



Our Church Family

**Eddie Whalen** is in Baptist DeSoto recuperating from bypass surgery Monday morning.... **Susan Brewer**, niece of **Jack Savage** is in ICU at Baptist DeSoto... **Connie Sparks**, known to many G.O. members is in ICU at Baptist DeSoto... **Alberta Casey** is in Baptist DeSoto, rm. 816... **Mabel Anderson** is in Baptist DeSoto, rm. 705... **Mary Gardner** is in Baptist DeSoto, rm. 908... **Kevin Barker** is now at home after being hospitalized last week with a staph infection... **Bobbie Tullos**, mother-in-law of **Amy Tullos**, is in critical condition in the hospital in Florida with double pneumonia...

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to **Billy Herron** whose 41 year old nephew was killed in a traffic accident last weekend.

**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.

*Sweetheart Banquet*



All adults are invited to attend on Friday, Feb. 13 at 6pm in the FLC. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up and pay in the lobby. Last day to pay is Feb. 8th. **Tom Cox** will be catering and preparing his delicious grilled chicken.

**SINGLE SISTERS**

There will be a Single Sister's brunch at the home of **Betty Hill**, Saturday, Feb. 7th starting at 10am. Bring your favorite brunch dish and plan to stay for fellowship and games.

**BOY SCOUT YARD SALE**

The Boy Scouts are now accepting donations for their spring yard sale. Questions or donations please call **Wayne Ashmore @ 901-283-4798**.

**MEN'S RETREAT**

The 2009 Goodman Oaks Men's Retreat is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Wall Doxey State Park (south of Holly Springs, MS). More information will be coming in the next few weeks, but go ahead and pencil these dates in now for a period of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

**GOINGS AND COMINGS**

**Tim Mobley**, speaking for the elders, announced Sunday that **Mike Jones** has recently accepted a position as Associate Minister of the Friendship congregation in Olive Branch. For several years Mike has had the desire to return to some type of full time ministry. We shall miss him, **Priscilla** and their children **Malindi** and **Tyler** but look forward to working closely with them as our congregations grow in love and fellowship. Also on Sunday morning we announced the addition of several new members of the Goodman Oaks family. **Sonia Henry**, **Jimmy** and **Virginia Rogers** and **Isaac**, **Darla** and **Gavin Walker**. We'll have more information about these folks in next week's bulletin.

**TLC'S**

Will meet for brownbag Friday at 6 pm in the FLC.

**NUMERICALLY SPEAKING**

February 1, 2009

Sunday Bible Class .....	457
Sunday Morning Worship .....	752
Sunday Evening Worship .....	n/c
Offering .....	\$ 19,440
Budget .....	\$ 22,743

**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*

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***“Our Purpose at Goodman Oaks is to make, develop and keep Spirit-led disciples of Jesus for the glory of God and the growth of His kingdom.”***

On a recent Saturday the Elders and ministry staff met for a day-long session of prayer and planning. For several months we have been engaged in the process of considering our work for the Lord and seeking ways in which we can be more productive in carrying out God's will in our community and around the world.

It was unanimously agreed that the most important need we face as a congregation is to clarify our purpose and come together in unity and love (Jn. 17:21; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:3). In this spirit, those of us on staff expressed our loving support to the men who serve as overseers of the flock here (Acts 20:28). They, in turn, pledged their full support to each of us as we attempt to “go, teach and make disciples” (Mt. 28:19).

As our discussions progressed we identified five areas of work that we will emphasize in 2009. These are: **1.)** Spiritual Development of all members; **2.)** Building better relationships with one another in the body; **3.)** Placing a greater emphasis upon spiritual worship; **4.)** Endeavoring to build and maintain the unity or the spirit in the bond of peace; and **5.)** Seeking a greater measure of involvement from members of the congregation in our plans and programs.

To begin our emphasis on Spiritual Development we will have a special series of messages and activities in the coming month focusing on the importance of prayer in our individual and congregational life. Each Sunday between now and March 8th we will have two messages on the subjects of prayer and fasting. This series will conclude with **24 Hours of Prayer** beginning at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, March 7th** running through the morning worship assembly on **Sunday, March 8th**. We're encouraging every member in the congregation to sign up for an hour in which you join others from our congregation (groups such as Elders, Deacons, Bible Class, Youth, Singles, TLC's, etc...) to pray for specific prayer requests that have been turned in. We will begin taking those requests this Sunday.

For those who would choose to do so we will also be encouraging you to fast and pray seeking God's guidance and blessings. This will begin Saturday evening, March 7th. Then, following our morning service on the 8th the entire congregation will come together to participate in a fellowship meal. You'll be hearing much more about these plans in the coming weeks.

Our Elders and staff are in complete agreement that it's time to move ahead and focus on the future, not the past. It's time for our leaders and members alike to strengthen our resolve, renew our efforts and step out with bold determination to become all that God wants us to be. May we count on your prayerful support both now and in the future... ~ **Around The Oaks**

## *Kevin's Korner*

...Kevin Jourdan

### **Marriage Mentoring**

This Sunday the Mentors and Mentees will have lunch together in the ladies classroom after worship. This will be a potluck meal so please bring a dish. Please make plans to be here for lunch as we begin Marriage Mentoring: 12 Conversations.

### **Sweetheart Banquet**

Make plans to attend the Sweetheart Banquet on Friday, Feb. 13 at 6pm in the FLC. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up and pay in the lobby. Last day to pay is Feb. 8th. This is for couples of all ages and for singles, widows and widowers. Tom Cox will be catering.

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### **Small Group Bible Study**

On Sunday nights 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. Our next small group Bible study will be this Sunday, February 8 at 6:15.

### **Overcoming**

On Wednesday nights the College age, Young Singles, and Young Marrieds are doing a series of classes called “Overcoming.” Because of Jesus we have already overcome so much, but there are still things that need to be overcome. For the past two weeks we have looked at “Overcoming Complacency,” and “Overcoming Shame and Guilt.” In the coming weeks we will look at overcoming grudges, overcoming fear, overcoming selfishness, and overcoming anger.

## *Youth News*

... Jeff Shocklee

### **MEXICO MISSION**

This past Sunday 30 members of our congregation committed to go to Monterrey, Mexico to help build church buildings. The trip will take place June 19-27. Many of this group went last year, but we do have some new faces as well. This is a great opportunity to encourage our brothers and sisters in Mexico and contribute in a small way to their work. Please pray for us as we prepare for this endeavor.

### **KROGER CARDS**

Remember to reload your Kroger cards! It goes toward our Mexico mission trip. If you would like to have a Kroger card, see Jeff and we will get one for you.

### **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 will be in acts 20-22 this week. Come join us for fellowship and learning!

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