

Christmas 2009

**A very special "Thank You"
for providing the beautiful poinsettias.**

- ◆ **Loren & Nancy Broaddus** in Memory of Loren & Dolly Broaddus and Robert Long, and in Honor of Bunny Long;
- ◆ **Ted & June Brown** in Memory of June's parents Harold & Olive Corder; in Honor of Ted's parents T.H. & Mabel Brown;
- ◆ **Louise Johnston Lunn** in Memory of her son Mark Lunn and her parents Dr. & Mrs. J.L. Johnston;
- ◆ **Joseph & Nancy Brown** in Memory of Geneve Williams, Aunt;
- ◆ **Kenneth Frederickson** in Memory of my wife, Dorothy Jean;
- ◆ **Edsel Matthews Family & Buanna Beach Family** in Memory of Bernice and Eddie Matthews;
- ◆ **Phil & Jan Hockensmith** in Memory of Reba Hockensmith; in Honor of Bill Hockensmith and George & Arlene Donnell;
- ◆ **Kim Woody** in Memory of Doris & Harold Woody;
- ◆ **Peggy Mullins** in Memory of John Mullins;
- ◆ **Dorothy Fullerton** in Memory of her husband Clancy Fullerton, and Roy & Reba Jones and William & Mary Fullerton;
- ◆ **Ingrid & Adrienne Denney** in Memory of Doug Denney;
- ◆ **Maurice Clopton** in Memory of Charlotte Clopton;
- ◆ **Vergene Siemens Zind** in Memory of Abe Siemens;
- ◆ **Barbra Blackwell** in Memory of her husband, O. Lane Blackwell;
- ◆ **Anita Hunter** in Memory of Gene & Tony Hunter and Verda Hagler;
- ◆ **Milt & Sue Chamberlin** in Memory of Earl & Christina McKenzie;
- ◆ **Flo Graham** in Honor of Vernon & Fay Renner;
- ◆ **James & Sharon Miller** in Memory of James' mother Laura Miller and Sharon's mother Freda Legendre;
- ◆ **Bill & Mary Bunselmeyer** in Memory of our parents: H.W. & Edna Bunselmeyer and J.F. & Iva Francis;
- ◆ **Mary Bunselmeyer** in Honor of Bill Bunselmeyer;
- ◆ **Danny & Lori Chisholm** in Honor of their children, Cally, Lucy and Matt;
- ◆ **Terri Akridge Davis** in Memory of her parents Harold & Virginia Akridge;
- ◆ **Greg Davis Family** in Memory of Cress Davis;
- ◆ **Fellowship/Fifty-Fifty Sunday School Class** in Honor of our TLC members: Floy Bell, Bill Bunselmeyer, Bernice Dodson, Berdean Hodges, Romaine Jaconski, Lucille Keltner, Ruth Latimer, Marian Lazenby, Charline Lindsay, Wanda Nicholson, Fern Palmer, Hazel Sapp, Leanna Simpson, Pearl Stepp;
- ◆ **Betty Miller** in Memory of Loved Ones;
- ◆ **Jerry Murphree** in Memory of Shirley Murphree;
- ◆ **Elmer Lewis** in Memory of his wife Marie Lewis, his daughter Debi Sue Lewis and his grandson Benjamin Lewis.
- ◆ **Jackie & Chris Woolsey and Sue Lea** in Memory of our Dad & husband Jim Lea.

*Merry Christmas
from the UHBC staff*



Danny	Julie	Jim
Cory	Melinda	Joseph
Janet	Carol	Dennis
Marvin	Rexella	Terri
Emily	Mark	
Amie	Susan	

HOW ABOUT AN "EXTRY"?

If you have lived very long in this region you know what an "extry" is: an unexpected kindness, visit, gift or other blessing, a serendipity, others might call it. For the Christian it is even more a blessing to give an "extry" than to receive one. Imagine how Mary and Joseph must have felt when three strangers unexpectedly appeared to bring their "extries," gold, frankincense and myrrh for their little child! Tradition suggests that these gifts provided the means for the couple to flee to Egypt to escape evil King Herod.

The Missions Board wants to thank everyone who has already given to our Global Missions Offering and urge any who have not, please remember to do so. And would you consider adding an "extry" this year, an additional gift? The recession has forced churches, including our own, to reduce their budgeted giving for missions. Now both ABC and CBF agencies face the grim prospect of calling back missionaries unless we and others make an extra effort. These are people whose lives and work are in our hands: Shane McNary, our banquet speaker, working with Romany people in Slovakia; Tim and Lori Mann, making risky crossings into a closed country, Laos, to help manage a home for abused children and orphans; Dr. Steven and Nancy James, conducting a rural healing ministry in impoverished Haiti. These and all the others desperately need the help a strong missions offering can provide. Will you give—and give again, an "extry" this year?

Our Goal: \$8000, Hallelujah Goal: \$10,000 Given so far: \$5,591.00

MISSION CORNER

CBF Global Missions goal \$6,100,000

Don't panic! That's our national goal. That's a far cry from the first \$3000 that was collected back in 1888 for the first Southern Baptist "Christmas offering for missions". That was enough to send 3 new missionaries to China. Catching the vision of Lottie Moon, missionary to China, Southern Baptist women organized the WMU (Women's Missionary Union) to promote missions and collect funds. Those of us with a Southern Baptist heritage equate Christmas offerings with Lottie Moon. She's still a part of our heritage and being a strong, determined single Christian woman, if she were alive today... she might just be one of us.

Let me share what she wrote about giving, "Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the alter of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time...to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?" We all know things might be a little more difficult financially this year but Christmas is the perfect time to give to missions. One hundred sixty CBF field personnel are counting on us. This is the PRIMARY way they are funded. If the goal is not met, ministry is limited and those who are ready to go cannot be appointed to serve. Your gifts help spread the Gospel and meet physical needs among the most neglected around the world. Many of us heard CBF missionary, Shane McNary, tell about the work he and his family are doing with the Romany people of Slovakia. The most despised and unwanted people group in Europe. The message to the shepherds that first Christmas night was, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for ALL the people."

I will remind you as Paul reminded the Corinthians, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Cor. 9:7-8.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year from the Mission Board.

Our goal \$8000; Hallelujah goal \$10,000!!

Welcome

By letter,
Dale & Darice Augustson
1002 S Weller, 65804
417-865-3360

By Profession of Faith,
Loren Michael Broaddus
3425 S Kings, 65807
417-882-7192

Dear UHBC,
Thanks for helping Rountree so much.
Happy Holidays,
The Rountree Choir!
Terra Maslak, Ben Johnson,
Cordelia Tobin, Chloe M.,
Julian, Nathan F., Ceili, Ryan
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!

UHBC Continued- Heights Highlights

Deacon Prayer Concern
By Diane Tucker
"And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" This is the most recognizable passage from the book of Esther. And we know how the book ends - Queen Esther had come to royal position for the purpose of saving her people, the Jews, from destruction. As Christians, according to Peter's teaching, we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God..." (1 Pet 2:9) Believing this, we must also recognize that we are in royal position through Christ to accomplish God's purposes at this particular time. My prayer is that during this special holiday season, we will all find creative and generous ways to bring the miracle and hope of Christmas to the hearts of many all over the world. We, too, are called to save people from destruction. Like Esther, maybe the time is now.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2
3 Guest Speaker: Michael Olmsted	4	5	6 Dinner & Activities Children's Music Resumes	7	8	9 Christian Writers Meet 10 am—12 pm Father-Daughter Tea Party 4-5 pm
10	11 WMU Groups	12 WMU Groups	13 Dinner & Activities Chancel Choir & Chapel Bells resume	14 Bible Study-Simply Relevant: <i>HeartSpa</i> 9-11 am in the Heights WMU Groups	15	16
17 <i>Baby Shower for Amy Sherrill, 2-4 pm, The Heights</i> Board Meetings	18	19	20 Dinner & Activities <i>Foundation Board Meeting 4:30 pm</i> <u>Quarterly Reports Due</u>	21 Bible Study-Simply Relevant: <i>HeartSpa</i> 9-11 am in the Heights	22	23
24	25	26	27 Dinner & Activities <u>Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:20 pm</u>	28 Bible Study-Simply Relevant: <i>HeartSpa</i> 9-11 am in the Heights	29	30
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MyGodSightings.com

New Year Resolution 2010!

As a part of your New Year's Resolutions, make a commitment to **read the Bible through this year.** One way to do this is through the website, MyGodSightings.com.

It's one thing to know God's at work in the world. It's another thing to actually *see* him at work. And that's the power of *God Sightings*. It helps you experience God. To dive into Scripture and then look up to see how God is moving in our lives... and the world.

MyGodSightings.com is more than a Bible study. More than another plan to read through the Bible. It's a new way of seeing the world. And you'll never be the same.

Anyone can participate in God Sightings. Enroll in the on-line reading plan and use the journaling tools and discussion tools to watch God at work in your life and the life of our congregation this year.

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

January 2010

Phil Hockensmith
Ed Ksara

A.R.M.S. VOLUNTEERS

December 27-January 2

Gary & Diane Schafer: 831-2433

January 3-9

Ed & Janice Ksara: 873-3417

BREAD MINISTRY

December 27

Joe & Nancy Brown

January 3

Nancy Luxton & Melinda Nutt

Happy Birthday

12/26 Will & Sam Goode
12/28 Shields Bartee
12/28 Linda Gipson
12/29 Lucy Chisholm
12/30 Arlene Donnell
12/30 Patrick O'Connell
12/31 Floy Bell
12/31 Ben Brayman
12/31 Dottie Gammon
12/31 Jimmie Looney
12/31 Curt Rogers
January, 2010
1/2 Tom Edelman
1/2 Jean Foster
1/2 La Reva Newcomer
1/3 Byron Twibell
1/3 Patrick Twibell



SUNDAY'S REPORT

December 13, 2009

Sunday School 223
Morning Worship 247
Budget Offering \$7,961.65

December 20, 2009

Sunday School 214
Morning Worship 256
Budget Offering \$12,309.22

We are now giving at
81.24% of our budget.

MENUS - 2009

Each meal includes soup,
salad bar, bread & dessert

January 6

Chicken Fried Steak,
Potatoes/Gravy, Peas
Serving Group: Green

January 13

Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti,
Green Beans
Serving Group: McClure

Ways to Maximize Your End-of-Year Giving

1. Take advantage of tax deductions. If you are in a 28% tax bracket, and you give \$1,000 additional to the church, you get a tax deduction of \$280. If you are in a 33% bracket that deduction is \$330.
2. Transfer appreciated stock to the church to avoid all capital gains tax. If you have a stock you purchased for \$1,000 that is now worth \$2,000 you can make a transfer of the stock to the church's account, and no capital gain tax is paid. You get the tax deduction for the full value of the stock on the date of transfer, and the church can sell the stock without paying tax on the gain.
3. You can give IRA distributions to the church and avoid the distribution adding to your income and income tax. There is no required distribution this year for those over 70 1/2-years-of-age, but giving from an IRA is still a good way to make an end-of-year gift.

(Those interested in options 2 and 3 should contact our Church Treasurer, Wyman Grindstaff, at 883-3877.)

Women's Bible Study

Simply Relevant: HeartSpa is a friendly and fun way to introduce others to Jesus--and strengthen life-long relationships with him. Women will experience 6 sessions on spiritual refreshment as they learn to rest in Jesus, reflect, rejoice, and be renewed in God's love.

Thursdays Beginning January 14-February 18

9-11 AM in The Heights

Facilitated by Lori Chisholm

Enroll today at uhbc.org or by calling the church office at 862-0789

Book costs \$8

Child Care Available with Advance Reservation

Please Join Us for a Father-Daughter Snowflake Tea Party

on January 9, 2010 4:00-5:00 PM

A Father-Daughter Tea Party
for fathers and daughters of all ages.

Reservations requested.

Call the church office at 862-0789 or on-line at uhbc.org or
return this form to the office via the offering plate.

Yes, count us in on the Father-Daughter Tea Party:

Father: _____

Daughter(s): _____