



Our Church Family

Carl Rounsaville has been in Baptist DeSoto ICU for several days. He was moved to room 506 this afternoon. He received three stents on Monday and is doing better... Travis Ashmore was released from the hospital Saturday evening. We are grateful that he is doing better...

Rolando Saradpon is having a MRI on his shoulder one day this week... We rejoice with the news that Ruby Davis has returned home after over three months in the hospital and rehab. Her daughter, Debbie, will be staying at home with her. Fred Whitlock, a frequent visitor with us is in Methodist Central ICU following the amputation of a leg this past week...

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of our beloved brother in Christ, L.K. Fuller. His funeral was Friday here at Goodman Oaks.

Our sympathy also goes to Jere Davis and family in the passing of her father, Cecil Bailey, of Memphis. His funeral is Wednesday morning at Memorial Park.

THURSDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED

Thursday School is a free program for 2-4 year olds that we offer to our members and the community. This ministry is not possible without volunteers. We need teachers and helpers for 10 consecutive Thursdays, 9am-11:30am, starting March 4th. If you can volunteer please sign up at the information desk. If you have questions please call Dawn Ales @ 662-449-5636.

VALENTINE GIFT IDEA

Give the gift that gives in return! The children of the Dominican Republic appreciate your generosity! Each bag of coffee you buy supports their children's home. See Yuvonia Mardis in the lobby.



CONNECTION GROUPS

We will finalize the groups and leaders and get started with the orientation meeting on Sunday, Feb. 21 after pm worship service. Groups will begin meeting the next week. Please consider being a part of a group. It will be a way to grow in faith, fellowship, and the word!

TLC'S UPCOMING EVENTS

The TLCs will be going to Reelfoot Lake State Park on Monday, February 22nd. Vans will leave at 7:15am. The cost for the escorted tour for viewing the Eagles is \$5 per person. Lunch will be at Boyette's. If interested in going, please sign up at the information desk.

TLC's will also be taking a trip to Mobile, AL March 18-20 to visit Bellingrath Gardens and tour the USS Alabama and other attractions. Information sheets are available at the Information desk.

SINGLES - 40 PLUS

We are planning a trip to Casey Jones Village in Jackson, TN on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Meet at the building at 9:00am. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer this Sunday. Questions call Joyce Wilson @ 662-781-1415 or Brenda Cooke @ 662-429-8920.

2010 PHEASANT HUNT

This year's hunt is scheduled for November 2-5. If you are interested in going please call Art Shumway @ 901-550-6391.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We are having a Lady's event April 24. Please mark your calendar and ask a friend to reserve that date also. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

February 7, 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.
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Wednesday: Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
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# Around The Oaks

With Steve Reeves

We had a good day Sunday with **726** in attendance for our morning service and many who stayed for the "pot-luck" and devotional to follow. There was an abundance of good food and wonderful fellowship. Thanks to all of you who helped with preparing for and cleaning up after the meal. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

## HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

Be sure to join us this coming Sunday afternoon from 3 - 4:30 as we honor **Carl** and **Dena Rounsaville** and **Marty** and **Susan Brownfield**. Both Carl and Marty have recently stepped aside as elders in our congregation. Carl has been experiencing some health concerns and Marty and his family are soon to leave for Knoxville, TN, where he will serve as minister for the Concord congregation. Both of these good men and their families have served this church with a gracious spirit. May we show "honor to whom honor is due" (Rom. 13:7).

## CONNECTION GROUPS

The response of the congregation for the Connection Groups has been very good. According to **Jeff Shocklee** we have about 180 people who have signed up to be in a group. He has been working hard to organize the groups, recruit leaders and develop a curriculum to be studied. The kickoff date is February 21st. It is our hope that these groups will help everyone who desires to become more connected with others here at Goodman Oaks to do so.

Speaking of connections, may I suggest to you that one of the best ways to become connected to others is by becoming part of a

Sunday morning or Wednesday evening Bible Class. Not only will you have the opportunity to be taught by some outstanding teachers, you will find the smaller setting to be conducive to meeting others and learning about their lives. And don't forget the excellent Sunday School classes for toddlers, pre-schoolers, elementary, junior high and teens that are also available.

## PRAYING FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

**Scott Marino** leaves on Friday of this week for a tour of duty in Iraq. **Russell Brummett** is currently deployed in Afghanistan. Of course we have many others who are serving in various places around the globe. May we be diligent in prayer for the safety and well-being of all our troops - especially those with ties to our congregation. Be sure to go by the Military bulletin board in the north hallway to see their pictures.

## CONNECTING WITH GOD

This Sunday we will continue our "Connecting With God" series with a message on "Connecting With God Through Obedience." In coming weeks we will consider some specific means by which our connection with God is made possible. "Connecting With God through Baptism;" "Connecting with God through Prayer;" "Connecting with God through Scripture;" "Connecting with God Through Worship;" and "Connecting with God through Sacrifice." In recent weeks we have seen how our Great and Holy God has made this connection possible by means of His love, grace and mercy. Now we turn our focus to the ways in which we access these blessings and experience spiritual growth in our lives. Please join us, won't you, as we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Pt. 3:18).

~ Around The Oaks

# Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

## God Help Me!

LORD, have mercy on me. See how my enemies torment me. Snatch me back from the jaws of death. Save me so I can praise you publicly at Jerusalem's gates, so I can rejoice that you have rescued me.

Psalm 9:13-14

All of us want God to help us when we are in trouble, but often for different reasons. Some want God's help so that they will be successful and other people will like them. Others want God's help so that they will be comfortable and feel good about themselves. David, however, wanted help from God so that justice would be restored to Israel and so that he could show others God's power.

When you call to God for help, consider your motive. Is it to save yourself pain and embarrassment or to bring God glory and honor? Our life goal in everything we do should be to honor God and bring glory to Him. If the things you are doing do not bring honor to God then you need to change your ways and focus on God's ways.

# Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

## Summer Mission Trip

This summer we will be working with Ride for Reading, a Nashville based organization. Their purpose is to enhance education by distributing books to children who would not have access to them otherwise. In low income neighborhoods the ratio is 1 book for every 300 children. RfR wants to change that and encourage kids to read and do well in school.

Our group will be able to collect and sort donated books, deliver books to children, help the children choose books to take home, and to read with the children, as well. We might also have the opportunity for some work to help with their newly donated office and workspace. An exciting part of this opportunity is that we have the opportunity to begin to be a blessing in our area through this organization. They already have requests from Metro area schools for book deliveries, but do not have anyone in place to make those deliveries. That could be us!

Our trip will take place June 20-25. The cost will be \$125 per person. Deadline to commit to the trip is February 28. Information sheets and requirements are available in the youth room or see Jeff.

## Friday at the Movies

Beginning February 26 we will be G.O.ing to the movies every Friday night. We will be showing a movie in the youth room every Friday night for several weeks. We will have all the normal movie snacks, including popcorn. Doors will open each Friday at 6:45pm and the movie will start at 7:05pm. Don't be late! The genre of movie will change from week to week, but they will be things that make you laugh, maybe, make you cry, and occasionally even make you think. Come join in the fun! What...you don't like this week's movie? Well come on anyway! It's a great chance to hang out with your brothers and sisters in Christ. After all, let's not forget what this is really about!

Remember to be praying for Winterfest!

Don't forget to sign up to have Jeff come to lunch with you!