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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We will officially begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 25th, with a special worship service entitled "The Imposition of Ashes." Lent emphasizes confession and repentance during its 40 days of observance. A Lenten calendar has been enclosed to spiritually guide you through this most meaningful journey. Did you know that every day almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes, one child every 5 seconds? Hunger has already become a global problem; therefore, we are asking everyone for your commitment and support. Please put aside some sacrificial offerings every day throughout Lent, and bring your offerings back to church on Easter Sunday, April 12th, for dedication.

Lent means much more than a time when church members give up a few indulgences, only to resume the same old habits. Have you ever thought of completely committing your life to Jesus Christ at every level of discipleship? As a pastor and a Christian, I could not give you a better challenge or any better advice for significantly revitalizing our church than making this personal commitment! Jesus is constantly reminding us that the harvest of souls is ready, but the laborers are few. Almost every church has an adequate supply of recipients, but we need participants and laborers who are "overly anxious" to become seriously committed.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE TRAINING FOR GIBSON COUNTY CLUSTER

All United Methodist churches of Gibson County (their SPRC Committees) will assemble at our church on Sunday, February 8th, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. All members of our SPRC Committee are expected to attend.

FREE HEALTH CLINIC RESUMES

Our church's Free Health Clinic will resume next week on February 3 between 8 and 10 a.m. with Dot Kilzer administering the blood pressure and Jean Smith testing blood sugar and Erma Dollar doing the record keeping.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2009

A total of 8 youths are now enrolled in the pastor's confirmation class. They are Blake Estes, Jake Hinson, Daniel Hodges, Sydney Phelan, Christian Roberts, Rachel Rollins, Logan Wallsmith, and Bailey Williams. We will also need 8 mentors, one assigned to each youth. If you would like to serve as a mentor, please contact Bro. Tommy this week (855-0561 or 855-1494). The program will involve children and youth from the 5th grade level and above. Beginning Sunday, February 8th, from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., the program will continue over a 6-8 week period.

NEW MEMORIAL DOOR PROJECT

Since last week's announcement here in the newsletter, we have already received $200 more toward a new "commercial-grade" door for the north entrance, the one nearest our parking lot. Thus, we need only $1300 of additional donations to complete this most needful improvement in memory of Dr. Edward Barker. 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.

FINANCIAL PROGRESS, USING OUR NEW OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS. AND THE ONE EXTRA DOLLAR A WEEK SACRIFICIAL OFFERING, USING A PEW ENVELOPE EVERY SUNDAY

The church family is improving it spiritual and financial stability as we are "gradually and consistently" becoming more committed by proportionately sharing our God-given resources. May God bless you for giving your offerings much more thought, prayer, and response. Your renewed commitment will produce some great spiritual and physical dividends if everyone will begin to do more than just the minimum, thus revitalizing our church's outreach to others as faithful disciples of Christ! (Note: We have already collected $145 from 44 people who have paid for their offering envelope packets, leaving 61 people who have not paid the $3.00. Have you given your $3.00 offering? If not, please do so this week!)

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.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to identify this fine boy. The previous photo was of **Bro. Tommy Jowers.** The first person to identify him was **Carol Ann Halliburton**.

PRAYER AND CARE: Terry Agee, Bill Goodrich, Linda & George Groves (sister and brother-in-law of Peggy Davis; their house burned**),** Beth Phelan, Dorothy Powell (aunt of Storm Johnson), 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**, c**all Glenna Helms 692-3531

February 1	Michelle Wallsmith
February 8	Gloria Jones & Tim Jones
February 15	Barbara & Harold Griggs
February 22	Sandy & Franky Hodges

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

GREETERS

February 1	Jean Smith & Erma Dollar
February 8	Anne & Luther Coble
February 15	Virginia & Thomas Cherry
February 22	Barbara & Frank Parker

ACOLYTES

February 1	Cade Roberts & Christian Roberts
February 8	Claire Rollins & Rachel Rollins
February 15	Josey Phelan & Sydney Phelan
February 22	Bailey Williams & Gracie Williams

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

February 1	Psalm 111:1-10	Kari Alexander
February 8	TBA	Sandy Hodges
February 15	TBA	TBA
February 22	TBA	TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

February 1	Karin Johnson
February 8	Glenna Helms
February 15	R.B. Hodges
February 22	Andrea Joyner

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-Bettye Jackson. 3-Corinne Wade Holman. 4-Catherine Maule. 6-Frances Taylor. 6-Jeff Jowers. 7-Harold Griggs. 9-Gary Blankinship, Frank Maule. 13-Jay Avery. 14-Delores Smith, Sally Wyatt. 17-Barbara Parker. 19-Billy Woods. 20-Jim Grant. 26-Luther Coble, Gloria Jones, Cathryn Lane, Sydney Phelan.

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

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 29
7:00 p.m. - Evangelism Team Meeting

Sunday, February 1
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service--Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
4:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. - UMYF Super Bowl Party meal?
6:00 p.m. - UMYF Super Bowl Party?

Tuesday, February 3
8:00a.m. to 10 a.m. Free Health Clinic
Free fasting blood sugar and blood pressure testing
Be sure to come fasting for fasting blood sugar test.

Wednesday, February 4
5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday meal - Gloria Jones
6:00 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday programs for all ages.
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

COMING EVENTS

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

2:00-3:30 p.m. - Gibson County Cluster Staff-Parish Relations Committees Training at our church

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

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 25, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL 94 **MORNING WORSHIP** 109

VISITORS IN WORSHIP JANUARY 25: None.

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 25

TO DEBT ON DEC JANUARY 25:	**$60**
YEAR DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	**$363**
TO YOUTH FUND ON JANUARY 25:	**$10**
YOUTH FUND 2009 TO DATE:	**$270**
TO MEMORIAL DOOR JANUARY 25	**$150**

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF KELLY LANE, LEE CAMPBELL, JACK WALKER, BILL HIGHT, BILL STOVER

Glenda & William Lane

MAINTENANCE OF OUR SANCTUARY CLOCK

Sincere appreciation is expressed to **Glenn Swafford**, a professional watch and clock craftsman and also a personal friend of Bro. Tommy, for the internal repair of our sanctuary clock. Mr. Swafford has installed a new mainspring, replaced every bushing, cleaned and oiled all moving gears and parts, and adjusted the speed, and best of all--donated the entire job, both parts and labor. If you would like to write or contact him to express your appreciation, the address and telephone number are as follows: Mr. Glenn Swafford, 1149 Grills Road, Newbern, TN 38059; phone 731-627-0017.