

NEWS & NOTES--January 11, 2009

HOSPITAL/SICK: **Brenda Lane**, sister-in-law of the **Lanes**, (colon cancer surgery scheduled for Wednesday) and **Bryan Nichols**.

PRAYER LIST: Earl Baker, Xander Bratten, Juanita Baugh, Bill Cullen, Eva Cullen, Aunean Etter, Jerry Houston, Ki Houston, Kale Joplin, Nelma Kent, Glenda Lane, Josephine Pierce, Doug Puckett, Maxine Rose, Jewel Watkins, Earl Whittingham, Freida Williams

WED. (1/14): **Cameron Baldrige**, speaker, **Meal:** Pasta

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TODAY... for travel expenses for **Brian Nichols** as he goes to Denver for special treatment. A box is in the foyer.

SPEAKER TONIGHT: **Wayne Tate**. Richard will be away in Blytheville fundraising for the ASU campus ministry.

MARK CALENDARS:

- Tues., 1/13--Nursing Home Birthday Party
- Wed., 1/14--VBS Committee Mtg., 6:20pm, Lib.
- Sun., 2/1--Bono Buddies, 6:00pm, Aud.
- Sat., 2/7--Breakfast for Elders, Deacons and wives 9:00am, Fellowship Hall.

PANTRY ITEM: Toothpaste

TAXES: If you need a contribution letter for your 2008 taxes, please leave your name and the amount you've given on Hope's desk.

CALENDAR: If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary added to the church calendar, please leave your information on Hope's desk or call her any morning from 8:00-11:00am.

DISHES... from recent events are available for pick-up in the Fellowship Hall.



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Every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 12:00pm at Cracker Barrell. All women are welcome. Bring guests.



The VBS Committee will meet to review VBS kits Wednesday at 6:20pm in the Library

RECORD / Week of 1/04/09

AM Class -----	133
AM Worship -----	281
PM Worship -----	138
Wed. Class -----	141
Contribution -----	\$5138

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The photography phase of our new church directory is complete. Thank you for your excellent participation! Our involvement percentage (about 90%) is as high as I have seen and this is the fifth pictorial directory I've been involved with over the years.

I want to remind you again what a useful tool a photo directory is to a growing church. To claim we are "family" and "friendly" and yet prove not to know each other well rings hollow. A good look at names and faces together helps in overcoming that problem.

We will press on with the design phase and hopefully have directories in our hands within a few weeks. I'm looking forward to that!

I have asked the elders to allow me to be out of the pulpit three times over the next few weeks.

Tonight I will make my way to the Northside church in Blytheville to tell them the CCCM-ASU dream and try to secure their financial involvement. Our aim is to get to a \$7K per month level of support by June 1 of this year so we can take the absolutely essential step of hiring a full-time campus minister. By God's goodness, we've made great progress, going from \$2,400/mo. last April (four churches supporting) to \$4,200/mo. presently (ten churches supporting). Besides Blytheville, I have pending appointments with two other churches and am tugging on the sleeves of several more. It will be a blessed, beautiful thing for 15 or 20 area churches to be actively involved in supporting this work that serves and blesses them all.

Then, to explain the other absences, on Monday morning, January 19, I'll be having an out-patient surgery at St. Bernard's. The surgeon says I might feel well enough to be here on the 25th but he predicts I most certainly will not feel like standing up to preach. I'd appreciate your prayers for a successful surgery and my speedy recovery.

While I'm at Blytheville tonight, **Wayne Tate** will be your speaker; on January 25th, **Tony Sauser** (morning) and **Carroll Thetford** (evening) will cover for me. I'll be back in the saddle by February 1.

The **Divorce Recovery Group** which will be led by **Terri Inman** will begin on a Wednesday night near the end of January. The exact date is still open because these support groups begin when the

needed number sign up. We've placed radio spots to let the community know of it.

Help us fill the group up by recommending it friend-to-friend to someone who is trying to recover from the agony of divorce. Just tell them **Terri** knows her stuff from having gone down that road, has done groups before, and what we offer is free.

As **Terri** is doing her 10-week group, her husband **David**, who is well known at Bono, will bless us by teaching a 10-week Wednesday evening auditorium class on the book of Ephesians. This might be a good opportunity for some Wednesday evening classes to take a break and attend **David's** class.

It's a few weeks off, but we'll be having a Friend's Day on Sunday, February 22nd. It will be identical to last year's Friend's Day—I'll speak in the morning, we'll share a congregation-wide potluck meal immediately afterward, and about 1:00pm, we'll have a guest speaker to be followed by *Harding's Good News Singers* (who practically invited themselves back because they said Bono has the best potluck they've ever eaten!).

The **Tulsa Soulwinning Workshop** is slated for March 26-28. I know that's two months away, but we promoted the event too late last year and many who wanted to could not work things out to go. We'll have a meeting of all interested next Sunday (1/18) just before evening services (about 5:00pm) in the Library.

Maybe you've never considered this, but we're "fish" ourselves "fishin'" for others. And maybe we're at it while still "in the pond," so to speak, because we live among the people we're most able to "catch." Do you live with, work with, go to school with, go hunting with, "go out with..." someone you'd like to win to Christ? Pray and fish.

A playground committee is being formed and will meet some time in January. If you'd like to work on this committee, contact **Alan Keith**



Morning Services, January 11, 2009

Opening Prayer: Perry Jones
Reading: Alan Keith (Rom. 6:1-11)
Table-East
Bill Swindle
Jimmy Felkins
Ken Jones
Floyd Howard

Closing Prayer: Gynn Arnold
Communion Prayer: Carroll Thetford
Table-West
Dale Moody
Don Coggin
Kevin James
Josh Cureton

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Arvis Shirley
Foyer and Halls: Rick Griffin

Closing Prayer: Lanny Shirley

Morning Services, January 18, 2009

Opening Prayer: Lorne Hazlewood
Reading: Shawn Gott (Acts 2:37-38; 22:16:)
Table-East
Justin Welch
Mike Tolbert
Travis Kimberling
Walt Sauser

Closing Prayer: Cameron Baldrige
Communion Prayer: Tony Sauser
Table-West
Gynn Arnold
Michael Montgomery
Cameron Baldrige
Wes McBroom

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Danny Blalock
Foyer and Halls: Kenny James

Closing Prayer: Donnie Brooks

ELDERS: Danny Blalock (935-7693), Donald Jones (932-7654), Arvis Shirley (935-7574), Carroll Thetford (935-3629)
DEACONS: Gynn Arnold (972-0305), Rick Griffin (932-2724), Kenny James (932-5975), Alan Keith (932-5075), Wilson Lane (935-7649), Tommy McElrath (935-9707), John Owens (935-5857), Darrell Parks (935-4664), Gaylon Tate (972-1252)
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MISSIONS: CCCM-ASU, Children's Homes, Crowley's Ridge College, Families First, Africa, Truth for Today.
SERVICES SCHEDULE: SUNDAY: Classes, 9:00am, Worship, 9:50am and 5:30pm, WEDNESDAY: Classes, 7:00pm
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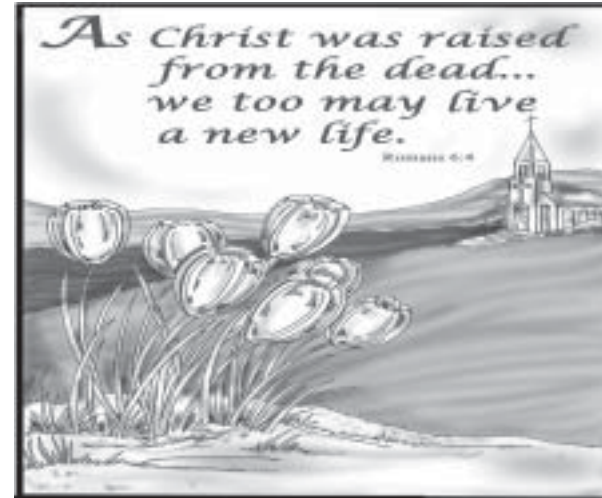
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HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?

Next Week:

"Baptism: Its Meaning and Significance"

Color me a happy minister about our start with "Bono Buddies" last Sunday night. We started out calling it "Pew Packers" but thought a new name for a new effort was in order. I am so thankful that I can ask for a smaller puppet stage and have someone like **Tommy McElrath** and **Alan Keith** get right to it and do the work in such an excellent way. We'll dub it "Gabby's Mouse-House." To **Mr. Tommy** and **Mr. Alan...** "Mouse-as Gracias!"

I offer my appreciation to **Gabby the Mouse** who is as talented a mouse as I have ever known. Of course, **Gabby** is a hit with our kids and does a great job in helping to get our Bible points across to them. I just wish I knew ahead of time what **Gabby** is going to say, or if that's not possible, I wish the Lord would improve my hearing enough for me to hear it all.

Our efforts aimed at improving our kids' programs are gaining momentum. We've begun our Children's Worship Time over the past couple of weeks. Some dedicated people, led by **Pam Blalock**, are overseeing it and feeling their way through the logistical problems. Though I already appreciate what is being done, I believe you'll see these folks who are committed to all our children's programs battle like bulldogs to make things better and better. This past Sunday **Alice Baugh** and **Shirley Howard** were in charge; I've heard they did an excellent job planning and leading.

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"Come, follow me... I will make you fishers of men..." [Matthew 9:19]