

The View from the Hill

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The Church On The Hill: Loving God and neighbor as we witness, nurture, and reach outward.

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Connell Calendar

Wednesday, January 13

10:00 AM Rita's Rebels meet
 4:45 PM Worship Staff Meeting (Library)
 5:00 Yoga Class (Kroll Education Bldg.)
 5:30 Connell @ Prayer/Communion in Sanctuary
 5:45 Wednesdays at Connell (meal and program)--
 Our program will be Goodlettsville Chief of Police
 Richard Pope speaking on:
Don't Call 911 to Get Your Cat Out of the Tree!

Thursday, January 14

9:00 AM Mother's Day out
 9:30 Seniors Fellowship Card Playing (Activity Room)
 7:00 PM Christian Journey Prayer/Discussion Group meets
 at the home of Tom and Mickey Carpenter

Friday, January 15

9:00 AM Home Schooling (Activity Room)

Saturday, January 16

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Cardmakers led by Debbie Caldwell

Sunday, January 17 TAPE MINISTRY TEAM 3

8:20 AM Praise and Worship Service
 9:30 General Assembly
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:30 Littlest Angel Preschool Choir
 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
 4:00 PM Tic Tac rehearsal
 5:00 K.I.D.S. Club meets
 5:00 UMYF

Monday, January 18

3:30-4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 444 (Activity Room)
 6:00 Adult Handbells
 6:00 Trustee meeting (Library)
 7:00 Voices of Praise rehearsal
 7:00 Boy Scouts (Activity Room)

Tuesday, January 19 MEALS ON WHEELS, TEAM 3

9:00 AM Mother's Day Out

Wednesday, January 20

11:30 AM Super Seniors meet for lunch and program
 4:45 PM Worship Staff Meeting (Library)
 5:00 Yoga Class (Kroll Education Bldg.)
 5:30 Connell @ Prayer/Communion in Sanctuary
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 Our program will be *Country Boy Storytelling* by
 Billy Dorris

In His Service

Acolyte Schedule: January 17th and 24th

8:20 Grace Shannon
 11:00 Gabrielle Waters

Usher Schedule: January 10th through February 7th

Builder's Sunday School class members.

Sunday Morning Greeters: January 17th

8:20 Charleen Keller, David and Teresa Haverly
 11:00 Bob and Amy Erwin

Volunteer Nursery Workers: January 17th

8:20 Tracy Brooks 11:00 Diane Wilgus

Children's Chat: January 17th

8:20 Sandra Bratten 11:00 Linda Bruner

Children's Worship:

8:20 Billy & Marsha Murphy
 11:00 Tamara Senibaldi & Debbie Short



Ride Service

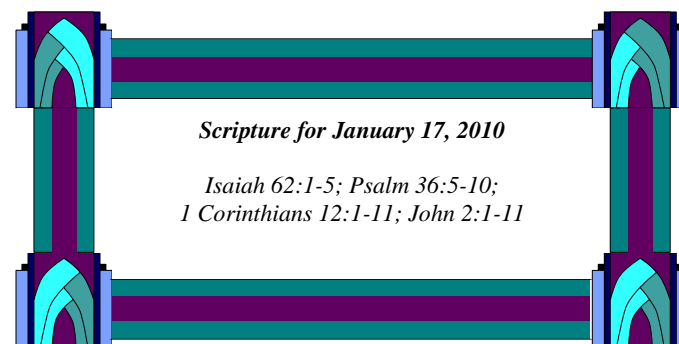
The following volunteers offer the following "ride" services: Pick up and return Bro. Moore

Jan. 17, Jack and Melaney Baker
 Jan. 24, Kim Phelps
 Jan. 31, Bryan and Judy Westlake

Bro. Moore's phone number is 902-9887. If anyone else needs a ride to church on a regular basis, or for a special occasion, call Lynn Solomon at 859-9747.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God in honor of the Builder's Sunday School class by Jonie Lawson.

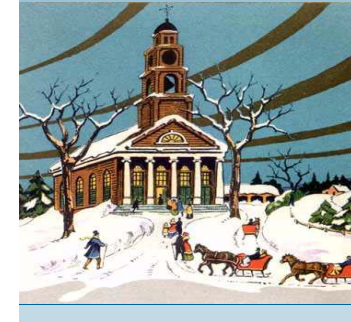


Scripture for January 17, 2010

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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Sunday Worship Services:

8:20 & 11:00

Sunday School: 9:45

Rev. Paul Gardner, Sr. Pastor
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 Ministries and Visitation:

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Director of Voices of Praise:

Jonathan Dow

Handbell Choirs Director:

Kathy Adams

Praise Kids Choir Director:

Karen Fraser (volunteer)

Littlest Angels Choir Dir.:

Beverly Solomon (volunteer)

Nursery Caregiver:

"Granny" Joy Stubblefield

Sound Technicians:

John Engelland and

Craig Hutfilz (volunteers)

Custodian: Sharon James

Sometimes God hits us in the face and says, "Do this! Do it and remember that I am God and I have saved you!" This week as we encountered the Pettus family need, we experienced such a time. In a very short period, the retired minister's house was transformed from an empty and neglected space to a home for our temporary guests!

On Thursday, the plumbing was frozen and the heater didn't work. Craig and I began the process of opening the house, and our friend, Richard McGaugh, came over to get the furnace repaired and fired up. After one church e-mail, Howard and Karen joined the team and soon two dozen of our members began to say, "I can do this or that!" Saturday 15 people spent most of the day cleaning, collecting and ordering the house into a home. People donated bedding, dining room furniture, blinds, bedspreads, lamps, end tables. Others bought smoke detectors, window insulation and more. By evening, the house was ready to be occupied. Sunday morning was a buzz, looking to see what gaps there were and an eagerness to fill those gaps.

Saturday was made complete when we learned that the 4 month old boy would be discharged from Vanderbilt hospital, and the entire family was able to move into our little house. I believe this is an act of faith that will help us all understand the true meaning of the word church.

As our hearts opened to this family, I am reminded that this is only one family among many in our area who are without the basic needs to keep their family comfortable and safe. Once this family is able to find their own security, we now have a home furnished and ready to help another. Every day the Help Center is challenged with situations that need financial assistance to solve. Food seems to be a major need across our community and there are no places in Goodlettsville to get a hot meal for free. I believe that this outpouring of God's spirit is an invitation to do all that we are able to extend our hands to the helping agencies in our community.

Join me in praying for God's continuing direction for our congregation's outreach ministries. For as long as any of us can remember, we have given \$6,000 from our budget to the Help Center. We are committed to Meals on Wheels, a group from our church and its counterpart at First Baptist that provides a hot meal to 60 seniors every Tuesday and Thursday. Five months a year, we open our doors twice a month to the homeless. We have accepted the challenge of the Recovery House and continue to support AA through the facilities we provide. We can be proud of the work that is done in Jesus' name through our church, but there are other needs that God will call us to meet if we listen.

Let us give thanks for God's grace to us and his call for us to be his hands and feet in the world.

Shalom,
 Pastor Paul

Our 8:20 Worship Service can be heard on
www.sumnercities.com
 each Sunday morning and anytime during the week.



Calling All Musicians!!

Calling all musicians, the first rehearsal for the Connell Praise Band will be Thursday Jan. 21st.

We will meet downstairs in the activity room. We welcome all of those who play or have played and want to join our ensemble.

Any questions, please call me at 754-9776.

Thanks!

Phillip

Bowling League Starting

Goodlettsville Church Recreation Assoc/GCRA is looking for bowlers. Location - Hendersonville Family Fun Center, 6:30 pm, Tuesday nights, \$10.25 per bowler, team minimum two. The league will still be adding teams until January 19. POC is Kim Anderson, GCRA Director, Cell- 828-8968 or email kichaera@hotmail.com or myself.

Thanks, Jack Baker

Joyful Noise News

The Joyful Noise Sunday School will be discussing *the Shack*, by William Paul Young, starting January 10th to February 28th. Anyone who would like to join our class is welcome.



Wednesday Night Dinners

Our Wednesday Night Dinners are at 5:45 PM. If you are not on the Standing List for the meals, you must sign up. If you are not able to come to the meal after signing up for it, you must pay for it or call before 10 AM on Monday morning to cancel your reservation. These meals are catered and each plate must be paid for regardless if the person comes to eat it or not.

On Wednesday, January 13, we will have BBQ on bun, potato salad, baked beans. Our program will be Goodlettsville Chief of Police Richard Pope talking on *Don't Call 911 to Get Your Cat Out of the Tree*.

On Wednesday, January 20, our meal will be swedish meatballs and noodles and salad. The program will be *Country Boy Storytelling* by Billy Wayne Dorris.

On Wednesday, January 27, our meal will be pork chops, mac and cheese, and green beans. The program will be Connor and Logan Coleman entertaining us.

BE SURE AND SIGN UP FOR THE MEAL, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN.

Youth News

Last Sunday, we had a great night celebrating the Epiphany with our own belated Epiphany party.

Last week was the first time I sent out a youth-specific newsletter. I tried to include all of the youth, parents, and volunteers. If you did not receive this email and would like to be on the list, email me at kadcock@bellsouth.net and I'll make sure to include you on the next one!

Men's 2010 GCRA Basketball Schedule

Monday night games will be played at Good Shepherd UMC in Hendersonville; Thursday night games will be played at Northside Church of Christ in Madison.

January

Thursday the 21st, 6:30 PM

Monday the 25th, a bye

February

Thursday the 4th, 7:30 PM

Monday the 8th, 7:30 PM

Monday the 15th, 6:30 PM

Monday the 22nd, 7:30 PM

March

Monday the 1st, 6:30 PM

Monday the 8th, 7:30 PM

Thursday the 18th, 7:30 PM



Sunday Morning at Connell

Sunday we received several preaching suggestions covering a wide range of topics and questions. I invite you to continue to offer suggestions. It is not as if I have run out of things to preach, as some have jokingly suggested. If that were the case I would invite you to take turns each Sunday preaching! Rather, there are questions of faith that need to be addressed, and this is one way to learn what those questions are.

As I was growing up, I was taught that the only dumb question was the one that went unasked! Each of us is at very different places in our spiritual journey and so we have questions that come from our level of Christian maturity. Please do not hesitate to call me and ask your questions. Write them down and turn it in. E-mail me. I really want to know what questions need to be answered to help you move a step closer to spiritual maturity.

Rev. Rita's Remarks

SUPER SENIORS TO MEET

Our Super Senior meeting will be Wednesday, January 20 at 11:30 in Leeper Hall. We will enjoy soup and cornbread provided by Rita's Rebel. The cost of the lunch is \$3.00. Tim Ellis, Goodlettsville Director of Parks will present our program. He will share about the park services and events, especially as they pertain to senior adults.

KID'S CLUB

All 4th-6th graders are invited to Kid's Club, this Sunday, January 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This is movie night and we will provide pizza and snack foods. Bring \$2.00 for pizza. You are welcome to bring a friend.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

The Children's Ministry Team will meet Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. We will be discussing Adopt A Grandparent Sunday and events during Lent and Easter.

Special Offerings

Meals on Wheels: Joe and Nancy Adams in memory of Shirley Hale.

Member Assistance: Jonie Lawson in memory of Shirley Hale.

Attendance 1/10/10					
Sunday School	Visitors Sunday School	People on Mission Trip	8:20 Service	11:00 Service	Total
162			80	125	205

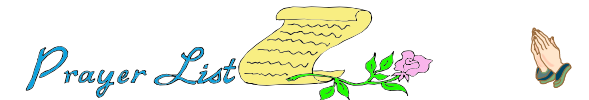
Financial Report for 2009

Budget Receipts w/electronic deposits for 1/10/10: \$ 8,079.25
Special Offerings: \$ 2,682.38



Our Military In Service

- * Andrew Martin, nephew of **Roger and Susan Martin**, in Afghanistan
- * Andrew White, grandson of **Linda White**, USMC Reserve
- * Major Jeremy Davis, nephew of **Rhonda Rose**, USMC, in Iraq
- * Daniel Ham, **Laurie Shannon's** nephew, on the USS Ohio submarine off coast of Iraq
- * Elliott Brooks, **David Brook's** nephew, in Iraq



New Prayer Concerns

- Peyton Arnold, great-grandnephew of **Charleen Keller**, in hospital in Dickson, TN, again (has leukemia) with immunity way down
- Doris Adams, sister of **Guinn Nolen**, in Hospice Care in Florida
- **J. D. and Sarah Brinkley's** great-grandson, Connor Alexander, born Dec. 30th, but is now in neonatal care at Vanderbilt. Pray also for the parents and grandparents also.
- Jenny Newell, cancer, friend of **Martha Lannom**
- **Elgie Hale**, Vanco recovering

On-Going Prayer Concerns

- * Virginia Stape, **Pam Dow's** grandmother, in skilled nursing facility—pray for continued strength
- * **Jackson Shannon**, will be in cast for 8 weeks
- * **Beth Frost**, home recovering from knee surgery
- * Jackie Harry, niece of **Joel Clifton**, had surgery for cancer of the thyroid and will be having chemo treatments. Also pray for her husband, Ryan, and their two sons, 3 yrs old and 4 months old.
- * David Kimberly, **Mac Sheppard's** nephew, cancer of oesophagus
- * **Lorena Stinson**
- * **Mable Parrott**
- * **Maxine Milender**
- * **Rhonda Rose's** sister, Janie Young, hurt her back, and her mother, Pat Rose, having blood pressure problems
- * **Martha Cunningham**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- * Debbie Kemp, co-worker of **Donna Fields**, has a brain tumor
- * Tabbie Phelps, sister-in-law of **Kim Phelps**, undergoing tests
- * Becky Spencer, started chemo for lung cancer, friend of **Bill and Barbara Krauss**
- * **Jeremy Harrison's** grandmother in Clarksville
- * Kristin Carpenter, **Tom and Mickey Carpenter's** grandniece who lives in New York
- * Ralph Peeler, lung cancer, friend of **Mike and Barbara Johnson**
- * Bob Bell, lung cancer, friend of **Charlie Goad**
- * Amy Eubanks, friend of **Kim Green**, fell and is paralyzed
- * Don and Donna Luthy, **Jay Luthy's** cousins, in MO, Donna has Chronic Lymph Cystic Leukemia, chemo treatments
- * Virginia Williams, **Barbara Williams' mother**
- * Kyle Hale, cancer treatments, friend of **Rhonda Rose**
- * Patricia Shaw, brain tumor, Vanderbilt, friend of **Shylene Tinsley**
- * Sherry Watson, friend of **Joni Lawson**, brain tumor
- * Connie Goad, friend of **Susan Martin**
- * Larry Wiley, cancer, friend of **Tim, Holli, and Jesse Corn**
- * Mike Drislane, friend of **Jennifer Brown**, NHC in Murfreesboro

For strength and completeness in healing process

- * **Karen Fraser**
- * **Traci Bishir**
- * **Donna Fields**
- * **Linda White**
- * **Janice Detamore**
- * **Phyllis Moore**