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POINTS OF INTEREST

*Message from Doug
Announcements/Events
Prayer List
February Calendar*

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School

1/17—109

1/24—107

Worship

1/17—182

1/24—217

OFFERING

WORSHIP

January 17th \$4,591.89

January 24th 6,593.00

Worship Total — \$11,184.89

DESIGNATED

Family Night \$333.11

Music Fund 350.00

Prayer Garden Brick 75.00

Outreach (hygiene kits) 100.00

Week of Compassion 435.00

Compassion International—
2,282.00

Total Designated — \$3,575.11

*(Monthly Financial Report available
at the church during office hours.)*

"Thank You!"

Your generosity at Christmas, and now the love offering for our trip to Florida, have been overwhelming. We have been so blessed to be a part of this church. You don't know the joy that I feel each Sunday, Monday and Wednesday when I get up at 6:00 a.m. knowing that I'm going to Somerset. God has blessed all of us richly in the past year. This year will hold challenges and difficulties just as the previous one did. What we should all know, however, is that God blesses the faithful. He brings us through the trials and difficulties that come our way. We must continue to be united in spirit, purpose, and truth. Beware littleness and selfishness that creep in like a spiritual infection. Guard against those whose conversations are filled with "me", "I", and "my". Such words reveal hearts and motivations.

"Our Future"

I continue to be asked almost daily as to when Joe is returning or "when I am leaving." My answer is always the same, "I don't know" and "I am willing to remain with you as long as I'm needed." It is a truthful answer. It is sufficient for me. It must be sufficient for you as well. I will tell you that I have had two churches inquire as to my availability, one as recently as two weeks ago. Both involved permanent pastorates. I have discussed with Greg Alexander my circumstances here and my future. They have been frank, prayerful discussions. I will reiterate to you what I told Greg. When I came to the disciples two years ago with the desire to pursue ministry within the denomination, I came in response to a call to assist churches who needed interim pastors and to churches who were in difficulty. That call, the best I can understand it, has not changed. I will remain your interim pastor until that door closes. We will both know when that day arrives.

"Your Future"

I have had wonderful conversations with Chuck Aden. He is enthusiastic to join us here in Somerset. So much so, that I fully anticipate his arrival before March 1. In anticipation of this, we need to begin planning for his office space immediately. I have no problem surrendering the office space I am currently utilizing so that he may have it, if I am still here when he arrives. We'll find a chair and a desk for me somewhere so that I can continue my counseling sessions and get my work done.

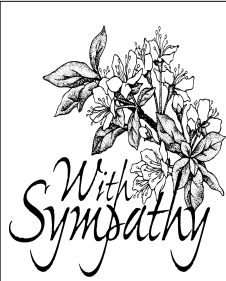
"HIS Future"

God continues to bless this congregation because we are receptive to His will and purpose. There are new visitors to our worship services each week. Many of these are earnestly seeking a church home and spiritual growth and guidance. You, in response to Christ's call to love others, are making folks feel welcome and at home when they come here. Even more importantly, you are inviting people to come to church with you.

The response to the reorganization of our Children's Church has been positive. We still need more volunteers so that the entire year is fully staffed. A number of other committees need more members. I encourage you, as church members, to prayerfully seek God's will in order to fill these positions.

The Phase Two committee continues to work and prepare us for the next step in our future. God will bless us in preparing for it.

Doug



Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy are extended to ***Lynn Ashbrook*** and her family due to the recent death of her uncle.

Adams Class Begins New Study

The last time there was “peace on earth and good will toward men” was thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden. It has been downhill for mankind ever since---and we wonder how much more chaotic things can get!

Thankfully, we do not have to be victims of chaos around us. The Bible says it is possible to live with confidence in a chaotic world.

Beginning in February the Adams Class will study “Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World” by Dr. David Jeremiah. The lessons will show us that with the power and love of Almighty God, we can live with confidence in this age of turmoil.

Examples of the principles to practice are: to stay centered on Christ, stay confident in the Word, stay compassionate toward others, and stay connected to the church. These four, plus six more, won’t result in peace on earth, but they will produce in us a confidence that cancels out the anxiety of the chaos in our world. All ten of these principles are based squarely on the truth of God’s Word.

The study will be taught by Margaret Mauney and Sally Spurlock. If you do not have a regular Sunday school class, you would be welcome to join us!

Call Sally Spurlock (679-3822) for details.

Memorial Committee Activities

The Memorial Committee wants the congregation to be aware of the many wonderful enhancements for worship that have recently been made possible by the generosity of friends and family through contributions in memory of loved ones.

For instance, did you know that our fabulous indoor and outdoor nativities were acquired because of funds given in memory of Scarlett and Jonathan Hooker, Josephine Herndon, Garrett Jackson, G. W. Hoffman, Adrian Roth, Bill Shannon, John Prather, Sr., Roland Girdler and W. E. Robinson?

Our defibrillator was given in memory of Margaret W. Howard. A computer and related supplies for the Orwin classroom were provided in memory of Bob Williams to be used to record Sunday School lessons for absent members.

Equipment for audio-visual enhancement for the sound booth has been installed in memory of Vera Coomer, Jim Williams, Bob Williams, Shirley Bordes, Lee Davis Fisher and Bertha McCarty.

A total of \$2,925 was transferred to the Phase II Project per wishes of the families of Charlie Bell, Fayrene Conder and Dot Richey. Please take a look at the Memorial Book in the glass display case at the back of the sanctuary where gifts are noted.

Thank you for assisting your church to glorify God through the acquisitions made available because of your expressions of remembrance.

May God bless each of you!

The Memorial Committee

2010 upcoming youth events

(These are all older Youth activities.)

February 13th

Youth Service Night

Babysitting service will be held here at

the church by our youth

so parents can have a date night

or run errands without children

from 5:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m..

(see more details in article on this page)

For more information,

please contact *Amanda Thompson*.

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\* *The youth will be leaving*

*First Christian Church*

*@ 4:00 March 19th for an*

*overnight trip to*

*Pigeon Forge.*

**You MUST sign up in the youth room  
for the service project at the church**

**on February 13th**

**to be eligible for the trip.**

***Check with Derek for details!***

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March 19th & 20th

Wilderness at the Smokies

Overnight trip to Gatlinburg, TN

For more information,

please contact *Derek Eastham*.

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youth church camp

**Our youth church camp is scheduled for  
June 22nd—27th. More details will follow!**

Valentine's Sitters

♥ Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> ♥

FCC Youth Service Project

5:30pm-9:30pm

♥ FOOD ♥ CRAPIS ♥ GAMES ♥ MOVIES ♥



♥ The FCC Youth Group

will be offering their babysitting services on

Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:30p. ♥

♥ All FCC families are welcome to bring their  
children. ♥

♥ There will be a sign up sheet located in the

Fellowship Hall. ♥

♥ Parents must sign their children up by

February 7<sup>th</sup> to participate! ♥

♥ Adults will be assisting ♥

2010 Mission Trip

**The response of people signing up for our  
2010 Mission Trip to Beaumont, Texas on June 20-  
26, 2010 has been great. You can still sign up—the  
sign up sheet is on the bulletin board across from  
the church office. We will be helping rebuild  
*Northwood Christian Church* that was destroyed by  
Hurricane Rita in 2005.**

**Contact *Michael Peterson* or *Keith Kissinger*  
for details or questions.**



***Hospital:*** Natasha Moberly

***Members:***

Leisa Phillippi, Lynn Ashbrook's family, Russ Muse, Fanie Stone, Joe Altman, Myra Pilling, Jean Prather, Doug Couch's father, Ron Ford, Linda Ford, Carol Norton, Nancy Phillips, Christine Hughes, Charles Meece, Hazel Spears, Sharon Walker, Loretta Canada, Faye Lawson, Virginia Murrell, Raymond Hardwick, Karen Jackson, Mona Mitchell, Vida 'Pudd' Hudson

***Friends:***

Vernon Bobbitt (*Maze Bobbitt's husband*), Andy Kovacs & Pam Knight (*leaving for Haiti on Friday*), Shirley Moser (*Marcia's mother*), Tammy Portwood's mother, Mitzi Whitaker, Susan Miller's parents, Farris Dills (*Suzi Ross' brother*), Bill Harding, Susana Foley, Phyllis Lamkin, Phil Brow (*Katie Christopher's father*), Helen Altman, Gerald Haynes, Patricia McDonal, Robert Christopher (*Katie Christopher's father-in-law*), Linda Eastham Jack Goldenberg, Jan Crase, Peggy Taylor, Susanna Foley, Mary Jo Silvers, Cliff Childers, Jane Marquiss, Jean McCowan, Doug Lee, Leona McBeath, Jeanne Speckhals, Louise Conley, Bobby Gould, Mark Sype, Sylvia Rice, Bob Silvers, Ada Sue Diamond, Jamie & Tracy Flowers, Jennifer Morgan, Eric Conrad, Ada Bordes, Bill Kincaid, Frank Hughes Jr., Sylvia Gibson, Mike Clark, Hubert Hall, Clarence Girdler, Blane Bardin, Sue Stevens

\* Please keep the office updated on these and any other prayer needs. \*

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