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December 10, 2008

**Our Christian Love
and Sympathy
goes to the family of:**

**Margaret Jordan
(Cora Herndon's sister)**



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COLLEGE PLACE VISION

College Place is a community of love and faith, training and nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ, equipping them with God's Word, and spreading His redeeming love to every soul in need.

Annual Christmas Cantata

“Journey of Hope”

Two Services: Sat, Dec. 13, at 7:00pm

& Sun., Dec. 14, at 11:00am

(We will not have an 8:45 am Service on Dec. 14)

Update on “Sharing God’s Gifts” Campaign

We now have 106 pledges totaling \$346,800 for the 2009 Operating Budget for College Place, and the total for the Building Debt Retirement Fund is \$68,590. Thank you very much to all of you who have submitted your commitment cards for next year's budget! We still have not received the number and amount of pledges we will need for our church's operating budget next year. We need a strong finish to the campaign in order to avoid having to cut back our programs of ministry next year. We have received approximately 25 fewer pledges than we would normally receive. It may be that the uncertainty of the economy has led some members to hesitate making a pledge for next year. If that's the case with you, please continue to pray for guidance. Even if you are not comfortable pledging an amount similar to what you have contributed in the past, we do need your pledge in whatever amount you feel you will be able to contribute next year. Remember, no pledge is too small if it represents your good faith effort, and your effort is just one part of the over-all picture. This is a cooperative effort in which we come together to provide what we can to continue God's work at College Place. We will be receiving 2009 Commitment Cards through Sunday, December 14, and then we will have to finalize our 2009 Operating Budget. Please pray that we will receive the financial commitments we need for next year. God bless you all, and thank you for all you do for our Lord, our Savior, and our church.

Christmas Eve Services

The Christmas Story, Carols, Communion, and Candle Lighting

Offered 4:30pm and 6:00pm

The word “Christmas” is a contraction of “Christ’s Mass.” This is when the Church tells the story of Christmas through scripture, song, symbols, and the Lord’s Supper, because a celebration of the gift of Christ is not complete without remembering the sacrifice he made for us and the hope and freedom that results from the precious gift of Himself. Singing carols during Communion is a wonderful way to combine the good news of his birth and his sacrifice. It helps us remember why his birth took place not in a palace, but in a stable. What better way is there to understand his matchless love for us?

Prayer List

All Military Personnel

Bill Adams (Barbara Moons & Miriams brother)

Barbara Adams (Barbara Moon's sister in law)

***Pat Benton**

Henry Brauda

Jean Brown

Lillian Browning

Tom Bullock

Ellen Dawson

Susan DeMoss

Mary Fogle (Doyle Fogle's daughter in law)

Paul Forster

Tommy Fussell

Lillian Goins

***Harley Green**

***Haley Haraway**

Bruce Hampton (Brent Hampton's brother)

***Carol Henderson**

Louise Henslee

Melinda Hulling (Melanie Williamson's mother)

Tommy Hutcherson

Cathy Fogle Jenkins (Doyle Fogle daughter)

Jenny Lee (Joni Bennett's mother)

James & Linda Long

Richard Miles

***Rex Moon**

Cora Purvis

T.M. Purvis

Carter Roberts

Al Roberson

Bobby Shupe

Casey Strickland Russell

Laurel Russell

***Venita Schwartz**

Beverly Sisson

Lisia Sullens

Benny Tatum

Johnny Teele (Alice Teele's brother)

Curtis Tucker

James White (Beth Morrison's brother)

(Names will be removed after two weeks unless office is notified. The names with an * beside them will remain on

Pray for our Homebound

Lillie Blocker
Armatha McCall
Madeline Rouse

Noah's Ark Preschool

Noah's Ark Preschool
Cordially invites you to
Attend our Christmas program
Wednesday, December 17th at
11:00a.m.

In Christian life center.
The children have worked hard
on their program. Come and
show your support.

Attention all committee members...

Yes, all committees!
It's not even Christmas yet, and
your staff are already busy
planning events for the new year.
We need you to talk to fellow
committee members to determine
which month in the 2009 church
year you'd like to serve a Wednes-
day Church Family Supper.
This is...
a great way to allow your
committee to shine, and raise a
few dollars too.

Please contact Donna right away

United Methodist Women

To all of the United Methodist at College Place; The nominating Committee of the UMW has been meeting and planning since June, 2008 to get a slate of officers for 2009!

We have three that is not filled:

1-President 2-Treasurer 3- Education & Interpretation

If you would like to serve God in the United Methodist Women through one of those areas; please call one of the members of this committee listed below. Thank you, you will be Blessed!

Gloria Tucker, Chair 265-1029
Sue Ellen Greene-member 265-1285
Shirley Shirley-member 265-4738

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

USHERS 11:00 AM

***George Shirley** **Fred Stregles**
Charles McCollum **Bob Williamson**

ACOLYTES

December 14—Joe & Quint Rogers
December 21—Ben & Sam Stalvey
December 28—Ashley Williams & Belle Smith

GREETERS

December—Co-Ed

VISITING FRIENDS

December 14—Pete & Kelly Heth
December 21—Ernest & Margie Bisanz
December 28—Al & Evelyn Roberson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Beginning in January we will no longer take orders for Sanctuary Flowers. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a certain Sunday you will need to let the church office know 10 days in advance and purchase the flowers on your own.

If you have any questions please call the church office, 265-4883.



Progressive Christmas Party

This Sunday, December 14th the youth will have a Progressive Christmas Party. We will meet at the Harvey's parking lot (at exit 29) at 4:00 p.m. and return back around 8:30 p.m. Each youth is to bring a \$5 gag gift for either male or female to exchange. We have a lot of exciting things going on and many more planned for the New Year. Let's see if we can start to have record numbers of youth for this upcoming year.



Youth Ski Trip – December 19th – 23rd

Snow Shoe Mountain West Virginia, Cost is \$450 and the final payment is due December 14th. If you have any questions please call Ted at the church. This is going to be one awesomely chilling experience!

Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army

The youth will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, Dec 13 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Winn-Dixie on 341 if your youth is interested in helping please call Ted for a time slot. Come by and show our College Place Support to help with this awesome cause.

EGG NOG

The spirit of our wonderful Savior's birth is upon us making us truly thankful for how we've been blessed. In our ministry at D. Ray James prison, we've also had a blessed year reaching the men inside for Christ. Our Christmas reunion is Saturday Dec 27th and we asked members of the inside ministry what they would like from us and the answer, a loud shout: "Egg Nog". We've crunched the numbers: 40 half gallons are needed (\$120 total) For \$3 you can sponsor a carton going in on this joyous day. Here's your chance to share in the joy this gift will bring to the over 300 members of Kairos this Christmas. Randy Ashurst, 230-3114 and ashurst1@comcast.net.

CHILDREN

Breakfast With Santa this Saturday!

December 13, 8:00 - 11:30

in the Christian Life Center

Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Call the church office, or sign up online

@

www.collegeplaceumc.org

Children 6 years and under bring

Mom or Dad with you.

Note...Sunday, December 14 children will stay in the service and enjoy the choir's Christmas musical.

Look for special activities and treats in your worship bags!

There will be no WOW (Way-Out-Wednesdays) KIDS during the Christmas holidays (Dec. 17,24,31).

Enjoy this special time with your family!

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 14

Coffee in the main entrance

8:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

5:00PM Youth

MONDAY, December 15

9:00 AM Noah's Pre-school and Party

9:30 AM District Superintendent

7:00 PM Friendly Outreach

TUESDAY, December 16

9:00 AM Noah's Pre-school

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

10:00 AM Prayer Group

10:00 AM Lamplighters

7:00 PM Doing Life Together Class

7:00 PM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, December 17

9:00 AM Noah's Pre-school

11:00 AM Grea Meeting

11:00 AM Preschool Party

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 18

7:00 PM FCA- BHS Football Banquet

6:00 PM Finance Committee

7:00 PM Church Council

FRIDAY, December 19

Youth Ski Trip

STAFF GIFT

Christmas is a time of giving. Giving thanks to our Lord for the gift of His Son and our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Expressing love for our families, friends and community through the giving of gifts. We would like to express our appreciation to our church staff for their dedication and the pivotal role that they have in our spiritual life. If you would like to express your love for our staff, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it for "Staff Appreciation".

Bob Williamson, SPRC

Financial Report December 7, 2008

OPERATING MINISTRIES FUND

Amount received this week	\$10,370.05
Amount received this month	\$10,370.05
Amount received this year	\$455,279.41

BUILDING FUND

Amount received this week	\$2,092.00
Amount received this month	\$2,092.00
Amount received this year	\$107,934.00

Building Fund Principal amt. 10/31/08	\$240,400.00
Building Fund Principal Paid 10/22/08	(5,300.00)
Building Fund Principal Amount	\$235,100.00
Bus Fund (CD-\$25,000)	\$28,772.08

8:45AM Service	97
11:00 AM Traditional Service	<u>205</u>
TOTAL	302
Sunday School Total	184