

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What are you going to give God for Christmas? It does seem that this specific question should occupy the "high priority" in our thoughts. Your church will soon receive one of this year's most sacred offerings, entitled "March to the Manger." The wise men brought their most precious offerings and treasures to Christ's manger, and we will bring our valuable offerings this Sunday during the morning worship services. If you have missed several Sundays, you have an excellent opportunity to bring your 2008 contribution up to date.

The finance committee has suggested that we use this manger offering toward the sanctuary's improvement debt (\$15,280). If you would prefer that your offering be used in a different manner, please indicate on your offering envelope. Please use the special Christmas offering envelopes. This offering will be given and received during the last hymn of the morning worship service as members and friends bring their offerings to the altar and place them in the manger.

Our church received \$2,982 in last year's March to the Manger offering. May God impress upon our church family the unspeakable joy and everlasting love of what has done through the miracle birth of His Son, Jesus Christ! The challenge, the honor, and the opportunity to give Christ our best gifts are "within our capabilities! How much prayer and how much thought will you be giving Christ as we approach His manger again this year?

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

CHRISTMAS MUSIC NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Our adult choir will present several pieces of special music next Sunday during the morning service. They have prepared wonderful and inspirational compositions. Let us show them our utmost appreciation by our attendance and support!

BABY ARRIVES AT BUCHANAN HOME!

Congratulations to Clint and Cicily Buchanan, who are the proud parents of a baby boy, Greyson Abbot Buchanan, born Friday, December 12th, 10:40 p.m., at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and measured 19 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Kathy and Bubba Abbott, and the paternal grandparents are Sherry and Gary Buchanan. Praise God for giving this young couple one of His greatest Christmas gifts, a child!

COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have a new total financial commitment of a little over 74% of our 2009 budget. We obviously know that most of our stewards will give even more than they have indicated. May God bless and enable us to raise the small amount we lack toward funding this new budget.

OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS FOR 2009 FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, CHILDREN

Every contributing adult, youth, and child has been assigned a packet for 2009; please pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be only one worship service on Christmas Eve, and it will be held at 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please invite all your friends and relatives!

VOLUNTEER CUSTODIAL WORKERS

The custodial service coordinators and the members of this church would like to thank those members who have so willingly served this church the months of September, October, November, and December in custodial positions toward the cleanliness and upkeep of the House of the Lord. This church building needs much TLC; with your help we can continue with an appreciation of this wonderful old structure which has been left to us by past servants.

At this time, we are in need of a man to help Gary and Clint Buchanan in January and February as "MOPPERS." Please volunteer... Call the office at 855-0561 and contact Gary and Clint to join their team.

All directions for each area of the church to be used can be found filed in the magazine storage box on the table outside the pastor's office. The directions are to be used as guides with the workers' discretion of needs.

Each Team (3-4 members) should have a key to the north door to be used among them. If in need a key, please call the office (855-0561). Keys checked out for this must later be returned to the office.

CUSTODIAL CARE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| AREA 1                       | AREA 2                   |
| 1A SANCTUARY                 | 2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR     |
| Glenna Helms & Faye Campbell | Mary & Neil Ernest       |
| Donna & Charles Carr         | Moppers (Tile Floors)    |
| 1B VESTIBULE/NORTH AX        | 2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS    |
| Glenna Helms &               | Bettye Jackson           |
| Donna & Charles Carr         | Carolyn Blankinship      |
| Frank Parker (All Flooring)  | Carol A. Halliburton     |
| 1C CHOIR EXITS/N & E         | Moppers (Tile Floors)    |
| Marion Pipkin/Barbara Shoaf  | 2C RESTROOMS (2x weekly) |
| Moppers (Tile Floors)        | Barbara & Frank Parker   |
|                              | Moppers (Tile Floors)    |
| AREA 3                       | AREA 4                   |
| KITCHEN & FELLOWSHIP HALL    | UPSTAIRS                 |
| 1. Michele Phelan            | Glenda Lane              |
| 2. Karin Johnson             | Peggy Davis              |
| 3. Gina Williams             | Teri Maddox              |
| 4. Moppers (Tile Floors)     | Leah Jean Rollins        |
|                              | Jacob Ross               |

Moppers of Tile Floors (see note on storage room doors)

- Gary Buchanan
- Clint Buchanan
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OFFICES  
Bro. Tommy Jowers  
Diane McClanahan  
Quarterly by volunteer members

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|---------------------|----------------|
| STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM | KITCHEN PANTRY |
| Luther Coble        | Gloria Jones   |
| Tom Cherry          | Debbie Grant   |

The above list is on the bulletin board outside the secret office.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar for the first person to identify this young lady. Give your childhood photo to Gary Blais. The previous photo was of Luther Coble. The prize was won by Charles Carr.

PRAYER AND CARE: Bruce Hinton, Rachel Lambert, Bea Lowery (mother of Janice Dickey & Pat Goodrich), Robert Sidney Arhel Terry Rivas (younger sister of Lori Michel), Charles Janice Singleton.

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

HOSPITAL NEWS: Bill Hight, Jackson-Madison General Hospital.

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 Peebles Wayne Bradley

MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

To volunteer to feed the youth call Glenna Helms 692-3531  
December 21 Sally Taylor  
December 28 No UMYF  
January 4 Rita Arrington  
January 11 Jodie & Steve Mischke  
Supper volunteers will need to be present from 4:30:00 p.m. The meal is served at 5:30. If you are unable to come at 4:30 stay after the meal until 7:00, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

GREETERS

December 21 Judie & Roger Reasons  
December 28 Virginia & Thomas Cherry  
January 4 Joseta Barker & Betty Denton  
January 11 Andrea & Ed Joyner

ACOLYTES

December 21 Sydney Phelan & Claire Rollins  
December 28 Cade Roberts & Christian Roberts  
January 4 Blake Estes & Daniel Hodges  
January 11 Gracie Williams & Bailey Williams

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

December 21 Galatians 4:4-7 Diane McClanahan  
December 28 TBA Franky Hodges  
January 4 TBA Pat Goodrich  
January 11 TBA TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

December 21 Bro. Tommy Jowers  
December 28 Teri Maddox  
January 4 Bro. Tommy Jowers  
January 11 TyAnne Ridings

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Noble Grant. 9-Cindy Taylor. 13-Dustin Phelan. 16-Murray Jones  
16-Jo Bowles. 21-Brette Moore. 23-Dustin Phelan. 25-Faye Campbell. 30-Joyce Barton.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-Tassie Hopkins. 10-Janice Singleton. 12-Mark Agee. 12-Mitche Jones. 15-Leigh Boyce. 16-Grover Poteet. 19-Sara Kilzer Julie

Joyner. 22-Dani Johnson. 23-Mitzie Privitt. 30-Adele Moore. 31-Janice Dickey

HANDBELL QUARTET TO PERFORM THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

You are invited to attend a mini concert by a quartet of our handbell ringers at 6:00 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 21, at Westside Baptist Church in Trenton.

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 18

6:00-8:00 p.m. - Fishermen Class Party, Crenshaw's Restaura

Saturday, December 20

3:30 p.m. - Handbell Quartet at Jackson Oaks, Jackson TN

Sunday, December 21

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service with March to the Manger and special Christmas music by our adult choir.

No UMYF

6:00 p.m. - Handbell Quartet at Westside Baptist, Trenton

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

9:00 p.m. - Candle-Lighting Communion Worship Service

The church office will be closed until January in case of an emergency, phone Rev. Gene Rollins at 1-731-693-4742 or Diane McClanahan at 1-731-234-4682.

ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 14, 2008

SUNDAY SCHOOL 82 MORNING WORSHIP 114

VISITORS IN WORSHIP: Wanda Fant, Charlotte Hayes, Wanda Dorado, Chris Byers, cob Taylor, Rachel Taylor, Sally Taylor, T. Taylor, Lisa Brown, Peggy Brown

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 DECEMBER 14

TO IMPROVEMENTS DEBT ON DEC 14: \$75  
TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT: \$15,895  
TO YOUTH FUND ON DEC 14: none  
YOUTH FUND TO DATE: \$3,918

OUR FREE CLINIC LOOKING FOR A TECHNICIAN TO ADMINISTER BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS

Our monthly free clinic is not going to be offered until we find new leadership for the blood pressure readings. Due to the illness of Janice Singleton, we are not able to offer the free clinic each month until we find someone to perform this part of the testing.

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

PLEASE PAY FOR YOUR POINSETTIA

The church office does not have record of payment for the poinsettias on display in the sanctuary, and Becky George has not received these 4 payments. If you have yet paid the church for your poinsettia, please put your \$20 payment in the offering plate as soon as possible, and bring it to the church at FUMC, 500 South College Street, Trenton, TN. Mark your payment "POINSETTIA"  
We thank you for providing the beautiful poinsettias that we now see in our sanctuary!