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Together in Christ... Living God's Love!

**Come and Join us for our
Winter Bible Study
On the book of Acts
Saturday, January 24th
And
Sunday, January 25th**



**Guest Teacher: Brett Younger
Associate Professor of Preaching
McAfee School of Theology**

Ministry Assignments

January 4

Deacon: Barron Daniel
 Reader: Michele McCarthy
 Prayer: Bruce Myers
 Greeters: Bill and Helen Gorman,
 John Bohlayer

Extended Session: Sandi Myers, Cindy DeTallo
 Counters: Barbara Monteith,
 Helen Derickson,
 Shirley McCoy
 Lock-up: Johnny Gay

January 11

Deacon: Gene Davis
 Reader: Mary Cox
 Prayer: Anne O'Neal
 Greeters: Aubrey Mills, Sharon Bower

Extended Session: Elizabeth Lee, Shirley McCoy
 Counters: Wyolene Richardson,
 Lynn Wilmoth
 Lock-up: Edward Lynn

January 18

Deacon: Michele McCarthy
 Reader: Anna Westbrook
 Prayer: Bob Braswell
 Greeters: Fay Floyd, Bruce Myers,
 Iola Daniel

Extended Session: Bruce Myers, Joyce Minor
 Counters: Iola Daniel, Dapheny Gravely,
 Joyce Minor
 Lock-up: Edgar Ellis

January 25

Deacon: Bob Morris
 Reader: Jan Jordan
 Prayer: Barron Daniel
 Greeters: Charles and Betty Phillips,
 Michele McCarthy

Extended Session: Jan Jordan, Susan Myers
 Counters: Opal Beavers, Shirley McCoy
 Lock-up: Bob Braswell

January's Birthday Happy Birthday to...

Britt Heinbauth	2
Bob Thorp	4
Dimple Casey	4
Vivian Sherrill	6
Harold Farmer	10
Bonnie Shell	12
Sarah Elizabeth Moore	12
Morgan Black	15
Barbara Bradley	17
Michael Monteith	17
John Bohlayer	19
Kevin McCarthy	20
Jimmie Westbrook	21
Daphne Gravely	26
Michele McCarthy	27
Mandy Puckett	29



**Children's Ministry
Workshop
Rotation Training
Sunday,
January 25
6:00 p.m.
Dinner will be provided**

Meetings

Called Business Meeting: Sunday, January 4th, 11:00 a.m.
Mission's Meeting: Monday, January 12th, 6:00 p.m.
Deacon's Meeting: Sunday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m.



**The church office will be closed
January 1st and 2nd
so that they can spend
the Holiday with their
families.**



**Sunday School
Fellowship Breakfast
Northlake Hickory
House
January 31st.
7:45 a.m.**

Join us as we worship at
Briarwood Nursing Home
 on Monday, January 5th and 19th
 11:00 a.m.



**XYZ Trip
King Tut Exhibit
And lunch at
Mary Mac's Tea Room
January 22nd
Sign up in the Lobby
Look for more information.**



**Please remember to bring your
change and place it in the buckets
for Habitat for Humanity on the
first Sunday of each month.
Buckets will be located at the
back of the church.**

A Moment for Mission and Ministry



Our Youth will be going on to a youth retreat in Orlando Florida, January 15-19th. This will be a weekend filled with fun, fellowship and a great time of worship and bible study. Please begin praying now that God will protect them and move in their lives in an amazing way while on this trip.

If you are one of the youth or adults who will be going on this trip we will be leaving the church on Thursday, January 15th at 4:30 p.m. and return Monday, January 19th in the P.M.

Please keep a watch for more information to come in the near future.



Wednesday Night Suppers

For the month of January we will be having all of our dinners catered from Kasey's Home cooking.

The menus will be:

January 7,
Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Collards
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Yellow Cake

January 14th
Pork Chops
Broccoli and Cheese
Corn
Apple Salad
Cornbread
Banana Pudding

January 21st
Baked Ziti
Yams
Cabbage
Tossed Salad
Chocolate Cake

January 28th
Fried Chicken
Macaroni and Cheese
Pinto Beans
Cornbread
Cobbler

Making Missions Meaningful in January

Renew your commitment to save your pocket change for Habitat for Humanity. If you would like a bank, please contact the church office.

Commit to sponsor a resident for a year by donating \$10 per month to the *Resident Allowance Fund* (RAF – and you thought RAF was the Royal Air Force!) of the Developmental Disabilities Ministries. This provides money for social activities, personal items, etc. and allows residents to have a choice in how they spend “their” money. See Tommye Morris for details.

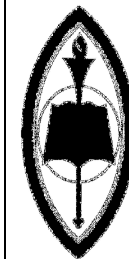
The Joy class will be collecting warm clothing, coats and blankets for homeless people from December 7th to February 14th.

If you wish to purchase items in addition, socks, knit caps, scarves, gloves and new undergarments are available at area dollar stores for small amounts of money and time. Also please ask your family, relatives and friends to help in this important mission as we are approaching both Christmas, and season of Love and bitterly cold weather.

Donations can be dropped off in the Joy classroom.

Thank you for caring for and sharing with desperately needy people. Many are losing their jobs now and your help is needed more than ever.

For more information you can contact Lynn Wilmoth or Bert Lovell.



WMU Mission Projects

The WMU meeting for this month will be Tuesday,
January 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Brian's News

On the 12th day of Christmas...

The **Twelve Days of Christmas** is probably the most misunderstood part of the church year among Christians who are not part of liturgical church traditions. Contrary to much popular belief, these are not the twelve days *before* Christmas, but in most of the Western Church are the twelve days from Christmas until the beginning of Epiphany (January 6th; the 12 days count from December 25th until January 5th). In some traditions, the first day of Christmas begins on the evening of December 25th with the following day considered the First Day of Christmas (December 26th). In these traditions, the twelve days begin December 26 and include Epiphany on January 6.

The origin and counting of the Twelve Days is complicated, and is related to differences in calendars, church traditions, and ways to observe this holy day in various cultures. In the Western church, Epiphany, (Greek for "to manifest" or "to show"), is a Christian feast day which celebrates the "shining forth" or revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany falls on January 6. Epiphany falls on the last day of the Twelve Days of Christmas and is usually celebrated as the time the Wise Men or Magi arrived to present gifts to the young Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12). Traditionally there were three Magi, probably from the fact of three gifts, even though the biblical narrative never says how many Magi came. Even though December 25th is celebrated as Christmas in these cultures, January 6th is often the day for giving gifts. In some places it is traditional to give Christmas gifts for each of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

The popular song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is sometimes seen as simply a nonsense song for children with secular origins. However, some have suggested that it is a song of Christian instruction, perhaps dating to the 16th century religious wars in England, with hidden references to the basic teachings of the Christian Faith. They contend that it was a mnemonic device to teach the catechism to youngsters. The "true love" mentioned in the song is not an earthly suitor, but refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person who is part of the Christian Faith. Each of the "days" represents some aspect of the Christian Faith that was important for children to learn.

However, many have questioned the historical accuracy of this origin of the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. While some have trying to debunk this as an "urban myth" out of personal agendas, others have tried to deal with this account of the song's origin in the name of historical accuracy (see

Amy's News

Dear Church Family:

For the last several months, I have been wrestling and praying about how to balance my work and family responsibilities. With my long hours here and Derek's increasing work hours, I feel like I need to give more time and attention to my children. I am realizing how short the time is that I have with them and how quickly they are growing up so I am going to resign as of December 31. This church has been such a blessing to me and my family and the love and support you all have given have made this decision very difficult. I will do all I can to make the transition as smooth as possible. Our education ministries are vibrant and strong thanks to the many volunteers who make these programs meaningful and spiritually formative for the people who participate in them. Northeast Baptist is a special place and I believe God has good things ahead for this church. I am deeply grateful that you have allowed me to minister alongside you and will be in prayer with you about God's future for this congregation.

With love and gratitude,

Amy Moore

The church is saddened and shocked by Amy's departure. She has been a skillful minister and a good friend to us all. She is going to be missed at



The Church Staff would like to say a special Thank You for the Love Offering that was given to us. We are very grateful for the love and support given to us by the members and friends of this church. We hope that you had a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing what God has planned for the

New Year.

Thank you,

Brian, Amy, Chris, Bill, Randy, David, and Tony

Notes from Bill

It's hard to believe that 2008 has passed us by! So much has happened this last year. We've had some great moments and we've had some heart-aches that we've shared. Through them all we've been there for each other. That means so much to me. You are indeed the family of God and have shown His love to me in so many ways this last year.

As we move forward into 2009 I'm inspired, challenged, and excited about the possibilities before us. There are some great things coming our way and I hope and pray that you are excited about where God is leading us!

We want to begin putting together a bell choir this year. Some of you may know that we have three octaves of bells currently and are in the process for cleaning them up, fixing them up, and soon will be starting practice with them. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please see me or Randy Black.

We have the stable for a live nativity that I was hoping to get up and going this past Christmas. I still hope that we can have this in place for this coming Christmas season. I'm looking for someone who might be interested in coordinating these activities this year. We'll need to start planning no later than February. I will be happy to give you the contact information so you can get started right away! If you might be available and interested in getting this community-wide presentation/ministry going for this coming year, please see me.

As always, we welcome anyone who wants to sing with the choir to come and join us. There is no audition required, just a willingness to "make a joyful noise." We are always looking for those ever sought after men to join us. If you joined us for this last year's Christmas cantata you now have choir experience. So, please come on and join us on a weekly basis! I guarantee you'll love it!

We're talking about even more things for the coming year, but I won't reveal all of my secrets just yet. After all, everyone loves a mystery...right?

Snopes on The 12 Days of Christmas). There is little "hard" evidence available either way. Some church historians affirm this account as basically accurate, while others point out apparent historical and logical discrepancies. Either way, gift giving is a basic part of what we do as Christians long after December 25th.

Brian Wright

As we start the 2009 year we would like to make sure that everyone knows who the deacon for their family is. Below is a list of all of our deacons and their families.

Barron Daniel

Chuck and Karen Abbott

Paula and Russ Adams

John Bohlayer

Randy and Kay Black

Gene and LaVone Davis

Sylvia Lewis

Kevin and Michele McCarthy

Bob and Tommye Morris

Bruce, Margaret, Sandi Myers

Anne O'Neal

Jim and Martha Turner

Lynn Wilmoth

Bob Morris

Opal Beavers

Barron Daniel

David and Helen Derickson

Christine Dillow

Amber and D.J. Hall

Drew Kellum

Millie Langford

Elizabeth Lee

Kyle and Kuntheer Moore

Charles and Betty Philips

Randy Black

Ella Ayash

Rev. James Daykah

Sherry Edwards

Harold and Opal Farmer

John and Daphne Gravely

Jack Harper

Ruth Lee

James Seagle

Vivian Sherrill

Thomas Tyner

Bonnie Willis

John Bohlayer

Barbara Bradley

Bob and Pat Braswell

Bert and Elbert Lovell

Aubrey Mills

Mike and Carol Monteith

John and Barbara Monteith

George and Charlotte Routon

Jack and Tommie Sanders

Michelle and Spurgeon

Brian and Tiffanie Wright

Bruce Myers

Jack Berrong
Cindy and Earnest DeTallo
Clarence Huff
June Ingram
Nancy Klotz
Shirley McCoy
Joyce Minor
Jane Rosenfeld
Amanda and Gary Smith

Martha Turner

Sharon Bower
Iola Daniel
Bob Gregory
Derek and Amy Moore
Reva Pike
Virginia Prichard
Myrtle Roebuck
Bob and Mary Thorp
Jimmie and Mary Westbrook

Chuck Abbott

Jauquis Carter
Jasmine Carter
Margaret Cox
Johnny and Sue Gay
Jan Jordan
Dianne Key
Miguel Martinez
Jeal Storey

Michelle McCarthy

Marion Mumbi Antinazi
Calvin and Charlotte Booth
Doug and Pamela Cates
Sara Dulion
Joseph and Fay Floyd
Edward Lynn
Sharron and Jim McCarthy
Wyolene Richardson
Sara Sledge

Anne O'Neal

Key Key Lyons
Mandy and Mike Puckett
Carolyn Scarborough
Pamela Shafer
Kathy Sharitt
Louise Taylor
Sanna Weidman
Anna and Mike Westbrook

Gene Davis

Martha Branum
Etheleen Davis
Edgar Ellis
Jerry and Hannah Gorby
Wallace and Leleah Henderson
Susie Lunsford
Virginia Rosenblatt
Derrick Thurman

Lynn Wilmoth

Hazel Alexander
Nancy Brown
John and Dimple Casey
Fred and Mary Cox
Helen Davis
Lorraine and Bob Garman
Mary Hinson
Bruce Murray
Sadie and Harold Roden

Sylvia Lewis

Odell and Clara Elder
Bill and Kathryn Gibbs
Ethel and Dick Gramlich
Britt Heinbauth
Stella Ifeanacho
Etheleen Lawson
Bill Myers
Susan Myers
Pat Presley
Teresa Smith

Paula Adams

Lois and Chuck Asbell
Joe and Judy Barker
Helen Durham
Frances Ellis
George Gentry
Bill and Helen Gorman
Derrick Meagher
Ed and Janice Scarborough
Doyle Wilmoth

If there are any problems or your name is not on here if you would please let the church office know so that we can make sure that you and your family have a deacon.