



Our Church Family

Jim Hixon has returned home after being hospitalized several days and undergoing additional surgery... Ruby Davis remains in extended care at Methodist University Hospital Rm. 401T... Susan Harris' father, Steve Gooch, will have surgery January 7th to remove a tumor from his stomach... Donna Meadows' and Debbie Couey's step-father is seriously ill in Greenville, MS... Kathy Lewis has been ill at home... James Smith has been moved to Landmark Nursing Center in Horn Lake... Lula Thomas is back at DeSoto Health Care after being hospitalized last week... Yuvonia Mardis is still recuperating at home... Please continue to pray for our members in the military. Among them—Russell Brummett is home for a few days of leave this week before returning to Afghanistan and Scott Marino will be deployed to Afghanistan in the coming weeks.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed next week. There will be no church bulletin next week. We will resume regular office hours on Monday, January 4th.

Ken Joines will be speaking at both morning and evening services this coming Sunday, December 27th. Be sure to come and hear Ken speak.

There will be no mid-week service at our building on Wednesday, December 30th.

Marty Brownfield will speak on Sunday, January 3rd. Steve will be away speaking at an area-wide meeting in McAlester, Oklahoma.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



GO KIDZ WORSHIP

GO Kidz Worship will not be meeting Sunday, December 27 or Sunday, January 3 but will resume on Sunday, January 10.

GOODMAN OAKS SINGING

Be sure to make plans for our annual Goodman Oaks Singing on Sunday, January 24th. Mike Wood from Searcy, Arkansas will be our guest song leader during the morning service and several guest song leaders from the Memphis area will join us for the afternoon singing from 3-5.

ENCOURAGEMENT CLASS

The Encouragement Class will resume on Tuesday, January 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 24. This group meets each week for the purpose of sending cards of encouragement to others and to enjoy great fellowship with each other. Everyone is invited to come and join us.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes are ready to be picked up at the small desk in the lobby. If you would like to start using contribution envelopes in 2010 please sign the list on the desk.

The parents of Collin Deanne Baird And Andrew Dean Cummins Invite you to the marriage of their children Saturday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. Goodman Oaks Church of Christ Reception to follow

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

December 20, 2009

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SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

- Sunday: Sunday School - 9:00 a.m., Worship - 10:00 a.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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And A Happy New Year*



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Kevin's Korner ...Kevin Jourdan

What Does God Want?

Every year during Christmas our family reads a book called "What God Wants for Christmas." When you hear that title you may think, God doesn't get caught up in our material world, God doesn't need anything for Christmas. It's true, God doesn't need anything, he has it all. In the book it shows our children the greatest gift that God ever gave us; His Son Jesus. It has little boxes with different characters in it from the birth narrative. Our children love to take turns opening the boxes to see who is next. Each section of the book ends by saying, What does God want for Christmas?

We often talk about the things we want; especially during this time of year. We also talk about things we want to accomplish. We set goals or resolutions for ourselves and we say, "here is what I want to do..." There is nothing wrong with setting goals or wanting different things in life, but we often do these things based on our own needs and desires. As we grow in our relationship with God we should be asking, "What does God Want?"

The other day I was reading Deuteronomy and I came across a passage in chapter ten where Moses was telling the Israelites what God wanted from them. Moses told them in 10:12-13, "*And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.*"

When I read what God wanted from the Israelites I think about how this message has not changed. What does God want? God doesn't want anything for Christmas, that's ridiculous. God wants our life everyday. He wants us to fear Him, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve Him with all of our heart and soul, and to observe His commands and decrees. At the end of this year, when you look back, ask yourself, "did I give my whole life to Him?" As you look forward to 2010 don't ask, "What am I going to do," instead ask, "What does God want me to do?"

Youth News ... Jeff Shocklee

Youth in Action

We will be leaving for Youth in Action on Monday, December 28 at noon. Please eat before you come. We will return on Wednesday, December 30 at midnight. You need to bring money for 3 meals and for any snacks/souvenirs, etc. you may want. It's going to be a great week!

Area-Wide Devo

We will be hosting the Area-Wide Devo for North MS on Sunday, January 17 from 5-7pm. We will be eating at 5pm in the FLC and then worshipping with groups from all across North MS at 6pm. Scotty Smith will be our speaker. Cindy Stewart has agreed to coordinate our food for the evening, so please see her to find out how to help.

reality...

reality... will take a break for the next couple of weeks, but will return beginning January 10. A change to note is that we will begin meeting for reality at 5pm on Sundays. Make sure to be here as we grow together in Christ!

Major Dates to Remember...

This isn't all that is happening, but they are dates everyone needs to remember.

Dec. 28-30—Youth in Action
Jan. 10—reality...returns
Jan. 17—Area-wide devo
Jan. 29-30—Insight at Senatobia
Feb. 18-21—Winterfest
Feb. 21—Area-wide devo
March 21—Area-wide devo
April 18—Area-wide devo
May 2—Senior Night
May 16—Area-wide devo
June 7-11—Workcamp
June 13-16—VBS
June 20-20—Mission Trip
June 26-July 1—Uplift
July 18-24—Bible Camp