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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan 10, 2010

- 9:00 A.M. Coffeehouse & Library Open
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:50 A.M. Worship Service
- 4:00 P.M. Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 13, 2010

- 5:30-6:30 P.M. Fellowship Supper
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice
- 6:30 P.M. Children Bible Study
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 P.M. Quarterly Business Meeting

Answers to previous trivia:

1. Eli;
2. Moses & Elias;
3. Benjamin;
4. Azotus;
5. A naked man runs through the Garden.

Jan 10, 2010
BUS DRIVER & MONITOR
 Vicki Watts & Fay Baker
VAN DRIVER & MONITOR
 Adam Bretz & Joey McLeod

ATTENTION BUS & VAN RIDERS:

If you need a ride to services, please contact the church office. If you are on our "standing reservation" list to ride the bus or van, you are scheduled to be picked up unless you contact the office or a member of the Transportation Committee. **Remember to call the church during normal office hours (8:30-3:30-Mon-Fri).** Thank you!

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CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR - Rev. Israel Brooks

MINISTER OF YOUTH - Adam Bretz

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Melanie Chapman

ORGANIST - Lee Green

PIANIST - Jane Crocker

CHURCH SECRETARY - Ginny Stuart

HOUSEKEEPING - Katie Taylor

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ROOM IN THE INN NEWS

Room is this Friday, January 8th. Anyone who wishes to help out with this great ministry night, please contact the church office or Joe Hutto. If you would like to get involved next time, we host a group of 10 men on the 2nd Friday of each month, through March.

The Quarterly Business Meeting for 4th Quarter 2009 will be Wednesday, Jan 13 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a report, please get it to the office by Tuesday, Jan 12.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes have been given out for 2010. If you need envelopes and did not receive any, please let the office know and we will be glad to get you a box.



FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Plan to join us next Wednesday for our Fellowship Supper. The menu will be beef stew, salad, drink and dessert. If you are not already signed up for your reservation, please do so today! This delicious meal is only \$5 per person—don't miss out.



The Outreach Team will meet on Sunday, Jan 17, at 4:00.

WARMTH FOR THE HOMELESS

Start your Spring cleaning a little early this year! Bring your gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves or blankets to the church to donate to the homeless in our community. You don't have to buy anything, just look and see if you have any of the above items you are no longer using. Bring them to Todd Johnson and he will distribute them. If you have any questions, please call Todd or the church office for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

As we begin this new year, I would like to encourage those of you who are not involved in Sunday School to consider making a decision to become involved in a Sunday School class here at Eastland. For adults we have several different classes to choose from, and we also have children and youth classes as well, so we can accommodate anyone who is interested in getting started in Sunday School.

I also wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that we have a contest going on for this quarter (that began in December) that the class with the best percentage of attendance will be awarded with a lunch one Sunday after church, that will be furnished by the General Officers. I have not computed the percentage of attendance for December for the classes as of yet, but I do know that Adult 1 (Sheila Kiley's class) had 100% percent attendance this last Sunday.

This contest will continue through January and February and I hope each class will continue to make an effort to increase their attendance and win the contest.

Lets get this New Year off to a good start and if your are not already let's get involved in Sunday School.

~ Paula Niemi

A Word From the Pastor

Dear Family,

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:4

We live in an instant world. Information is at our fingertips, we have drive-throughs and fast food restaurants, cellular phones that are constantly with us and constantly ringing, and access to quick transportation basically anywhere on earth. Yet somehow with all the availability of instant contact and communication our relationships seem shallower, our strength and character diminishing, and our wisdom dwindling more than ever before.

Part of this I believe is because we do not have nor feel the need for perseverance anymore. Lao-Tzu said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." We are not experiencing deeper faith, deeper relationships, and deeper lives because we take thousands of journeys that are only a single step long. However, the journeys that are worth taking are a thousand miles.

Let us pray for one another 2 Thessalonians 3:5. *May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.*

Bro. Israel

A WORD FOR THE CHURCH

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."- Zephaniah 3:17

I've talked a little bit about this verse before; being one of my favorites as a worship leader. We sing all these songs either about Christ or to Christ and the whole time he is singing his own remix over us, wow! Have you ever read the short Old Testament book known as Zephaniah?

When you look at all of the prophetic writings in the Bible, the book of Zephaniah starts kind of dark, but ends brightly. Zephaniah's prophecy is a little different from the others because it is written as a conversation between the prophet and God. At the start, Zephaniah complains to the LORD concerning the sin of Israel. The LORD replies that He is aware, and that He intends to send the Chaldeans to judge Israel for their sin, particularly for their idolatry. Zephaniah is surprised by this, and asks the LORD why it is that He would use a group of people that are even worse to judge Israel. God's reply shows him that while He will judge Israel, He will later judge the Chaldeans, and restore Israel to Himself. Though the LORD was forced to deal with His people thus, they remained His people. So, there is promise of restored blessing and renewed fellowship with Him.

Zephaniah's words tell us something about God's character. He tells Israel that God is mighty, and He will save! But consider the expressions of love that follow these thoughts; rejoicing over them, and resting, in His love for them. This is a great love in which the participants rejoice and rest. What makes this love especially great is that God was greatly offended, and had a perfectly good reason for it. If the offended one then speaks of resting and rejoicing in the other, then the other may be greatly assured. God is not given to idle words. What He says will come to pass. Israel will be blessed.

Rejoicing in joy is the kind of rejoicing that has public expression. It is possible to have great joy and to hold it in. It's kind of like watching the little boy cross his legs and bounce around because he has to use the restroom; I know you've seen him. But here public expression through joy is what God speaks of. He is not shy in His joy over His people. They certainly may be shy about the attention, for they know of what sort they are. But, the book of Hebrews reminds us that God is not ashamed to call His people His brothers. God rejoices with joy over His people. Imagine, the ones who caused His great wrath now find themselves as the center of His rejoicing! So wherever you are at this week in your walk with Christ remember, he sings over us, he knows us, he calls us, and he loves us so; so dance/sing/shout about what Jesus has done for you and make God smile this week.

Because He Lives, Bro. AB



THIS WEEK TO:

1/6/10-1/12/10

Jan 7-Sandra Mittwede; Jan 9-Kaylyn Wilburn

IN SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the family members of Dan McLeod during this difficult time of loss.

SPOTLIGHT ON: Helen Brown

Everyone knows Ms. Helen and everyone who knows her knows she is always willing to pitch in to help whenever and wherever there is a need. Ms. Helen continues to serve God and the church in so many ways, it is hard to say 'Thank You,' but we want her to know how much her works are appreciated! So, thank you, Ms. Helen!

Q: What is something about yourself that others would be surprised to know?

A: I don't know if there is anything that people would be surprised to know, but, I enjoy gardening and yard work very much!

Q: Do you have any prayer requests or needs at this time?

A: I am thankful to have my good health.

BIBLE TRIVIA: New Beginnings

1. What man left his home country to travel to a land he did not know, that God led him to?;
2. How old was Abraham when his son Isaac was born?;
3. For what reason did Jacob & his family begin a new life in Egypt?;
4. Who led the people of Israel into the promised land?;
5. After the first king of Israel failed God, what was the name of the second king anointed?

(Answers next week!)

SUNDAY, Jan 3, 2010

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE ... 106

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 64

Sunday School Visitors..... 6

New SS Members 0

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY Jan 3, 2010

Budget Receipts \$ 4,513.50

RESTRICTED

Recreation 20.00

Offering Envelopes 24.75

Thank Offering 5050.00

Lottie Moon 50.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 9,658.26

Thank offerings were Memorials to Nell St. John and Dan McLeod. A Memorial offering was also made in Memory of Earl Sadler.

Needed weekly for Operating Budget: \$ 4,098.00

Needed to date for Operating Budget:\$ 4,098.00

Rec'd to date for Operating Budget: \$ 4,513.50

TELLERS FOR THIS WEEK
Jan 10-Brenda Hutto & Charlie Niemi

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our Military

Monica Cutrell

Red & Alene Cowan

Hilda Baker

Jim & June Austin

Cora McNeil

Mary & Walter Crocker

Jamie Smith

Josephine Crain

Luella & Theron Morris

Mattie Poole

Ruby Hall

Harold Holland

Shirley Marsh (Denise's grandmother)

Myrtle Smith

Peggy Birdwell

Caitlin Gibson (Martin Taylor's girlfriend)

Don & Juanita Cutrell

Susan & Steve Pippin (Friends of Ginny)