

JANUARY 9, 2005
WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Morning Worship
On the Radio Each Sunday on WDXL 1490 AM at 11:00am
Taped from a previous Sunday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

USHERS

Terry Nance, Greg Crockett*,
Don Lindsey, and Brad Ray

GREETERS

Patricia Nance and Alba Crockett

ACOLYTES

Kerr Alexander and Jake Lewis

SOUND TECHNICIAN:

Richard Dyer

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joanna Small's birthday by David, Noah, Taylor and Will Small.

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR JANUARY:

Joanna Small and Tammye James

INFANT NURSERY:

SS hour: Barbara Clement and Nancy Blair

Worship: Tracy & Natalie Salmon and Mark Hopper

TODDLER NURSERY:

Tom and Lori Anderson and Laura Dyer

WEE WORSHIP

Laurie & Conley Sanders and Jeremy Martin

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM:

Katherine Drewry

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM:

Ruth Hurtt

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Hattie Lou Veteto and Thelma Hawkes

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

Would you like to honor or memorialize a loved one with Altar Flowers? The list has been started for 2005. Please call Lisa in the ministries office (968-2116), today to insure your date. Cost is \$40.00 per week.



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RE-AFFIRMING OUR COVENANT

Cov' e nant---An agreement between 2 or more persons. Various covenants between (people) are mentioned in Scripture. More important are those in which God condescended to be a covenanting party. The Hebrew word for covenant...has the meaning of a "bond." The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible, p.188

God has always sought to covenant, to bond with humanity, and enter into a relationship with us. God has always made the first move toward us, offering to us everything needful for faithful and fruitful living: grace, forgiveness of sin, mercy, peace, spiritual power. The Son-salvation in the flesh. And every covenant has been broken—not by God, but by us. God has always remained faithful to us, even when we were unfaithful.

When we accept Christ as our Savior, when we are baptized into Christ's church, we enter into that covenant with the Lord. We make promises to give our lives entirely to Christ, to trust him, to live as Christ lived, to pattern our lives in the likeness of Christ. And time again, WE break the covenant WE make with the Lord.

It then becomes essential that we reaffirm our commitment to Christ, renew our covenant with the Lord. In the life of the Church, this Sunday, we focus on the Christ's baptism by John the Baptist. This, being the New Year, then, is the perfect Sunday for us to renew our baptismal vows, reaffirm our faith, renew our covenant with Christ.

We don't re-baptize in the United Methodist Church because we believe God is the main power in baptism and anything God does is perfect. So, acting for the Lord, we baptize once. But we can reaffirm our baptism as many times as we like. And that's what will be offered this Sunday—folks will be invited to come forward, receive the mark of the cross on their foreheads with water and go to the altar to offer prayers and promises to the Lord. If you need to re-affirm your baptismal covenant to the Lord, if you need to re-affirm your faith (and who doesn't), you can do that this Sunday.

Stan

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 9

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Morning Worship
5:00pm Gifts Discovery, Wanderers Room
5:00pm Disciple I, Spirit Seekers
5:00pm U.M.Y.F.
7:00pm Red Bird Meeting, Wrather Hall

Monday, January 10

5:00pm Visitor's Team Meeting
7:00pm Cub Scout Meetings

Tuesday, January 11

4:45 pm Evening Prayer, Prayer Chapel
5:00pm Learn the Bible in 24 Hours
6:30pm Boy Scout Meeting
7:00pm Facilities Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 12

5:00pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm Pastor's Study
6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 17 – UMW General Meeting

Christmas Eve Service: 292

**Our Loyalty Report For Sunday,
Dec. 26 , 2004**

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 50

Morning Worship: 81

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the Budget: \$ 4,535.39

Needed each week for budget: \$6,683.10

Needed for budget to date: \$ 347,521.20

Received for Budget to date:\$ 343,775.84

Difference: \$ -3,745.36

**Our Loyalty Report For Sunday,
Jan. 2 , 2005**

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 101

OMorning Worship: 184

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the Budget: \$ 5,390.68

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,291.48

Needed for budget to date: \$ 7,291.48

Received for Budget to date:\$ 5,390.68

Difference: \$ -1,900.80

Communion Offering: \$ 69.00

PUPPETS TO RESUME SOON



Start to strengthen your arms and hands, as we will be starting puppets again on January 12th. For the returning puppeteers: bring ideas as to what type of Christian program you would like to do in the spring. Hope to see both old and new puppeteers on the 12th at 6:00pm. Mrs. E

REDBIRD SIGN - UP TIME



The Redbird Mission Trip for 2005 will be July 24th thru 30th. A sign - up sheet is on the bulletin board in Wrather Hall. Tuition is \$150.00 per person and \$500.00 maximum per family. Sign up today!!!

The Kick -Off meeting for the '05 trip will be Sunday, January 9th at 7:00pm, in Wrather Hall.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!!

The Mission & Ministries booklet for 2005 will go to print on January 20th. All team leaders must have their information turned into Lisa no later than Sunday, January 16th. If your team information has not been turned in you may get left out. Or worse, the info that gets printed may be wrong!! You should be receiving your information update packets in the mail soon. Please get them back in as soon as possible. The plan is to be able to have the books ready to hand out on Sunday, January 30th.



What if you were unable to pay your 2004 pledge in full by December 31?

Each year the slate is wiped clean. If circumstances prevented you from fulfilling past pledges, do not allow that experience to discourage pledging for the upcoming year. Simply throw away the old pledge envelopes and begin the New Year with the new 2005 offering envelopes. Boxes of the new envelopes are located on the tables outside the office and the sanctuary.

What if you were unable to pay your 2004 pledge in full by December 31, but still wish to pay it?

If you were unable to bring or send in the remainder of your pledged giving for 2004, you may still do so by designating on your check or envelope that you would like for the contribution to be applied toward your 2004 pledge. Yearly statements of giving should be ready and may be picked up on Sunday. If you have any questions or corrections, please let us know. (Note that IRS rules require that contributions made in 2005 must be applied to your 2005 giving for federal income tax purposes.)

Suppose your personal financial picture varies from month to month, year to year?

One of the most frequent reasons people offer for not making a pledge is that they are uncertain about their overall financial picture in the year ahead. In today's economy, your personal financial picture may change from month-to-month, year-to-year. When you make a pledge for the upcoming year, should your income drop dramatically, please know that you may decrease your pledge at any time by notifying the church office. On the other hand, should you experience an added bonus or dividend during the year, you are of course free to increase your pledge. These requests are, of course, kept confidential, as are your individual pledges.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Dan Chinander Tommy Baker Melanie Baker
John Thomas Brenda Willis Bonnie Dunlap
David Dunham Charlie White Hannah Emerson
John Graves Clayburn Arnold Jim Dickerson
Kay Simpson George Simpson

Family & Friends of Robert "PuDu" Pearson
Family & Friends of Excell Coffman
Family & Friends of Gertrude Jowers
Family & Friends of Linda McWilliams
Family & Friends of Charlie Coleman
Family & Friends of Earnest Monthey



We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy to Debbie and Billie Max Woods on the death of Debbie's father, Robert "PuDu" Pearson. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Memorials

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Simpson

by Lee & Amy Sanders for the Memorial Fund

Major Leo Graves

by daughter Shelby and granddaughters Melissa & Bridgett for the Memorial Fund

by Lois Graves Anderson for the Memorial Fund

Ben F. Anderson

by Lois Graves Anderson for the Memorial Fund

Eva Reid Anderson

by Lois Graves Anderson for the Memorial Fund

Coleman Smith

by Brad & Kellye Franklin for the Memorial Fund

Honorariums

George and Kay Simpson

by Lee & Amy Sanders for the Honorarium Fund

by Lyman & Virginia Houston for the Honorarium Fund

Stan & Merle McDaniel

by Rob & Lisa Thomas for the Bus Fund