



Our Church Family

F.M. Hylander is now home from the hospital. Chastine Shumway will have surgery Wednesday, March 25... Terri Pounder's father, Gene Giles, is currently undergoing tests regarding a mass near one of his kidneys...

Kim Billingsley's uncle, Gordon Hughes, is recovering from colon surgery... Corey Mobley's mother, Carol Golden, will have knee replacement surgery next Wednesday... Gary Pruett's cousin, Cassandra Armstrong, remains in The Med following a recent stroke... Please continue to remember Jimmy Eddlemon's brother in prayer as he struggles with cancer.

**SYMPATHY**

To Ruby Davis and family in the passing of her nephew, Jerry Tatum, of Oakland, TN, last week.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

We have plenty of candy and eggs. We need volunteers who can stay Sunday night, March 29 for about one hour to help "stuff eggs". We also have sign up sheets in the lobby for you to bring lunch items for our big day. We need 16 oz. Oreos, hot dog buns, family size Cheetos and box drinks like Hi C or Kool Aide. Please bring these items no later than Wed. April 1st.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Our VBS will be May 31-June 3 from 6:30 - 9:00pm each evening. A new feature this year will be an adult class each evening. John Pigg, father of David Alexander and minister of the Lake Harbour congregation near Jackson, MS, will be our guest teacher.

**THANK YOU**

Dot McEwen would like to thank all of those who sang at Tom's Funeral on Saturday, March 7th. Thank you all for doing such a beautiful job.

**5th SUNDAY OFFERING**

This Sunday, March 29th will be a 5th Sunday offering. This offering will go to our benevolence fund for the purpose of helping the families in our congregation who have recently lost jobs. Please be considering what you can give to help others.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

All ladies are invited to meet together Saturday morning, April 18th at 8am in room 1, for our first Ladies Prayer Breakfast. Please sign the list in the lobby. Cost is \$3. If you have comments or questions please contact Gwen Coker.

**MEN'S RETREAT**

The golf tournament is set for May 9. We have 20 slots open, tee times start at 1:30 & the cost is \$45 including the cart fee. The total cost for the retreat and tournament is \$75. You don't have to be in the golf tournament to attend the retreat.

**LADIES TRIP**

Attention all Ladies! Our next lunch & shopping trip will be April 8 to Rowan Oak, William Faulkner's home in Oxford, MS. We will leave at 9am and return by 4:00.

**SCRAPBOOKING**

This Friday night at 6pm in room 1.

**BOY SCOUT YARD SALE**

The sale is this weekend. Please stop by and help support our Boy Scouts. They also set up their camp kitchen to cook beans and corn bread, among other items.

**NUMERICALLY SPEAKING**

March 22, 2009

Sunday Bible Class .....	450
Sunday Morning Worship .....	722
Offering .....	\$ 18,516
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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*I am so glad to be part of the Goodman Oaks family!* With each week God pours His blessings upon this church in so many wonderful ways. I have the unique vantage-point of being able to witness so many of you who are using your talents and abilities to glorify God as you go about your daily life. In addition, I can't begin to imagine all of those deeds that are done "behind the scenes" with no thought of recognition or reward. You are indeed special people.

We were blessed with **450 in Bible Class** and **722 in our morning assembly** this past Sunday. Over 50 people stayed for the **World Bible School** pot-luck after the morning service and received encouraging reports from our correspondence work that is now reaching across the globe. One baptism has recently been reported and others will soon follow.

Sunday evening we had the delightful opportunity to hear the **Crowley's Ridge College** chorus sing following a brief devotional service led by their young men. We are grateful for the good work being done by this small Christian college located in Paragould, Arkansas. Of special note is the transition currently underway from being a two-year to a four-year institution. We wish President Ken Hoppe and his staff the very best in their continued work.

## SPRING CLEAN UP

This coming Thursday evening **Art Shumway** will be leading a group in cleaning and mulching the flower beds around the building. If you have a "green thumb," or just enjoy working out-of-doors come by the building between 5 and 7 p.m. (*weather permitting*) and lend a hand.

May I present a gentle reminder for all of us, please. We are blessed with outstanding facilities at Goodman Oaks. We need everyone to help us maintain a neat appearance. Our foyers are large and attractive but sometimes they become cluttered with too many papers, dishes and other items. We are in need of several individuals who would help us keep this area clean and neat. Any volunteers?

We also ask that no food or drink be brought into the auditorium at any time. Coffee stains and ground-in food in the carpet and on the pews are particularly difficult for our custodian, **Milton Howery**, to clean up. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The next month will be a busy and productive time for us here at Goodman Oaks. On Sunday, **April 5th** David Jordan of Agape will be with us to present the findings from our recent Family Survey. I hope that every member will be here to listen to this message and become aware of the challenges facing our families today.

April will also afford us two special opportunities to invite Friends and Family to worship. The first of these will be Easter Sunday, **April 12th**. You know some folks who will be looking for a place to worship on this day. Why not invite them to come with you?

The other occasion will be on Sunday, **April 26th** as we plan a special day to invite visitors to worship with us and witness first-hand the caring, serving nature of this congregation. More information about this in the coming weeks.

Remember that this Sunday is a **5th Sunday** with our offering going to assist families right here in our congregation who are hurting due to the economic crisis. I look forward to seeing you then.

~ *Around The Oaks!*

## Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

### UNDERESTIMATING GOD

I was reading the story of David and Goliath the other day and it made me think that occasionally we underestimate what God can do through us. Goliath, who was what we would consider a giant, had come before the Israelite army and challenged them to find one man who could defeat him. On hearing this Saul and the Israelite army were terrified. God's people were terrified! They underestimated what God could do through them.

David, on the other hand, heard what Goliath was saying against the army of God. David would not stand there and let Goliath defy God. David had seen how God delivered him from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear. He was not afraid to also take on a giant. David, a young boy, stands in front of Goliath and declares that the Lord Almighty will defeat him. As we know, he was right. God defeated Goliath through David and the Israelites were victorious. God defeated an entire army through one young shepherd boy who did not underestimate what God could do through him.

I read this account of David and Goliath and I wonder who I am in this story, the Israelites who underestimated God or David who did not. I think far too often I am like the Israelites. I underestimate what God can do through me and therefore let God be defied by the giant I am facing. I wake up each morning and ask God to use me yet I don't have faith that he will. I am terrified like the Israelites.

Who are you in this story? I challenge you to not underestimate what God can do through you. Have faith like David who was called the man after God's own heart. Pray daily for God to use you and he will if you will let him. God will change the world through us if we will only have faith and act when the situation is put before us.

~Paul Tullos~

## Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

### AREA WIDE DEVO

Next month's devo will be hosted here at Goodman Oaks on April 19. Be watching for ways you can help welcome brothers and sisters from North Mississippi to our congregation.

### ATTENTION PARENTS

We will get together this Sunday at 4pm to look at our upcoming events, make plans for some new things, and think about how to increase the spiritual growth of our children. Additionally, we will be spending time in prayer and covering all the details of our summer activities. We need your help!

### FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is running very low! We have served an amazing amount of people over the past 6 months since Harvest Sunday. Our best estimate is that we have provided somewhere around 1,000 meals! We are receiving opportunities to serve in this way more than ever before. And we have been able to transition some of our friends into regular attendees here at GO and are reaching into their community with regular Bible study! But we can't keep doing this with no food on the shelves...

On April 26 we will be repeating our effort from Harvest Sunday. We are calling it a Day of Planting as we try to sow the seed of the kingdom. Lists will be available, along with grocery bags, so you can start your collection of groceries. We realize that not everyone is in a position to buy groceries for the pantry right now, but there is a way to be involved. We want you to ask your friends and neighbors to come worship with us on April 26. Grab a sack lunch and then help us, along with your guests, sort and restock our pantry. People are looking for churches that DO something, so rather than asking people to come simply sit through our worship, we want to ask them to get involved in serving. A double helping of outreach! You will hear more in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, start looking for deals on groceries. People in our body and in our community are in need...

### 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.