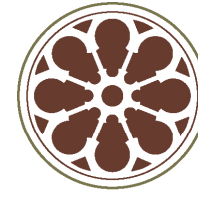


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January 13, 2010, No. 02

What's Happening . . . Week of January 17		
Sunday January 17	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM 5:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Finance Team Children & Youth Groups
Monday January 18		Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Church Office Closed)
Tuesday January 19	7:30 PM	Prison Correspondence Ministry Training
Wednesday January 20	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Connections Choir
Thursday January 21	7:45 AM 10:00 AM	Communications Team Women's Book Study
Friday January 22	6:00 PM	Cabinet Retreat
Saturday January 23	8:30 AM	Cabinet Retreat
Sunday January 24	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Church School Worship Service Children & Youth Groups

S.E.C.C. Staff:  
 Senior Minister..... Mickey Anders  
 Associate Minister..... Holly Fuqua  
 Music Minister.....Chris Weiss  
 Children's Director.....Emily Downing  
 Intern.....Christopher Geiger



Pianist.....Kay McAllister  
 Secretary.....Tammy Starbuck  
 Little Elks Pre-School Dir...Carol Neal  
 Nursery Attendants.....Kenna Blanton,  
 Jennifer Davis, Megan Brown

*The Current*

**Worship This Sunday at 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday School at 9:00 AM**

**Connections will be next Wednesday, January 20 at 5:45 PM in McMahan Hall. The Nursery will be available. We hope you "connect" with us!**

### Baptism in the New Year



Do you feel God calling you to be baptized at South Elkhorn Christian Church as we begin this New Year of 2010? If so, please contact Holly (hollyfuqua@gmail.com) or call the church office. Once we have an idea of how many people and what ages are interested, we will either hold weekly classes or meet regularly on an individual basis. If you have not been baptized, please pray about it and let us know.

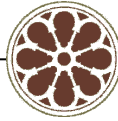
### Children and Youth News This Sunday, January 17, 5PM-7PM

Children: Dinner, Kids Choir Practice, and finishing the Art Fair  
 Youth: Dinner, display Art and discussing "Temptations and Peer Pressure"

### Cabinet Retreat Friday, January 22, 6PM & Saturday, January 23, 8AM

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 18 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Our Mission Statement: To Love God and Neighbor through  
Worship, Witness, Fellowship, Service and Discipleship.**



I was surprised that we had such strong attendance last Sunday in spite of the snow and cold. We had 200 present for a very good worship service. Perhaps everybody had cabin-fever and needed to get out of the house! Just remember that it is only ten weeks until the first day of spring (March 20). In the meantime, think warm thoughts.

What a joy it was to hear Timothea Branham's testimony about her call to ministry. Many of us have come to know and love Timothea over the past couple of years, and we rejoice at this new sense of direction for her life. As I explained on Sunday, we will begin giving her ministry opportunities, much like we have for other pastoral interns who have been seminary students. Timothea will be planning to enroll in seminary in the near future. We will pray for her and support her as she continues to find God's direction for her life.

I want to remind the men to consider the opportunity for a correspondence ministry with some men who are in prison. We are hoping to get four of our men to write once a month to an inmate. Bob Ross and I will have a training session next Tuesday night, January 19 at 7:30 in rooms 211-212. If you have any interest or sense of calling about this ministry, please come for that training session.

The annual Cabinet planning retreat will take place next weekend, January 22-23. We are inviting all committee members to attend on Friday night, when we will share a meal, brainstorm about our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, then have about an hour for all of our area ministries to organize and lay initial plans for the coming year.

Then on Saturday, we will meet with just the Cabinet to hammer out some of the detailed goals for this year. I have found that this planning meeting sets the tone for the coming year and determines to a large extent what we do or don't accomplish. If you plan to be present Friday night, please make a reservation by calling the church office.

Last Sunday, we introduced our benediction for the year which is designed to re-enforce the theme for this year - "Getting out is in." The responsive benediction goes this way:

Leader: Now it is time to get out of church. We get out of church to get into the world.

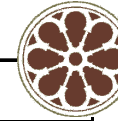
Congregation: We gather to worship; we scatter to serve. We have gathered to learn of Christ; we leave to do the deeds of Christ. God calls us into our communities and neighborhoods to be the salt of the earth, to be the light of the world.

Leader: Go. Feed the hungry. Clothe the poor. Help the needy. Visit the sick. Comfort the bereaved. Speak to the lonely. For as you do it to the least of your brothers and sisters, you do it to Christ. Amen.

I hope that we will internalize this concept over the coming months as we are challenged to take our faith beyond the church walls into our communities and neighborhoods. God is calling us in to worship and out to serve. I hope you will join me in praying that every member will explore the call of God in this regard.

*Mickey*

Serving Sunday, January 17



<b>Worship Leader</b>	Elise Wallace 1/17 Bob Ross 1/24
<b>Elders</b>	Cliff Ellerbrook
<b>Deacons Serving Communion</b>	Sue Southworth, John & Carole Cole-PS Morgan Alexander-D Timothea Branham-DS Megan Morris, Kenny Keeling-CS Karen Keeling-C, serve stage Darrin Deaton-Usher (alternate)
<b>Greeters</b>	Joan Rudnick, Bertie Caddell John & Carole Cole
<b>Sound System</b>	Media Team
<b>Acolyte</b>	n/a
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	Dee Pinkstaff, Lois Walker
<b>Visitor Care</b>	n/a
<b>Homebound Communion January 24</b>	Don & Alicia Allen, Terry Bay

By Our Prayers

- We extend our sympathy to Jo Kane upon the death of her aunt, Louis McCauley.
- Stewart Glasscock (Lynn Purdom's father).
- Juanita Sears.
- Margie Drake.
- Barby Hardy.
- Bart Denham.
- Bess Propes (former member who now lives in Texas).
- Mike O'Bryant (Thelma Brown's brother in law).
- Bob Mossman.
- Carolyn Schneidt (Terry & Donna Bay's neighbor).
- Ruth Haggard (Ray Haggard's mother).
- Chuck Heidel (friend of Lloyd and Kim Wemyss).
- Cecelia Kemmerer (Pam Zwart's Aunt).
- Johnny McGuire (Timothea Branham's brother).
- Lukas Nedelco (Debbie Parrett's nephew).
- Rita Haggard (J.D. Haggard's mother).
- Zach Pickard.
- Mason Pontrich (Little Elks Student).
- Gavin Carr (former Little Elks Student).
- Cathy Morris.
- **Please remember our homebound members in prayer:** George Compton, Ella Fuqua, Margaret Peacher.
- **Please remember our family and friends in the military:** Crystal Anders in Iraq, Rodney Lipscomb in Iraq.

Please call the church office if you would like to add or remove a name from this list.

	Our Attendance	
	1/10/2010	Last Year
Worship	200	234
Church School	55	
Children's Church	28	

<p><b>Our Ministry</b> Received 1/10/2009 \$7544</p> <p>Christian Care Community \$10</p> <p><b>"Make God Real" Campaign</b> New Building Received 1/10/2009 \$961</p>
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**Children & Youth Calendar for January 2010**

**This Sunday, January 17,** 5pm-7pm  
Dinner, Bible Study and finish Art Fair.

**Sunday, January 24,** 3:30pm-5:30 pm  
All-church event! Ice Skating, 560 Eureka Springs Drive, Lexington. Cost is \$9 for 11 and over, \$8 for 10 and under.

**Sunday, January 31,** 5pm-7pm  
Dinner, Bible Study and Valentine's gifts for shut ins.

**Children Worship & Wonder Schedule**

1/17 Jesus in the Wilderness  
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua  
Greeters: Amy Morris, Kelly Reese

1/24 Parable of the Mustard Seed  
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua  
Greeters: Kelly Reese, Angie Kerrick

1/31 Parable of the Leaven  
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua  
Greeters: Angie Kerrick, Stephanie Reedy



**Earth Stewardship  
Tip of the Week**

**Take old vases back to florist shops to be reused. Hospitals or nursing homes can use them too.**

**New Deacons Meeting  
Tuesday, January 26  
7:00 PM**

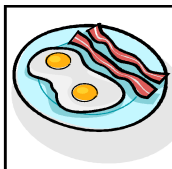
This meeting will be for all of the newly elected deacons for 2010. Please call Darrin Deaton 859-230-6431 if you have any questions.

**KeenAgers  
Friday, January 29  
February 26**

We will be watching a video series on "Our Lincoln." This is the play that was at the Kennedy in Washington, DC and Singletary Center in Lexington. We will watch act one in January and the act two in February.

A musical, theatrical, and historical tribute to the nations sixteen president.

We will also have a potluck on both of these days. There will be a sign up sheet this Sunday.



**Morgan Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, January 30  
8:00 AM**

**God's Pantry Donations Needed**



Let's not forget our food for God's Pantry. The organizations in our city such as God's Pantry are being called on very heavily right now. We need to help. They will come and take our filled barrels and leave us two more. All we have to do is bring the food.

**New Sunday School Class  
To Begin on Sunday, February 7  
Room #123**

(first classroom on left  
in Little Elks Wing)

**Teacher: Ladondra Cercone**

This class is an exploration of how accepting God's love enables us to love others. Living love is the first, and key step, in caring for, forgiving, offering kindness and being patient with the others in your life. Max Lucado's book, A Love Worth Giving, based largely on 1 Corinthians 13, examines how we can accept God's love and offer our love to others more freely. We hope that you can come! More information will be coming soon!

**You are Invited!  
All Church Trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**

Want to spend a few days in the Smoky Mountains worshipping, shopping, relaxing, hiking and joining together to watch Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede? Great! Come join us March 28-30!!

We will drive separately and can leave after worship on Sunday, March 28. On Monday, March 29 we will see a "fun-filled action packed extravaganza" at the Dixie Stampede exactly next door to our hotel. The show begins at 6:00 pm, but our pre show starts at 5:15 pm. When the show begins, we sit down for a four-course meal and watch "stunning performers, amazing horse feats, fantastic stunt riders, magic and audience participation."

The group price for Dixie Stampede including tax and gratuity is \$36.09 for adults and \$23.97 for children 4-11. Children 3 and under are free if they sit on a parents lap. The facility is fully accessible for individuals with special needs and they have vegetarian meals available upon request.

We have rooms blocked under South Elkhorn Christian Church at Best Western Plaza Inn. The cost is \$51.00 per room for two double beds with a delicious continental breakfast provided. We also have a room reserved for morning devotions together. Reservations for the rooms need to be made by February 28. Please call 1800-232-5656 to make reservations.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer or contact Holly if you are interested in attending this trip. This is a great time for you to bring friends!!

I hope to see you in Pigeon Forge!

Holly

## Discovering Islam 101 - Muslim Origins, History, and Practice - February 5-7, 2010

**Friday: 12:30 pm-3:00 pm - Attend Friday Prayers (Salat) at Mosque\***

\*We will meet at SECC for a 12:30 pm departure **-OR-** you may meet us at the Mosque at 1:00 pm. See the Current in coming weeks for additional details.

**Friday: 7-9 pm at SECC; Sat 9:30 am-1:30 pm** at SECC (coffee, juice, & donuts provided):  
Sunday: Noon-2 pm (A delicious Iraqi Luncheon at SECC.)

**Salem Alekum!** Do you know over **1 Billion people** practice some form of Islam? Do you know that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world and in the U.S.? Do you know the impact such growth and immigration issues mean for the U.S. and other Western countries?

What is Sunni? What is Shia? How are these factions different and why are they different in belief and practice? Why is there so much violence between these different factions? What is Sharia Law? What does its implementation in a new environment mean for the inhabitants?

Why is there a variety of dress among Muslim women? Why do some women wear the burka, some wear the Hajib and Veil, and some wear the Hijab only?

Come join us on a fascinating journey through the origins, basic history, and belief system of Islam. We'll use material from PBS, the History Channel, a course book, discussion, and sharing from Muslim friends.

We'll attend/observe Salat (prayers) at a local mosque on Friday afternoon. Any who wish only to attend Salat may do so **FREE!**

We'll explore the life of Mohammed, Muslim origins, the Five Pillars of Islam, and learn about the Qu'ran and Hadith. We'll learn about the importance and role of Mecca, Medina, and Jerusalem in Islam. We'll discuss Muslim views of Jesus, the Bible, and Christianity.

Most importantly, we'll explore loving ways of having dialog with, reaching out to, interacting with, and sharing about Jesus and Christianity with our Muslim friends. We'll celebrate the end of our weekend adventure with an Iraqi meal after worship on Sunday.

Please note there is a nominal cost for the seminar of \$15 per individual and \$20 per couple. This will cover materials, a course book (one per couple), and other expenses. There will be a small additional charge for participating in the Sunday meal.

**RSVP ASAP** (no later than Sunday, January 31) to the church office or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Hope you can join us! Steve Moore



**Ski Trip to  
Perfect North  
Rescheduled For  
Saturday, February 20  
Cost: \$45  
(children & adults are the  
same price)**

The price includes admission, lessons and snowboarding, skiing and tubing rentals. Please sign up on the sheet in the cmc foyer. Please see Holly if you have any questions.

### Children and Youth Art Display



On Sunday, January 24, we will have an Art Fair in the CMC foyer. All art will be posted on display boards for everyone to enjoy. Art will be displayed from the nursery, Children Worship and Wonder, Youth Group and from school. We hope you enjoy the creativity of our children and youth as they share their gifts with our church.

### Thank You

The Thomson-Hood Veterans Center Staff would like to thank you for sharing so much joy and holiday cheer with our residents. Many of our residents do not have family to buy them Christmas gifts. They are so excited to receive a gift from a caring person that remembers them during the holiday season and tells them "thank you" for being a veteran.

Your willingness to provide the best possible Christmas to our residents is greatly appreciated by all of the staff and residents. Every year, I am amazed by the dedication of so many groups and organizations that make the resident's Christmas season so special. I hope you have a wonderful new year and I look forward to working with you in 2010.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Q. Ewing, CTRS  
Activities Director  
of Thomson-Hood Veterans Center