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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Expectations and more expectations are obviously implied within our stewardship celebration campaign! It is a common fallacy "to expect others" to rise up and support the church's spiritual and financial needs without accepting our own accountability toward solving this most challenging problem. When did God ever put all His eggs in one basket; when did He ever place all the church's responsibility on one leader, one family, or one individual? The time has finally come for every person within this church family to evaluate their personal level of support within "all three areas" of Christian stewardship: time, talent, and money. This coming Sunday will be our last Commitment Sunday of our official Stewardship Campaign. Please submit your cards in the offering plate, the church office, or by mail.

In the past, we have not held one another accountable; thus our spiritual and financial deficit continues to grow and expand. What do you and what do I propose to do about our situation as a stockholder in God's church? Genuine love is expressed not only in words but "in action." How much we appreciate those persons who consistently and intentionally have given and some who have increased their support! As a team member, you and only you can determine the final outcome of this year's stewardship campaign. The clarion call and the trumpet of the Lord have sounded. Shall we retreat or shall we move forward, placing our faith in the same God who delivered Israel? **You decide!**

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

REELFOOT RURAL MINISTRY FOOD AND CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVES

Reelfoot Rural Ministries needs our immediate support and contributions. Please bring your food items: canned goods, staples, paper products, etc. and place them in a bag near the church office door this week. We also need some new Christmas toys for those children served by this ministry. Families are depending upon your generosity, and **please bring your toys and food to church no later than next Sunday, November 23, so that we can transport them to Reelfoot in time for the opening of the Reelfoot Rural Ministry's Toy Store.**

TIME TO THINK OF POINSETTIAS

Only 5 poinsettias have been ordered so far. Because we are making a bulk order, each poinsettia will cost only \$20. Your orders and payment need to be turned in to Diane McClanahan by **November 30**. Please specify total number of plants you wish. We are planning on displaying

many on the "Christmas Tree-Shaped Poinsettia Stand (or stands). Please make your check payable to FUMC Trenton.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The various churches within Trenton and Gibson County will be celebrating a community Thanksgiving worship service this Tuesday, November 25th, at 7:00 p.m., and we are the host church. The combined choirs of First Presbyterian Church and our church will present the anthem. The Trenton Ministerial Association is asking every family to bring a commercially canned food item for our local food pantry and also a special offering to assist need persons and families.

BUDGET MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Judy Reasons has volunteered to teach a "Budget Management Training" class to any adult or youth or to a Sunday School Class on a Sunday morning. If you are interested, please contact Judy this week at 855-2130 or reasonr@bellsouth.com.

CHRISTMAS & CULTURE DAY AT LAKESHORE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008, 10 AM TO 6 PM

Lakeshore will be transformed for the day. This year's culture is Germany: You can enjoy authentic German foods, decorations, crafts, and activities. This will be a wonderful family outing. From Germany came the first Christmas trees and our favorite Christmas carol, "Silent Night." There might be a visit from the Weihnachtsmann or the Christkind! Registration forms are outside the church office. Cost is \$15 per person.

A NEW STEWARDSHIP THERMOMETER

Have you noticed our new stewardship thermometer, located near the front of the sanctuary? It is strategically placed there for everyone to see our stewardship grow upward toward the \$200,000 goal. If every member and family will respond, we can enthusiastically celebrate another team victory! Thanks are expressed to our stewardship committee members and their families for constructing the new stewardship thermometer.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to identify the young lady who is seen here visiting Vicksburg in 1948. Give your childhood photo to Gary Blankinship. Previous photo was of Henry Phillips.

PRAYER AND CARE: Terry Agee, Joseta Barker, Susan Buchanan, Thomas Cherry, Agnes Evans, Dot Kilzer, Rachel Lambert, Bea Lowery (mother of Janice Dickey), Barbara Parker, Terry Rivas (sister of Lori Michel), Janice Singleton room 854 Jackson-Madison General Hospital 731-541-0854.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), James Patrick Inman, Paul Michael Ross (brother of Jacob Ross), Chris Smith, Chais Milligan Wallsmith.

IN RETIREMENT HOMES: Dorothy Hardaway, Room 5, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN.

IN NURSING HOMES: Finis & Mattie Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street; Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road., Humboldt, TN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER: Bettye Jackson

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

*Sammy Dickey Thomas Cherry Jimmy Milligan
Janice Dickey Virginia Cherry Sandy Milligan

MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

To volunteer to feed the youth, call Glenna Helms 692-3531

November 23 Bettye Jackson & Karin Johnson
November 30 No UMYF meeting
December 7 John & Teri Maddox

Supper volunteers will need to be present from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The meal is served at 5:30. If you are unable to come at 4:30 or to stay after the meal, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

GREETERS

November 23 Donna Carr & Judy Estes
November 30 Betty Denton & Joseta Barker
December 7 Judy & Billy Woods
December 14 Suanna Geater & Marion Pipkin

ACOLYTES

November 23 Blake Estes & Daniel Hodges
November 30 Gracey Estes & Gracie Williams
December 7 Annie Bartholomew & Tyson Bartholomew
December 14 Blake Estes & Logan Wallsmith

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

November 23 II Timothy 6:3-16 Trudy Phillips
November 30 TBA Sammy Dickey
December 7 TBA Judie Reasons
December 14 TBA TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

November 23 Barbara Griggs
November 30 Jeff Carr
December 7 Peggy Davis
December 14 Betty Denton

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3-Jill Mischke, 3-Henry Phillips, 9-Nathan Baker, 13-Trudy Phillips.

19-Rachel Lambert; 20-Louise Potts. 24-Joyce Sanders.
29-Rachel Rollins

*Dear Love Notes & Children's Chimers,
Thank you so very much for all of you for the hard work that it takes to put on an event as special s this one you did for us. Your gifts and talents were enjoyed so much by all of us. Thanks again for the beautiful event.*

God bless,

The Worship Committee of Alamo FUMC

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23: FINAL COMMITMENT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation-in the-fellowship hall
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service
4:30 p.m. - Junior High UMYF
5:30 p. m. - UMYF Common Meal
6:00 p.m. - Senior High UMYF

Monday, November 24

5:30 p.m. - Stewardship Committee
6:30 p.m. - United Methodist Men

Tuesday, November 25

7:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service at our church

Wednesday, November 26

No Wonderific Wednesday
No Choir Practice

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day: The church office will be closed Nov27-28.

Sunday, November 30

No UMYF

ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 16, 2008

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 76 **MORNING WORSHIP:** 98

VISITORS IN WORSHIP NOVEMBER 16:

Carolyn Adams.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TO IMPROVEMENTS DEBT NOV 10--NOV 16: Not available

TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT: Not available

TO DATE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES: Not available

MEMORIALS

Please note: Memorial donations need to be on a check that is a separate check from your other offerings.

TO THE TRUSTEES MEMORIAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF WALTER KILZER & HUGHLINE DICKEY
Judy Hickerson

INVITATION

*You are invited to a baby shower for
Cicily Buchanan and expected baby boy*

*Saturday, November 22,
from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in our fellowship hall.
Hostesses are: Carolyn Blankinship,
the Young Christians (Clayburn Peoples') Class
our New Adult Sunday School Class & Sweet Spirits.*

FOUND in the church van: A necklace of shiny dark-gray metal beads and a modern dark-gray metal crucifix. Reclaim this on the table outside the church office.

FOUND after the bazaar: A ladies wristwatch with heavy metal band of "silver" and "gold." Claim it on the secretary's desk.
