

WIDOWS and WIDOWERS DINNER at the Goodpasture's will be on **Friday, December 11th at 5:30pm.** The van will leave Highland View at 5pm for those needing transportation to their house.



CAROLING AND CHRISTMAS BASKET DELIVERY



SUNDAY - DECEMBER 13, 2009

Every year, Highland View enjoys the time when we go caroling and deliver Christmas baskets to our sick, widowed, and shut-ins. We need your help to provide the voices to sing and the gifts to put in these baskets. Please join us as we deliver the baskets and sing Christmas songs led by Mark Spann. Beaver Smith will be driving the van and you can either follow or ride in the van. We will be leaving from the building at 2pm and should arrive back in time for the potluck and devotional.

The following list is the names of those that will be receiving the baskets:

Carlton Brooks, Imogene Brown, Cora Cole (diabetic), Rose Holley, Sue Hunter, Beth Jinkerson (diabetic), Selba Scott, Cheryl Taylor, Elaine Waters, Jo Wright.

Please feel free to give gifts of your choice. The following items are some suggestions:

Soap	Shampoo	Candy	Coffee Mugs	Hair Brushes
Soup mixes	Stamps	Fruit	Socks	Notepads
Shoe polish	Small craft items	Hand towels	Lotion	Nail polish
After shave	Magnets	Flashlight	Kleenex	Writing paper
Envelopes	Hot chocolate mix	Band-aids	Tea mixes	Sponges
Dish cloths	Cookies	Placemats	Puzzles	Writing pens
Sun catchers	Thank you notes	Candles	Flowers	Magazines
Nail clippers	Raisins	Sachet bags	Soup	Combs
Books	Bubble bath	Cosmetics	Holiday napkins	Christmas decorations
Dusting powder	Emery boards	Magnifying glass	Small cans of food	Beverages
Home-baked goods	Pkgs. of cheese & crackers	Christmas ornaments		

Please bring your wrapped gifts to the building by Wednesday, December 9th so we can have a count for each person on the list. Please place them in the baskets that will be in the foyers. If you can't have them there by Wednesday, please bring them in by Sunday morning, December 13th.

*From The Heart of
Curtis McClane*

MINISTRY ITS OWN WORST ENEMY?



Kent Ira Groff says, *“The new crisis I see is this: Ministry is getting in the way of representing Christ in the world. It is a desperate call to restore the soul of the church. When I speak of soul, I am lifting up three positive qualities related to serious needs of the church: integrity, passion, wholeness” (The Soul of Tomorrow’s Church, page 28).*

Next week I will have a three-part series dealing with integrity, passion and wholeness in the life of the church. Right now I want to address the crisis of ministry.

In talking with various ministers and church leaders lately I have noticed a malaise in ministry. Because of cultural influences, vital and exciting ministries are being sapped of spiritual power, committed members of the body of Christ, and utilization of gifts for the body from the perspective of spiritual maturity.

What are those cultural influences? Organization, control, systems, money, tradition, fear and a secular mindset in leadership top the list.

Fundamentally, I see ministry being expressed in the New Testament by two words: slave and servant. The first word “slave” indicates that one is owned by another. Submission is the operative word. The second word “servant” indicates a willingness to respond to needs, with the overtones of a hospitable heart.

Why have we made ministry so complex in America? Corporate models have become our idols and we do not trust in God’s Spirit working through his people and their accompanying gifts. *Ministry is simple: it is to be Christ to the world with a compassionate heart.* We do not need complex programs to motivate us to respond to God’s movement in his kingdom. The motivation is rooted in our calling, which began at our conversion.

We are called to serve. We are called to share the Good News of God. We are called to be separate because we belong to Jesus Christ our Lord. So, the question I have to ask myself every day is, “Where does God want me to serve today? How can I use my spiritual gifts to bless others today? Where do I sense God leading me to make a difference in the lives other today?”

Malaise in ministry—I remember when I had the flu that the nurse practitioner put on the case form under the section of “presenting symptoms”—*extreme malaise.* When we try to force ministry in our own strength, instead of waiting upon the Lord, that is the result—*extreme malaise.*

But there is hope. Join me next week thinking about three positive qualities that address the heart of the church’s ministry: integrity, passion, and wholeness.

In Christian love, Curtis

NEIL’S NOTES

The teens will be participating with the caroling and basket delivery this Sunday.

There will be a parents meeting immediately following the services on December 20th in the Upper Room. We will be discussing upcoming events.

PANTRY ITEMS TO BRING

There is a great need for Peanut Butter, Rice, Spaghetti, Tuna, and Peas

This Sunday, December 13

SOUP

Next Sunday, December 20

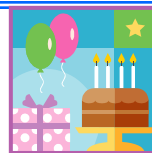
PEANUT BUTTER



The family of Bruce and Agnes Hogg would like to remind the Highland View church family that we were deeply touched by the kindnesses offered during the passing of both of our parents. The church family circle is never broken, regardless of the time that lapses. We feel blessed to have grown up at Highland View and we still feel that we are a part. You are in our prayers and thoughts often. Our parents were blessed many times over by your love and devotion to one another, which was extended to our entire family at mom’s passing in September. Thank you so very much.



THE CLOTHING CLOSET does not need any clothing at this time with the exception of CHILDREN’S COATS.



Happy Birthday!

December 19.....Frances Gross
 December 20Tina Miller
 December 22Jane Wright
 December 23.....Nancy Dowell
 Cathy Oldham

Weekly Worship Assignments	Sunday, December 13, 2009
Greeter(s) (Betty Wooten)	David & Dana Early
AM Opening Prayer	Mike Henley
Preside—Communion	Rodney Griffin
Serve—Communion	Norman Allmon, Gary Bibbee, Bill Deems, Levi Dodd, Robert Gross, Hubert Hall, L.A. Hart, L.M. Hart, Tom Haynes, Scott Hines
AM Closing Prayer	Ray Smith
PM	Small Groups



POTLUCK DINNER: You and your family or Small Group are invited to a Potluck dinner given in honor of the ladies at Alpha House (a faith-based transitional home) on Sunday, December 13th at 5:30pm in the Multipurpose room. Please bring enough food for your family and to share. We will have a short devotional at 6:15 in the auditorium. Contact Loretta Rollins if you have questions.

Monthly Assignment (Coordinator)	DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY 2010
Close Building (Johnny Moore)	Anthony Wooten	Joe Lochamy
Communion Prep (Phil McCulley)	Phil & Alva McCulley	Phil & Alva McCulley
Bake Bread (Sandy Mitchell)	Sandy Mitchell	Tyra Lochamy
Baptismal Care (Teresa Reaves)	Vickie Haynes	Teresa Reaves
Sunday Prayer/ Table (Dennis Connelly)	Jonathan Scott	Dennis Connelly
Prayer Requests (Nancy Hensley)	Amanda VanOver (1&2) Elaine Warren (3&4)	Patti Boyd (1&2) Pat Deem (3&4) Nancy Hensley (5)

DATE	Children's Church Leaders 10:45am to 11:30am	Nursery Attendants 9:30am to 11:30am
Dec. 13	Kevin & Tasha Spann	Amanda VanOver
Dec. 20	Rodney & Ginger Griffin	Stephanie Thompson
Dec. 27	Kevin & Teresa Reaves	NO ATTENDANT

Attendance Records	11/29/09	12/06/09
Bible Class	87	117
AM Assembly	206	209
PM Assembly	Small Groups	Small Groups
Wed. Bible Class	43	71

2009 49 Weeks	Average Weekly	Year to Date
Budget	\$9,252	\$453,348
Actual Collection	\$7,361	\$360,667
Over (Under) Budget	(\$1,891)	(\$92,681)

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS
for Ladies of the
ANDERSON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY



Please pray for the following requests:

SHANA—That my parents get custody of my daughter.
ANGELA—For my babies and my family and that I get to go home on Thursday.
SHERRY—Praise God, keep me in your prayers. I am out and back with my daughter.
JEANNETTE—For guidance and my family.
MISTY—For my daughter and my family.
SUZY—For commitment, direction and guidance.
CHRISTINA—For my family. My father is being tested for throat cancer.
MELISSA—Thank you Lord for my life, good and bad. I have been blessed.
NANCY—For my children; my family and friends and that I get out soon.
REGINA—For strength for my mother Loretta and faith for my husband John.
DOROTHY—For my parents, children and grandchildren.



CAMERON LOWRY would love to have Christmas cards from you. His address is in the pocket directory. But, just in case you don't have it, it is **N.E.C.X., P.O. Box 5000, Mountain City, TN 37683.**



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—Small

Groups are encouraged to look over the following schedule and sign up to provide meals for groups that will be here from January through March. Here are the dates and how many in the group: January 5-9; 24 people. January 12-16; 9 people. January 19-23; 30 people. March 2-6; 20 people. March 9-13; 25 people. March 16-20; 31 people. March 23-27; 25 people. Please contact David Morgan, at 435-4388 or Jennifer Hancock at 482-7713 if you can help.

Prayer Requests:

Contact Debbie at 483-7471 with requests and updates.



ORMA BARROWS' SISTER MAUREEN passed away Monday afternoon. She will be cremated so we have no details about the funeral at this time. Please pray for Orma and Nikole to have God's strength as they grieve.

VERNA SUE BLY, Elaine Warren's mother, is still in intensive care but has improved. Her heart rate was too low due to her kidney failure. Please keep her in your prayers.

ELAINE WARREN is being treated for an ulcer and is waiting on results of some tests. Pray for a diagnosis and healing.

PRAY that TANNER JOHNSON will get good results on his knee from the doctor this Friday.

JOYCE TYE and the entire Tye family need your prayers at this time.

HELEN BROWN is sick at home and needs your prayers.

TOM, JANET and AZALEE GELSINGER have been visiting Highland View. Janet is sick with the flu and requests your prayers.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ARLENE KELLUM that she will not need any more back surgery. She is having a lot of pain and needs your prayers. Also, pray for a good recovery. If you would like to send a card her address is 255 Rangewood, Piney Flatts, TN 37686.

REMEMBER EARLENE COLE and her family. They are requesting your prayers to be strong and able to cope with all of the things that they are dealing with.

REMEMBER RACHEL PYLE as she continues Chemo treatments.

Continue to pray for RICK SLAGLE. He is improving daily from heart surgery. **Continue to pray for DEBBIE SLAGLE** that she will be healed of her brain tumor.

Please pray for: Carlon Brooks, Kendell Brooks, Imogene Brown, Harold Cofer, Cora Cole, Virginia Collins, Levi Dodd, Emily Dodd, Dana Early, Ginger Griffin, Polly & Spurgeon Guy, Riley Hackworth, LaVonna Henderson, Nancy Hensley, James Hodges, Sue Hunter, Beth Jinkerson, Cameron Lowry, Johnnie Lowery, James Mangrum, Ginny Mallings, Daphna McAmis, Dawn McAmis, Donna McPheeters, Joy Pryor, Lurlene Roper, Selba Scott, Fannie Simcox, Fanny Smith,

Harold Standefer, Cheryl Taylor, Justin Taylor, Melissa Taylor, Beata Taylor, Randy Theisen, Charlestine Thrift, Renee Thomas, Joyce Tye, Elaine Waters, Evelyn Watson, Debbie Woodward, Jo Wright.

Remember these with cancer: Taylor Atkins (Emily Tye's friend), Jerry Baker (father-in-law of Ashley Baker) J. V. Brock, Bill Burnham (neighbor of Ruby Bibbee), Mary Child, Jean Floyd (Anthony Wooten's cousin); Linda Grace (VanOver's friend); Lewis Jones, John Lawry (Amanda VanOver's father); Hannah Lawson (friend of Karen Jemigan); Jerry Mallings, Erb Mowery; Sarah McKamey; Jane McCosh (friend of the Mowerys); Rachel Pyle; Roy Rollins (Tracy's father); John Schaveno (friend of Darline Adams); Peggy Sebring; Debbie Slagle; Carolyn Standefer; Etha Summey (Charlestine Thrift's sister); Alisa Ternes (Al & Ann Williams daughter); J. David Thompson (Neil's dad); David Wasilko; Mary Williams (relative of Melissa Johnson); Maureen Zinowski (Orma Barrow's sister);

Also pray for: Verna Sue Bly (Elaine Warren's mother); Gail Brown (daughter-in-law Imogene Brown); Earlene Cole & family; Cloyd & Betty Combs (Paula Tackett's parents); Dorothy Dismuke, Lorelle Flatt (Ginny Mallings' mother), ; Danny Guy; Annie Lee & Terry Hall (Teresa Reaves' mother & brother); Angela Hazen (friend of Dana Early); Taryn Hensley (Nancy Hensley's granddaughter); Arlene Kellum (Carol McAmis' sister); Tommy Mathis (brother of Kathy Henley); Lillie McCullough (Pearl Robinson's aunt); Lisa Mitchell & Jim Chesney (Paula Tackett's friends); Ruth Mercer (sister of Ruby Bibbee); Arbutus & Elster Mullins; Tami Naillon (daughter of Earlene Cole); Grace Ollice Plemons (Brenda Leek's mother); Andrew Scruggs (the Tye's grandson); Rick Slagle; Leonard Smith (Ann French's brother); Willie Smith (Bill Smith's mother); Samantha Wallace (friend of the Widner's); Peggy Warren (Eddie's mother); Louise Welch (Don's mother); Sybil Waddle (Darline Adam's mother); Doris Wright (Wanda Mullin's mother).

NURSING HOME: Cora Cole (406), Flossie Huddleston (304) at Briarcliff; Selba Scott (156), Rose Holley (132) at Estates of Oak Ridge (734 Emory Valley Rd.); Earlean Lindsay (114) at Sardis Community Nursing Home (613 Lee St., Sardis, MS 38666); Beatrice Taylor (128B West) at Sevier Co. HCC (415 Catlett Rd., P.O. Box 5349, Sevierville, TN 37864-5349).

*The mission of the
Highland View Church of Christ
is to seek the lost and to teach
Christ. We are intent upon
following only Jesus' example
in our daily lives
through strengthening our faith
in Him by serving others.*

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1. Weekly Mail-Out Bulletin: Monday by 12 noon
(illness updates can be called in by Tuesday at 11am)
2. Wednesday Handout: Wednesday by 12 noon
3. Sunday Handout: Friday by 11:00am

Deadlines for Article Submission to Publications:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Small Groups meet at various times
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
FIRST Thursday of the month-Retired Men meet. 9:00 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES