



Ephesians 5:15-17 “So be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

Well my dear friends, one year is gone and a brand new fresh year is ahead of us. I wonder where the time has gone? It seems to have gone by in a flash. I pray that your past year has been a very blessed year and a year that has brought you into a closer walk with the Lord. We have seen the Lord do some very wonderful and mighty things in our church and church members’ lives. Yet we cannot rest upon the laurels of the past but understand that we are marching in our journey into the future. A future that no one knows what is in store for us.

My dear friends, we have a clean new page beginning today that we can write a new page in the chapter of our lives. It is a new year with a bright and promising hope as we see God moving in our midst, working in our lives, and reaching people in so many different ways. This coming year I would encourage you to listen once again to the great Apostle Paul as he writes to the church at Ephesus. Listen to what he says to them under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. First, be careful how you live your lives. Don’t be foolish but wise. Seek the wisdom of God. James tells us that if a man lacks wisdom let him ask of God and God will grant him wisdom liberally. Second, make the most of EVERY opportunity for doing good. Every time a door opens let us be wise and make the best of everything we have. We live in evil days around us. Look around and watch intently and search diligently to do good. We never know what God will use to bless and reach others around us. Third, don’t act thoughtlessly, watch what we do and say. Let us use our minds and think things through. Fourth, search out the will of God in what he wants you to do. We often never stop and think about what God really wants us to do. We just jump right in and think he will bless whatever we are doing. This is not so my friends. God has a good and perfect plan for everything, we just need to find out what that plan is and then do it with all of our hearts. Fifth, let the Holy Spirit control your life. Whatever controls us will make or break us. Listen to the words of Jesus as He says the greatest commandment is to love your God with all your heart, mind, and soul and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself. If we do these things we will certainly have a successful and blessed year.

My prayer for you is the same as Paul had for his congregations as he writes these words in Ephesians 3:16-19, “¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” If all this happens we will certainly be blessed, happy, and very successful in God’s eyes this year.

Finally, my dear friends, do not forget to eat your black-eyed peas and hog jowl. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor David

Prayer Concerns

The following people have been added to our prayer concern list since our last newsletter:

Ester Chapman, *Jo Hodge's sister*; **Cissy Dalton**, *friend of Debbie Howlett*; **Amis Daniel**, *former interim pastor of Calvary*; **Bob Daubert**, *friend of Catha Stroupe*; **Junior & Robin Hester**, *friends of Cathy Stevens*; **Vicky Hodges**; **Pat McHugh**, *former mother-in-law of Julie McPherson*; **Bill Overby**; **Sarah Snow**, *Jami Elridge's nanny*; **Don Thompson**; **Donald Vaughn**; **Jackson Wilmoth**, *grandson of co-worker of Lori Hiatt*

Remember the Bereaved

The family of **Jeff Hall** in his death, *friend of Lee Mills*

The Family of **Clancy Lyons** in his death, *Margaret Layman's brother*

The Family of **John Tilley** in his death, *Audrey Ramey's grandson*

Recent Contributions

In Memory of Glen and Emma Davenport by The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of Fred and Cena Jarrell by The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of John Oneal by The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of William and Lela Snow by The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of Harold Stone by The Fred Jarrell Family

In Honor of Marvin and Glenda Beasley by J. A. and Claudia Bryant

In Honor of Marvin and Glenda Beasley by Phil and Sherry Hiatt

In Honor of Marvin and Glenda Beasley by Mary Jo White and Family

In Honor of Bill Belton by Men's II Sunday School Class

In Honor of Pastor David Burgess by The Fred Jarrell Family

In Honor of Church Staff by The Fred Jarrell Family

In Honor of Frances McBride by Ladies 2 Sunday School Class

In Honor of Howard Shelton by Men's II Sunday School Class

In Honor of Johnny Surratt by Men's II Sunday School Class

Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for once again hosting our elementary class choirs in a community Thanksgiving Service. We are indeed blessed to have such a wonderful place to perform. Thank you so much for all you do to benefit the music programs in our community. May God bless you and your church.

LuAnn Lovelace-Cedar Ridge

URGENT!

The Shepherd's House is in need of these items:

Bathroom Cleaner

Toilet Paper

Zip-Lock Baggies

Please bring items to 227 Rockford Street

You are cordially invited to attend an

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

in recognition of

Kyle B. Moser

Boy Scout Troop 553

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Three o'clock in the afternoon

Calvary Baptist Church

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School Snippet

¹³And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16

Children have an important role in the work of God. The word "children" occurs over 1,800 times in the Bible and the scripture verses above are just one example of how Jesus included children in His ministry. On the Wednesday before Christmas, the children of Calvary gave us an example of how important it is to proclaim the Christmas story. The name of the program was "Miracle on Main Street" and the sanctuary was full of people watching and listening to the children as they showed concern that their Christmas pageant was not going to be performed. It could be seen as somewhat ironic that the program was postponed from the prior Sunday because of bad weather. Just as the storyline of the program, it was important that the children be able to present their message, and they presented it well.

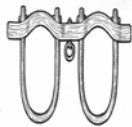
Sunday School is a means of receiving and sending the message of Christmas, not only in December, but throughout the year. Just as our sanctuary was full of people who were watching and listening on that Wednesday evening, Sunday School could be full of people watching and listening as well. The new year is upon us. Keep Sunday School a part of your ministry and perhaps we will see a Miracle on Franklin Road.

Bob McPherson

Sunday School Director



The Surry Baptist Association will hold its Quarterly meeting on January 25, 2009, at Woodland Baptist Church at 7:00pm. While any member of the church is invited to attend, the following members of Calvary have been elected as messengers: J. A. Bryant, David Burgess, Mike Francis, Daylon Greene, Donna Keck, Beth Southern, Danny Southern, Johnny Surratt, Paulette Surratt, and Mary Jo White. Presentations will be made on Operation Inasmuch, Lottie Moon offerings, Partnership Missions, and Evangelism Emphasis.



THE YOKEFELLOW MINISTRY OF GREATER MOUNT AIRY:

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR JANUARY: CEREAL & TUNA

Collection baskets are located at church entrances for your donation of any non-perishable items.

Helpful Reminders	January 3	January 10
Youth Snack Supper	Joanie Riggs David & Denise Stone	Jamie Smith Tonya Ratcliff, Marty Davenport
Uplift Breakfast	TBA	TBA
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
	January 3	January 10
Bed Babies—4 years	Andy & Cari Robertson	Laurence & Yvette Townsend
Children's Church	Greg & Mary McCormick	Katie Clifton, Lyndsey & Megan Berrier
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Kerry & Paxton Berrier	Beth Southern, Donna Keck
2 & 3 Year Olds	Sandra Dunbar, Wilma Roberson	Johnny & Mary Lynn Goins
Children's Church	Jamie Smith	Mary Jane Shelton, Ashleigh Stone