

Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will to all men!

Greetings to the great Illinois District! As you can tell by my opening I am fully aware of the fact that Christmas is coming and am in the Christmas mode. Our new home is decorated inside and out for Christmas. Our Church board Christmas dinner is Tuesday this week; our choir will rehearse our Christmas musical Wednesday and will present it twice this weekend, (Saturday evening and Sunday morning); we plan to attend our Grandson's school Christmas program this Thursday. Friday evening is our church's annual Christmas dinner....That's right, every night except Monday is taken up with a Christmas "activity". As I said in my first line, I am in the Christmas "mode". I know you are all aware that being in the "mode" is not the same as being in the Christmas "spirit". Yes we enjoy the food; the fun and the fellowship along with all the beautiful decorations. We enjoy giving and getting gifts, especially watching our children and grandchildren open them. But as we go through this most wonderful time of the year let's agree, together, to remember the real reason we do all these things. 2012 years ago (or so) a host of Heavenly Angels announced to a frightened group of shepherds "unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior who is Christ the Lord". That announcement is still valid today. Let us, as the wise men did, kneel before Him and offer our gifts. Offer our time, talents, ourselves and allow Him to renew the true Spirit of Christmas within us. As we do this we can then share Him with a lost world. May our Lord Jesus grant you and yours a very merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

In Christ,
Jim German, SDMI Chairman

ATTENDANCES FOR NOVEMBER					
Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School	Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School
Anna First	169	80	Highland Community	NR	NR
Arcola First	39	27	Jerseyville	NR	NR
Arcola Spanish	NR	NR	Laclede	16	11
Auburn	NR	NR	Lincoln First	34	27
Barry	NR	NR	Mahomet	51	29
Beardstown	75	67	Mansfield Community	32	29
Beardstown Liberty Hispanic	29	13	Marion First	NR	NR
Belleville Emmanuel	52	49	Mattoon East Side	74	91
Belleville First	NR	NR	Mattoon Real Life Com.	30	17
Belleville Korean	21	2	Monticello	13	14
Benton First	NR	NR	Mount Carmel	23	14
Bethel Community	54	35	Mount Erie	48	22
Carbondale New Begin Com.	NR	NR	Mount Sterling	19	10
Carlinville First	44	32	Mount Vernon Faith	NR	NR
Carmi	NR	NR	Murphysboro	NR	NR
Casey	147	90	Nebo	54	33
Centralia	59	47	Oakwood	7	
Champaign First	NR	NR	Ogden	62	47
Champaign New Day Com.	NR	NR	Olivet	75	40
Chrisman	65	35	Olney	77	58
Clinton First	79	53	Pana First	NR	NR
Collinsville Good Samaritan	112	60	Paris First	85	55
Decatur First	605	382	Pittsfield	255	157
Decatur Oak Grove	NR	NR	Quincy Emmanuel	63	35
Decatur Parkway	70	57	Rantoul	76	55
Decatur Trinity	NR	NR	Roxana	NR	NR
Decatur West Side	78	64	Royalton First	108	97
Du Quoin	16	11	Salem Grace	437	245
Dupo Bluffview Christian Cntr.	NR	NR	Shelbyville	NR	NR
East St. Louis Rush Memorial	5	5	Sherman	NR	NR
Edgemont Grace	NR	NR	Sparta	NR	NR
Fairfield Fountain of Life	24	13	Springfield First	248	133
Fairview Heights Parkview	41	33	Springfield Trinity	NR	NR
Flora	160	124	Taylorville First	NR	NR
Georgetown	47	42	Tuscola	43	10
Glenview	80	46	Urbana Lighthouse	67	71
Godfrey	NR	NR	Vandalia	NR	NR
Granite City CTM	NR	NR	Virden	NR	NR
Griggsville	NR	NR	West Union	NR	NR
Harrisburg Oasis	NR	NR	Total	4064	2664