

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY for your generosity and graciousness through the Christmas holidays. Your gifts and expressions of kindness have been a true blessing.

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY for your prayers. Many in this family of faith are compelled to keep others before the Lord in intercession. Your ministry continues to be a true blessing.

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY for your faithfulness in service. The Lord has uniquely gifted this congregation to accomplish His kingdom's work. Your opportunity to serve is a true blessing.

THANK YOU MUSIC MINISTRY for your diligence and willingness to share your talents. The special times of celebration during the Christmas season were a true blessing.

THE BEGINNING OF 2008 can be a reminder of opportunity, an opportunity of service. Believers are called to service in the Kingdom of God. May our service be a complete surrender to God, a willingness to be strengthened and guided by Him, and praise to Him for His great faithfulness. *Serve the Lord with gladness.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008 is on the way. *Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakable Truth* is the theme for this year's VBS. The dates are June 2-6. You have the opportunity to be a part of this powerful event.

BE A PART OF SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. There is a place for everyone. There is also great potential for personal growth through the cooperate study of the Word of God. Let's encourage one another to attend Sunday School. **OUTREACH IS ONE TOOL FOR ENCOURAGEMENT.** Remember that Visitation is scheduled for Monday nights at 6:15 pm. It is an opportunity to encourage one another to be a part of Sunday School.

God's richest blessings,
T.R.

Mission Needs

New or used Sleeping Bags are needed for mission work in Texas. They will be provided for the homeless. Please bring donated sleeping bags to the church office.

DNow 2008

If you would be interested in serving as a leader or hosting a group in your home for DNow please call the church office or contact James Jackson. The scheduled dates for DNow are February 29th-March 2nd.

L. L. L. Club Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2008
11:00 a.m.



**That all peoples
may know Him**

Lottie Moon Offering
First Baptist Goal: \$28,500.00
Received To Date: \$16,860.31

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Sunday School

THIS SUNDAY 10:00 a.m.



And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit..

II Corinthians 3:18

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

10:00 A.M. Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service
 5:00 P.M. Bible Drills
 Ladies Handbell
 Preschool Choirs
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

6:15 P.M. Weekly Visitation

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

3:00 P.M. Children's Choir

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:00 P.M. . Sunday School Training Meeting
 Family Night Supper
 6:30 P.M. Missions Organizations
 6:45 P.M. Youth Deep Impact
 7:00 P.M. Business/Prayer Meeting
 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

11:00 A.M. L. L. L. Club

SUNDAY MORNING

NURSERY

Barry & Tommye Sue Hardin, Andrea Collins,
 Lynn & Julia Oliver, Debbie Gant

NURSERY CONTACT PERSON

Candace Durham

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Chuck Fisher

DEACON COUNTING COMMITTEE

Hershel Harp, James Earl Oliver,
 Danny Woods

SENIOR PARKING ATTENDANT

Sidney Castle

Sanctuary Flower Calendar

If you would like to place an arrangement in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one, the following dates are available.

January 13 February 3
 February 10 February 24

BIBLE STUDY REPORT

JANUARY 6, 2008

Adult203
 Youth21
 Children34
 Preschool29
 Visitors7
ON CAMPUS TOTAL294
 Winona Manor40
 Bus Ministry3
 Kent Street Ministry0
 Homebound3
OFF CAMPUS TOTAL46
TOTAL IN BIBLE STUDY340

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Gifts..... \$14,951.00
 Designated Funds \$2,348.00
TOTAL GIFT \$17,299.00
 Weekly Budget Needs \$13,373.58
 Monthly Budget Needs..... \$53,494.32
 Budget Gifts to Date \$14,951.00



HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK

IRIS PATRIDGE
 410 SUMMIT ST.
 WINONA, MS

Sympathy

The pastor and entire church family extend sympathy to the family of:

Margie Rogers

(Lisa Bane's Mother)

Sunday Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m.

Church Parlor

All interested are encouraged to attend

From Your Pastor:

So much is written (and spoken) today about worship and church-going. Yet, few people actually place any value on these things. What about each of us? What value does attending a place of worship have for us? Consider the words of Martyn Llyod-Jones, former minister of the Westminster Chapel in London:

Let me ask you a question: Why do you attend a place of worship? Have you thought enough about it even to ask that question? Are you going simply because it is tradition? People, you say, have always gone to church on Sundays. But church attendance is something you do. You are simply perpetuating a tradition. Large numbers of people have gone to church out of a sense of duty, hoping each week that the services will not be too long. Each week they have felt nothing at all; the service has been absolutely lifeless, the singing miserable, the intoning of the Scriptures boring. There has been no power, no vigor. And because they have thought that is Christianity, they have turned their backs upon it. And they are perfectly right to do so. That is the logical step. God knows, I myself did that many years ago. And I would not be in a Christian pulpit now but for the fact that I saw through that false view. You cannot fit that into the book of Acts. That is traditional, formal religion, whatever form it may happen to take and in whatever denomination it may appear.

(From a sermon on Acts 2:1-2)

What power and truth can be found in these words! What is worship to us? Is it merely church-going, merely some formal tradition? Or is it a vibrant response to the glorious God who magnificently saved us through His marvelous Son by the power of His Holy Spirit? I hope that for each of us it is the latter. The former is far too frightening.

In Christ Alone
 Bro. Phillip

Change of Address

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Mission Hope

Volunteers are needed during operating hours at Mission Hope. Operating hours are 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Your service can be used during this time. If you can help during these hours, please come. If you can help during other times you can contact Michael Wilbanks at 222-2230 and they can establish a work schedule for you.

Sunday School

Training

Meeting

January 16, 2008

@ 6:00 p.m.

Small Dining Room

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER



PORK LOIN, CHEESY
 POTATOES, GREEN BEANS,
 PEAR SALAD, ROLLS, TEA,
 NEIMAN MARCUS BROWNIES

Children's Menu:

GRILLED CHEESE, CHIPS,
 PICKLES, CAKE BROWNIES