

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Barbara Woolbright** is in St. Francis room 825... **Alberta Casey** is recuperating following surgery at Baptist DeSoto rm. 938... **Ron Thompson's** mother, Mary Thompson, had surgery at Baptist Memphis... **Mason Branning** had a tonsillectomy this past Friday... **Sheila Butler** is suffering with a recurring kidney infection... **Vickie Eddlemon's** father, Malcolm Chism, is back at Baptist Memphis with blood clots in his lungs... Vickie's brother is back in the hospital to redo knee surgery. **Butch** and **Karen McEntire's** twenty month old grandson, Chase McEntire, is now at home after being hospitalized with an infection... **Ray Canada** was hospitalized this past week with pneumonia... **Kathy Chadwick's** mother, Jeanette Barnes, is now at home after being hospitalized recently... **Brenda Fowler** will have eye surgery this Thursday... **Monica Reichardt's** father, Les Starling, is hospitalized in serious condition...

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to **Sedgie Taylor** in the passing of his aunt, Lucille Craddock. Lucille was also related to **Jim Craddock** and was the mother of former Holmes Road member Danny Craddock.

**IN THE MILITARY**

**Jonathan Eubanks** was deployed to Iraq this past Sunday. Please keep him in your prayers. **Lynn Miller's** son, Jonathan, is also in Iraq at this time as is **Michael Smith's** son, Jason.



**THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST**

We have invited our friends from the school supply store to join us on Thanksgiving Day for a feast. We will need help with food, decorating, serving, eating (yes, eating!) and cleanup. Some can be done ahead of time and nothing will take more than a couple of hours that Thursday. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. We are making a difference in our community!

**HARDING ACADEMY CHORUS**

A long standing tradition here at Goodman Oaks—the Harding Academy Chorus will present a program for us on the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving—November 25th. There is a possibility this program may have to be rescheduled if Harding progresses to the State Football championship game in Murphreesboro scheduled for the same evening. In that case we will have a devotional service on the 25th and the chorus will sing on Wednesday, December 3rd. We will know for sure after this Friday night's game.

**THANK YOU**

A special thanks to Mike and Louisa Allgeier, Jeff Shocklee and all of the young people who worked for the AGAPE benefit dinner last Saturday night. \$1,700 was raised to benefit AGAPE Child and Family Services.

**CONFERENCE CALLS**

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 23, Goodman Oaks members who are home-bound, hospitalized or traveling will be able to join our morning services via conference call. If able, you may also partake of the Lord's supper along with the rest of the congregation by using a communion kit. If you are interested in using this service, please call the church office at 349-3600 and we will assist you in getting set up.

**NUMERICALLY SPEAKING**

November 9, 2008

Sunday Bible Class . . . . .	505
Sunday Morning Worship . . . . .	775
Sunday Evening Assembly . . . . .	360
Offering . . . . .	\$ 19,160

**SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES**

**Sunday:**  
 Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship - 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship - 5:00 p.m.  
 Fellowship - 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

## “HELP... I NEED SOMEBODY”

Do you remember the “Beatles” song by the above title? I thought about it the other day as I read an article by long time preacher John Gipson of the Windsong congregation in Little Rock. Here are just a few lines from John’s article I’d like for you to consider.

*“God appointed in the church some very impressive folks. Just go down the list and see for yourself: apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, administrators and speakers in various kinds of tongues. There’s a certain glamour and sheen to be found in each of these words. They are folks to be looked up to and respected because of the gifts God has given them.*

*But right in the middle of such distinguished company the Lord saw the need for “helpers”. And maybe that’s where I can fit in. If so, I will be rubbing shoulders with some very elite folks in God’s scheme of things.”*

John makes an important point. For any church to be effective there must be lots and lots of helpers. These are the people who often function outside the spotlight and behind the scenes. Though you don’t always see them or hear their names mentioned publicly they are always there supporting God’s work with their attendance, offerings and good works. Whenever there’s a call for help they don’t hesitate to step up to the plate and offer whatever resources they have to lend a hand.

The remarkable thing about helpers is that each of us can be one. Through our co-operation with one another and with each of us doing our part, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, we can provide effective service in the name of Jesus.

Here’s a case in point. We need your help this Sunday morning as we collect information to assist us with the Life Changes Initiative we are implementing here at Goodman Oaks in partnership with AGAPE Child and Family Services. Our morning service will follow the usual format with songs, prayers, the Lord’s Supper, offering and sermon. We are going to do our best to finish up about ten to fifteen minutes early in order to provide all of us (7th grade up) an opportunity to fill out a questionnaire regarding the needs of our families. The questions will be very specific and personal. However, they will be completely anonymous. Nowhere on the questionnaire will you be asked for your name, address, phone or e-mail. In fact, no one here at Goodman Oaks or even at AGAPE will see the questionnaires. They will be scored by a computer at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and the results will be compiled in a report to be returned to us after the first of the year. In this way we can custom-fit our plans and programs in the coming year to help us address your needs and minister to families more effectively.

“Help, we need somebody!” Can we count on you to “help” us with this important information Sunday morning?  
~ Steve Reeves

## Kevin’s Korner ...Kevin Jourdan

### Join us this Sunday Night

This Sunday night we have two special guests that will be joining us in the FLC at the 6:15 hour. After we worship at 5pm, John Kennedy and Lee Brown will join us and Lee will share his story with the church.

Lee has a story to tell. He lived on the streets of Memphis for 20 years. He was befriended by John Kennedy (a Harding Grad professor) and was baptized into Christ September 21 of this year. While living on the streets, he was set on fire, frozen to park benches, ate from garbage cans and had one eye stabbed with an ice pick. About a year ago, Joe Birch, a news anchor in Memphis, helped him get an apartment in which he has been for almost a year now.

I hope you can come at 6:15 this Sunday night. We have been doing a great job at helping those in need and this Sunday we will hear first hand, how we can recognize and help those who are needy.

### What Does it Take to be a Marriage Mentor?

Some people doubt they have anything to offer another couple to help them grow a healthy marriage. They question whether they can be successful mentors. As you consider what it takes to be an effective mentor, consider the following questions:

- Do you enjoy your marriage?
- Do you look forward to meeting and being with other couples?
- Are there things you have learned from your spouse over the course of your marriage?
- Have you and your spouse successfully weathered some marital challenges?
- Can you be open and honest about your own mistakes and shortcomings?
- Can you identify some of the strengths in your marriage?
- Are you a good listener?
- Would you like to make a difference in another couple’s life?
- Would you like someone to mentor your children when they marry?

If you can answer yes to most of these questions, please consider being a mentor and sign up in the foyer starting next week.

## Youth News ... Jeff Shocklee

### AREA-WIDE DEVO

We will be attending an area-wide devo this Sunday evening, November 16 at the Missouri St. church of Christ in West Memphis. We will leave at 4:15pm and return at 8:00pm. We will have supper at Missouri St. and then worship. The cost is FREE, but you MUST let us know you plan to go so we can arrange enough transportation. It will be a good evening together.

### YOUTH IN ACTION

We will be attending Youth in Action this year in Nashville, TN. It is from December 28-30. A deposit of \$35 is due by November 23. There will be an additional cost of \$45 due Dec. 14. You will need to bring money for 4 meals, as well as any souvenirs, CDs, snacks, etc.

### MEXICO 2009

We plan to return to work in Monterrey, Mexico again this coming summer. The planned dates are June 19-27. Cost is \$500. The information book will be available on Sunday, January 4. Commitment Sunday is February 1. Let’s start praying and preparing as we plan to help build facilities for the work of our brothers and sisters in Mexico.

### THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST

We have invited our friends from the school supply store to join us on Thanksgiving Day for a feast. I know many of you have traditions and will be traveling, but if you can join in the fellowship it will be an amazing day of community and thanksgiving. We will need help with:

- Preparing Dressing ahead of time
- Preparing Green Bean Casserole ahead of time
- Dessert ahead of time
- Kitchen crew on Thanksgiving (9-11am)
- Servers on Thanksgiving (10:45-12:30)
- Eaters on Thanksgiving (11:00-12:30)
- Cleanup Crew on Thanksgiving (12:15-1:00)

There is a place for everyone. Join as we welcome people from our community into the community of Christ!