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**CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY
WORSHIP
(Dec. 23rd)
9:30 A.M.**

**Be here and be
sure to invite
someone to be in
Worship with you.**

**CHRISTMAS
EVE
WORSHIP
(Dec. 24th)
7:00 P.M.**

The Refuge Christian

SPECIAL EDITION

DECEMBER 2007 STORM

How do we decide to dismiss Church?

At about 5:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 16th, I headed out to the church from my home in Noblesville. To be honest, the roads weren't great, but not really all that bad. I met Mo Guyer at the church who was there to clean the walks. And, Ron Ehrgott arrived to clean the parking lot (we employ Ron's son Jay to plow the lot in the winter and Dad got the job of operating one of the plows on this beautiful morning.)

I called the County Highway Department who assured me they would try to at least clean the road on 196th St. from Promise Rd. to the church since the city usually keeps Promise Rd. and 191st St. pretty clear. So, while we all agreed it wasn't great. We decided to not dismiss church. I went home to clean

up and then head back to Worship.

When I left home shortly after 8 a.m. it was clear things had changed dramati-



"Oh, the weather outside was
frightful..."

cally. Even the city streets were lousy. And so, I made the decision to dismiss church after consulting with "Chairman-Elect" Steve Skinner who assured me he wasn't even sure he could get out of his driveway.

I then made a quick call to Steve Vernick who notified Channel 13 and he also called Pratha Landis to begin making phone calls to those who are on the Prayer Chain Call List. I then sent an email to all those on the Newsletter Distribution list.

So, how do you know if church has been dismissed?

1. **Watch Channel 13 or check their website.**
2. **Watch your email.**
3. **Listen for a phone call.**
4. **Call the church (773-3475)—I put a message there saying there was no worship.**
5. **Finally don't jeopardize your safety even to come to Worship.**

Year End Gifts Are Very Helpful.

Over the years we have had to dismiss church very few times. That's a good thing. And, I am grateful that most folks who give financially to Refuge understand that expenses continue even when we can't get together to Worship.

During this calendar year we are thankful that even though things have been tight, we have always been able to pay our bills and we believe that God will continue to provide. But, the truth is that God provides through his people.

I don't know your financial circumstance this year, but if you could make a special year end gift to Refuge this year it would be a great help.

I want to thank you in advance for your continued generosity to the Lord's work.

-Pastor Stan