

# Strikepoints

## Welcoming 2005

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When searching online for the perfect inspiration for the new year, I found a sermon from a preacher of a church in the area. This sermon was done on the first Sunday of 2004. I found it very inspirational. It was entitled "Star Gazing" and was instructing the congregation to follow their stars in the new year.

The Wise men followed the star for quite some time until they reached their destination—baby Jesus. They were thrilled once they were there.

So I encourage you to set your goals for the new year, turn them into stars and follow your stars until you reach them!

I have many stars for the Handbell department this Spring. In order to reach these stars, there will be a few changes in store—they are good changes, don't worry.

First off, Cheryl will be taking this Spring semester to spend some time with her family. We will miss you Cheryl! We will welcome you back in the Fall!!

To help with rehearsal times, Echoes of Faith and Resound will combine to make 1 group this spring and will rehearse at 4:00 on Sundays.

Celebration Ringers and Chimes of Joy will rehearse as 1

group with myself directing the group. We will still have the 2nd / 3rd graders on chimes and 4th / 5th graders on bells. The combined group will rehearse at the same time, 5:15 PM on Sundays.

A new group is being formed this Spring. It will be for any 5th grader that is a member of Celebration Ringers and the group will be called *UpTempo*. This group will allow the 5th graders to work on more advanced music and also help as a transition to Echoes of Faith for their 6th grade year.

*UpTempo* will meet from 5:45—6:15 PM on Sundays.

5th graders—please let me know ASAP if you are NOT able to participate.

So as you can see, we have some stars to follow, but we are going to have a blast!! I cannot wait to see each one of you at the first rehearsal of 2005!!

Happy New Year and I will see you all on January 16!!

*Sarah*

BIBLE VERSE: Matthew 2:9-10

<sup>9</sup>...they [Wise Men] went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed

## ***Song of the Month— “We Three Kings”***

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

### ***Refrain***

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

### ***Refrain***

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshipping God on high.

### ***Refrain***

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

### ***Refrain***

Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

### ***Refrain***



## **January Birthdays**

Hayleigh Johnson

January 19





## Web Site of the Month

Brodts Music Company  
[www.brodtsmusic.com](http://www.brodtsmusic.com)

### Celebration Ringers / Chimes of Joy Rehearsal Schedule

January 16 Rehearsal at 5:15 PM  
 January 23 Rehearsal at 5:15 PM  
 January 30 Rehearsal at 5:15 PM  
 February 6 NO REHEARSAL

### UpTempo Rehearsal Schedule

January 16 Rehearsal at 5:45 PM  
 January 23 Rehearsal at 5:45 PM  
 January 30 Rehearsal at 5:45 PM  
 February 6 NO REHEARSAL

### Echoes of Faith / Resound Rehearsal Schedule

January 16 Rehearsal at 4:00 PM  
 January 23 PRELUDE—11:00 Service  
 January 23 Rehearsal at 4:00 PM  
 January 30 Rehearsal at 4:00 PM  
 February 6 NO REHEARSAL



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## **Upcoming Events**

### **ECHOES OF FAITH / RESOUND**

Sunday, January 23, 2005  
Prelude—11:00 Service

Sunday, February 20, 2005  
Prelude—11:00 Service

Sunday, March 13, 2005  
Prelude—11:00 Service

Sunday, March 27, 2005 (Easter)  
Anthem with Choir

Friday / Saturday, April 8-9, 2005  
Hickory Festival

Sunday, April 17, 2005  
Anthem with Choir

### **ALL GROUPS**

Sunday, May 1, 2005  
Handbell Department Concert, 4:00 PM

### **ECHOES OF FAITH / RESOUND**

Sunday, May 15, 2005  
Youth Sunday

