

### Advent Notes

Advent around the church means a lot of activity, and many of you have had a direct role in getting things prepared, planned, and accomplished in regard to decorations and events. It's an exciting time, and a busy one for our families. I appreciate all the involvement.

This Sunday the 13th will be another significant day. We're calling for a High Attendance emphasis, with a goal of 325 in worship and 300 in Sunday School. These are challenging numbers, but attainable. I encourage our Sunday School leaders to contact their members and encourage them to be part of this day, and also invite our friends who might not have a church home to come alongside us for this event.

**Later that day, our sanctuary choir will be presenting a wonderful Christmas program at 3:00 p.m.** We will welcome the Korean choir as well. I appreciate Marvin's leadership in this area and the faithfulness of our choir. Each Sunday they fill the choir loft, and their consistency and devotion adds greatly to our worship service.

December means missions, and I want to thank Lois McCullars and the Mission Board for their efforts this month. The Parade of Flags last Sunday morning reminded us of our global partnership with CBF and ABC missionaries serving around the world. Our missions banquet with Shane and Taylor McNary turned out to be an informational and inspiring time. Keep in mind our missions goal is \$8000. I'm confident we can meet AND exceed this dollar amount.

Speaking of figures, you'll notice an appeal for year-end giving to the operating budget. I thank you in advance for doing this. Those who can give more, I urge to do so. We can all give something to support the Lord's work through the church. How we finish the year financially has a bearing on our ongoing mission and ministries for 2010. Join me in praying and giving these next few weeks.

On another note, Susan Willingham has done her usual great job in editing this year's advent devotional guide. Some of you contributed to this publication, and I am grateful. I thank you all for your involvement along with Susan's organizational gifts.

Advent offers a time of preparation and expectation. My desire is that our church family will be brought closer together during this sacred and special time. I look forward to another meaningful time for study and worship, and I hope you'll be part of the 300+ in the Lord's house this Sunday.

Your pastor and friend,  
*Danny*

### Christmas Cards to the Church Family

For your convenience and to be a "green" community we are once again providing a **Christmas Card Bulletin Board**. Instead of sending multiple cards to members of your church family, why not send one to the church and have it displayed on the bulletin board. The board will be located outside the church office. You can pin a card up yourself or send it to the office and our office staff will display it for you. Also, don't forget to stop and check to see who sent you a Christmas card this year!

### Winter suppers you don't have to cook!

Does the cold wind make homemade chicken pot pie with mashed potatoes and biscuits sound good? That is Patsy's choice for next Wednesday night, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservations on Sunday or by calling the office (or cancel if you can't come for your standing reservation). This will be *your last chance in 2009* for this inexpensive meal (\$5, including soup, salads & dessert). There are **no** Wednesday evening activities Dec. 23 or Dec. 30.

**Global Missions Goal: \$8,000; Received to date: \$2,726.00**

### MISSION CORNER

**Blankets and Coats for Victory Mission.** Items due Dec. 19 in Adventurers' class.  
**Family Christmas Basket.** Bible Study Classes can fill a basket for a needy family at Rountree. Contact Janet Hill.

Contact Romona Baker if your group has items to list in the Mission Corner. Allow others to help with your effort.

**Sunday, December 13**  
**"Christmas Carol Favorites with Friends" at 3:00 p.m.**

**Featuring:**  
**Chancel Choir, Chapel Bells, Synergy**  
**Guests: New Covenant Korean Baptist Church Choir**  
**Special Guest Artist:**  
**Kathy Pyeatt, soprano**

### MENUS - 2009

**Each meal includes soup, salad bar, bread & dessert**

#### December 16

Chicken Pot Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits

Serving Group: Green

#### December 23 & 30

**No Dinner or Activities**

### SUNDAY'S REPORT

#### November 29, 2009

Sunday School	210
Morning Worship	223
Budget Offering	\$12,550.51

#### December 6, 2009

Sunday School	217
Morning Worship	225
Budget Offering	\$23,805.69

We are now giving at 82.2% of our budget.

*Welcome*

By letter,

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### DEACONS OF THE MONTH

#### December 2009

Phil Hockensmith  
Diane Tucker

#### A.R.M.S. VOLUNTEERS

##### December 13-19

Jim & Sharon Miller: 883-1063

##### December 20-26

Gary & Diane Schafer: 831-2433

#### BREAD MINISTRY

##### December 13

Ed & Janice Ksara

##### December 20

Ingrid Denney & Diane Tucker

### Praying with David

The UHBC Prayer Ministry will prepare a personal prayer activity for you to experience in the little prayer room just off the Narthex. In the next couple of weeks take a few minutes to give thanks as you "Pray with David" by writing a few phrases of "song" in the little journal provided. Readings and symbols will guide new ways of communication with God.

Thank you to Jason and Dana Hoffmann, Donna Murney, Gary and Carole Fortner, Fred and Sally Brice, Dick and Ann Willingham, Marvin and Marie Murphree, Joe and Nancy Brown, David and Pam Edwards and Jerry and Janet Hill for hosting students from Missouri Baptist University in their homes on Saturday, November 21. Your hospitality is most appreciated and helped one of our Baptist institutions save money by housing the students in homes.

*Marvin Murphree*

### Deacon Prayer Concern

By Bill Stone

At this time of year most of us get involved in all kinds of activities. As a result it become easy for us to neglect those in our community who are suffering. We may send some money, donate some food, and consider that we have done our part. Some of our number also volunteer their time in service. Truthfully, we all could do much more for our church, individuals and organizations in our community. My prayer would be that going forward, God would grant each of us the heart to care, the head to think and the hands to serve.

#### December 16, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Vespers with Children's Choirs & Bells  
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#### December 19, 7:00 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra of the Ozarks  
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#### December 24, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

**Happy Birthday!**

12/18 Patti Penny  
12/18 Gary Fortner  
12/21 Cally Chisholm  
12/21 Phyllis Elson  
12/21 Sally Freeman  
12/21 Wilda Rosse  
12/22 Beverley Coiner  
12/23 Alan Bates  
12/23 Ila Bumpas  
12/23 Michael Thomas  
12/25 Meredith Murphree

### High Attendance Sunday, December 13

**Bible Study Goal: 275; Hallelujah Goal: 300**

**Worship Goal: 300; Hallelujah Goal: 325**

**Christmas Around the World, Christmas at University Heights**

**Help us reach our goals!**

- Plan to be here on December 13 in both Bible Study and Worship.
- Invite a friend to be here on December 13.
- Call someone from your class and ask them to be here too!
- Invite someone to church, lunch and the combined Chancel Choir and Korean Choir Christmas Concert at 3:00 p.m.
- Send a postcard to a neighbor with information about our Advent Services.
- Send a postcard to a class prospect about our Advent services.