

**January Anniversaries are:**

Billy and Faye Lewis 19



**January Birthdays are:**

Macon Webster 2  
 Vince Smolucha 11  
 Steve Jones 13  
 Donna Largent 16  
 Holly Moore 21

December 4	31	\$1464.00
December 11	30	\$1075.00
December 18	40	\$1342.00
December 25	25	\$423.00
Love Loaf Offering		\$346.74
Gift to the King Offering		\$440.00
Clyde Spann Memorial		\$50.00

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January 1 is the collection date for the Help Center.

Items on the Help Center Wish List include:

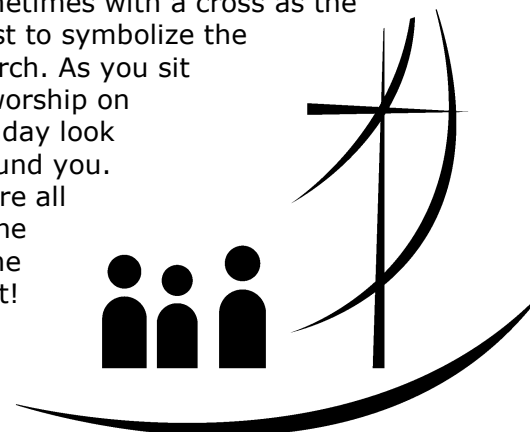
- Small bags of sugar and flour
- Peanut butter
- Canned meats
- Boxed dinners
- Toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies
- Baby wipes and wash
- Baby diapers

Please consider these items when buying items to bring in for donation.



We will be having our worship service as usual at 9:30 AM on January 1.

The portion of the church building where the congregation sits is called the nave or boat. It reflects the understanding that the church is the ark of salvation, offering life in Jesus Christ to all who will receive it. Often in stained-glass windows one can find a picture of a boat, sometimes with a cross as the mast to symbolize the church. As you sit in worship on Sunday look around you. We're all in the same boat!



When we walk, we naturally go to the fields and woods: what would become of us, if we walked only in a garden or a mall? Even some sects of philosophers have felt the necessity of importing the woods to themselves, since they did not go to the woods. ... Of course it is of no use to direct our steps to the woods, if they do not carry us thither. I am alarmed when it happens that I have walked a mile into the woods bodily, without getting there in spirit. In my afternoon walk I would fain forget all my morning occupations and my obligations to society. But it sometimes happens that I cannot easily shake off the village. The thought of some work will run in my head and I am not where my body is - I am out of my senses. In my walks I would fain return to my senses. What business have I in the woods, if I am thinking of something out of the woods?

From *Walking* by Henry David Thoreau



CareNet Pregnancy Services of Middle Tennessee will be having a fundraiser Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's in Dickson on January 28, 2006 from 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. \$5.00 per ticket.

## THINGS TO PONDER:

The question is not "Is God leading?" but rather "Are we following?"

In many churches, an ornate Bible lies open on the worship table near the entrance to the sanctuary. Someone once commented that this is an appropriate symbol for some Christians—a Bible that is revered but never read. Let us prove that observer wrong.

May this new year offer you so many opportunities that you will have to puzzle over which to accept. May all of you "tigers in the dark" turn out to be kittens in the light of God's great love.

—Dr. Thomas Lane Butts

Good habits are as addictive as bad habits, and a lot more rewarding.

—Harvey Mackay



First Class Mail

The Communicator

January 1, 2006

Dear Congregation,

Sondra and I thank you for all the wonderful Christmas wishes you gave us. The gift check, the set of Wise Men from the Women's Ministry, and the many cards have been wonderful reminders of your love and generosity. Thank you for these very special gifts.

Saturday, January 6, is Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas. Many Christians wait until Epiphany to take down decorations, thereby announcing that Christmas is in fact over. However, Eastern, Russian and Greek Orthodox churches, as well as Coptic Christians in Egypt celebrate Christmas on January 6, the day the Magi visited Christ. This follows the tradition that the Wise Men came from the East and took Christmas back to their lands, thus becoming the first missionaries to the Gentiles. Their worship of the Christ child signified that Christ came with redemption for the entire world.

On this day I suppose I would be remiss if I didn't say, "Happy New Year!" I certainly hope that this year will be filled with joy for all of us. Reflecting on last year, however, I find that life always seems to be a mix of happiness and sorrow, what we want and what we don't want. It is traditional for us to make a variety of resolutions at the beginning of the new year, promises of things we will do to make life what we want it to be. Unfortunately, most of these resolutions are quickly forsaken and we continue with life as usual. Consequently, I have decided not to make a list of meaningless promises. If I really believe that God is in control, then I don't need to promise sweeping changes just because it's January 1. Instead, I need to work on living faithfully as His servant all 365 days, if God gives me that many days. I need to be mindful to seek God's will and ask for guidance in living according to His will. Only then will it be possible for my days to hold real joy and lasting peace.

May all your days be blessed.

Your pastor,  
Lowell

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**Worship Service**

9:30 AM

**Sunday School**

10:30 AM

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

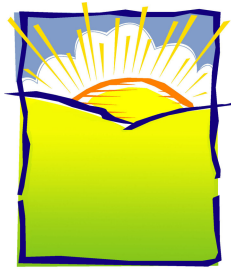
7:00 PM

**Women's Ministry**

1st Saturday

10:00 PM





January special dates:

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2006
- Epiphany, January 6, 2006
- Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2006
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16, 2006
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2006

Remember the next session meeting is scheduled for January 8 at 4:00.

"You would not have called to me unless I had been calling to you," said the Lion.  
—The Silver Chair by C. S. Lewis



We who claim to be children of God live in a far too violent world. Terrorism, war, random killing and sins too horrible to describe appear all too frequently in the daily news. As Christians what can we do?

In another dark time, just before the outbreak of World War II, King George VI of England went on the radio to offer a Christmas message of encouragement for his people. As part of his remarks, he read a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins entitled "God Knows."

Here's a portion of the poem:

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,*

*"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied, "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!"*

*So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.*

*He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone east.*

We may not always be able to dispel the threatening darkness, but we can walk through it with God for as long as it lasts. Let us remember these words from the popular hymn:

*This is my Father's world.*

*O let me ne'er forget*

*that though the wrong seems oft so strong,*

*God is the ruler yet.*

("This Is My Father's World" by Maltbie D. Babcock)

**Just for KIDS**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As we begin a new calendar year, let us always remember who we should follow in this world.

**Directions:**

1. Start at the circled letter "I." Follow the direction of the arrow and circle every other letter until you have gone around the world one time.
2. Start at the circled letter "I" again, and write down the circled letters on the blank lines below.
3. Beginning at the \*W, write the letters or numbers that are not circled until you have gone around the world again. Read the message.

Answers: I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE. JOHN 8:12, NIV

## Let Your Light Shine!

Make this colorful candleholder as a reminder to "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."  
(Matthew 5:16, NRSV)

- What you need:**
- colored tissue paper
  - clean empty jar (baby food or jam jar) or a votive candleholder
  - votive candle or any small candle to fit inside the jar
  - white glue
  - paint brush

**How to do it:**  
(Note: Be sure to get an adult's permission first.)

1. Tear the tissue paper into small pieces.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue on a small section on the outside of the jar.
3. Stick some pieces of tissue paper onto the glued sections. The pieces can overlap.
4. Spread another thin layer of glue over the tissue paper pieces.
5. Repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 until the entire jar is covered. Let it dry.
6. Place a candle inside your "stained-glass" jar.
7. Ask a parent or an adult to light the candle for you.
8. Try to memorize Matthew 5:16 and recite it whenever you see your candle lit. Think about how you are going to "let your light shine" through good works.

