



Our Church Family

Ruby Davis remains in ICU at Methodist Germantown ... **Kathy Canada** is experiencing several health problems and is awaiting approval for heart surgery... **James Smith** is at home but is undergoing tests... **Susan Harris'** father, Steve Gooch, is awaiting biopsy results... **Emily Beard's** father, Doyle Baker, is in Baptist Desoto room 827...

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to former member Sedgie Taylor whose brother passed away.

WINTER QUARTER CLASSES

See Steve's column for new list of classes.

HEBREWS CLASS

During the Winter quarter (Dec-Feb) all primary classes (1st-6th grade) will meet in room 27-28 on Wednesday nights for Hebrews class, taught by **Marty Brownfield**. Parents, teachers and anyone else interested are all welcome.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party is set for Friday Dec. 11 at 7pm. There will be lots of food, games and singing. The cost is \$12 per person. See **Betty Hill** in the foyer to sign up and pay.

SINGLE SISTERS

Our Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 19 at 6:00pm at the home of **Betty Hill**. Bring finger foods and a \$10 gift to exchange.

GO KIDZ WORSHIP

We need volunteers to help one Sunday a month. Please sign up at the information desk.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The breakfast is set for Saturday, December 19 at 7:30am. Please sign up at the information desk or see **Charlie Moore**.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

This benefit for Agape Child and Family Services begins at 9am this Saturday. Besides the breakfast, pictures with Santa and games for the kids, we have a country store, jewelry store, book store and a bake shop! This is a great place to come to do your holiday shopping. We need bake sale items and book donations at the building by Friday. Instructions for the bake sale can be picked up at the table in the foyer. We will be decorating Friday morning at 9am. Lunch will be provided and we need lots of help! We also need non-returnable artificial Christmas trees of all sizes.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL BENEFIT

A dinner is scheduled for Thursday, December 10th here at Goodman Oaks. Sign up sheet is on the information desk. Contact **Bob Coker**.

ANGEL FOOD ORDERS

Sunday is the last day to order. Pick up date is Dec. 12th. See **Mark & Laurie Hammer** in lobby.

SHARE

Our Goodman Oaks Singers will sing at the nursing homes this Sunday, December 6th. Everyone is invited to come and join us.

5TH - 8TH GRADES

5th & 6th grader's Christmas Party will be this Sunday, Dec. 6 at the home of **Amy Tullos** from 12-3:00. Guys bring 2 liter and girls bring dessert. Also bring a \$10 gift for our Dirty Santa game.

7th & 8th grader's Christmas party will be Dec. 13 at the home of **Todd & Denise Willis** from 12-3:00. Guys bring 2 liter and girls bring dessert. Also bring a \$10 gift for our Dirty Santa game.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

November 29, 2009

Sunday Bible Class	439
Sunday Morning Worship	585
Offering	\$19,324

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

Oooouch,,, Sunday's attendance took a real beating with just 585 here. Perhaps it was the rainy morning coupled with many folks being away for the Thanksgiving weekend. If you missed being here for any reason you were certainly missed and we hope you will be back in Bible Class and worship this coming Sunday.

NEW BIBLE CLASSES

Our Winter Quarter Bible Classes begin this week. Here's the schedule...

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

- Sonshiners - Rm. 24 - Prison Epistles
- Lifeguards - Rm. 22 - Daniel
- Tweeners - Rm. 20 - Life of Christ
- Faithbuilders - Rm. 27 - Romans
- Auditorium Bible Class - Hebrews

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

- Rm: 22 - Love & Respect video series taught by Kevin Jourdan
- Rm. 20- 40 Years in the Wilderness - taught by Nick Eddlemon
- Rm.24 - World Bible School
- Rm 27 - Heaven is For You - Make Your Calling & Election Sure. Taught by Trent Walker (open to all, but especially for new Christians)
- Rm. 29 - Singing Class

LOVE AND RESPECT

Kevin Jourdan will be leading this Wednesday night series on strengthening marriages and families. There has never been a time in the history of our nation when marriages have faced the challenges that are encountered today. One out of every two new marriages

ends in divorce. This is true both in and out of the church. Everywhere you turn you can see the scattered remains of broken homes and shattered hearts. Surely there must be some pro-active steps we can take to help strengthen our homes. I hope that many of you will be a part of this important class.

2010 GOODMAN OAKS SINGING

Our **Annual New Year's Singing** will be a bit later in January this coming year because of some scheduling conflicts. Take a moment right now to mark Sunday, January 24th on your calendars. We are especially looking forward to having **Mike Wood**, a member of the well-known "Harmony Boys." quartet as our guest song leader for the day. Mike will lead singing during our morning assembly on that day and will also lead in the afternoon as we assemble from 3—5 to enjoy wonderful congregational singing. As always we will invite our other song leaders here at Goodman Oaks along with area song leaders to take part as well.

OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN

Nothing is more precious than the sounds of babies and little children. I especially appreciate the tremendous effort that parents put forth to bring these little ones to church. Tami and I easily remember those years when diaper bags and toy bags were a regular part of our accessorizing.

We want to make it as easy as possible for parents, children and everyone else to benefit from our worship services. We provide an attended nursery for infants, Kidz Worship for pre-schoolers and a "Cry Room" at the back of the auditorium should you need to take your child there. May we encourage all of our parents to use these opportunities as needed and to keep on bringing your kids. There is not a better place for them to be than . . .

~ Around The Oaks

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

How Great is Our God

A couple of weeks ago the Young Adult class watched a video called, "How Great is Our God," and I can't stop thinking about it. In the video the speaker talks about how Awesome our God is. He proves this point by showing the size of the universe and the different stars that are out there, and the different cells that are in our body. He compares the sizes of these specific stars to the earth, and it absolutely blew my mind. He shows how small we are, but how important we are to God. He also shows how small the cells in our body are and how God designed them so perfectly in order for our bodies to function the way they do.

Our God is an awesome God! In Isaiah 40:22-25 it says, "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth and it's peoples are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy and spreads them out like a tent to live in... To whom will you compare me? Or who is equal? Says the Holy one. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry hosts one by one, and calls them each by name..." Our God, the one who SPOKE the earth and stars into existence is the one who will renew the strength of those who love Him. How Great is our God!

Hope House

This Friday, December 4 we will go to the Hope House in Memphis to help them decorate for Christmas. If you would like to go and help decorate we will leave here at 5:30pm. By decorating the two homes at the daycare we are helping them prepare for their Christmas Open House on Friday, December 11. The Hope House is daycare for children who are affected by HIV/AIDS. To learn more about the Hope House go to www.hopehousedaycare.org

Young Adult Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party for young adults (college, young singles, young marrieds) will be Sunday night, December 13 at 6:30 at Mike and Louisa Allgeier's house. There we will have a time of worship together, share a meal, and have a gift exchange. We will also collect money in order to bless a family for Christmas. Please make plans to be there. I hope to see you there.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

Thanksgiving Feast

Thanks for your hearts! You are amazing and God is glorified by your servant attitudes! I'm not sure how it happened, but 12 turkeys that we purchased turned into 16. We had 12 sign up to cook dressing and ended up with 20 pans. The math doesn't add up! But it was a blessing.

Thanks to all who gave time and effort and who cooked, showed up, and prayed. We had about 12 people visit us for lunch. While we all would have certainly liked to have served more people in our community we did provide a place for some families who needed somewhere to have Thanksgiving.

One family was driving down the road and wondering what they were going to do for Thanksgiving when they saw our sign. They ate surrounded by God's people! One man is here in DeSoto County with no family and some tough times both behind him and in front of him. He was welcomed and had family surround him as he enjoyed home-cooked food and enjoyed the holiday. You were a blessing to people!

What happened to the leftovers? Most went to help the homeless at the Union Mission and a good portion was set aside for Hopeworks while another sizeable portion was delivered to the House of Grace women's shelter.

I truly believe that there is a need for family feasting on thanksgiving in our community. But we need to identify that need better. We sent out 250 invitations and posted it on our sign, but only a few were blessed. I want to put together a group to brainstorm how and where to provide this type of opportunity in the future. If you have a heart that wants to help and you have ideas, let me know and we'll get started praying and thinking about next year!

Winterfest

February 19-21, 2010. Cost is \$135. Deposit of \$70 is due December 2. more details.