

**NEWS & NOTES--January 18, 2009**

**HOSPITAL/SICK:** **Brenda Lane** (cancer surgery this past Wed.); **Richard Akins** (out-patient surgery tomorrow at St. Bernard's); **Bryan Nichols** (will be traveling to Denver later this week).

**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**

**PRAYER REQUEST:** **Shelly McElrath, Beth Tate** and **Aaron Tate** asked for prayers of the church Sunday.

**WED. (1/21): Alex Archer**, speaker, **Meal:** Chicken Strips (please bring side items)

**MARK CALENDARS:**

Today--Tulsa Soulwinning Workshop Info Meeting, 5:00pm, Library  
 Sun., 2/8--Bono Buddies, 6:00pm, Aud.  
 Sat., 2/7--Breakfast for Elders, Deacons and wives 9:00am, Fellowship Hall.

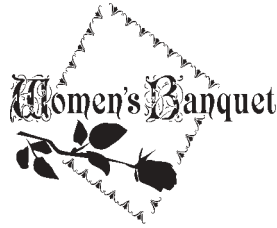
**PANTRY ITEM:** Peanut Butter

**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.

**LOST:** Ladies, if you are missing a red leather jacket, please check the ladies restroom.

**e-mail:** If you have an e-mail address that you would like to give the church, please leave it on Hope's desk.



A women's spring luncheon similar to our past Valentine's Day events is being planned for March or April.

If you would like to help plan or participate in this event, please see **Darah Watson**.

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**.



**Pictures Needed**

If you were unable to get your picture taken for the new directory you may submit a picture (no bigger than 5 x7) to the office.

If you submit a professional copyrighted picture, you must secure and turn in a release form with the picture.

**RECORD / Week of 1/11/09**

AM Class -----	159
AM Worship -----	283
PM Worship -----	117
Wed. Class -----	124
Contribution -----	\$5711

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Also coming were **Beth Tate** and **Shelly McElrath**, two of our fine Christian women who simply stated they want to do better spiritually in their lives, and serve more. We are grateful for their hearts as we are for their work and service to the Lord. And we are thrilled to add our prayers to theirs.

Your elders, deacons, and yours truly had a great 3 1/2 hour planning retreat at Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp near Walcott last Saturday. Thanks to **Danny & Pam Blalock** and **Carroll & Lynette Thetford** for the tasty chili, soup, and desserts (and to others who brought a little bit of this and that). Besides the food and fellowship, a good 1 1/2 hours were spent on budget matters (**Danny** will present the plan to you next Sunday), and another hour on other planning issues.

I mentioned to you Sunday how much I see in these 13 good men a desire to serve the Lord and you and make this church more and more what God wants His people to be. They have some things in store that should enhance our general communications and involve you more in our planning. Stay tuned.

The trip to the Northside congregation in Blytheville was a blessing in many ways. First, it blessed the campus ministry work with another church that will be involved in financial support.

But it was good to visit again a church where for a while, I served as their No. 1 pinch-hitter when their preacher would be away. Southwest was glad to have me go to serve area churches in that way—some of you will remember that I likewise came to Bono to fill in several times over the years. I must have gone to Northside 25 or 30 times over several years.

Northside is a church that took a terrific blow when the Air Force base at Gosnell closed; they easily lost 1/3 to 1/2 of their membership. Yet they have persevered. Recently, because of a split in the predominantly black Blytheville Southside church, about 1/2 of those members joined Northside—perhaps God at work to build a great church in a city of 20,000+ with a 70-30 ratio of black to white.

I want to express thanks to our Bono Tuesday lunch ladies who cook and serve the Student Center's free luncheon about every fourth or fifth Tuesday while school is in session. The kids greatly anticipate the luncheon and I think they have a special watering of the mouth when they know our ladies are on the way. I don't know all involved, so I won't name names. But heart-felt thanks! And the food is always delicious!

Thanks, too, to **Wilson & Peggy Lane** for spending a good bit of Monday afternoon sprucing up the building washing walls and touching up paint.

While I was in Piggott one of the local churches had as their theme for the year the phrase "Gone Fishin'." Most of their many members put up yard signs with that simple phrase.

It would be neat for us to have signs to remind ourselves and others, but a better thing is simply for us to "go fish." Somebody you love is lost and without the Lord and His salvation.

David, the "man after God's own heart" said, "*The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue*" (2 Samuel 23:2). Reel 'em in.

*Dear Church Family:*

*I would like to thank you and God for all the support you have given me and my family. It is only by God's hand that I have been clean and sober for 2 1/2 years. Thanks so much for all your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to pray for me that I may be able to help others who suffer from addiction. If you need someone to talk to in confidence and understanding, please do not hesitate to call.*

*In Christian love,  
 Aaron Tate*

**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

**Morning Services, January 25, 2009**

Opening Prayer: Dud Owens  
Reading: Brad Martin (Job 41:11; Deut. 8:17-18)  
Table-East  
Jesse Tate  
Aaron Tate  
Randy Statler  
Weston Statler

Closing Prayer: Bill Lane  
Communion Prayer: Wayne Tate  
Table-West  
Larson Tate  
Joel Cullen  
Dale Moody  
Robert Douglas

**Evening Services**

Opening Prayer: Tony Sauser  
Foyer and Halls: Gaylon Tate

Closing Prayer: Darrell Parks

**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)  
**MINISTER:** Richard Akins (919-8925), e-mail: richakins@yahoo.com  
**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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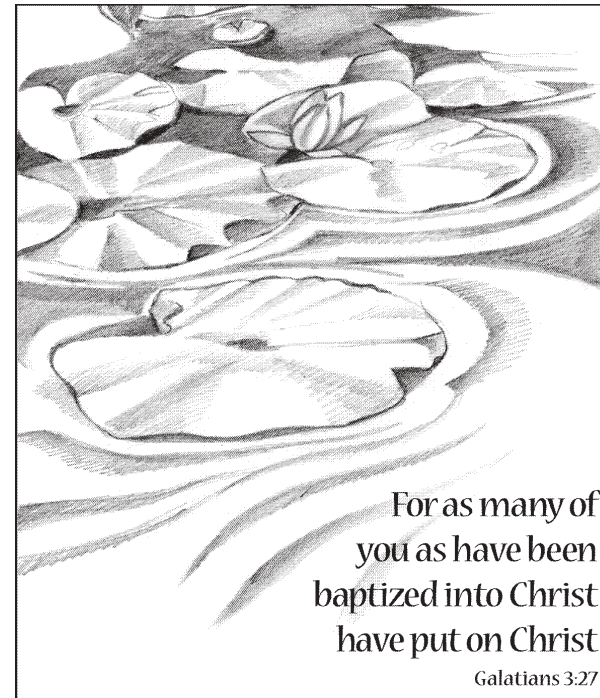
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# PRO BONO

*Bono Church of Christ Newsletter*

January 18, 2009 (03/09)



For as many of  
you as have been  
baptized into Christ  
have put on Christ

Galatians 3:27

Great Sunday last Sunday! Very good attendance. Let's all work to be here and invite others so we can have 300 often, instead of just on our special days.

Our Shepherd Group's leaders will begin immediately to get a weekly tracking of their group's attendance and will make some calls to some who have been absent frequently. But I remind us all that everyone is responsible for everyone since we clearly are our brother's and sister's keeper. Let's all take note of who's not here and give a call or send a card to "check on" and encourage each other.

I've heard nothing but good about **Wayne Tate's** lesson Sunday night. I appreciate having good men with good things to present filling the pulpit for me when I need to be away. I hope you've noticed that I try to keep my absences to a minimum—not that I'm God's gift to preaching, but because I feel I need to be here to know what's happening so I can serve you better. Not that I'm a "pulpit hog" either—even when I'm not going to be away, I'd be thrilled to yield the podium and hear Bono's men speak anytime. Maybe in the not too distant future, we'll be blessed to have another minister on staff who can speak regularly.

We were blessed with three responses Sunday morning. **Aaron Tate** came with what really amounted to a "thanks" to the church for its support during his battle with addiction. We have included his statement in its entirety on page 3—you'll want to turn there and read it.

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**NEXT WEEK:**  
**CARROLL THETFORD (AM)**  
**TONY SAUSER (PM)**

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