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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

America will celebrate the inauguration of its 44th President, Barack Obama, on Tuesday, January 20th. It is not only an extremely exciting time in our nation's proud history, but also a most challenging era for all government officials. Obviously, none of us will be envious of his task toward leading America to a more stable economy and a stronger resolve to retain all our basic freedoms. Let us continue in the daily discipline of prayer for President Obama and our congressional leaders as they confront the perplexing issues of 2009 and this new decade. Change, reform, and prosperity will not be instantaneous or without sacrificial efforts; thus, we as Christians need to summon the Holy Spirit to give wisdom and new vitality to every leader!

Consistent prayer is not just a good idea; it is the best resource open to people who are already weary and fearful of what we may be facing. Let us not become complacent or despondent because the Scripture assures us: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" This text does not imply that we can ever be successful without following God's guidance in all governmental problems. Will you and will I do a much better job giving our nation, our President, and our congressional leaders sufficient prayer and support as they project their best solutions to America's vital needs? Always remember, our attitude and actions can make a tremendous difference only as we "go with God."

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

## 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.

## 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. Seven youths have been enrolled to date: Blake Estes, Jake Hinson, Daniel Hodges, Rachel Rollins, Logan Wallsmith, and Bailey Williams. We will need seven mentors or more, one assigned to every youth. If you would like to serve as a mentor, please contact Bro. Tommy this week. The program will involve children and youth from the 5th grade level and above. Beginning is on Sunday, February 8th,

from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., and the program will continue over a 6-8 week period.

## NEW MEMORIAL DOOR PROJECT

We have already received \$1000 toward a new "commercial-grade" door for the north entrance, the one nearest our parking lot. This donation was given in memory of Dr. Edward Barker. Thus, we need only \$1500 of additional donations to complete this most needful improvement. We desperately need a new door for heating and cooling savings and for security reasons for our staff, children, and adults. We need to act now because of the rising cost of building materials and labor. The old door has served our church for untold years, and it has reached the time for replacement. Our Trustees have concluded that the \$2500 price is extremely fair and reasonable for a commercial-grade door. If you would like to give a donation in memory of Dr. Barker, please sign a pew envelope; mark a check in the Memorial box and add the words "Door Memorial"; then deposit the envelope into the offering plate.

## 2009 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS

Twelve more people have paid the \$3 Initial Offering for the cost of the envelope packets, making a total of 35 out of the 105 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.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to identify this child. The previous photo was of Kellie and Julie Joyner.

**PRAYER AND CARE:** Terry Agee, Beth Phelan, 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.

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**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 25	Kerri & Brad Ballentine
February 1	Michelle Wallsmith
February 8	TBA
February 15	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 25	Marilyn & Ken Holder
February 1	Jean Smith & Erma Dollar
February 8	Anne & Luther Coble
February 15	Virginia & Thomas Cherry

**ACOLYTES**

January 25	Annie Bartholomew & Gracey Estes
February 1	Cade Roberts & Christian Roberts
February 8	Claire Rollins & Rachel Rollins
February 15	Josey Phelan & Sydney Phelan

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS**

January 25	St. Mark 1:14-20	Barbara Jones
February 1	Psalm 111:1-10	Kari Alexander
February 8	TBA	Sandy Hodges
February 15	TBA	TBA

**CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

January 25	Faye Campbell
February 1	Karin Johnson
February 8	Glenna Helms
February 15	R.B. Hodges

**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

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**UMYF NEWS** by Jacob Ross

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!

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**CALENDAR**

**Friday, January 23**

UMYF attends *Unity Concert* at UTMartin

**Sunday, January 25**

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

**Monday, January 26**

7:00 p.m. - Loyal Workers at the home of Jewell Hardaway  
co-hostesses: Gloria Jones, Dot Kilzer

**Tuesday, January 27**

7:00 p.m. - Sweet Spirits in the church fellowship hall

**Wednesday, January 28**

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday meal - Pot-Luck

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

7:00 p.m. - No Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 29**

7:00 p.m. - Evangelism Team Meeting

**COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 1**--The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Monday, February 2**--Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 3**--8-10 a.m. Free Health Clinic resumes.

**Sunday, February 8**--Confirmation Class Begins, 4:30 p.m.

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

**Wednesday, February 25**--Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent

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**ATTENDANCE JANUARY 18, 2009**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 95 MORNING WORSHIP 120**

**VISITORS IN WORSHIP JANUARY 18:**

Stephanie Hale, Isaac Hale, Charlotte Hayes, Morgan Hopkins.

**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.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 18**

**TO DEBT ON DEC JANUARY 18: \$10**

**TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT: \$18,813**

**TO YOUTH FUND ON JANUARY 18: \$10**

**YOUTH FUND 2009 TO DATE: \$210**

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**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**

Anne & Luther Coble

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**FOUND** after the bazaar: A ladies wristwatch with heavy metal band of "silver" and "gold." **FOUND** a red "coat" scarf. Claim these on the table outside the office.

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