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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Attendance and enthusiasm were definitely impressive during last Sunday's worship service. There were 17 children who participated during the children's sermon, and our attendance totaled 118. The music was extremely motivating, as it always is, especially as the choir sang "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." What a joy it was to see the choir almost filled to capacity with singers! As your pastor, I am thoroughly enjoying preaching to such an attentive and responsive church family.

God has truly blessed our church with great talent and people who have an enormous compassion toward reaching out to persons in crisis! Jesus is our perfect example of being a "person of others." I believe that God gives us blessings not to use or hoard among ourselves, but God blesses us that we may bless others! Someone once said: "Storms never last forever, but tough people who are anchored on solid spiritual foundations will always survive."

We spent much time during Sunday's worship service considering the benefits of consistent attendance, financial support, and evangelist outreach. This new year could offer us an excellent opportunity to become more consistent and more committed to God and our beloved church. Let us not continue to become complacent and delinquent concerning our understanding of being a good steward. God has given me this church appointment; He has given me a vision of the unlimited benefits of teamwork and unity; and you and I can become better stewards than we were in 2008--only as we commit more of our lives and hearts to Jesus Christ, always giving Him our best and highest priority. The Bible raises an extremely provocative question: "What will a person give in exchange for his or her soul?" I pray that your responses and my response will be positive and life refreshing.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Glorianna Lowery, who joined the membership of our church last Sunday by transfer from the Catholic Church. How appreciative we are of her good friend, Joseta Barker, who invited her to the worship and fellowship events of our church! Please extend to Glorianna our prayers, love, and support as she becomes better acquainted with her new church family.

UMYF NEWS by Jacob Ross

We have combined 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. (February 9th).

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!

COLLECTIBLE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Those who ordered the special ornament (depicting our church) at our Bazaar in October, please pick them up from the top of the glass display case in the downstairs hallway, 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.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR OUR FREE CLINIC

We are proud to announce that we have a new health coordinator, Dot Kilzer, who will be testing persons' blood pressure and pulse rate during our monthly Free Health Clinic. The clinic will resume on the first Tuesday of February, the 3rd, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. and continue the first Tuesday of every month. Sincere appreciation is expressed to Janice Singleton, who served as our health coordinator for numerous years. Please continue to pray for Janice and C.B regarding their illnesses and recovery of their health.

2009 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS

So far, 23 households have paid the \$3 Initial Offering for their offering envelope packets out of the 105 persons who have received the envelope packets.

There is a special envelope 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 the envelope packet expense out of our budgeted funds, thus saving those for more critical needs.

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 offerings 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 needs to hear from all parents who would like to enroll their child in the pastor's confirmation class. He has only had one parent to respond! The program will involve children and youth from the fifth grade level and beyond. The length of this program will be 6 to 8 weeks. Our first session will begin on Sunday, February 8th, from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If we do not have more immediate response, this program will obviously be cancelled. The deadline for enrollment is Sunday, January 18. Talk to Bro. Tommy to enroll your child.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to identify these children. The previous photo was of Gail Phelan and Sid Phelan. The first to call and identify them was C.B. Singleton.

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY: Peggy Davis

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

*Franky Hodges	Gary Blankinship	Gary Buchanan
Bob Holman	Bobby Moore	Murray Jones

MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

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

January 18	Leah Jean & Gil Rollins
January 25	Kerri & Brad Ballentine
February 1	Michelle Wallsmith
February 8	TBA

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 18	Alicia & Jonathan Estes
January 25	Marilyn & Ken Holder
February 1	Jean Smith & Erma Dollar
February 8	Anne & Luther Coble

ACOLYTES

January 18	Sydney Phelan & Rachel Rollins
January 25	Annie Bartholomew & Gracey Estes
February 1	Cade Roberts & Christian Roberts
February 8	Claire Rollins & Rachel Rollins

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

January 18	I Samuel 3:1-10	Janice Dickey
January 25	St. Mark 1:14-20	Barbara Jones
February 1	Psalms 111:1-10	LaNita VanDyke
February 8	TBA	TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

January 18	Jacob Ross
January 25	Faye Campbell
February 1	Karin Johnson
February 8	Glenna Helms

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 Joynes. 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 18

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service

2:00-4:00 P.M. - Baby Shower for Michael & Christy Wallsmith

in our fellowship hall

5:30 p.m. - UMYF Meal

6:00 p.m. - Junior High and Senior High UMYF

meet together (Permanent Change).

Monday, January 19

6:30 p.m. - Worship Committee

Wednesday, January 21

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday meal - Fishermen Class

6:00 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday programs for all ages.

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

COMING EVENTS

Sunglasses Sunday, February 15th. Please bring your old prescription glasses or sunglasses of any type to the church "on or before" this date.

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 11, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL 95 MORNING WORSHIP 118

VISITORS IN WORSHIP DECEMBER 28: Jessica Gilpatrick, James Gilpatrick Jr., Alisa Gilpatrick & James Gilpatrick, Jordan Gilpatrick, Brittany Pope.

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 11

TO DEBT ON DEC JANUARY 11:	\$48
TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	\$18,803
TO YOUTH FUND ON JANUARY 11:	\$0
YOUTH FUND 2009 TO DATE:	\$100

NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, words of comfort, and memorials during the loss of our mother, Bea Lowery. To Bro. Jowers for his calls and uplifting words and to the ladies who provided lunch for our family, we can never thank you enough.

*In Christian Love,
Sammy & Janice Dickey
Bill & Pat Goodrich*

MEMORIALS

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

IN MEMORY OF BEA LOWERY

Mike & Joy Wallsmith Family Julia Hawks and children
Vickie Thompson Broadfield neighbors

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES ELLIOTT, JAMES CALLAHAN

Marion Pipkin

IN MEMORY OF WILMA HOWELL

(Grandmother of Gina Williams)

Gina Williams