



Our Church Family

Tami Reeves spent several days in the hospital. She is now at home... **Cora Epperson** fell and broke her arm... **Jan Joines** received a good report from her lung doctor... **Susie Brummett** is recovering from surgery at Baptist Memphis... **Yuvonia**

Mardis needs surgery on a ruptured and protruding disc and is awaiting a date... **Debbie Couey's** husband, Clyde, will have a nuclear stress test Thursday the 22nd... **Tom Cox's** sister-in-law, Joan Cox, had lung surgery at Baptist Memphis and is awaiting test results. No visitors please... **Terri Pounder's** father, Gene Giles, continues to suffer with shingles and has several doctor's appointments in November for cancer and fluid on his lungs. **Terri's** aunt, Bobbye, will have an ablation procedure on her heart Nov. 10th at Baptist Memphis... Continue to remember the **Albritton** family in your prayers...

WEDDING SHOWER

A shower for **Kayla MacMillan** is Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3:30-4:30 in the lobby. She is registered at Dillard's, Macy's and Target.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Is this Saturday, Oct. 24th at 7:30am. Please call **Charlie Moore** @ 901-398-4942 to sign up.

MISSION UPDATES

Ralph McClurg will update us on the El Salvador missions this Sunday at 2:30 in the Youth class room for anyone interested in hearing this report. Norm Curington will report on the Dominican Republic missions also, this Sunday at 4:00 in the Youth Class room and again at 6:15pm in the FLC with a meal of beans and rice. Everyone is welcome.

HOPE WORKS

Needs paper towels, deodorant, toothpaste, bath tissue and bath soap.

ANGEL FOOD

Thanksgiving boxes are \$36. You can order these until Oct. 28. Know someone in need this holiday? See **Mark** or **Laurie Hammer** at the information desk or stop by the office to order.

CATFISH IN THE BARN

If you would like to go to Burton's Sugar Farm on Friday, Oct. 23, please be at the building by 4pm.

FALL FESTIVAL

October 24 from 5-8pm. We need donations of hot dogs, buns, individual chips, bottled water, frosted cupcakes and candy. See **Kevin's** column for more information.

HARVEST SUNDAY—OCT. 25

Please read **Jeff's** column for details on the food list.

TIMOTHY HILL BENEFIT

October 31st at 9:00. See **Kevin's** column.

SINGLE SISTERS

Our Autumn event will be a day trip to **Kevin** and **Dianne Culley's** cabin in Enid, MS for lunch on November 7th. Afterwards we will stop at an antique mall. Call **Betty Hill** @ 662-342-3362.

AGAPE BENEFIT DINNER

November 7th at 6pm. Tickets are on sale in the foyer, for \$30 with a \$2 upcharge for shrimp. If anyone has new items or gift certificates they would like to donate to the silent auction please see **Misty Shocklee** or **Susan Brownfield**.

VETERAN'S RECEPTION

On Sunday, November 8, we will have a reception in the FLC after PM service honoring our veterans. More info to come.

TLCs

The TLCs brownbag fellowship meal will be Nov. 6th at 6pm in the Family Life Center.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

October 18, 2009

Sunday Bible Class	419
Sunday Morning Worship	641
Offering	\$ 19,035

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*



“GO HOME AND CUT WOOD”

John Simpson, well known and loved Memphis preacher for many years, tells an interesting story about his early years as a preacher in the small town of McCrory, Arkansas. Discouraged and downtrodden he drove to nearby Newport to seek the counsel of T.H. Sherrill, an older and deeply respected preacher for the Holden Avenue church (which I served as minister from 1990-1995). Brother Sherrill listened to the young Simpson as he talked about his troubles and then gave this bit of advice. “Son, go home and cut wood.” That was Sherrill’s homespun way of saying, “just keep on working - things will get better.” What priceless and timely advice for all of us.

Ulysses S. Grant, our nation’s 18th president and famed Civil War General, once commented, “Everyone has their superstitions, one of mine has always been whenever I started to go anywhere or do anything to not quit until the destination was achieved or the deed completed.”

Grant’s belief was far more than a superstition. In fact, it was a Biblical principle of highest importance. Over and over again the message of scripture is to remain “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). To the Galatians, who were in danger of turning their backs on Christ, Paul wrote, “Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not faint.”

Everyone’s life consist of ups and downs. There are mountaintops of joy while other moments are lived in the valley of despair. Whether it be in our jobs, our relationships, our health, our faith and even in the church you can count on it. There will be seasons of plenty and seasons of need. That’s life, isn’t it?

As a college student I was not a gifted learner. Study did not come easy for me. I struggled in the early years of my coursework to keep up with others. My mind was easily distracted and more than once I was tempted to give up. I knew, however, that my goal of being a preacher could not be fully realized without sufficient study and training so I kept after it. Month after month, semester after semester. My grades began to improve and by the time I graduated from college I had achieved all “A’s” with just one ‘B’ in my coursework during the last two years of school and even went on to complete a graduate degree with similar results. I’ve often commented to others that while they may have graduated “Magna Cum Laude”, I was thankful to graduate “Thank You Laude!” In the end it was persistence, pure and simple that paid off.

So when things in your life, in your family, on the job or at church seem to be a bit low, do not be startled or panic. Just keep on “cutting wood” and God will bring you through in a remarkable way.

Kevin’s Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

A Great Retreat

This past weekend fifteen of our young adults traveled to Ocoee, TN. for our annual Fall Retreat. For the past two years we have gone to Ocoee where we go white water rafting and do other activities together. Our theme for our retreat was “I Need a Savior.” We left Friday afternoon and returned Sunday night. This is a retreat that we all look forward to each year. I can’t wait for next year!

It’s Good to Be Home

For the past two Sundays I have been out of town and it is so good to be back and to be home for a while. Two weeks ago my family and I traveled to Florida where I performed the wedding for my sister-in-law. I was also given the opportunity to preach on Sunday the 11th at the Port Charlotte Church of Christ. This is the church where I started working in ministry nine years ago. We returned from Florida on Tuesday and then on Friday the 16th we headed to Ocoee. It is so good to be home and settled. I am really looking forward to a lot of good things going on around here in the weeks to come.

Sunday Night Worship

On Sunday nights at 5:00 Jeff, Paul, Allan Underwood and I are preaching a series on “The Church.” I want to encourage everyone to come as we look at what we are supposed to be and how we are supposed to live as the body of Christ. This Sunday night **Allan Underwood** will be speaking on being a “Cross-Shaped Community.”

Timothy Hill Benefit Breakfast

The Benefit Breakfast is Saturday, October 31 at 9am. If you plan on **Sponsoring** or **Hosting** a table, or plan on attending alone please call the office to RSVP. If you would like to sponsor a table of 8 it is \$100 or a table of 6 it is \$75.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

re: **FUEL**

re: **FUEL IS 10-MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY!**

Staff:

Oct. 23—Missy Howard, David and Sheila Butler, Amy Braden, Tim Winstead, Rolando Sardpon.

Oct. 30—Dale and Debbie Eubanks, Amy braden, Tim Winstead, Rolando Saradpon.

Harvest Sunday—October 25

It is time once again to restock the pantry. Over the past 6 months we have provided over 4,000 meals for members of our community. The list is at all entrances to our building. As you go over the list, we ask that you check the date if you are bringing items that have been in your pantry. Also, the list consists of items that are intended to go together to make a standard box that can feed a family for 3 days. We ask, therefore, that you only bring the items on the list. If you are purchasing everything on the list, you can pick up a box at the info desk and just pack everything in the box. That will make sorting even easier! Plan to stay after the AM assembly this Sunday and bring a brown bag lunch. We will eat together and then sort the food and build boxes to distribute. It’s going to be a great day of service!

Buddy Walk

Thanks for all who participated in the Buddy Walk this past Sunday. Lane’s team had over 100 walkers and we honored the memory of Bailey White, as well. The day was beautiful and God was glorified as we came together to show our love and appreciation for those with special needs and special gifts. It was a great day!

Agape Benefit Dinner—Nov. 7

The Agape Benefit Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. The theme is “A Taste of New Orleans”. We are going to have some great food and support a vital work by participating in this dinner. See **Louisa Allgeier** for more information.