



## Message from Pastor Tim

### *January 2012: How Does God Do It?*

*When I was chaplain at the Village of Childhelp I ran across a book that was written by Marian Wright Edelman, the founder of the Children's Defense Fund. In her book, "Guide My Feet", she has assembled a series of prayers and meditations "on loving and working for children". One of my favorites from the book is written by a gentleman by the name of Edmond McDonald.*

*When God wants an important thing done in this world or a wrong righted, He goes about it in a very singular way. He doesn't release thunderbolts or stir up earthquakes. God simply has a tiny baby born, perhaps of a very humble home, perhaps of a very humble mother. And God puts the idea or purpose into the mother's heart. And she puts it in the baby's mind, and then—God waits. The great events of this world are not battles and elections and earthquakes and thunderbolts. The great events are babies, for each child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged with humanity, but is still expecting goodwill to become incarnate in each human life.*

*As we approach this New Year, I think there is much wisdom to be gained from these words. Collectively we have many things to be anxious about: the continuing sluggish economy, the diminishing size and scope of the state budget but the continuing need to address the current deficit, the congregational transition towards a new pastor (is it going to be someone whom we will like or more importantly be able to afford!). These are real anxieties! And then we add on all of the real fears of our own personal lives, health issues, relationships, job losses, etc. But God waits..... God puts the idea or purpose into the mother's heart and she puts it in the baby's mind, and then God waits.*

*There will be many new things which will happen during this year of 2012. Some of them will be exciting, some of them may be scary, but God is with us during all those events, Emmanuel, waiting for his love to become incarnate in every human life. As faithful Christians through our baptism in Jesus Christ, we wait too, knowing that God is beside us every moment of our waiting.*

*Peace,  
Pastor Tim*