

The Baptism of Jesus Christ

January 2, 2011

Men's Mission Trip to Rio Bravo, Mexico

Please keep the following men and their families in your prayers as they travel to Rio Bravo this week to build a cafeteria for a kindergarten.
Chris Riedel, Joe Harris, John Riedel, Sam Ercolano, Chris Ercolano, Dan Crisp
John Burkhamer, Bob Lynd, Richard Augugliaro

Sanctuary Worship Service

Join us Wednesday night, January 12 at 7:30pm for our monthly Sanctuary prayer and praise worship service in the Great Room. Talk with Rick Dawson with questions.

Greeting9:30 Rebecca Simmons 11:00 David Slupe

Notes of Joy

Psalm 103: 1-18.....No. 824
Song.....Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (vs. 1,2,4).....No. 731
Peace

The Gospel Read.....Matthew 3: 1-17

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with [b] water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with [c] the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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Baptismal Covenant (11:00).....No. 39

Stella Linden Grunberg
Daughter of Molly and Timothy

Sharing Joys, Concerns and God Stories

Please note the box for prayer joys and concerns in the back of the Great Room. Sam Girardi, our Prayer Team contact, can be reached at skgirardi@yahoo.com

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering Gifts to God through the Church

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed.....The Baptismal CovenantPastor Chris Riedel

Go to www.ArcolaChurch.org for a pod cast of today’s sermon.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant and Communion.....No. 50

All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please join in singing 2051, 2158, 2218 and 378 as we celebrate grace made real in the bread and cup.

The Christ Candle burns each Sunday until Ash Wednesday as a remembrance of the light of the world coming in Jesus Christ

Year End Giving Notes

- To be counted in 2010 offerings all checks need to be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2010
- Please contact Chris Slupe at (703) 661 5660 x 101 if you are interested in donating stock
- Year End giving statements will be available by January 20th
- Go to www.Arcolachurch.org to make your commitment for 2011 operating budget

Confirmation for 8th Graders and older

Confirmation classes for youth in 8th grade and older will begin Sunday, Feb, 6th at 11 with join Sunday being March 27th. You can find all information and a place to register on www.ArcolaChurch.org or contact Katie Humphries.

Mexico Summer Mission Information

There will be an Informational meeting about the 2011 summer mission trip to Rio Bravo, Mexico on Sunday, January 16th starting at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Molly Riedel will be there to review plans for 2011 and answer any questions. You can reach Molly at MollyRiedel@aol.com

Summer Mission Trips

- **Rio Bravo, Mexico (June 26-July 1)** Mollyriedel@aol.com Senior High and older
- **Habitat for Humanity (July 17-22)** KatieH@arcolachurch.org Sr high & Mi school
- **Cash contributions to support this work can be made to Arcola Church and note “mission”**

Arcola Christian Preschool

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will begin on January 3, 2011. Forms and information can be found on the church website or in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact the Preschool Director, Barbara Ladany, at BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org or 703-661-5660 x222.

Family Holiday Photos

This is the time of year when many people go and get a family photo for the holidays. If you have gotten this done, or plan to in the coming weeks, please share your photo with us for our data base. You can email them to beccit@arcolachurch.org or chris@arcolachurch.org.

A Night of Literacy

Arcola Christian Preschool is pleased to present “A Night of Literacy” on Monday, January 10 from 7-9 pm in Ruth Hall. Lenora Falciani, Owner of Innovative Ideas in Education, LLC, will present a two hour seminar for “parents and teachers only.” Come learn exciting ways to engage your children in learning experiences that will support their literacy development. The workshop is free but you need to rsvp at BarbaraL@arcolachurch.org by December 23. Please bring: a pencil, scissors, a black sharpie, a ruler, markers, and stickers your child would enjoy. Bring a friend! Door Prizes!!!

Men’s Dinner

Our next men’s dinner will be Monday, January 17th starting with dinner at 6:30 followed by a time of worship, fellowship and a program. To RSVP email Mark Abel at abelmark@comcast.net.