



Our Church Family

Mary McCurley is in Baptist DeSoto, Rm. 745 with heart problems... **Mabel Anderson** has gone home from the hospital... **Barbara Woolbright** went home this past Saturday... **Alberta Casey** has returned to the nursing home... **Chastine Shumway** has gone to **Betty Franklin's** and is feeling some better... **Mary Talley** will undergo 2 surgical procedures on Jan. 19 to check for cancer... Shannon Melton is in Delta Medical Center, not doing well... **Keith Stone** has been sick this past week... **Jeff Shocklee's** dad, Gene, has an infection in his leg... **Tim Snider** spent a few days in the hospital over the holidays...

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to **Jeanette Williams** and **Lynn Stalnaker** whose cousin and sister-in-law, Evelyn Coleman, passed away in Memphis.
- Sympathy is also extended to **Mike Foster** and family in the passing of his brother, Donald Foster, last week.

MENTOR TRAINING

This Sunday we will have a mentor training workshop for the eight couples that have signed up to be mentors. The training will be from 1-4pm in the youth room.

GO KIDZ
2 YEAR OLDS
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GO Kidz Sunday morning worship service will begin this Sunday, January 11 at 10am in the Family Life Center. Brochures, registration and volunteer forms are on the information desk. We're looking forward to a great start!

LADS CONVENTION

ALL Lads registration forms are due by Sunday, January 11th. Anyone going to convention must have all forms – adult, hotel and student turned in to **Denise Willis**. Official registration will soon be closing and we must have the forms if you are going. Call **Denise** at 349-0119 if you have any questions.

LADS PUPPETS

We will be starting puppet practice Sunday, Jan 11th @4PM. The skits are to be finalized by the middle of January so we can begin working in separate groups the later part of January. For those who need to order puppets, please contact **Missy Howard** ASAP.

SCRAPBOOKING-CORRECTION

We are starting a scrap-booking group here at Goodman Oaks. We will crop one Friday night a month starting in January. There is a one time fee of \$20. Contact **Debbie Herring** or **Louisa Allgeier** to sign up and pay.

LEADERETTE SPEECHES

On Wednesday, January 14, the Leaderettes will be presenting their new speeches for all ladies in the FLC during class time.

2009 CHURCH BUDGET

Copies of our church budget for 2009 are available for you to pick up. They are located at the information desk and also at each entrance to the auditorium. If you have any questions please feel free to see one of the elders. Thank you for your support of our budget in 2008 and we ask for your continued help in the coming year.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

January 04 , 2009

Sunday Bible Class	442
Sunday Morning Worship	733
Sunday Evening Worship	n/a
Offering	\$ 22,208

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

- Sunday:**
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship, Study and Service - 6:15 p.m.
- Tuesday:** "Encouragement Class" - 10 a.m.
- Wednesday:**
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Around The Oaks

with *Steve Reeves*

(Visit me on the web at www.stevewreeves.blogspot.com)

Welcome to 2009! A new year has begun with new hopes, new dreams and a new spirit of joy and optimism around the Oaks! My hope and prayer is that the coming year will bring opportunities for all of us to grow closer to the Lord, His Word and His church!

And a fine start to the new year it was! With a good crowd on a rainy Sunday morning we praised God in a fine way as **David Alexander** led us in song, **Michael Davis** and **Al Canada** led us in prayer and **Davis Fittz** directed our thoughts around the Lord's Table. Then in the afternoon we gathered for our annual **New Year's Singing** with a number of guests from area congregations present. Our thanks to all who attended and especially to the men who so capably led songs.

EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY

I hope the message Sunday morning challenged you to think about areas of the Lord's work you can be involved with in the coming year. The Elders and staff will be meeting together in a few weeks for a planning session. If you have an idea for something you'd like to see implemented by all means let one of us know. Here's the familiar little tidbit I shared Sunday to help emphasize the point.

"This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

The point is obvious, isn't it? There is something **YOU** can do to help this church grow and become all that God wants it to be. Take a few moments and prayerfully consider your role and responsibility as a member of the Goodman Oaks family. What can you do this year to make a difference in the lives of others? When each of us does our small part the results are huge. Won't you help us, please?

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

May I direct your attention to **Jeff's** column this week for a detailed explanation of the Angel Food Ministry program. This is one way we can assist families in our congregation and community in weathering these tough economic times. Tami and I have purchased a box of food from them before and found it to be excellent. You can also learn more about Angel Food Ministries by going to our website at www.goodmanoaks.com and clicking on the link. Our special thanks to **Mark** and **Laurie Hammer** for serving as coordinators of this program.



DENNIS JONES JANUARY 18TH

On Sunday, January 18th it will be our pleasure to once again welcome **Dennis Jones**, president of Heritage Christian University to

Goodman Oaks. Dennis will present three messages on **"How To Manage Your Life."** Be sure to join us for this inspirational day of worship and motivation. Bring a friend with you and help them start the new year off on a positive note. In the meantime I'll be looking for you this coming Sunday as we worship together.

~ **Around The Oaks!**

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

Mentor Training

Marriage Mentoring:12 Conversations begins this month. This Sunday we will have a mentor training workshop for the eight couples that have signed up to be mentors. The training will be from 1-4 pm in the youth room. After the training, **Michael** and **Catherine Davis** and I will get together to pair up the mentors and mentees.

College Age and Young Adults

For the past six years I have been working with the College and Young Adult ministry. From that time I have seen those college students and singles graduate and start jobs and some have married. Some have come and gone, and come back; and some are still in college.

There have been a number of changes that have occurred in the past six years of my ministry here. In 2002 we started with a few young singles, and now in 2009 we have over 50 college students (ages 17-22), 25 young singles (23-30), and 15 young married couples (married 5 years or less) here at Goodman Oaks. Are all of those young people involved in this ministry? No, but we are working on reaching out to these young adults the best way that we know how.

I read a staggering statistic the other day about high school seniors and college students. "75% of Christian High School students will walk away from their relationship with Christ after graduation." I'm not real big on using statistics, but I believe this one to be true. College students are faced with so many pressures and influences that cause them to walk away from their relationship with Christ.

We need to encourage our young singles and young marrieds, but we definitely need to encourage our College Students in their faith! So, what can be done? This Sunday morning a college aged (17-22) class will be offered in rm. 26. **Jeff Shocklee** and I will be teaching 1 & 2 Peter. We will also have activities, Bible studies, and other great opportunities for College Aged Singles. If you would like to help host an event or teach a class, or have any ideas please let me know.

In addition to that class, we will also have a young adult class, which will be for the Young Singles and Young Marrieds. This class will meet in rm. 25 and will be taught by **Paul Tullos** and other young adults.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

You have heard reference to Angel Food Ministries over the last few weeks and you may be wondering what it is. Angel Food is a way to use nationwide buying power to save a bit of money. You can order a box of food for \$30. The items in the box would usually cost about twice that amount. A box can feed of family of four for a week. Additionally, there are senior boxes available which contain 10 prepackaged and pre-cooked meals which would be useful for those with little time or energy to cook for themselves. If you order one of these boxes you can also order a variety of meat boxes and fruit/veggie boxes for about \$20 each.

Misty and I have ordered a box each of the last two months and the food is of good quality. It is a way to cut your grocery costs and is open to anyone, regardless of income level. But the best part...we are a distribution point for our community! We are hoping to be a blessing to the people in our area by offering the opportunity to get food at a low cost. We have a great food pantry, but this enables us to not only provide emergency food, but to help families manage their income better and provide for themselves.

As the ministry starts reaching out to the public there will be a need for more volunteers. Before distribution day, volunteers are needed to put flyers about the program in public places (thrift stores, libraries, etc.) and on Tuesday evenings a couple of people will be at the building to take orders. On distribution day (January 17), volunteers are needed to help unload the truck at the drop site, sort the food, greet the public, carry orders to vehicles and to take orders for the next month. The more people the ministry reaches, the more opportunities for members of the church to be involved. Please see Mark and Laurie Hammer to volunteer to help out.

You can also order from Mark and Laurie or order online so check our website. The order deadline is this Sunday January 11th and distribution day is Saturday January the 17th between 10:00 and 11:30 am.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Parents, beginning this Sunday morning, C.C. Vernon will be teaching a teen version of Financial Peace University in our class. This will be going January through March. It's such an important topic from scripture with everyday relevance. Please make sure to have your teens in class and ready to go at 9am!