

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Carl Rounsaville is now at home after being hospitalized last week with heart problems. He will be treated with medication... **Brenda Lofton** underwent outpatient gall-bladder surgery on Monday... **Pearl Hylander** is in Baptist DeSoto—Rm. 530... **Dhroe Whitehead** is in Baptist DeSoto rm. 522... **Bama Scaife** is not doing well at this time. She is confined at home... **Charlie Moore** will be having surgery December 23rd to remove a tumor on his thyroid... **Sheila Butler** will have surgery December 23rd for removal of a kidney... **Tom McEwen** has been unable to be out recently... **Ruth Bryant** will be undergoing outpatient surgery this week followed by thirty radiation treatments and oral medication... **Rick Conner's** niece, Jenna Conner, has been in Methodist Central. She has been seriously ill. ... **April Tremor** has been experiencing pain due to kidney stones... **A.V. Melton** will go back to the doctor this week for follow-up treatment... **Bobby Williams'** father, Wayne Williams, had colon cancer surgery last week in California... It was good to have **Vickie Eddlemon's** father, Malcolm Chism, at church Sunday night. He continues rehab after recent brain surgery... **Jenelle Milhalovits'** mother, Margaret Bushey, is undergoing cancer treatment... **Jack Savages'** niece, Susan Brewer will have brain surgery next Monday... **Susan Harris'** father, Steve Gooch, will be having surgery December 15th.

SYMPATHY

- To **Sandra Morris** and **Peggy Crouch** in the loss of their brother-in-law, Butch Miles, of Como, MS.
- Also to **Lorene Edge** who had a niece pass away in Oakridge and a great, great niece pass away in Nashville.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **April Dunning** and her family in the baptism of her father, Howard Willingham at the Germantown church of Christ on Monday. Howard was baptized by **Jody Dunning**.

Adult Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 20th—6 p.m.
Sign Up Begins Sunday at the Information Desk in the Foyer.
Cost: \$10.00 per person.

LADS HOTEL ROOMS

If you are going to the Lads convention Easter weekend and will need a hotel room **Denise Willis** needs to know **ASAP**. We have reserved a block of rooms. When they are gone there will be no more. Please get a hotel reservation form and the appropriate adult registration forms to **Denise Willis**. Also, new this year, we are requiring a \$50 deposit per family to reserve the hotel rooms. The rooms will be assigned to individual families on a "who got the forms and deposit turned in" basis. Call **Denise** at 349-0119 for further information.

SINGLE SISTER'S PARTY

Friday night, December 19 at **Betty Hill's** house starting at 6:00. Please bring finger foods, a \$10 gift and a story about your least favorite gift.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

A new session of Financial Peace University will begin on Sunday evening, January 4th. **C.C. Vernon** will be the instructor. Call the church office to sign up. Cost is \$83.

PARKING SPOTS

Even though our parking lot meets code for handicap parking spaces, we occasionally need additional handicap parking for members who have just had surgery or are temporarily disabled. For those who may need to use a handicap space on a temporary basis, but can't find an available one, feel free to use one of our visitor parking spaces. Also, all members can help us be more accommodating to visitors and those who are less mobile by using the parking spaces at the rear of our lot. Thanks for helping us be more considerate of others.

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES

Mark your calendars for a trip to Charlene's Cottage in Halls, TN Tuesday, Dec. 16. Van will leave at 8am and return by 5pm. Contact **Beth Ramsey** for more information.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

December 7, 2008

Sunday Bible Class	429
Sunday Morning Worship	741
Sunday Evening Worship	n/c
Offering	\$ 22,912

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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*This past weekend was such a happy time at Goodman Oaks. The annual Breakfast With Santa was fantastic. The lobby, FLC and hallways were packed with people - many of them from our community - enjoying themselves as they shared the festive holiday spirit. Our thanks to **Louisa Allgeier** for coordinating this event and to all of you who helped in so many different ways. Over \$5,000 was raised to benefit **AGAPE Child and Family Services**.*

*Speaking of benefit— how could anyone have been here Sunday and not received the benefit that comes from worshipping God? The outstanding crowd and good spirit of this church coupled with **Todd Cottrell's** leadership of our singing, encouraging prayers by **Greg Vanzant** and **Kerry Dye** plus **Bill Walker's** remarks prior to the Lord's Supper provided us with an inspirational assembly.*

I am hearing good things from many of you about our Sunday evening format with worship at 5 p.m. followed by fellowship, study and service opportunities at 6:15. We are indeed blessed to have opportunities like this to serve and worship God. Let's be sure to take advantage of them.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Brent** and **Tammy Behl** to Goodman Oaks. Brent has been with us for several months while Tammy remained in Tulsa, OK waiting for their house to sell. She has now joined him here and they have moved into their new home at 2826 Rutherford Drive, Southaven, 38672. Brent works for the Memphis Air National Guard and is a native of Illinois. He enjoys playing golf, watching football, playing tennis and snow skiing. Tammy grew up in Searcy, Arkansas, and is currently seeking employment in our area. She enjoys cooking, baking, crafts, working puzzles and scrap booking. We are thankful for the Behl's and welcome them to our family here at Goodman Oaks!

CONGRATULATIONS

Ben Holley will graduate from Delta State University in Cleveland, MS this Saturday, December 13th with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. We are so thankful for Ben and pray for every good blessing as he leaves school and moves to Little Rock in the near future. We also congratulate **Lynn Jourdan** who will graduate from the University of Memphis on Saturday with his Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Congratulations Lynn!

THIS SUNDAY

Each year we receive a visit from **Dick** and **Suzie Stevens** whom we support in Malawi, Africa. We will welcome them this coming Sunday as Dick speaks to the men in the auditorium during Bible Class and Suzie speaks to the ladies in the Family Life Center. Dick will then present the message during the morning worship service. Let's be sure to be here to learn of their important work for the Lord.

Also on Sunday morning you'll be treated to a special announcement prior to the beginning of worship regarding an exciting new ministry for our pre-school children that will begin shortly after the first of the year. A lot of folks have been involved in the planning of this new ministry.

ADULT HOLIDAY DINNER

All adults are invited to our annual **Christmas Dinner** on Saturday, December 20th beginning at 6:00. There will be a delicious meal, enjoyable entertainment and lots of good holiday fun. The cost is \$10.00 per person and you may sign up this Sunday at the desk in the foyer.

NEW YEAR'S SINGING

Sunday, January 4th is the date for 2009's **New Years Singing** from 3:00—5:00. Invite everyone you know who enjoys good congregational singing to join us for this great occasion . . .

“Around The Oaks!”



Kevin's Korner ...Kevin Jourdan

College Class

In the summer, **Randy Craig** started a Bible class on Sunday mornings for College age singles. Because of a change in work schedules and the lack of teachers willing to help, this class dissolved. Starting in January we will start this class back up for all high school seniors and college students ages 18-22. We will also have the young singles class and the young marrieds class that will meet on Sundays. On Wednesday nights we will all have class together.

Sunday Nights for Young Adults

On Sunday nights at 6:15 we have a number of opportunities to fellowship and serve together. Some of the things we will be doing are small group Bible studies, service projects, activities, devotionals, and much more. If you are a college student, a young single, or young married, I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

Christmas Caroling

This Sunday, December 14 the young adults will go Christmas Caroling from 2-4. We will go to the nursing home and to the shut-ins.

Christmas Dinner for Young Adults

For the past few years the College/young Singles have had a progressive Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Each year we spend money on gifts to exchange with one another, but this year we are going to do something different.

Instead of buying for one another, we are going to take the money we spend and buy for those in need. On Sunday, December 21, we will deliver the items we buy and end the evening with dinner together at **Mike and Louisa Allgeier's** house at 6pm. After dinner we will go to mine and Natalie's house to play games and decorate Christmas cookies. This is for all Young Adults, so please make plans to be with us.

Youth News ... Jeff Shocklee

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party is this Saturday from 5-8pm at Katie Stewart's house. Guys need to bring drinks and girls need to bring desserts. Everyone should bring a funny gift and \$2 for the BBQ... YUM!. Please make sure the gift fits Christian principles! Come have a great time!

WINTERFEST

Dates for Winterfest are February 20-22. The cost is \$115 + money for 5 meals. A deposit of \$60 is due by Dec. 21 and should be given to Corey Mobley or Kim Billingsley. Info packs are available in the youth room for more details.

INSIGHT @ SENATOBIA

The annual Insight youth rally at the Senatobia church of Christ is January 23-24. There will be some great speakers, insightful classes, good singing, and time spent together. The cost is \$45 and is due January 4.

YOUTH IN ACTION

For those who have signed up for YIA, your final balance of \$45 is due this Sunday.

MID-SOUTH GIRLS CONFERENCE

The first annual Mid-south Girls Conference is set for January 30 and is hosted by the White Station, Highland, and Sycamore View churches. It is a full day and the theme is Indulge: Accepting God's Extravagant Love. There will be some great speakers, fun activities, a free lunch, and a day of spiritual pampering. The cost is \$15 and is due January 4.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

We try to keep the cost of being involved in the youth group minimal, but we have a LOT of things happening over the next couple of months. Many of these require a sizeable financial outlay by the students and parents. If you are thinking that you just can't do it, please talk to Jeff. You can arrange to pay as we go along, or even after the event itself. We also have a fund available for those who just can't manage the expense. Additionally, next week I will have a list of major Summer events and the cost and you can pre-pay for those on a weekly or monthly basis. More details as to how to do that next week. Money should never stop you from being involved!