



Our Church Family

Mary Gardner remains in Baptist DeSoto. She may be moved to rehab this week... **Kristin Cox** is waiting for test results... **Lisa Cox** is recuperating at home from back surgery last week... **Marvin McFarland** is having blood pressure problems... **Betty Knight's** son, Larry, underwent heart surgery in Louisiana last week... **Susan Brownfield's** sister, Betsy Meyers has been hospitalized in Minneapolis with a blood clot in her lung... **David Lipsey** will have surgery to repair a torn bicep and rotator cuff this Thursday... **Florence Dixon** had surgery for Crohn's disease last week... **Mary Talley** has been undergoing tests...

LADS TO LEADERS SUNDAY

Our young men in the Lads to Leaders program will be assisting with our services this Sunday morning and evening. Come and encourage them with your presence

EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

The following items are being collected for this year's trip leaving June 6. Please place them in the bin in the lobby.

New undergarments (men, women, girls & boys), new socks, toothpaste, tooth brushes, used quilts & used shoes. Also pens, pencils, stickers & writing pads for VBS.

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

Feb. 21 at the Batesville Church of Christ. Folks from Gospel Advocate will be there. Call the office to sign up, we will go as a group and they need a number of how many will attend.

HARDING 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.



PAUL TULLOS ADDED TO OUR STAFF

While attending Magnolia Bible College, **Paul Tullos** has been working part-time with Kevin in our Singles & Young-Married ministry. Paul will continue to work part-time while he finishes school, but at the shepherd's request, he will shift responsibilities and assist Jeff with our Youth ministry by working with the 5th—8th grades. Paul has done a fine job thus far, and we look forward to his continued service in the months ahead.

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**.

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 18, 2009

Sunday Bible Class	429
Sunday Morning Worship	728
Sunday Evening Worship	n/c
Offering	\$ 17,586
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)

*It was a real pleasure having **Dennis Jones** with us this past Sunday to present three messages on "How To Make Your Life Count." Copies of these messages are available on CD from our sound booth and you can order a copy of the book by this title directly from Dennis by writing him at Heritage Christian University, P.O. Box HCU - Florence, AL 35630.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

We are taking a new approach to planning our calendar of events for 2009. In the foyer you will notice several long tables with a display for all of our annual events such as VBS, July 4th BBQ, Fall Festival, the annual Christmas Dinner and other occasions. At each display there is a list for individuals to sign on as coordinators or helpers for the event.

By going ahead and signing up now you will be helping us to make a head start and have ready access to a list of names as these events are being planned. Of course we will always welcome those who can step in and help at the last minute but this process should help us go about the planning of these events with greater reliability.

And what if nobody signs up? I wouldn't even want to think of that being the case but if it were we would simply have to cancel that event due to lack of interest. Beginning this year we will not schedule any event without knowing that there will be sufficient help to plan, prepare and carry it out properly. All of these events are worthwhile and deserving of our interest and involvement. As a church we must do a better job of stepping up to the plate and getting involved than we have in the past. Be sure to check out this display and commit to working with at least one of these events in the coming year.

By the way—if you're wanting to check on an event or if you have something you would like to schedule at the building be sure to go to our web site at www.goodmanoaks.com and look at the

Events Calendar. To schedule an event you may give **Debbie Herring** or **Louisa Allgeier** a call.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

This week our nation inaugurates our 44th President—Barack Obama. As a Christian I am under a solemn obligation to remember those who lead our nation in prayer. Paul instructs, *"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

Does this mean that as Christians we must give our complete endorsement to the policies of the new President and his administration? Certainly not. With all kindness and due respect may I say that I cannot and will not pray for the success of policies that will support abortion, gay rights and the dissolution of our nation's Christian heritage. I cannot and will not pray for the success of those who would seek to minimize the influence and importance of faith in our national life. I cannot and will not support any effort that would be harmful to the cause of God throughout the land.

I can and must, however, pray for President Obama and his family with regard to their guidance, safety and well-being. I must thank God for the nation in which I live and the multitude of blessings I receive as a citizen. I must ask God to watch over, protect and guide those who will serve in this new administration and I must thank God for the fact that we have witnessed a smooth transition of power from one political party to another without the violence that characterizes so many countries of the world.

I am thankful to be part of a church that makes a profound difference upon our community and the world because of your faith, your love and your many acts of selfless service...

~Around The Oaks!

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

4twelve

Our 4twelve campus ministry at Northwest Community College is in full swing. Last week we had the opportunity to serve over 100 students. We have such an amazing opportunity to share Jesus with the college students at Northwest. I would like to share a story with you about a student I would like you to pray for.

At the beginning of the semester in the fall, a student named Derek was reluctant to come to 4twelve. He was reluctant because on our flyer we had "free lunch" on one side and a phrase that said "Who is Jesus" on the other side. In the fall I did devotionals on that question and answered it with stories from Scripture.

Derek was in the upstairs lobby and we gave him a flyer. My wife, who was handing out flyers, asked him if he was going to come. He said, "I might, but what about this?" He showed her the other side of the card which had that phrase "Who is Jesus" on it. He said "I don't want to be preached to." She smiled and encouraged him to come and said, "I think you'll really enjoy it. You should check it out."

Derek did come to 4twelve; the whole semester. During the fall semester Derek warmed up to me. At first he would come in, grab his food, and go. As the semester went by he would come in and get his food and would tell me about different things going on in his life. It was very encouraging. Just last week, Derek came back. When I extended my hand to shake his, he opened up his arms and gave me a hug instead. I ask that you pray for Derek and my time that I spend with him. My prayer is that Derek, and many other students who are reluctant to hear about Jesus, will come to know HIM.

Marriage Mentoring

Last week eight couples met for the Marriage Mentor training. I was very encouraged by the excitement the mentors had for this ministry that strengthens marriages. Sunday, February 8 the Mentors and Mentees will have lunch together in the FLC after worship. Please make plans to be here for lunch as we begin Marriage Mentoring: 12 Conversations.

Small Group Bible Study

On Sunday nights at 6:15 the College and Young Adults get together for small group Bible study. At the present time we are studying the "one another" passages in Scripture.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

INSIGHT @ SENATOBIA

Insight is this 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 at Wendy's. 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.

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!

YOUTH GROUP PREPAYMENT

Look for the prepayment box on the info desk and 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.

BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Thursdays at 7pm at Lonnie Tant's Italia for a Bible study. We usually eat while we are there, although it isn't a requirement. We are about halfway through the book of Acts. Come join us for fellowship and learning!