



Our Church Family

Faye Williams is now at home... Jim Hixon is recovering from a broken hip and staph infection at Methodist Central... Ruby Davis remains in Methodist University Hospital Rm. 402T... Steven Solomon spent a few days in the hospital dealing with an infection... Melba

Easterwood has been moved to DeSoto Health Care... Terri Marino will see a lung specialist soon... Richard Harris is sick and had to cancel his heart cath... Susan Harris' father, Steve Gooch, is in Methodist Germantown awaiting tests results on the tumor they removed... Connie Anderson's father, Carlton Parker, is in Baptist Memphis. No visitors please...

SYMPATHY

To Peggy Bennett in the death of her brother, Robert Pounders, of Coldwater, MS. Also to Harvey Geeding whose daughter-in-law, Janette Geeding, passed away. We extend our sympathy to Shanon Barth whose mother, Brenda Adcock, passed away. Visitation will be Saturday evening at 6pm with a memorial at 7pm at Goodman Oaks.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the first Men's Prayer Breakfast. It will be free but you must sign up so we will have a head count for food. We are inviting the mayors of all the cities in DeSoto County to join us and bring the prayer needs of their individual cities. Please come out and support this effort. There is a neon green sign up sheet on the information desk.

GOODMAN OAKS SINGING

Be sure to make plans for our annual Goodman Oaks Singing on Sunday, January 24th. Mike Wood from Searcy, Arkansas will be our guest song leader during the morning service and several guest song leaders from the Memphis area will join us for the afternoon singing from 3-5.

GO KIDZ WORSHIP

For children 2 years old-Pre K will be in the Family Life Center at 10am. Please stop by the information desk for registration and volunteer forms. Volunteers work one Sunday a month.

ANGEL FOOD

Last day to order for January is Thursday the 14th. Pick up day is Saturday, January 23. Mark & Laurie Hammer will be at the information desk Wednesday evening to take your order. We are always in need of volunteers. If you can help please stop by the information desk and talk with the Hammers.

COFFEE CONNOISSEURS

Please consider supporting a children's home in the Dominican Republic with each cup of mojo you drink. Yuvonia Mardis is pleased to make coffee from the D.R. available to you. Each bag you purchase for \$5 assists the children's home.

TLCS

Will meet Tuesday, January 19 at Hazel's in Olive Branch for breakfast at 8:30 am.

TAX LETTER

If you used offering envelopes in 2009 and would like a letter for your taxes please sign the sheet on the small desk in the foyer or call the church office @ 662-349-3600.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The pictorial directories will be available this Sunday, January 17. We will be handing these out at each exit after the morning and evening worship service. Please be sure to take only one per family at this time. You will need to use the 3 ring binder that we issued with our last directory.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

January 10, 2010

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SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES Sunday: Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Worship - 10:00 a.m. Fellowship, Study and Service - 6:15 p.m. Tuesday: 'Encouragement Class' - 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. The Oak Leaf (USPS 998-860) is published weekly except the week of Dec. 25 by GOODMAN OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1700 Goodman Road East, Southaven, MS 38671. Periodical postage paid at Southaven, MS. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to above address.

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Around The Oaks

With Steve Reeves

Fred Wesson summed the day up well in his closing prayer Sunday night. **“Lord, this has been a good day!”** Both morning and evening services were well attended and a great spirit of love and fellowship was evident. We were privileged to witness two young men saved by the blood of Jesus. During the morning service **Austin Rivers** (3780 Hilltop Drive, Horn Lake, MS 38637) came forward to confess his faith in Christ and be baptized. Then after services another young man, **Justin Walls** (1725 Dorchester 8-C, Southaven, MS 38671), visited with me and expressed his desire to be baptized. After studying together he, too, put on Christ in baptism. We commend both of these young men and pray for them to have long, faithful Christian lives.

OUR APPRECIATION

When I wrote last week’s bulletin article I was unaware that **Carl Rounsaville** had submitted his resignation as an elder of our congregation. (I usually write my article on Monday and the rest of the bulletin is assembled by the office staff on Tuesday). Carl has served in this position for the past twenty-eight years.

I am grateful for this good man and the leadership and service he has given through the years. I’ve learned that you can always count on Carl to look out for the practical aspects of ministry. His good judgment, quiet manner and Christian courtesy are a true blessing for all of us. We have the highest love and respect for him and his lovely wife **Dena** and pray God’s richest blessings upon them for many years to come. Thank you Carl and Dena for all that you mean to us here at Goodman Oaks.

GOODMAN OAKS SINGING

Our annual Singing is just one week from Sunday. Guest song leaders will include **Mike Wood** of Searcy, Arkansas, along with **Kip Long, David Anguish** and **Brishan Hatcher** of Memphis and three of our weekly worship leaders **Keith Billingsley, Todd Cottrell** and **David Alexander**. This year’s format will be slightly different than the previous years with each of these men leading fifteen minute segments from 3:00—5:00. There will also be time for refreshments, a quartet and plenty of good fellowship. Make plans to join us for a wonderful afternoon of worship and praise.



CONNECT GROUPS

Approximately 100 folks have already signed up to be in a **“Connect Group”** according to **Jeff Shocklee**. These groups will offer those who want to participate, an opportunity to come together for Bible Study and fellowship at times other than our regularly scheduled worship services. By providing a smaller setting with fewer people it will be easier to get to know others and establish friendships with them. I think it is a good thing.

Jeff will have more information for you about the groups as the anticipated “kick-off” date of January 31 draws closer. If you would like to become better connected to others at Goodman Oaks why not consider becoming a part of a “Connect Group?”

Join us for worship as we continue our 1st quarter theme of **“Connecting With God.”** This Sunday’s lesson will be, **“How Big Is Your God?”** I look forward to seeing you...

- **“Around The Oaks!”**

Deep thoughts by ...Paul Tullios

Recommendation Letter

When high school students decide on a college they wish to attend they are asked by that college to get recommendation letters from certain people. The student will ask teachers, youth ministers, friends of their parents, etc to write these letters.

These letters will show the college whether the student desires to learn, is hard working, is involved in extra curricular activities, and many other things. The letters let people see who the student really is and whether they want them to be part of their school. If someone writes a student a bad recommendation letter or if they find out the person writing the recommendation letter is not a good person then they will likely not want that student to be part of them.

Paul (not me, the apostle) talks about how we are a recommendation letter to the world from Christ in **2 Corinthians 3:1-3**.

Christ has sent us out into the world to show people who he is, what he is like, and why we think that they should want Him to be part of their lives. If people in your life aren’t seeing how awesome Christ is then you are not doing what Christ wants. If people are seeing a God who is condemning everyone, unloving, and uncaring are they not seeing what we have shown them about who God is by the way we live.

Remember that we are God’s representatives here on this earth and live accordingly. Love people till you are blue in the face and they will begin to see a loving God that wants to be part of their lives. They will see someone who cares for them and doesn’t want the sin of this world to hurt them. They will see a better way to live. They will desire to live for God because of the God you have shown them.

Youth News ... Jeff Shocklee

Area-Wide Devo

We will be hosting the Area-Wide Devo for North MS this Sunday, January 17 from 5-7pm. We will be eating at 5pm in the FLC and then worshipping with groups from all across North MS at 6pm. Scotty Smith will be our speaker. Cindy Stewart has agreed to coordinate our food for the evening, so please see her to find out how to help. We will need some help on Sunday afternoon to set up for the evening. Watch for times in the worship bulletin this Sunday.

Insight @ Senatobia

Insight, a youth rally at Senatobia, is just a few weeks away. It is January 29-30. This is a weekend full of God’s word and fun together with many other teens from this area. The cost is \$45. Sign up by this Sunday, January 17.

Host Needed

Each February we meet on Super Bowl Sunday for a time of worship and fellowship at someone’s home and to enjoy the game together. We usually have 40 or so people show up. We ask students to contribute food and drink and we like to grill hot dogs and hamburgers. If you would be willing to host the event on February 7, please see Jeff so we can make arrangements.

Major Dates to Remember...

This isn’t all that is happening, but they are dates everyone needs to remember.

- Jan. 17—Area-wide devo
- Jan. 29-30—Insight at Senatobia
- Feb. 18-21—Winterfest
- Feb. 21—Area-wide devo
- March 21—Area-wide devo
- April 18—Area-wide devo
- May 2—Senior Night
- May 16—Area-wide devo
- June 7-11—Workcamp
- June 13-16—VBS
- June 20-20—Mission Trip
- June 26-July 1—Uplift
- July 18-24—Bible Camp