

Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

Welcome! We are thankful for your presence as we share in the worship of God. We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. We invite you to pray with us, sing with us, rejoice with us, and hear Christ's call with us. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

Worship Resources: A Nursery is provided during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. In the pews, you will find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

Order of Worship

*Come in, chat, and take a moment to sign the blue hospitality pad and pass it to your neighbor. But when the prelude begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones and beepers! *Indicates people stand as they are able*

The Gathering Music and The Entrance of the Light	
The Welcome and Announcements	Jake Herron
*The Call to Worship	
*The Invocation	Jake Herron
* Hymn #238	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i> Trad.
*The Fellowship Moment – <i>Greet your brothers and sisters in Christ</i>	
The Children's Time	Laura Hutchison
The Sharing of Joys and Concerns	Jake Herron
The Prayer Chorus #249 vs 1	<i>There's a Song in the Air</i> Holland
The Prayer Time including the Lord's Prayer	Jake Herron
<i>Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.</i>	
Anthem – Chancel Choir	<i>Love Was Born</i> Pethel
The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings	Minister
Offertory	<i>What Child Is This</i> Dix
*Doxology #95	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>
*Hymn #240	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> Wesley
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Jake Herron
The Scripture Lessons	<i>Matthew 9:35-38</i> Rev. Chris Dover
The Sermon	<i>Are You Ready to be Sent?</i> Rev. Chris Dover
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Faith Renewal	Rev. Chris Dover
*The Hymn of Invitation #251	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i> Work, Jr.
*The Benediction	Jake Herron
*The Benediction Response #246 vs. 2	<i>Joy to the World</i> Watts
* Postlude	

Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist.....Gilda Reese Organist.....Charlotte Newman
Chancel Choir Director.....Dr. Nathan Windt Nursery Attendants.....Elaine and Cortney Davidson
Acolytes.....Tanner Collins and Dylan Carpenter

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School

11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	72	Church Budget	\$4,375.00
Morning Worship	232	Parsonage Fund	\$ 425.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 14.00
		Cook Book	\$ 45.00
		Bus Maintenance	\$ 25.00
		Children	\$ 50.00
		Youth	\$ 50.00
		Jesus Birthday Offering	\$ 443.50

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Herb and Hailey Dake in honor of Eli's 1st birthday today.

Guest Speaker: We would like to welcome back to Allen Memorial the Rev. Chris Dover. Chris is a professor in Church Vocations at Tennessee Wesleyan College and is also the Church Relations Coordinator. He is a long-time friend of the pastor and it is good to have him back with us this morning. Please be in prayer for him as the service begins.

Thanks: Special thanks to the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Nathan Windt with accompanist, Gilda Reese for the wonderful job on the Cantata last Sunday. Also, thanks to Kristin Allen, Nathan Ervin, Stephanie Huth, and Jordan Wright for their narration.

Something for Everyone: Join in the fun on Tuesday, January 5th as we will enjoy lunch at the Acropolis Four Stars Grill near Hamilton Place in Chattanooga. We will leave the church at 10:45 and return around 3:00 PM. Please make your reservation with Kathy or Charlotte by Sunday, January 3rd.

Altar Flowers: The 2010 flower chart is up and we especially need someone to provide flowers for next Sunday. If you would be willing to do any of the Sunday's available, please sign your name to the chart.

Men's Breakfast: The Men's Group will meet next Sunday, January 3rd at 8:30 AM for breakfast, fellowship and devotions in Wattenbarger Hall. All men are invited to participate.

Communion In The Chapel: You are invited to share in a communion service in the Chapel at 9:45 next Sunday morning. Come to Sunday School a little early and share in this special service. Communion will also be offered after the worship service too for those who would like to participate but are unable to make it before Sunday School.

Want to Join a Bowling Team: Classic Lanes is starting a fellowship bowling league, Thursday, January 14th. They would like to invite our church to have one or more teams in it. If we have a team our youth group will get to bowl for 2 hours free on a Saturday or Sunday, each month, up to 25 persons. Prices for bowling will be \$8.50 each night including shoes. Teams will be mixed and consist of 4 persons. (any mix). Starting time will be 6:30 PM and will last for 12 weeks. If you would like to be part of a church team or teams, please see the Pastor. We know we have several bowlers in the church and this would be a great opportunity for fellowship and to represent your church in something you enjoy doing.

Wesley Memorial UMC Fund Raising Event: Wesley Memorial is sponsoring a basketball tournament which will benefit their youth trip to Resurrection. It will be held at Wesley Memorial UMC gymnasium (3rd floor), 923 Ohio Avenue, Etowah, TN, on January 9 and if necessary January 10, 2010. Entrance fee is \$100.00 and non-refundable and must have at least 6 or more players. Fan admission is \$1.00 or a donation of canned food item. Concessions will also be sold. Please see brochure in side vestibule bulletin board for rules and further information. Teams need to register by December 31st to reserve your spot by calling 506-7110 or wesley-memorial@comcat.net.

January Body & Soul: We need someone to host our January Body & Soul. We have a program lined up. The Rev. Lou Ann Crandall will be here to update us on the Conference's work in Sudan including sharing with us about her recent trip to Sudan.

Job Opportunity: The Census Bureau is currently recruiting people to fill temporary, part-time positions with the 2010 Census this spring. The jobs pay is \$13.00 and up and mileage reimbursement at the rate of \$.055 per mile. Phone 1-866-861-2010 to schedule an application appointment at E.G. Fisher Public Library.

Special Gifts: A special gift was given to the Jesus Birthday Offering in appreciation of Tim and Lisa Sharp by Becky Jaquish and Rebecca Garren. A special gift has been given to the budget by Phyllis Stieb in honor of her sheep; Kelly & Brian Bean and Children, Kristi & Paul Hodge, Leroy & Judy McLemore, Susan & Wayne Scott, S.L. & Slyvia Johnson, Yvonne Raper, Laura Beth Herron, and Jeff & Sandy Wright and Sons.

Thank You! The Parsonage Family would like to thank you for all your expressions of love and care this Advent/Christmas season. We are truly blessed to share in this ministry with you and we greatly appreciate all your expressions of love and support. May God Bless us all even more in the coming year!

Thank You! The Pastor would like to thank everyone for all your extra efforts during the Advent/Christmas season. Many of you have worked overtime to make sure our services and events happened. We appreciate all your extra effort and time given to the work of Christ during this busy season.

Flowers next Sunday: Someone Needed

We are Praying For.....

Family of Cole Puryear, Polly Anderson, Lynnette Baines, Nancy Barton, Chris Beaton, Darren Beckett, Bob Beech, Robert Bennett, Lin Birdwell, Samuel Bish, Randy Bishop, Reba Brown, Al Bryan, Rev. Jimmy Buckner, Bonnie Burmood, David & Jenny Byrd and their fathers, Teresa Carpenter, E.J. Castillo, Matt Clare, Tamera Coleman, John Cooley, Stephanie Coppedge & family, Stacy Costner, Brett Currie, Kenny Davidson, Ron Davis, Bruce Delmas Jr., Mike Dingus, Eva & Glenn Dockins, Vicki Estabrook, Bernadette Evans, Nancy Ferguson, Aline Fritz, Dee Gamble, Steve Garren, Janie Goines, Rebecca Gray, James Guffey, Brad & Lynn Hamblin, Bill Hanner, Garrett & Jason Henderson, Dan Herron, Diane Hicks, Gene Higham, Jaynee Holland, Greg Hughes, Don Hutsell, Jim Hyde, Larry Jackson, Mike Jackson, Barbara Jarvis, Jimmy Johnson, Cheryl Lambert, Gwen Lane, Raymond Latham, Eva Ruth Lawson, Charlie Littleton, Frances Mason, Glenn Mason, Zachery Mason, Will Matthews, Brooke Matthews, Patricia McDonald, David McKee, Randy McKeehan, Jerry McLemore, Matt Merker, Larry Messer, Nathan Murray, Tammy Nantz, Judy Ohman, Eileen Owsley, Patricia Parker, Theda Poplin, Prof Powers, Vicki Raper, Yvonne Raper, Jimmy Reeves, Jason Richards, Dennis Richeson, Jerry Roberts, Leona Richeson, T.L. Rollins, Paul Rose Family, Gene & Sherry Sabo, Darlene Schenck, Danny Shannon, Bob Shugart, Bud Smidt, Mildred Smith, Nell Smith, Eric Sohmer, Britianie Stieb, Carol Tatum, Roy Thomas, Gloria Thompson, Tony Thompson, Debbie Tilley, Bruce Vincent, Mildred Vincent, David Walden, Bryan Walker, Tylan Walker, Gladys Wallace, Preston Wallace, Ashley & Jackson Walters, Gretchen Watson, Bonnie Werner, Thelma West, Bill Wiggins, Charles Wilson, Sandy Yielding; *In nursing homes, assisted living or shut-in:* Evelyn Black, Lorene Ensminger, Nell Gambill, A.C. Lockmiller, Ruby Maupin, *Expecting Mothers:* Claire Murphy, Kym Wierman, Ashley Ziegler; *Missionaries or in Mission Work:* Boo & Phyllis Hankins, Neal Hicks & family, Steve King Family, Chris Russell Family, Mary Diana Samuel Orphanage, and Herbert & Mary Zigbuo, Pray for our Pastor, our District Superintendent, Mike Travis, our Bishop, James Swanson. *Pray for our Service men and women:* Brandon Carter, Joe Clark, Keith Coleman, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Duane Diebold, Michael Dyer, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Brent Greer, Eric Greisenhour, Brent Harbin, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Tim Lammers, Wayne McKenzie, Will Nation, Klaus Ohman, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Raymond Shumate, Dwain Slinger, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens.

If you know of someone who has improved and can be taken off the list or if we have removed someone from the list who still needs to be listed, please fill out a new card and give us an updated report. Thank You.

Church Prayer Focus for the Week: Pray for God's Holy light to be revealed to the spiritually lost.



First Sunday After Christmas

December 27, 2009

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