



Our Church Family

Tom McEwen is at Vanderbilt University Hospital for tests this week... Fred Wesson will have arthroscopic knee surgery on Wednesday... Eddie Whalen spent Sunday in the ER... Mary Gardner is now at home being tended to by Home Health Care... Gene

Shocklee, father of Jeff Shocklee is recuperating after having a small toe amputated last week... Mary McCurley remains hospitalized at Baptist DeSoto, Rm. 526... Susan Brewer, niece of Jack Savage is now recuperating at home... Bama Scaife is now at home after a recent hospitalization. She has a tumor in her pancreas and will be under home health care...

WEDDING SHOWER

For Tyler Albritton and bride elect Sarah Schaffer Sunday, Feb. 22, from 3:30-4:30 in the lobby. They are registered at J.C. Penneys.

EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

Anyone interested in going on the El Salvador mission trip in June is invited to a meeting on Sunday, February 22 in rm. 1 after am worship.

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, electrical wiring & electrical outlets. Also pens, pencils, stickers & writing pads for VBS.

THURSDAY SCHOOL

Time to sign your child up for Thursday School. This is open to 2-4 year olds. This session will begin March 5th and end May 14th, 9:00-11:30am. Registration forms for new students are in the foyer at the sign up tables. The deadline for signing up is March 1st. We are in need of more volunteers for this ministry. You can sign up to help in the foyer also.

LADIES LADIES LADIES

Our next outing is on Thursday, Feb. 19. We will leave the building at 10:30am for Anna Renae's Tea Room in Oakland, TN. We will then stop by the Junk store in Galloway and return by 4:00pm. Also, on Feb. 24 senior ladies invite younger ladies as your guests for dinner at Dale's at 6pm. Please sign up in the lobby.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our next men's prayer breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 28. The cost is \$4. Please see Charlie Moore to sign up & pay.

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 8th and 9th 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.



SATURDAY, FEB. 28TH—7 P.M.

The movie is free. Soup and salad dinner available from 6—7 p.m. for \$7 per person. Please sign up and pay in advance at the information desk.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

February 15, 2009

Sunday Bible Class	463
Sunday Morning Worship	762
Sunday Evening Worship	n/c
Offering	\$ 20,700
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

(Visit me on the web at www.stevewreeves.blogspot.com)

We were blessed with another great Sunday at Goodman Oaks with 762 assembled for worship at the morning hour and a myriad of great activities and opportunities taking place all day long. We thank God for the involvement and participation of so many people in the work of this church. We are especially grateful for **Sonya Grisham** who came before us Sunday morning seeking prayers in her behalf.

24 HOURS OF PRAYER

We're only a few weeks away from our special **24 Hours of Prayer** beginning **Saturday, March 7th** and concluding **Sunday, March 8th**. This Sunday you will have the opportunity to sign up and commit to one hour of prayer. For those who would like to do so we also encourage you to fast from Saturday evening through Sunday morning as we ask God to bless our mission and purpose here at Goodman Oaks.

We will conclude this 24 hours of prayer with a special morning service on March 8th followed by a congregational fellowship meal that will be provided. We'll conclude the meal with a devotional and then be dismissed for the day.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR NATION AND WORLD

This past Sunday morning I placed a challenge before us that I believe we, with the help of God, are capable of fulfilling. In light of the declining numbers of congregations and Christians over the past six years (as reported by The Christian Chronicle) would it not be appropriate to set aside a Sunday where every congregation of the church of Christ in the United States engaged in fervent prayer to reverse this trend? I believe we have the techni-

cal, financial and human resources here at Goodman Oaks to facilitate such an event. Above all I believe we have the power of God behind us and are well able to rise to this challenge. In coming days the Elders and staff will be looking further into this challenge and determining what roll we can play in uniting the church of Christ in our nation for a day of heartfelt, repentant and needed prayer.

THANKS SINGLES

Hats off to the Singles' Class and the leadership of **Paul Tullos** in providing such a fun and delicious Valentine's Banquet this past Friday evening. Hearts were cheerful and spirits joyful as we ate a delicious dinner prepared by **Tom Cox** and his crew. **Keith Billingsley** did a superb job as M.C. and the decorations were beautifully arranged by **Betty Hill**.

COMING UP SOON

The spring semester of Thursday School gets underway on Thursday, March 5th. The teachers and helpers are already busy preparing their classrooms and materials. There's still plenty of room for helpers and assistants. Contact **Louisa Allgeier** if you'd like to be involved.

Don't forget the special "Movie Night" **February 28th** as we show the film, "**FIREPROOF**." What a message this show has for married couples. Notice the information about the dinner and the movie elsewhere in the bulletin and join us on this special evening as we gather together for great fellowship and the strengthening of our families...

~ "Around The Oaks!"

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

Love Your Enemies

Last week some good friends of ours had their house broken into. When they came home and opened the garage they noticed that their door going into the house was opened. My friend went in to find his computer and other valuables stolen. This is something that no one ever wants to experience, because our home is a place of refuge and security.

Whenever we hear of situations like this we automatically feel anger inside. That's exactly how I felt when he told me what had happened. Then he told me how they handled it. He told me that they prayed for the person that broke into their house. They prayed that God would forgive the one who stole from them and that the person would be shown the truth and would come to know God.

This is not a typical reaction for most of us, but Jesus tells those who are members of his kingdom to "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" and that's exactly what our friends did, and I have thought about that all week.

Whenever someone wrongs us, our typical reaction is to retaliate or wish harm on them. Some would say that "Love your enemies" is an oxymoron because it tells us to love the person who hates you or wrongs you. We're not comfortable with this command but it is an expectation that Jesus has for members of his kingdom.

In our assemblies I can't help but notice the trend in our prayers. We consistently pray for the new government leaders, and we pray for the military. We pray that God will give these new leaders wisdom and discernment and we pray that God will protect the men and women in the military. How often though do we pray for those who hate us, our enemies? How often do we pray for God to use us to take the gospel to those who wrong us?

For the past couple of weeks we have been talking a lot about prayer. For the next three weeks we will continue our lessons on prayer and fasting. On March 7-8 we will have our 24 hours of prayer. I have a challenge to place before us. Let us pray for this church and for our leaders, and for those in the military, but let us also pray for our enemies. Let us pray that God will use us as his instruments of peace and not retaliation. Let us pray that we "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing" (1 Peter 3:9).

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

The youth group will be going to see *The Diary of Anne Frank* this Thursday. It is free for DeSoto County students. We will leave at 6:15pm.

FIREPROOF MOVIE NIGHT

A movie night is planned for the whole church on February 28 at 7pm. The movie is Fireproof and is one that can help encourage and strengthen families. The movie is free! Childcare is provided for ages 5 and under by the Mexico mission team for a donation. Additionally, there will be a soup and salad dinner available for \$7 per person which will be available between 6 and 7pm. Please sign up and pay in advance at the information desk.

MEXICO MISSION BENEFIT DINNER

There will be a benefit dinner for the Mexico Mission Trip on Sunday, March 1, after the evening assembly. Jeff and the youth group will be cooking an authentic Mexican dinner. Childcare for ages 5 and under is included. Cost is \$15 for ages 12 and up and a kid-friendly meal for ages 11 and under for \$6. All proceeds will help with the expenses for the Mexico Mission trip. Good food and supporting the work! Sign up at the information desk.

SPANISH CLASS

Beginning this Wednesday, February 18, Mercy Smith will be conducting a Spanish class at 6pm in the youth room for those going to El Salvador and Mexico this summer. This series is 15 lessons and will help you communicate as you serve God on your mission. You will need a Spanish-English dictionary and a Spanish-English Bible. You can see Jeff for more info about getting these books.

YOUTH GROUP PREPAYMENT

Remember you can pay ahead of time. The box is on the information desk and is checked after each assembly.

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.