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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Have you finished making your New Year's Resolutions? According to Webster's Dictionary, the word *resolution* means "the act of resolving something; the thing determined upon; the decision as to future action." Actually, we make all kinds of secular resolutions throughout our lives: to spend our time and our money using conservative wisdom, to drop a few of our bad and self-destructive habits, and to spend more quality time with our family and friends.

These resolutions will only become meaningful when they are set into motion! They are like the dry bones in Ezekiel's valley, until the Holy Spirit breathes upon them with new life and vitality. It seems to me that our spiritual resolutions should be of equal or even greater concern. Let me suggest some reasonable New Year's resolutions: Remaining consistent in attending Sunday school and worship services; remaining consistent in your financial support of the church's budget and various ministries; remaining consistent in your daily prayer and devotional life; remaining consistent in bringing your children to our Sunday and Wednesday programs; and above all remaining consistent in your relationship with Jesus Christ!

Neither God nor the church likes to have members who are complacent, inconsistent, half-committed, and unfaithful concerning their spiritual resolutions and disciplines. Have we unconsciously forgotten our membership vows? If our church is ever to spiritually grow and mature as one of Trenton's greater congregations, we must adopt and maintain these spiritual resolutions.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

UMYF NEWS by Jacob Ross

Starting January 11, we will be combining the Junior and Senior High youth activities (too few attend Junior High UMYF to justify separate programs). The meal will still be at 5:30 p.m., but from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. all the youth will meet together. We encourage and welcome you to join us for a full semester of activities.

Second Tuesday of every month we will have Breakfast Club at Cotton's. Join us at 6:45 a.m.

Once a month we will have dinner and a movie! So, keep your eye out for information

Friday, January 23, the youth will be traveling to UT Martin to see Jacob perform in Watkins Auditorium for the Interfaith Center's "Unity Concert." Tickets are \$5, and all are welcome to attend!

LOVE NOTES HANDBELL CHOIR WILL RESUME REHEARSALS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, AT 7:00 P.M.

COLLECTIBLE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Those who ordered the special ornament (depicting our church) at our Bazaar in October, please pick them up from the desk in the Sunday School office behind the organ, and pay for them. Each person's ornaments are in a

separate envelope with your name on it. There is a manila envelope beside the ornaments to put your money in and check off your name on the front. Make checks to "Love Notes." Ornaments are \$10 each.

OUR FREE HEALTH CLINIC

Due to Janice Singleton's illness, the FUMC Health Clinic will not be held this month. Please pray for Janice's speedy recovery. God Bless you and your family.
C.B. Singleton

NEW CHURCH OFFICIALS FOR 2009

Copies of the 2009 church leaders on the table outside the church office. Please pick up a copy to insure better communication within our church's ministries.

2009 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS

I hope that every contributing adult, youth, and child has received his or her offering envelope packet. If you did not receive one, and would like one, please contact the church office this week at 855-0561.

There is a special envelop in the front of your packet that you can use to make a \$3.00 donation for the cost of your packet. If everyone will contribute \$3.00 toward this expense, we will not have to pay this printing and envelope expense, thus saving our church budget for other, more critical needs.

Most people will use their envelopes on a weekly or monthly basis. One of our members discovered a wonderful incentive used by another church. Everyone gave one extra dollar every week! If our people would consider giving an extra dollar per Sunday, our budget could show an increase of several hundred dollars per month.

We encourage our young adults to be sure to give your child some money to place in their offering envelope every Sunday. The wonderful witness and joy of children and youth seeing adults giving something every Sunday--even if it is only one dollar--could mean much more than words could ever convey.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2009

Bro. Tommy would like to start a confirmation training class for children and youth beginning at the fifth grade age level and above. We will also need a mentor for every child involved. Thus, we need some adult volunteers. Please contact Bro. Tommy this week because he will need to order the confirmation materials from Cokesbury, and we must know the number of children who would like to participate. The length of this program will be 6 to 8 weekly sessions. Our first session will begin on Sunday, February 8, from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (please note change of time).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Education Committee will meet this Wednesday, January 14th, 5:00 p.m., in the Fishermen's Sunday School Class room. We encourage all committee members to attend and to participate because we will be planning some new church events for 2009.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to identify this mother and child. The previous photo was of Glenna Helms. Judie Reasons was the first to call 855-0561 to win the golden dollar by identifying Glenna Helms in the photo.

PRAYER AND CARE: Bruce Hinton, Rachel Lambert, Terry Rivas (sister of Lori Michel), Janice Singleton (now at home), C.B. Singleton.

SYMPATHY is expressed to the family and friends of Bill Hight.

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: Agnes Evans, Greenbriar Meadows, 436 Hannings Lane, Martin, TN 38237; 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 Janice Singleton Room 520B, Summer's Landing, 2036 South Hwy. 45 Bypass, Trenton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY: Betty Poteet

USHERS FOR JANUARY

*Edward Joyner	Fred Davis	Larry Ridings
William Joyner	Clayburn Peeples	Wayne Bradley

MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

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

January 11	Jodie & Steve Mischke
January 18	Leah Jean & Gil Rollins
January 25	Kerri & Brad Ballentine
February 1	Michelle Wallsmith

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 until 7:00, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

GREETERS

January 11	Andrea & Ed Joyner
January 18	Alicia & Jonathan Estes
January 25	Marilyn & Ken Holder
February 1	Jean Smith & Erma Dollar

ACOLYTES

January 11	Gracie Williams & Bailey Williams
January 18	Sydney Phelan & Rachel Rollins
January 25	Annie Bartholomew & Gracey Estes
February 1	Cade Roberts & Christian Roberts

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

January 11	Acts 19:1-7	Corinne Holman
January 18	I Samuel 3:1-10	Janice Dickey
January 25	St. Mark 1:14-20	Barbara Jones
February 1	Psalm 111:1-10	LaNita VanDyke

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

January 11	TyAnne Ridings
January 18	Jacob Ross
January 25	Faye Campbell
February 1	Karin Johnson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-Tassie Hopkins. 10-Janice Singleton. 12-Mark Agee. 12-Mitchell Jones. 15-Leigh Boyce. 16-Grover Poteet. 19-Sara Kilzer. 21-Julie Joyner. 22-Dani Johnson. 23-Mitzie Privitt. 30-Adele Moore. 31-Janice Dickey

INVITATION

There will be a church-wide baby shower for

*Michael and Christy Wallsmith
on Sunday, January 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
in our church fellowship hall.*

*Christy and Michael are registered at Target,
Toys R Us, and Debbie's Youth Shop in Trenton.*

*All women of the church are invited
and encouraged to attend.*

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 11

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service
5:30 p.m. - UMYF Meal
6:00 p.m. - Junior High and Senior High UMYF meet together.

Tuesday, January 13

6:45 a.m. - UMYF Breakfast Club at Cotton's. All are welcome.

Wednesday, January 14

5:00 p.m. - Education Committee
5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday meal - Pot-Luck
6:00 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday programs for all ages.
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Monday, January 19

6:30 p.m. - Worship Committee

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 4, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL 78 MORNING WORSHIP 81

VISITORS IN WORSHIP DECEMBER 28: Mary Rachel Pace, Leigh Holman-Johnson, Doyle Johnson, Natalya Mathews, Brittany Pope, Jeannie Winters, Emily Phillips, Ed Phillips, Sara Webb Phillips, Jim Holman.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP JANUARY 4: Allen Beard, Patrea Beard, Jim Colman, Michelle Elliott, Ann Taylor Elliott.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship, so that our visitors will do that, too.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 4

TO DEBT ON DEC 28 & JAN 4: \$452
TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT: \$18,755
TO YOUTH FUND ON DEC 28 & JAN 4: \$200
YOUTH FUND 2009 TO DATE: \$100

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2008

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN DECEMBER: \$13,137.94
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN DECEMBER: \$25,263.94
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS: \$8,701.60

TREASURERS END-OF-YEAR REPORT

Copies of the church treasurer's report of all expenditures for December 2008 and for the year 2008, along with budgeted sums, are available on the table outside the church office.

MEMORIALS

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

**IN MEMORY OF JAMISON GREY BUCHANAN
AND IN HONOR OF GREYSON ABBOTT BUCHANAN**

Great Grandmother Mary E. Abbott

IN MEMORY OF BEA LOWERY

Janice & Sammy Dickey Carolyn & Gary Blankinship
Mr. & Mrs. Billy W. Johnson Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Morris
Mary & Neil Ernest

IN MEMORY OF HUGHLINE DICKEY, WALTER KILZER

Janice & Sammy Dickey

IN MEMORY OF BILL HIGHT

Mary & Neil Ernest