

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season can be extremely lonely, stressful and for some, sorrowful as they “celebrate” without special loved ones. Please remember those who have lost family members and loved ones within the past year. Trevenia, Brandy and Mary are just a few who need your extra prayers.

November Anniversaries are:

Chris and Kylea Parchment 16

November Birthdays are:

Susan Webster 16
 Hybernia McMillan 16
 Brandy Edwards 16
 Elizabeth Graham 18
 Mickey Stewart 24

October 2	33	\$1104.00
October 9	32	\$848.00
October 16	34	\$1621.00
October 23	26	\$775.00
October 30	40	\$1176.00

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Once again, be reminded of our shut-ins, elderly, and sick. Billy Lewis, Hybernia McMillan, the Carolands, Elnora Caldwell, Idell Heath, Jack Daniel, Clyde and Jean Spann, Gary Spann, Bobby Largent, Donna Largent’s sister and brother-in-law, Faye Lewis, Sara Matlock, Anna Katherine Miller, Robin Parker, and Mary Ingram’s sister in her loss. Remember to pray for the Cherry family, the recently injured Creekwood students, and Anthony’s grandfather.

Skating on thin ice

In the days of the Puritans, those who did not rest and worship on the Lord’s Day often faced condemnation. Even parsons could face judgment if they were thought to be profaning the Lord’s Day.

The story is told of a heavy snowfall, which made it difficult for worshipers to get to the church. The parson saw that the road in front of his parsonage was impassable. Knowing that a nearby river was frozen, he put on his ice skates and skated to the house of worship.

Some church elders suggested that the pastor may have sinned by skating on a Sunday. It appeared to be recreation which was definitely forbidden. The elders were divided on the issue. Some said the pastor had sinned, while others said he had not.

Finally, they decided the clergyman would not be punished, but only if he said he did not enjoy skating to church that day.

The pastor quickly remarked, “It was not enjoyable in the least!”

SESSION NOTES

OCTOBER 23, 2005

Declaration of quorum present and call to order by Dr. Roddy. Devotion by Dr. Roddy.

Elders present: Jerry Ingram, Steve Jones, Emily McCollum, and clerk. Excused Mark Stokes; absent Susan Webster.

Approved minutes of last meetings.

Approved September Financial Report.

Reviewed plans for fall fellowship on October 29 at the Jones farm.

Reviewed information about Youth Retreat at NaCoMe on November 18-20. Emily agreed to attend if any of our youth would like to go.

Approved observation of the following special days: Bethel College Day, Nov. 6 with bulletin insert; Memphis Theological Seminary/PAS Day, Nov. 13 with bulletin insert and presentation by Dr. Roddy and Steve Jones; Aids and Life Threatening Illness Day, Nov. 20 with bulletin insert; Bible Sunday, Nov. 20 with kit for children ordered by Women’s Ministry.

Announced Nashville Presbytery on October 25 at Shiloh Church with Mark Stokes as our delegate. Dr. Roddy is unable to attend because of obligation at APSU.

Approved reservation of the church on December 3 by David Stansberry and the Dickson County Historical Society.

Approved asking Joyce Moss if she would take over cleaning the church while Billy Lewis is on sick leave.

Revised Shepherd List assigning members to the new elders.

Announced Women’s Ministry Project—Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are due on Nov. 13.

Set Gift to the King program for December 11 at 5:00 P.M. with fellowship time afterwards. Emily will check with Dickson CP children’s group about giving part of the program.

Elected Mark Stokes as president of the incorporated church since current president Emily McCollum rotates off the session.

Approved Dr. Roddy’s request to be away on November 27 for Thanksgiving Holiday with Steve Jones filling the pulpit.

Approved reservation of the church on November 15 by Emily McCollum for a teacher’s meeting.

Set next meeting for November 20 at 4:00 P.M. with devotion by Mark Stokes.

Adjourned with prayer by Emily McCollum.

THINGS TO PONDER:

Bread for myself is a material question, but bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one.
-Jacques Maritan

I look at life as a gift of God.
Now that he wants it back
I have no right to complain.
-Joyce Cary

The day will come when, after harnessing space, the winds, the tides and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, we shall have discovered fire.
-Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

What can you say about a society that says that God is dead and Elvis is alive?
-Irv Kupcinet

They say that God is everywhere, and yet we always think of Him as somewhat of a recluse.
-Emily Dickinson



The Communicator

Dear Congregation,

I was deeply moved by your generosity and your many kind comments during Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The Cracker Barrel gift card from the Women's Ministry and the Ruby Tuesday's gift cards from the congregation will enable Sondra and me to go out for dinner several times. Each time, we will think of you. I am very blessed to be your pastor.

One of the hallmarks of a great congregation is the leadership of the people in the pew. We are very fortunate to have several folks who provide both formal and informal leadership, guiding the congregation simply by the witness of their lives. I thank God for all of you.

This past Sunday, Emily and Susan rotated off the Session, having served a three-year term. They have provided strong leadership in a variety of ministries. As you have occasion to see them, please join me in thanking them for using their gifts for the Kingdom.

Sunday we also ordained and installed Vince Smolucha and Sheila Dannenmaier to serve as elders for the next three years. They are both extremely talented people and I am certain God will use them in a mighty way. Please pray for them as they begin their servant ministry.

I appreciate the way each of you uses God's gifts, especially as you perform "friendship ministry." This type of ministry involves being a living witness as your faith guides your life. When you visit the sick, feed the hungry, and clothe the poor, to paraphrase Matthew 25:34, you help the world to see God's love at work. Thank you for being the channels through which His grace flows to others.

In Him,

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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

Advent is a beginning

Advent begins on November 27 this year. Many Christians may not realize that Advent is the beginning of the "church year." The church year starts with our preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. Advent obviously leads to Christmas Day.

After Christmas, churches move on to observe Epiphany (the arrival of the wise men). Epiphany is always observed on January 6. Next comes the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent continues through Holy Week when we observe Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Forty days after Easter we recall the ascension of Christ (Acts 1:9) on Ascension Day. Fifty days after Easter comes the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ's followers in Jerusalem giving them power and unity. It happened on the day of Pentecost, a harvest holiday celebrated by Jews. Pentecost is observed until the start of Advent, when the church year begins again.



It is time for Operation Christmas Child, a.k.a., Shoebox, an program of Samaritan's Purse. Our church will be collecting shoeboxes on Sunday, November 13. The boxes will then be taken to the Dickson Cumberland Presbyterian Church during the week. The Dickson church will deliver boxes to the Nashville regional collection center and then the boxes continue on their journey to the hands of children everywhere. Mary

Ingram once again is coordinating our efforts. She has the brochures. You may also download and print labels for the boxes and the list of suggested items from the Samaritan's Purse website itself. You may go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org> and you will see a link for Operation Christmas Child. Mary is going to be at the church on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 am to wrap boxes and several of the children are going to help.

If you are participating in the Love Loaf program, remember to bring your loaves back on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27.

Those are two of our annual giving projects. Thank you for supporting these efforts.

Make plans for the annual Gift to the King Service. This year it will be December 11. Trevenia will not be able to coordinate any special music services from the adults or children, but we will be having a worship service that evening.

Here's a Story of a "Thankful Bunch."

We can rejoice and give thanks to God, just as many thankful people did in Bible times. Use the list of names to fill in the blank lines, and then use the leaf code to complete the verse.

Names: Elijah, Naaman, Hannah, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Mary & Martha

Led his people through the Red Sea.

Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved.

Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God.

Ravens brought him food.

Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God.

Their brother was raised from the dead.

Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him.

Jesus brought his daughter back to life.

"SO WE ... W _ LL G _ VE Y _ _ _ NKS F _ _ EVE _ ;
 WE W _ LL S _ W F _ _ _ Y _ _ _ _ ISE
 _ _ LL GENE _ _ _ NS." Psalm 79:13, NKJV

Answers: Moses, Rahab, Mary & Martha, Naaman, Elijah, Hannah, paralyzed man, Jairus. "SO WE ... WILL GIVE YOU THANKS FOREVER, WE WILL SHOW FORTH YOUR PRAISE TO ALL GENERATIONS." Psalm 79:13, NKJV

We rejoice that the men of the 278th National Guard unit is in the process of coming home in shifts. We are thankful for Sean's safety and those who are returning. Remember those families of soldiers that will never return or who are still assigned to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Make a "Thankful Garland"

- What you need:**
- construction paper in a variety of fall colors
 - pencil, marker or crayons
 - yarn, ribbon or raffia
 - scissors
 - hole-punch
 - spray bottle filled with water
 - (optional) real leaves
 - (optional) wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.) or any dried pasta with a hole



- What to do:**
1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
 2. Lay the construction paper sheets flat and spray the paper with water from the spray bottle until the paper is completely wet.
 3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
 4. Open the crumpled paper and let the sheets dry flat.
 5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
 6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or one thing for which you are thankful.
 7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
 8. Lace the thankful leaves, beads, cereal and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon or raffia.
 9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.