

DECEMBER 4, 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.

COMMUNION ATTENDANTS

John Allen & Ann Anderson and Buster & Edwina Bunch

USHERS

Jeff Odum, Charlie White, Matthew Butters, and Tony Holmes

GREETERS

Patricia Nance and Alba Crockett

ACOLYTES

Garhett Gilbert and Timothy Rogers

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Richard Dyer

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Carthel Smith and Edith Harmon.

WEE WORSHIP

Lisa & Johnny Sullivan

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR DECEMBER

Angie Bartel and Tara Gilbert

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: Carole Small and Bonnie Mathis

Worship: Stephenie Rogers, Sue Patton, & Judy Moore

TODDLER NURSERY

Karyl & Phil Fisher and Amy Ray

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Bonnie Mathis

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Jan Thomas

OFFERING COUNTERS

Thelma Hawkes and Barbara Clement

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT!!

As your pastor, I want to thank you for your generosity in the creative ways you share your blessings.

Many of you share your talents, abilities, and your God-given spiritual gifts. You use them in the context of being involved in mission, ministry, nurture, and outreach. And, well, you should. For if God gives you a gift, or the personal capacity to develop a talent and ability, then it is your responsibility to use it, not refuse it. If you have a spiritual gift, a talent, or ability, then it goes into that gift pool to be used to enhance the mission and ministry of the church. I knew a man in my home church in Frayser, who had a tremendous voice. Only problem was that if he got upset, he'd refuse to sing, as if that talent, that gift were his to use or refuse!! If you aren't sharing your gifts and talents, you should offer them to the Lord. The Lord will give you plenty of options in engaging your spiritual gifts and talents. When you use them, great and amazing ministries occur!!

Thank you for sharing your financial blessings. Those offerings provide ministries that might not exist if the money weren't there to fuel them. That's what I like about our church and our **mission-ministry-outreach-nurture church budget**. I like to think that we approach it with the question, "What ministries and mission opportunities are needed?" So, you see, with our money we provide **fuel** for ministries, missions, & opportunities to be faithful to the call God has placed upon us.

Just look back and see what a fruitful, meaningful year of ministry we have had TOGETHER. And it was possible by using our gifts, talents, prayers, and resources TOGETHER.

This Sunday is Commitment Sunday in which you are asked to bring your Stewardship Pledge Sheet to the altar during Communion. DON'T FILL IT OUT UNTIL YOU PRAY FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE AND THEN BE FAITHFUL AND OBEDIENT TO THE LORD. You make so much possible by your faithful giving. Let's keep working, sharing, & giving TOGETHER!

Stan

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, December 1

6:00 pm UMW Christmas Party, Wrather Hall

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

Commitment Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Morning Worship

11:30 am Deborah Class Christmas Party, Wrather Hall

Noon "Walk thru Bethlehem", Nashville

Monday, December 5

9:00 am Staff Meeting

Noon Lifeline Bloodmobile

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study, Youth Area

Tuesday, December 6

4:45 pm Evening Prayer, Prayer Chapel

6:00 pm Boy Scout Leader Training, Wrather Hall

7:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting, Wanderers Room

Wednesday, December 7

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal

5:30 pm Emerging Ministries Dream Team, Wanderers Room

6:00pm Puppet Prayer Seekers, Orio Room

6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room

7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, December 8

10:00 am Carl Perkins Christmas Party, Wrather Hall

7:00 pm Upper Room Prayer Line, Office

Upcoming Events:

December 11 - Puppet Program

December 12 - Lexington Christmas Parade

December 13 - Facilities Team Meeting

December 17 - Living Nativity Scene

Our Loyalty Report

Sunday, November 27, 2005

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 122 Morning Worship: 216

UMYF: No meeting

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the budget: \$ 4,347.15

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,296.22

Needed for budget to date: \$ 350,218.56

Received for budget to date: \$ 346,915.08

Difference: \$ - 3,303.48

Please remember to save your
Campbell's Soup labels.
They are very valuable to the
Reelfoot and Redbird Missions.



ANGELS ARE HERE

Our church will once again be sponsoring 50 Angels for Christmas. The window outside Wrather Hall is covered with wish lists for girls and boys of all ages. Take one or take 5--It is up to you.

As you select your angel, be sure to sign the master list on the window. All gifts should be wrapped and **EACH GIFT LABELED** with your identification number and letter. All gifts need to be in Wrather Hall under the tree no later than December 18th. We will also provide food baskets for each family this year. Cost of the baskets is \$30.00. All monetary donations should be labeled for the Angel Project. Check out the window today and help make Christmas bright for others!!!



LIVING NATIVITY SCENE

This year's Nativity Scene will be on Saturday, December 17th, from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. All "shifts" will last one hour and a sign up sheet is on the wall beside the ministries office. We need lots of "actors", kitchen help, and cooks to make this day a success. Stop by the office today to ensure that you get the time slot you need. Spots will fill up soon.



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Please remember that this Sunday, December 4th, has been designated as Commitment Sunday. Prayerfully consider your participation in the church for 2006. Uphold it with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. Please fill out your pledge cards and return them this Sunday. There are areas for everyone to be involved in ministry, and your financial pledges will help our church to realistically plan and finalize a budget for 2006. If you have misplaced your pledge card, more are available on the tables outside the church office and the sanctuary.



MITTEN TREE:

The Children's Sunday School Classes are working on a mission project that everyone can get their hands on. The children are collecting gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for the Carl Perkins Center of Lexington. These items are a much-needed necessity to a winter wardrobe. Please bring new items to church and place them in the box outside Wrather Hall or on the tree in the Sunday School area.

'Tis the Season to Give!



POINSETTIAS NEEDED



We will decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias for the Advent season. If you would like to purchase a plant, please fill out an order form this Sunday, and turn it into Lisa or place it in the offering plate. Each plant is \$10.00. We will order the plants and have them in the sanctuary on December 11th. If you want to take your plant home, we ask that you pick them up after the morning worship service on December 18th. If you would like to make your plant an honorarium or a memorial, the names will be listed in the Interpreter on December 14th.

UMW CHRISTMAS PARTY



The UMW Christmas Party will be this Thursday, December 1st, in Wrather Hall. All the women of our church are invited to attend. Everyone should bring a "finger food" or dessert and an unwrapped toy. The toys will go to the Carl Perkins Center. Please join us for some holiday fun and fellowship.

--All Anne Medearis Circle members should bring your Prayer Pal gift for exchanging after the party--

ATTENTION TEAM LEADERS:



It is time to make plans for 2006. All team leaders should receive a budget request form by mail very soon. Please fill these out and return them to Lisa Thomas as soon as possible. Also, a brief description of your team is needed for the *2006 Missions and Ministries Book*. Be sure that you include names of all your team's members.

S.A.N.D

Our community and our congregation were truly blessed on Thanksgiving Day. Wrather Hall was full of the smell of Thanksgiving, the laughter of friendship and hearts full of love. We provided approximately 140 take-out meals and had 40 guests, all of whom were most appreciative of the food and fellowship. So, THANK YOU to all the servers, cooks, dishwashers, meal deliverers, pie & cake cutters, to the teens for all their hard work in making table prayer cards, wrapping silverware, the Thanksgiving Blessing Mix, for the name S.A.N.D. (which really caught on), and thanks to the children for all the wonderful placemats. The support of our community and our congregation in this endeavor has been wonderful.

Thank You,

THE S.A.N.D. MINISTRY TEAM

Memorials

Ruth Helen Hardin Hart

by George & Lois Isaac for the Memorial Fund
by Wayne & Nancy Hinson for the Bell Tower Fund

Mildred Douglass

by George & Lois Isaac for the Memorial Fund

Kathy Ward

by George & Lois Isaac for the Memorial Fund

Thelma Smith

by Tony & Elizabeth Holmes for the Memorial Fund

by Larry & Bonnie Mathis for the Choir Fund

by Dick & Dottie Timberlake for the Choir Fund

by Don & Beth Martin for the Memorial Fund

by Nelle & Bill Wheat for the Memorial Fund

by Carnal-Roberts Agency for the Memorial Fund



Maree White

Dan Chinander

"Boots" Dickerson

Sharnell Woods

Cassidy Wall

Jimmy Reeves

Debbie Segó

Jimmy Horn

Bill Cook

David Dunham

John Phillips

Family & Friends of Thelma Smith

Family & Friends of Brent Brewer

Family & Friends of Hilda Nichols

Family & Friends of Ruth Helen Hardin Hart

Lavon Duke

Lori Aguilar

Linda Sue Fesmire

Diane Kilpatrick

Ann Clutts

Mike Segó

Gerald Montgomery

Vanessa Jones

Kristen Fisher Powell

Carolyn Stripling

John Easley