

- This month, Word & Deed's prayer update is a different kind of request for prayer. Our very own John Otten, Word & Deed's Director of Projects, has recently been diagnosed with terminal bone cancer. As many of you may remember, John started working for Word & Deed in 2008 after serving the Lord in Cubulco, Guatemala, for over 17 years. We have always been blessed by John's first-hand insights into the work of our partners and his ability to develop meaningful relationships with so many of them. Please join us in praying for John and Connie as well as their children and grandchildren, that they would experience the peace that passes understanding in the weeks ahead. We serve a caring and gracious Father. "The Lord is the strength of my life..." (Psalm 27:1b).

#### **School Announcements**

- Hull Christian School: (1). Our Hostess Supper has a new date - February 20. Make sure to mark your calendars. (2). We have extra frozen cinnamon rolls available for purchase at Hull Christian School. \$15 a dozen or a box of 10 dozen for \$125. Stop by the office to grab yours before they're gone!
- Rock Valley Christian School: (1). Friday, December 19 at 8:30 am: Christmas Sing-a-long, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade band will perform.
- Western Christian High School: (1). Will you prayerfully consider "Celebrating Western" with a year-end gift? Gifts and funds raised will be given to the General Fund for capital improvements. Thank You to those who have already contributed to the mission of WCHS! (2). The WCHS Christmas Concert is Monday, December 15 at the **Western Event Center**. The bands and orchestra will begin at 7:00 PM with the vocal portion of the evening beginning at 8:00 PM. Please make plans to join us!

#### **Sermon Notes**

##### **AM Sermon Outline: Magnify the Lord!**

Scripture Reading and Text: Luke 1:39-56

Theme: Magnify the Lord of Great Reversals

I. Blessing the Lesser

II. Raising the Lowly

III. Humbling the Lofty

**PM Sermon Outline: Christ and Christians**

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:15-29; Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 12

Theme: Exercise Your Shared Anointing as a Member of Christ

I. Anointed to Office

II. Christ's Office

III. Christians' Office