

**CLAYS MILL ROAD  
CHURCH OF GOD  
"BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD"**

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**NOTES FROM PASTOR –**

During the frenzy of parties and shopping in December, we can easily lose the real meaning of the celebration of Christmas—Thanks be unto God for His wonderful gift: Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God is the object of our faith; the true meaning of the season.

If in the frenzy of it all we can reflect on the Son of God's miraculous birth, maybe we won't miss the reason for the season. With the gifts, the bells, the lights, the snow cream, the carols, etc., it is not very easy to meditate on Jesus' birth for long. Give it your best shot, ok?

It is a season for giving as well as receiving so maybe we could try to be a little more giving. I mean by that that we should try to give something besides a gift under the tree. Try giving some time, some kind words of encouragement, a cheerful word, a hearty Merry Christmas,..... There are a lot of things to give besides a tie and a pair of socks. Try giving like the Lord did (He gave His Son you know!)

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	11:00 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE	6:00 PM
THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE	7:00 PM

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**THINGS TO COME-**

-TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE WOOTEN SISTERS CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVEAWAY.

-OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD THURSDAY NIGHT DEC. 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 WITH A MEAL AND DEVOTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

-CHILDREN'S CHURCH WILL PRESENT THEIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY MORNING DEC. 19<sup>TH</sup>.

-A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS WILL BE PRESENTED SUNDAY NIGHT DEC. 19<sup>TH</sup>. SHOULD BE GOOD!

-WE WILL ONLY HAVE A 10:30 AM SERVICE SUNDAY DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup> WITH CHILDREN'S CHURCH. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT QUESTIONNAIRE. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

-WATCH NIGHT SERVICE FRIDAY DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup> BEGINNING AT 8:45. WE'LL WATCH & PRAY THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN.

**TV SCHEDULE-** ACCESS CHANNEL 14 IN LEX. AT TIMES LISTED BELOW & ON ADELPHIA CH.5 IN RICHMOND AT 6 & 10 PM ON FRIDAYS  
12-13- 9pm, 12-14- 9am, 12-16- 10am, 12-19- 3pm

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK-**

-Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.... (Titus 2:13 KJV)

**POINTS TO PONDER-**

-Youth looks ahead, old age looks back, and middle age just looks tired.

-Some people think it's holding on that makes one strong. Sometimes it's letting go.

-There are three enemies of personal peace- regret over yesterday's mistakes, anxiety over tomorrow's problems, and ingratitude for today's blessing.

-He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree.