

The Sharing Org

Loving God by Loving Others



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Happy New Year Prayer Partners!

I pray that your Christmas season was full of great cheer as you celebrated the birth of our savior.

This Christmas we observed the Advent season by lighting a candle each week on the Advent wreath. Our folks enjoyed the anticipation this created during the Christmas season. We had the great pleasure of celebrating Christmas Day with the residents (and staff) of the different facilities by conducting a special Christmas service where we lit the last candle on the Advent wreath as we celebrated the birth of our Lord together. This special Christmas service was especially meaningful to the residents who were not able to have family visit them for Christmas, to the various staff that had to work on Christmas morning, and to us as well. Brad mentioned that this has been his favorite Christmas ever, and his sentiment seems to be the consensus of our team.

I'm sure that you've noticed some cosmetic changes to the newsletter. These changes reflect the changes to our website too. We've revamped the website to be a bit more intuitive to peruse. If you have not visited lately, check it out and tell us what you think. (www.thesharing.org)

As 2004 has ended, we have made some new plans for 2005. Brad will be moving out of his role as my once-a-month relief minister, and we will be working together more as a team. Since he has been on the day shift he has been more able to participate with the Sunday morning worship services. This year we will be preaching on alternating Sundays. We did this for Advent, and we found that we really enjoyed playing off of each other for bring the morning messages, and the residents seem to be particularly pleased as it gives them a break from my ceaseless droning too! ☺ **Please pray** for our transition into this new routine of our ministry.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we continue to bring the love of Christ to people who are not able to get out to worship with others on Sunday mornings. The work that we are doing brings love and comfort to the residents every Sunday, and it brightens their days to see us come (if truth be told it's really Sela that they like but -Shhhh- we won't tell the rest of the team).

God bless,
John Rock on behalf of The Sharing Org Team

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