



Our Church Family

**Mary McCurley** is in Landmark of DeSoto room 307, 3068 Nail Rd., Horn Lake, MS... **Mabel Anderson** is at the Golden Living Center room W25, 1730 Dorchester Dr., Southaven... **Alberta Casey** has returned to Baptist DeSoto room 940... **Mary**

**Talley** had a thallium treadmill today... **Lisa Cox** is scheduled to have back surgery today... **Kristin Cox** is awaiting test results from a MRI... **Keith Stone** has injured a growth plate in his foot... **Sharon Barnes'** mother, Jeannie Hamblin, is at DeSoto Progressive Care room 119A, Southaven....

**TEACHER NEEDED**

We need a teacher for the 2 and 3 year olds on Wednesday evenings starting immediately. Please call the office if you are willing to teach.

**CHURCH CALENDAR EMAIL**

We now have an email that needs to be used if you want to schedule an event at the church building. All events will be on the Goodman Oaks website: [www.goodmanoaks.com](http://www.goodmanoaks.com). If you do not have access to a computer you may call **Louisa Allgeier** @ 901-734-3684 or **Debbie Herring** @ 662-420-1479. The email address is: [goodman-oaksevents@yahoo.com](mailto:goodman-oaksevents@yahoo.com).

**2008 TAX LETTER**

Please call the church office @ 662-349-3600 if you would like a letter for tax purposes. This is only for those who used envelopes.

**HARDING ACADEMY SOUTHWIND**



Invites elementary age children and their parents to an Open House, Sunday Jan. 25, 2-3:30. The school is located at 8250 E. Shelby Dr.; Memphis. Invitations and information are available at the Information Center.

**SCRAPBOOKING**

Starts this Friday night, Jan. 16 @ 6pm in the FLC. If you haven't paid please bring your \$20 Friday night. Contact **Debbie Herring** or **Louisa Allgeier** for more information.

**PARENTS OF 5TH-8TH GRADERS**

**Paul Tullos** would like to meet with all parents of 5th—8th graders on Sunday, January 25, at 4:15 in rm. 22. This will be to get ideas and make plans for this year.

**2009 PHEASANT HUNT**

This year's hunt is scheduled for November 7-10. If you are interested in going please call **Art Shumway** @ 901-550-6391.

**TLCs**

Will meet Tuesday morning, Jan. 20 at Hazel's Restaurant in Olive Branch at 8:30 for breakfast.

**LADIES' OUTINGS**

Thursday, Jan. 22: Serendipity Tea Room in the Antique mall and a Fabric Warehouse in Bartlett. Bus leaves building at 10:30 and returns by 4pm.

Senior Ladies invite a younger lady to be your guest for dinner at Dale's Restaurant on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 6pm. A sign up list is on the information desk. (Dale needs a count.)

**HELPING HANDS**

If you need help with a project around your house or if you are willing to lend a helping hand, please sign the sheet on the easel in the lobby.

**NUMERICALLY SPEAKING**

January 11, 2009

Sunday Bible Class . . . . .	445
Sunday Morning Worship . . . . .	792
Sunday Evening Worship . . . . .	296
Offering . . . . .	\$ 19,170
Budget . . . . .	\$ 22,000

**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](http://www.stevewreeves.blogspot.com))

What an encouraging day Sunday was at Goodman Oaks. We had an outstanding number of 792 gathered for worship at the 10:00 hour. Our **GO Kidz** program was launched in an excellent manner with thirty-five children in attendance, **Marriage Mentors** met for an afternoon training session and a good crowd assembled for our Sunday evening assembly followed by various fellowship and study groups. What a great time to be a part of the Goodman Oaks family!



## HEAR DENNIS JONES This Sunday

We have a real treat in store for us this Sunday as **Dennis Jones**, president of Heritage Christian University, comes our way to present three lessons on "How To Master Your Life." Dennis is a wonderful speaker who will capture your attention and encourage your heart. He is also an outstanding scholar who will help us better understand God's purpose for our lives. Be sure to come this Sunday as Dennis speaks at 9 and 10 a.m. and at the 5 p.m. services.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

A special thanks goes to **Debbie Herring** and **Louisa Allgeier** for updating the church calendar on our website at [goodmanoaks.com](http://goodmanoaks.com). By logging on and clicking on the "calendar" link you can see all of the activities being planned for our church family in the coming months. There's even a special e-mail address where you can send requests to use our facilities— [goodmanoaksevents@yahoo.com](mailto:goodmanoaksevents@yahoo.com). If you don't have internet available you can also call Louisa or Debbie or come by the church office and we will help you.

Debbie and Louisa are also working on an Events List that will be posted in the foyer. This list

will contain information on all of our yearly events here at Goodman Oaks (Valentines Banquet, July 4th BBQ, Trunk or Treat, New Year's Singing . . . etc... and will have a place for you to sign on as a co-ordinator or helper. The intent is to give more people an avenue of involvement and in the process bring some fresh ideas and new blood into the planning of these long-standing G.O. traditions. How about it? Would you be willing to give it a try?

## ARE YOU A BASEMENT PERSON OR A BALCONY PERSON?

Some people live in the **basement** of life. They are always complaining, always dissatisfied, discontent and miserable. They spend their days looking for things that are wrong in the lives of others. They've made it their goal to pull everyone they know down into the basement of life with them.

Some people live in the **balcony** of life. They enjoy true view with a positive outlook and spirit. They look out over the landscape of their life with joy and appreciation. Their goal is to reach over the rails and pull as many people as they can up to enjoy the balcony with them.

One of the remarkable things about life is that God has given us the ability to choose which type of person we want to be. We may not be able to choose our circumstances, our health or what others say or think or do. We can, however, choose and change the attitude we possess. Proverbs 23:7 reminds us, "As he thinks in his heart, so is he."

God has blessed us in so many good ways here at Goodman Oaks. Let's be balcony people who reach out to others and lift them up to a higher way of life filled with the love of God.

~ Around The Oaks

## Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

### The New Year

Every year thousands of people say the same thing they said the year before, and that is, "When this new year starts I'm gonna..." I love the one that I seem to always catch myself saying, and that is, "When Monday comes I'm gonna..." Whether it's our diet or our debt problem, we're always wanting to change something about ourselves.

I think one of the most popular changes that people want to make is their health or their weight. Have you ever gone to the gym in January? If you get there in the afternoon just get back in your car and go home; wait a few weeks and the crowd will have died down. Fewer than half of all New Year's resolutions last six months, according to a study by psychology professor John Norcross of the University of Scranton.

Why is it that so many people wait for a new year to make lifestyle changes, but then find themselves back in the same mess they were in a few months before? Dan Williams is a preacher in El Dorado, AR and he says, "Few New Year's resolutions involve eating more candy bars or taking more naps or running up a higher debt on our credit cards – those things are *easy*. We set personal goals because we want changes in our life that are positive, and the positive changes we desire are, by definition, difficult, or we would already be doing them."

It's very important to reflect on our financial situation and to see what positive changes need to be made. It's also very important to take care of your body, because it is the only one we're given. I wonder though, how many people consider where they are in their relationship to Jesus.

Jesus knew what it costs to follow him, and he knew that it wasn't easy (Luke 9:57-62). God wants us to examine our walk with him. We need not make this a New Years resolution where we try to accomplish this like we would trying to lose 10 pounds. We need to turn to Jesus, because he promises us that we who are weary and burdened, will find rest in Him (Matt 11:30). As you look back over 2008, where are you now in your walk with Christ? As you look to this new year, what do you need to turn over to God and what can he help you with now and in the years to come?

## Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

### AREA— WIDE DEVO

There is an Area-wide Devo at the Hernando church of Christ this Sunday. We will leave at 4:15pm and return at 7:30pm. This is not only a great chance to worship God, it is a great chance to meet some of the Christian students from the area. Make plans to go!

### KROGER CARDS

As we begin a new year and are looking forward to our summer mission to Mexico, I want to remind you that if you have one of the youth group Kroger cards you have a chance to really contribute to the mission. Admittedly, it is a bit inconvenient to stop by and reload your card, but it is a way of making more out of what we have. If we all do this between now and the mission, we could easily contribute \$1,500 just by buying groceries. If you have lost yours, it can be replaced. If you don't have one and would like one, just see Jeff. It is an easy way to make a difference in the Kingdom!

### INSIGHT @ SENATOBIA

Insight is next weekend! We will leave Friday, January 23 at 5:15pm and return at 11:00pm. We will leave on Saturday at 8:00am and return at 10:30pm. You will need to bring money on Friday for supper. You might want to bring extra for shirts, cds, or even ice cream. This is going to be a great weekend!

### MEXICO COMMITMENT

Commitment Sunday for Mexico is February 1. You need to pick up a booklet and an application from Jeff. A \$50 deposit is due on February 1, as well. The cost for the trip is \$350.

### YOUTH GROUP PREPAYMENT

Look for the prepayment box on the info desk this week. You can start paying now for your summer activities and make it easier. We will keep a record and you can be ready when summer rolls around.

### SENIOR NIGHT

Our Senior night this year will be on May 3. Seniors need to turn in 10 pictures on a CD by April 5.