

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jennie Benz has been moved to Rm. 4436 at Baptist Memphis... **Dhroe Whitehead** is in Baptist DeSoto, RM. 945... **Barbara Woolbright** is in St. Francis room 825... **David Butler's** mother, Dorothy Butler is in ICU at Baptist DeSoto... **Brenda Fowler** is recovering from eye surgery last week. She will be "face down" for the next two weeks as her eye heals... **Mason Branning** was sick at home this past week... **Jeanette Williams'** sister-in-law, June Dixon, underwent lung surgery at Baptist Memphis on Monday... **Patty Bell** had foot surgery last week and is at home recuperating... **Sheila Butler** will be having a kidney removed during the holidays... **Kim Burrell** has been suffering from a serious sinus infection... **Deb Hurst** is struggling with health issues... **A.V. Melton's** brother, Jerry Melton, will be undergoing colon surgery today (Tuesday)... **Marvin McFarland** has been bed-ridden for several weeks due to his M.S.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to **Charles Surratt** in the passing of his brother-in-law in Phoenix, AZ. on Tuesday.

BRIDAL SHOWER

For **Brooke Reeves** this Sunday, Nov.23, from 3:30- 4:30 in the lobby. They are registered at J.C. Penneys, Target, Wal Mart and Kohls. Please include a recipe card with your gift.

IN THE MILITARY

AW2 (AW) **Jonathan Eubanks**
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**Happy Holidays
At Goodman Oaks**

Breakfast with Santa
Benefit for AGAPE— December 6th

Adult Christmas Dinner
Saturday, December 20th
6 p.m.



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

The performance of Harding's Chorus has been rescheduled for Wednesday Evening, December 3rd. Nursery and Pre-School Classes will meet as usual. Everyone else will meet in the auditorium.

MID-WEEK SERVICE

Our Mid-Week Service next week will be on Tuesday evening, November 25th. We will have a church-wide devotional. No classes.

CHURCH CENSUS

"Thank You" to all who participated in the Church Census survey on Sunday. We appreciate your time and input. If you were unable to take the census last Sunday, it will be available Wed. night (11-19) and after the AM and PM services next Sunday (11-23). An announcement will be made at each service as to where the survey will be conducted. For more information, please see **Michael** or **Catherine Davis**.

BOY SCOUT ROOM

Thank you to everyone who attended the dedication of the boy scout room in memory of Kim Tullos. If you were not able to attend and would like to see it, please contact **Wayne Ashmore**.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

November 16, 2008

Sunday Bible Class	452
Sunday Morning Worship	729
Sunday Evening Assembly	370
Offering	\$ 18,198

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

A bright, brilliant and blessed Sunday was ours to enjoy as we assembled Sunday to worship the Lord. Our services were well attended and your good spirit was especially commendable. A special thanks to all who participated in the "Family Survey" Sunday morning and evening. The results of this survey will help our leadership plan classes and programs in the coming year to help strengthen our families.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Over the past couple of weeks we have welcomed several new members into our church family. Two weeks ago **Sam, Jennifer and Owen Ware** made known their desire to work and worship with us. The Ware's live on the southern edge of DeSoto county near the Coldwater river. Sam is the brother of **Lisa Roller** and **Julie Plumlee**. He owns Payroll Management Group and Jennifer is a stay at home mom. They come to us from the Forest Hill congregation.

This past Sunday we introduced you to **Charles "Chuck" Lester**. Chuck was raised in DeSoto county, moved away and is now back here. He works for Looney's Lawn Care and enjoys writing, fishing, and antiques. You will enjoy getting to know this good man.

We were also happy to introduce **Jim and Roxanne Hansford** this past Sunday. Jim and Roxanne have recently moved to Olive Branch. He is a native of St. Louis and she grew up in Kansas, New York and Colorado. Jim works as a Project Manager for BSI Engineering and Roxanne is a retired teacher. They enjoy reading and travel (Jim likes motorcycle touring). Be sure to welcome the Hansford's to Goodman Oaks.

HARDING ACADEMY CHORUS

There's good news, bad news and good news! The good news is that Harding Academy will be playing for the TSSAA State Football Championship in Murphreesboro on Tuesday, November

25th. We congratulate the team on this achievement. The bad news for us is this was the night of our traditional "Thanksgiving" program by the Harding Academy Chorus. Since many of them will be away attending the game they will not be able to be with us on this occasion. Instead, we will have a church-wide devotional led by several men of the congregation.

The good news is that the Chorus will be with us December 3rd—the Wednesday night following Thanksgiving. We will look forward to having them with us at that time.

"MANY A SLIP"

Don Shackelford was one of my Bible professors at Harding University a number of years ago. In Greek class he was fond of reminding students that there was "*many a slip 'twixt cup and lip*" whenever we made a mistake.

I chuckled about that Sunday night when it was brought to my attention that the study guide accompanying my lesson contained the statement, "God wants us to '*sin*' over temptation!" **Ooops!** As you might guess, that's not exactly what I meant. It should have read, "God wants us to '*win*' over temptation! Yes it's true, "*many a slip 'twixt cup and lip!*"

This reminds me of the time when one church, advertising it's annual singing, made an obvious gaffe by sending out brochures announcing the annual "Sinning." **Whoops!?!**

GOODMANOAKS.COM

For those with computers let me encourage you to take a look at our new church web-site. The site at www.goodmanoaks.com has been completely redesigned and given a sharp, crisp new look complete with a number of photographs. There are still some changes and updates to be made but I think you'll really like the new design. Be sure to visit the site next time you're on-line. ~ **Around The Oaks**

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

Thanksgiving Dinner for Young Adults

This Sunday night we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner for the College/Singles and Young Marrieds. Our dinner will be at 6:30 here at the building. Every year I look forward to this meal that we share together. Every year we have this meal for those in our Young Adult group, but this year we want to start something new.

This year we want to invite others to eat with us that are not members of this church. Do you have friends that are not involved at a local church, or are not Christians? Invite them to join us. I know there are people that you work with, or go to school with, or are just friends with that would love to have a free meal. Take time this week to read Luke 14:1-14.

Marriage Mentoring: 12 Conversations

This Sunday we will have sign up sheets in the foyer for Marriage Mentoring. Those that sign up to do marriage mentoring will meet, starting in January, with another couple one time a month for twelve months. You will be assigned to one couple and will share stories of your marriage each month through guided conversations.

Mentors will be blessed by sharing their experiences and stories with a younger couple. Mentee couples will be blessed by sharing their stories and hearing from experienced couples. I hope that you will take advantage of this great ministry that strengthens marriages.

Thanksgiving Day Feast

Our Thanksgiving Day feast is still set for November 27 at 11am. We invited our friends from the school store, but we are not limiting it to this group only. If you know a family or a person that is in need of a good meal then invite them to our Thanksgiving feast. All are welcome, so please spread the word.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

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 this Sunday 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 are inviting people from our community to join us for Thanksgiving dinner. If you know of people who need or want a place to share in festivities, please invite them and let us know. WE REALLY NEED PEOPLE FROM GOODMAN OAKS TO SIGN UP TO EAT!!! We want people to have a great experience of Christian community and that takes interaction. So don't feel bad about it...come and eat! 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!

WINTERFEST

There will be a Winterfest informational meeting on Sunday, December 7 after morning worship. Dates for Winterfest are February 20-22.