



Monthly Newsletter of Friendly Community Baptist Church

# Community *update*

December 2011

## Upcoming Events

12.4

**Senior Saint's Banquet**

12.7

**Awana Sings Christmas**

**Carols at Huntington**

12.17

**Student Ministries**

**Christmas Party**

**at Mike's Farm**

12.25

**Communion Worship**

**Service**

12.31

**Student Ministries**

**New Year's Eve Party**

## God's Unspeakable Gift

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift" (2 Cor. 9. 15).

**M**ANY of us will give a great deal of thought about gifts during the next few weeks. Some of us have experienced much joy in giving, others have found a measure of delight, but not nearly so much as we possibly expected, through receiving gifts. It is still true that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and I dare say the happiest people are not those who have received the most, but those who have given the most. Particularly is this true if your gifts have been largely to those in less comfortable circumstances than yourself, and if you have sought to minister to the needs, to brighten the homes of those in poverty, to bring a happy smile to the children's faces, and to cheer weary and distressed mothers and fathers. It is a very blessed and beautiful thing to make gifts in this way.

This is one of the by-products of Christianity. It is because our Lord Jesus Christ has Himself taught us the lesson that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," that we delight to make gifts in His Name. Even the world itself has caught the blessed infection, and unconverted people find a great deal of joy in sharing with others. And so as we think of gifts, our minds naturally go to the Supreme Gift which God in His marvelous grace has lavished upon a guilty world. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

