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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable holiday season celebrating the birth of Christ and sharing numerous fellowship experiences with your family and friends. As your parsonage family, we want to sincerely thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards, personal gifts, and other acts of love. You are indeed a kind and thoughtful church family!

As your minister, I am excited about the countless opportunities for creative and meaningful ministries. Obviously, the need to proclaim Christ's good news of salvation through our missional programs is of paramount importance. There are millions of people depending on our immediate response to human suffering caused by poverty, disease, war, famine, floods, and earthquakes. Let us count our blessings and thank God that we live in such a blessed nation, where most of us have the necessities of life.

I challenge everyone to become more positive and assertive in our discipleship. You and I are Christ's ambassadors through whom the "Good News" is presented to our community, nation, and universe. Prayer is one key that unlocks the anxiety caused by crisis and trouble. Love and forgiveness are other vital keys that serve the Lord extremely well when the storms of life are raging. If we dare to become reconciled to God, perhaps we could become even more loving to one another, thus making 2009 another banner year in our church and our relationship with Jesus Christ!

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

P.S.

If you missed the **March to the Manger** last Sunday morning, you can place your Christmas Offering in the offering plate next Sunday. Alternatively, you can stop by the church and slip it into the mail slot on the north door or mail it the church at P.O. Box 256, Trenton, TN 38382-0256. All your donations will be dated according to the date on your check or on the offering envelope, but **our treasurers ask that every single donation for 2008 be at the church by the last SUNDAY of December.**

PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS THIS SUNDAY!

There are several adults, youth, and children who still need to pick up their offering envelope packets. Some of us also need to take their packets to those who are absent. If

everyone will pay \$3.00 for their envelope packet, we will not have to pay this expense from our 2009 budget.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

We invite everyone to come to our Christmas Eve worship service, which will begin at 9:00 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered; Christmas congregational hymns will be sung; and the service will conclude with the passing of the light. Leigh Holman, daughter of Bob and Berlynne Holman, along with her accompanist, Leah Jean Rollins, will be providing special music. Ms Holman is Director of Education and Outreach for Opera Colorado and will be in town for Christmas, visiting her parents. We thank Leigh for graciously agreeing to bless us with her amazing talent for this special service. Please invite your friends and relatives to attend as we celebrate the significance and impact of the Savior's birth.

OUR FREE HEALTH CLINIC LOOKING FOR A TECHNICIAN

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

NEW CHURCH OFFICIALS FOR 2009

Copies of the 2009 church leaders and committee members for 2009 are presently available on the table outside the church office. Please pick up a copy for your information and to insure better communication within our church's ministries.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to identify this young lady. Give your childhood photo to Gary Blankinship. The previous photo was of **Faye Campbell**. No one called 855-0561 to win the golden dollar by identifying Faye in the photo last week.

PRAYER AND CARE: Joseta Barker, Bruce Hinton, Rachel Lambert, Robert Sidney Phelan, Terry Rivas (younger sister of Lori Michel), C.B. Singleton, Jackie Stover (mother of Terrie Joyner).

SYMPATHY is shared with Janice Dickey & Pat Goodrich on the death of their mother, Bea Lowery.

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

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 Peebles Wayne Bradley

MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

To volunteer to feed the youth, call Glenna Helms 692-3531
December 28 No UMYF
January 4 Rita Arrington
January 11 Jodie & Steve Mischke
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

December 28 Virginia & Thomas Cherry
January 4 Joseta Barker & Betty Denton
January 11 Andrea & Ed Joyner
January 18 Alicia & Jonathan Estes

ACOLYTES

December 28 Cade Roberts & Christian Roberts
January 4 Blake Estes & Daniel Hodges
January 11 Gracie Williams & Bailey Williams
January 18 Sydney Phelan & Rachel Rollins

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

December 28 Psalm 148 Franky Hodges
January 4 TBA Pat Goodrich
January 11 TBA TBA
January 18 TBA TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

December 28 Teri Maddox
January 4 Bro. Tommy Jowers
January 11 TyAnne Ridings
January 18 Jacob Ross

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

PLEASE PAY FOR YOUR POINSETTIA

The church office does not have record of payment for 4 of the poinsettias on display in the sanctuary, and Becky George has

not received these 4 payments. If you have not yet paid the church for your poinsettia, please put your \$20 payment in the offering plate as soon as possible, or mail 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!**

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

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

The church office will be closed Dec. 24 through January 1. While the pastor is in Virginia with his son and his son's family, in case of an emergency phone Rev. Gene Rollins at 1-731-693-4742 or Diane McClanahan at 1-731-234-4682.

All donations for the year 2008 must be at the church by December 28, the last SUNDAY of December.

Sunday, December 28

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service: Guest Minister: Rev. John Archer
No UMYF
6:00 p.m. - Handbell Quartet at Westside Baptist, Trenton

Wednesday, December 31

No Wonderific Wednesday

Sunday, January 4--Epiphany Sunday

Last Lighting of Advent Wreath

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - Youth Council Meeting
4:30 p.m. - Junior High UMYF
5:30 p.m. - UMYF Meal
6:00 p.m. - Senior High UMYF

ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 21, 2008

SUNDAY SCHOOL 80 MORNING WORSHIP 108

VISITORS IN WORSHIP: Kelly Lambert, Peyton Lambert, Ed King, Mills Powell, Dotty Powell, Linda Hammonds, Charles Flack.

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 21

TO IMPROVEMENTS DEBT ON DEC 21: \$3,456
TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT: \$18,303
TO YOUTH FUND ON DEC 21: \$70
YOUTH FUND TO DATE: \$3,988

MEMORIALS

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

TO THE HANDBELL FUND IN HONOR OF LEAH JEAN ROLLINS
Corinne Wade Holman

IN MEMORY OF BEA LOWERY
The Fishermen Class

Barbara & Murray Jones
Becky & Billy George
Dot Kilzer

IN MEMORY OF "COACH" WALTER KILZER

Dot Kilzer

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 office.