felt when they heard those words "no room" that night in Bethlehem. However, without really trying, Leon does uncover the true meaning of Christmas when he identifies the real Star of Bethlehem.

It is our prayer that there is always room for Jesus at Christmas and all through the year!

The kidzKHOIR will present this Christmas musical with the help of the Adult choir and featuring several kidzKHOIR soloists.



Also, on **December 23 at 6:00 pm**, the Music Department will present a Singspiration. There will be songs of the season and songs of worship from several different talented members our congregation.

**Please join us in celebrating the true reason for the season –  
Jesus Christ!**

### Sunday

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
kidzLIVE! (ages 5-11)  
Jr. High (grades 7-8)  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

### Monday

Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
Class offered:  
Adult Bible Class  
Kids Prayer Class (ages 5-11)  
Jr./Sr. High School  
College & Career

*Prior to every service the prayer room is open for prayer. Spending just a few minutes in prayer before church creates such an awesome atmosphere for God to move. We look forward to meeting you there.*

*Child care services are offered for children ages 4 & under during the Sunday & Wednesday services.*



### December 2 at 6:00 pm

Michael Flemming, Pastor in Sesser, Illinois, will be joining us as speaker for the evening service.

### December 8 at 7:00 pm and December 9 at 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

Special revival services with Morton Bustard

## Christmas Service Schedule

*There will be NO SERVICE on December 26th*

*There will be regular services on Sunday, December 30th  
at 10:00 am & 6:00 pm*



## Christmas House

kidzMINISTRIES annual Christmas House will take place on December 16. We are currently collecting small items for the kids to "buy" at the Christmas House as gifts for their family. This is a great opportunity to allow our Sunday School kids to participate in the gift-giving season. Items should be new or gently used and should be of the type that you would like to receive as a small gift for the holidays. We are also collecting gift wrapping materials to use to wrap the kids' newly "purchased" gifts, all in time for the holidays! If you have items to donate, please see Theresa Phelps or Tricia Wilson. Donations are being accepted through December 15.

## 25:35 Food Drive

Matthew 25:35 says, "For I was hungry, and you fed me..." kidzREACH (our Children's Outreach Program) will be gathering items to add to the shelves at the Food Pantry, and we need your help! Non-perishable food items may include dry pasta or beans, canned goods, baby food/formula, peanut butter, boxed dinners, etc. Please place donations in the red bin in the foyer. We will be delivering the items to the Food Pantry for the Christmas holiday, so the last day to give donations will be Wednesday, December 16.

*Christmas*  
for **Christ**  
Offering Date: Dec. 16

**Don't forget: Pledges for Christmas for Christ are due on December 16. Please do your best to honor your commitment to this important ministry!**

# CHAPTER 29

FACTS

## youth ministries

C:29 Prayer & Fasting

December 10-14

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C:29 Christmas Party

December 8

10:30 am - 4:00 pm

We will be going to the SIUE Cougar Lanes for a day of bowling and fun. Please bring \$5 with you, as well as money for food for the day and any extra games you may wish to play. The price of admission covers two games and bowling shoes.

**Please ask in advance if you want to bring a friend.** Seating is limited and there may not be room.

C:29 Service  
 December 5 @ 7:30 pm  
 Special Speaker:  
 Brian Staley,  
 Section 5 Youth Leader

**2013 Calendars!**

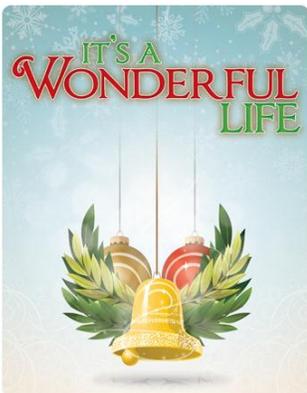
These gorgeous calendars sell for \$7 and have space large enough to write in all your appointments and keep you organized throughout the year.

*As the year draws to a close, I would like to take the time to thank each of you that have worked and labored for the Lord through this year. Your sacrifice of time and energy has contributed greatly to the effectiveness our church exhibits in reaching our community. May God's blessings be upon you in the New Year!*

~ Pastor G. Szabolcsi

**Ladies' Christmas Party**

Grab a friend and join the Ladies' Department for our annual Christmas party on **December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** in the church fellowship hall.



Bring a \$10 gift exchange and a dozen cookies.

Dinner will be provided FREE of charge. There will be a skit, games, and more!

RSVP by signing the list at the back of the church. If you would like to donate a food item, please use the list on the back table to sign up for what you would like to bring. Food donations should be at the church by December 5<sup>th</sup>.



- 2 - kidzMIN Team Meeting
- 2 - Michael Flemming, PM service only
- 5 - C:29 Service-Speaker, Brian Staley
- 6 - Young at Heart, St. Louis Meeting
- 7 - Ladies' Christmas Party
- 8 - C:29 Christmas Party
- 8 - Morton Bustard, Revival
- 9 - Morton Bustard, Revival
- 10 - St. Matthew's Christmas Program
- 11 - kidzMIN Continuing Education
- 16 - CFC Pledges Due
- 16 - kidzMIN Christmas House
- 16 - 25:35 Donations Due
- 22 - Christmas Drama
- 23 - Christmas Drama
- 23 - Christmas Singspiration, 6 pm
- 26 - No Service



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**December 6<sup>th</sup>** will be the next meeting of Senior Life Ministry of Greater St Louis. Cost is \$10 per person. If you would like to go, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. We will leave the church at 8:45 am and will return home around 1:45 pm.

On **December 10<sup>th</sup>** we will be going to St. Matthew United Methodist Church for their Christmas program, "The Glory of Christmas." If you need a ride or want to follow someone, let Ruth Dehne know in advance. She will be leaving our church at 6:00 pm and we are to be in our seats no later than 6:30. Seating has been reserved for 40 people and you must RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary to guarantee your seat. This event is not limited to Young at Heart and everyone is welcome to attend.



## What Christmas Is All About

~By M.S. Lowndes

Christmas will always be for us  
A time to reflect on Christ,  
The gift God gave to all the world  
Was the gift of His life

We know Christmas is not about tinsel,  
Nor fancy Christmas wreaths,  
Nor is it about all the decorations  
That adorns our Christmas trees

And it's not about Holly or Mistletoe  
Hanging from our doors,  
Nor is it about the gifts that are left  
By the jolly Santa Claus

Christmas is more than all of this  
And the only reason why  
We celebrate Christ's birth together  
And the wonder of His life

So remember as you celebrate,  
Just what it's all about  
And invite the Lord to join with you,  
Instead of leaving Him out

For He will always be the reason  
We celebrate this day,  
No substitute the world may offer  
Can take that meaning away.

