

NEWS & NOTES--March 1, 2009

HOSPITAL/SICK: Donald Jones--home with flu; Walt Sauser--recuperating at home; H. P. Jennings--pneumonia; Nettie B. Shirley (broken shoulder.collarbone)--at home; Helen Brochy (Deb Brook's mother)--SB-4029; Kelly Henderson--surgery; Roger Presley (motorcycle accident);

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO ...the family of J. B. Wallis at his death, especially to Darrell Parks & family.

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

WED. (3/4): Donald Jones, speaker, Meal: Pasta

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/8--Daylight Savings Time begins
- 3/8--Men's Business meeting; 4:00pm
- 3/10--Nursing Home Birthday Party, 2:00pm
- 3/14--Ladies' Spring Luncheon, 11:00am
- 3/15--Elders & Deacons meeting at 4:00pm

PANTRY ITEM: Tuna and canned meats. We also now have a "Pantry Donations" box in the foyer.

A DONATION ...has been made to the Benevolence Fund in memory of Gary Clem by Delbert & Evalyn Tate; ...was made to the Building Fund "in appreciation for those who cleaned up my tree limbs" by Aunean Etter. She added, "I can never thank them enough."

HELP, PLEASE! An envelope was handed to us last Sunday inscribed, "In memory of Kenny James' mother and Alice Baugh's mother... Benevolence Fund." Two problems: (1) nothing was inside, and (2) we don't know who it came from. Can you help?

HELP PLEASE!

The Sunday Night Youth Class will be putting snack baskets together for our home bound members. Please bring snack items for us to use in putting these together--some examples would be: Pop-corn, Cheese & Crackers, Cocoa Mix, Hard Candies, nuts, etc.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND



Move clocks up one hour Saturday night before you go to bed.

A Ladies' Spring Luncheon will be held Saturday, March 14 at 11:00am. If you can help with this event, or know of someone who should be invited, please see DARAH WATSON



We still have an urgent need a few more teachers for the Spring Quarter (March-May). If you can help, please sign the list in the foyer.



Our hearts runneth over with gratitude for the kindness shown during Walt's recovery. Love to all and thank you. -- The Sausers

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I've noticed something about Bono's leaders. When Bono members are here to work, so are they. Their work is a great testimony to their character and one testimony to your wisdom in choosing them. Besides the public, visible work that's easy to see, I know that they are often at work behind the scenes, too. We should thank God for them and pray for them constantly.

The Youth & Family Minister Survey is still available for anyone who hasn't had the opportunity to complete one. Also, the Youth Minister Contribution Pledge forms are available to anyone who hasn't turned one in. Several who indicated they wanted us to hire a minister and said they were willing to increase contributions to see that it becomes reality on the "survey" forms have not yet turned in the "pledge" form. Both forms are on foyer tables if you need them, along with a box to stick them in when you have them completed.

I think 17 of our teens and 7 adults made the ChristTeens/Russellville trip. If you saw any of them Sunday as they arrived back to join us for lunch, you could not have missed their excitement at what they had experienced, and that in turn should excite us. They should hear from us often that we love them dearly and want to provide the best possible atmosphere for them to bond forever with the Lord. Deep thanks to the adults who gave of time, energy, and likely as not, monetary resources, to see their weekend become such a blessing.

We have had a considerable uptick in donations to the pantry and I thank you for your excellent response to my plea. I hope others will see more of us bringing little bits here and there and be inspired to join in.

Today marks the beginning of a lesson series I'll call *Contagious Christianity*. If our faith were a deadly disease, would we have enough of it to threaten anybody's health? Of course, Christian faith isn't deadly at all, it's life-giving. And if we are genuinely smitten, we'll infect people with *abundant life* and *eternal life*—"life that is life indeed."

The Sneeze

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing... and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements--not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation. A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, 'GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!' And he walked off stage.

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Editor's note: Internet stuff... may not be true, but it's a great idea!!

RECORD / Week of 2/22/09

AM Class -----	132
AM Worship -----	345
PM Worship -----	152
Wed. Class -----	100
Contribution -----	\$5660

Morning Services, March 1, 2009

Opening Prayer: Bill Keith
Reading: Lanny Shirley (John 15:1-5)

Closing Prayer: Darrell Parks
Communion Prayer: Brad Martin

Table-East
Donnie Brooks
Len Sharp
Lester Wilson
Rick Thomas

Table-West
Robin Castleberry
Bill Inboden
Ronnie Norman
Michael Owens

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Donald Jones
Foyer and Halls: Gynn Arnold

Closing Prayer: Kenny James

Morning Services, March 8, 2009

Opening Prayer: Perry Jones
Reading: Carroll Thetford (Jno. 4:34-38)

Closing Prayer: Alan Keith
Communion Prayer: Gynn Arnold

Table-East
Bill Swindle
Jimmy Felkins
Ken Jones
Floyd Howard

Table-West
Dale Moody
Don Coggin
Kevin James
Jamey Felkins

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Arvis Shirley
Foyer and Halls: Rick Griffin

Closing Prayer: Lanny Shirley

ELDERS: Danny Blalock (935-7693), Donald Jones (932-7654), Arvis Shirley (935-7574), Carroll Thetford (935-3269)
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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SERVICES SCHEDULE: SUNDAY: Classes, 9:00am, Worship, 9:50am and 5:30pm, WEDNESDAY: Classes, 7:00pm
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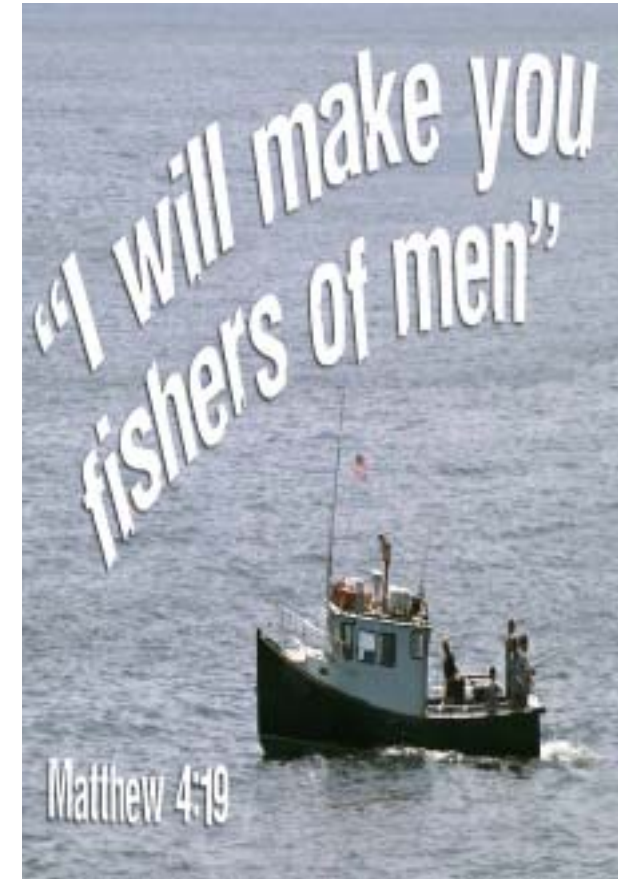
March 1, 2009 (09/09)

I'm searching my vocabulary banks for superlatives and compliments to give you for your hospitality. Friend's Day could have been better, simply because we can almost always make anything better, but it could not have been much better! So I'll complain that we didn't have 400 here when we easily could have! Counting our youth group who returned in time for lunch from ChristTeens in Russellville, we had 342 or 344, depending on who you think is the best counter. Let's just say they missed a couple of babies and ushers and round up to 350!

Finding no better words, I'll just go back to some that are used and worn. Great job by **Marco and Chase** leading singing! Great job worship planning by **David Watson!** Great job by our technical crew of **David Watson and John Owens!** Great job speaking by **Gary Cremeens!** Great job by the **Good News Singers** (better even than last year)! Great job by Fellowship Room **decorators!** **AND OUTSTANDING FOOD SELECTION AND PREP BY BONO'S SUPER-DUPER COOKS!**

We also had a great job done by about 40 "spring cleaners" Saturday morning. The good job of thoroughly cleaning our wonderful building began with the to-a-T organization by **Wilson & Peggy Lane** and just went from there. It was sort of like Nehemiah and the people rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem; everyone "*had a mind to work.*" After that, **Danny Blalock** lingered and waxed floors. I hope you noticed and, now that you know who was behind it, will thank him.

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**Next Week's Sermon:
The Rewards of
Contagious Christianity**

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