

BUDGET

November (Incomplete)	BUDGET RECEIPTS
Needed:	\$ 54,210.00
Received to date (2 weeks)	\$ 33,755.53
THIS YR.	BUDGET RECEIPTS
Needed to date:	\$596,320.00
Received to date:	\$542,645.47

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nov. 1	188
Nov. 8	170
Nov. 16	153
Nov. 22	N/A
Nov. 29	N/A

CHURCH STAFF & OFFICERS

<i>Dr. Ray Franklin</i>	<i>Interim Pastor</i>
<i>Lynn Madden</i>	<i>Music Minister</i>
<i>Fara Newkirk</i>	<i>Children's Coordinator</i>
<i>Zach Martin</i>	<i>Student Minister</i>
<i>Ann Clark</i>	<i>Secretary</i>

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Praise Band Rehearsal</i>	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>10:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Awana (school term)</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Student Ministry</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Evening Worship</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

<i>Handbell Choir</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Refuge Student Ministry</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Kids Praise</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Midweek Bible Study</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Singles Bible Study</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Celebration Choir</i>	<i>7:15 p.m.</i>

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Priscilla Brown, Mary Beth Wedgeworth
- 3—David Fitzgerald
- 5—Rebekah Hale
- 7—Kathy Sledge, Clayton Huffman
- 8—Dawson Mowry
- 14—Sarah Crews
- 15—Alice Lee
- 16—Deb Spadoni, Elizabeth Hale
- 17—Ruth Phillips, Eddie Whitworth
- Trent Oden, David Heird, Alex Bryant
- 18—Chuck Tripp, Stephen Shirron
- 19—Hunter Sledge
- 22—Dorothy Caddy, Melinda Neubauer
- Sondra Harrington, Grant Westmoreland
- Jonathan Wallace, Amber Cox
- 23—Kasey Whitworth
- 26—Cassie Hatch, Lynn Siler
- 27—Delynn Thomas, A. J. Spadoni
- 28—Karson Ramsey
- 29—Geraldine Tharpe, Susan Hicks
- 30—Scott Hutcheson
- 31—Charlene Frisby, Nancy Watson, Alberta Harper
- Tyler Ramsey, Kaden Crosswhite

If we miss your birthday (or get it wrong), please call the church office

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We need your e-mail address in the church office. Please contact us if we do not have your e-mail address on file. Thanks!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Deacons of the month for December are Orrin Damron and Ed Koon, with Mike Watson as alternate. Deacons Meeting will be Dec. 6, at 8:00 a.m.
- Ushers for the month of December during Morning Worship Services are Ed Koon, Mike Watson, Larry Johnson, Dwayne Mills, Greg Simpson and Blake Duncan.
- The monthly Nursing Home Ministry will be Saturday, December 19, at 3:30 at the Sheridan Nursing & Re-Hab Center.
- The Singles meet each Wednesday night in the home of Blake and Jennifer Duncan.
- Wednesday night suppers begin at 5:30 p.m. each week. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, with a family ceiling of \$12.00.
- The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving, and from Wednesday through Friday, December 23-25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. No evening services or activities will be held on Sunday nights, December 20 and December 27, because of the holidays.
- MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Refuge.

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Missions Studies
November 29—December 6

National Goal \$165,000,000

Church Goal: \$7,500.00



“The BEST Christmas Present EVER!”

Performed by KIDS' PRAISE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
6:00 P.M.**

IN THE SANCTUARY
followed by a
“Happy Birthday Jesus”
party in Fellowship Hall.



The Wonder of Christmas

“Celebrate the Joy”
**Sunday, December 13
10:45 a.m.**
Celebration Choir & Orchestra



The Hanging of the Greens

Sunday Evening
November 29
6:00 P.M.



This is the week for Operation Christmas Child collection and pack up. This coming Sunday, November 22, is the last day to bring shoeboxes. A drop box will be by the office. Thanks for your generous response to OCC!

Prayer Concerns....

PRAY for those of our community who are ill or bereaved— Elizabeth Brown, Children's; Madeley Wilson, St. Vincents; Glenda Huffman; Shelly Oakes; Dr. Jack Irvin; Betty Jenkins; Travis Watson (Lori McCain's father); Dorothy Matlock; JoAnn Wingard; Doris Easterling; Sue Thomas; Linda Kerr; Dewayne Smith; the Ethel Braden family; all who have lost loved ones recently.

Disciple Now Weekend

The Student Ministry will be hosting Disciple Now on December 4-6. The activities will begin on Friday afternoon. They will have a full day of activities on Saturday, and conclude with worship on Sunday. Pray for them and their sponsors and leaders as they enjoy this time together.



2009 Church Budget

The 2009 Church Budget will be available on Sunday morning, Dec. 6, for you to pick up and study.

The Finance Committee will have a public forum in the Conference Room immediately following the Sunday Morning Worship Service on Dec. 13 for anyone who has a question about the budget. It will be voted on in Special Business Conference on Dec. 16.



SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastor Search Committee continues to work and meet each week in their search for a new pastor. They ask for your continued prayers.

Thank You..

Dear Church Family,

"The spray of flowers from the church at Mother's funeral was very beautiful. Thank you for the thoughtful, kind and caring expression of sympathy. We appreciate all the love, help and support the church has given our family and Mother through the years. May God bless and keep us all."

Jim and Beau Braden



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will again adorn our sanctuary this Advent season. Call the church office to order one in memory/honor of a loved one. They are \$12.50 each, and the names will be listed in the bulletin beginning December 6.



THE CHURCH DÉCOR COMMITTEE will be decorating the church for Advent this coming Sunday, November 22, at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to come

and help.



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. In November food was distributed to over 100 people. YOU can help by bringing non-perishable items to the church and/or donating money. If you know of someone in need of food, please let them know about the pantry. Call Peggy King for more information.

From Bro. Ray...

The Image of the Invisible

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

--Colossians 1:15-16

We know how to view a solar eclipse. No looking directly at the sun. Even from behind the moon its brightness can damage our vision permanently. The proper way to see such a sight involves mirrors and very dark material like what is found in sunglasses.

When Paul wrote to the Colossians, they had their issues, their skepticism, and their compet-

ing philosophies. To that generation Paul proclaimed the supremacy of Christ, "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation." If anything exists, it exists by him and for him.

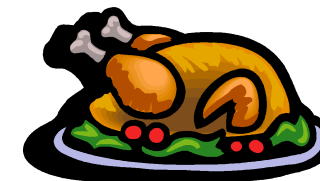
Christ is above all in order, in power, and in authority. He is not to be placed on a level with the other "godlings" of this world (not even Santa Clause). Though God the Father remains invisible, we see his image in Christ, much like we see a reflection in a mirror of the radiance of the sun.

When we celebrate Christ's birth, we celebrate the incarnation of the only true hope for mankind. Science has failed. Reason has failed. Religions have failed. Even Christianity as a religion has failed. But the baby born in Bethlehem reigns supreme. In Him, and Him alone, do we place our hope, our expectations, and the deepest longing of our souls. May the Glory of the Father as reflected in the Son fill our hearts this Christmas.

Bro. Ray



THANKSGIVING MEAL



The Koinonia Class is hosting a Thanksgiving meal for the needy of

our community and those of our church who have no family activities on that day. You can help in four ways: Bring a dessert, help prepare the food that morning, help serve the food or serve on the clean-up crew.

Sign-up sheets are in the Sunday School rooms or you can call Ken Bragg (942-5269) or Marilyn Sites (942-5087) if you plan to attend or if you can help with this outreach meal.

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday night November 22 at Meadowview Baptist Church with Rev. John Fleming (FUMC) bringing the message.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Due to the growth in the Preschool Department, beginning Dec. 6 Children's Church will be held for 3 and 4 year olds and will be moved to the Preschool wing. The children will remain in their classroom following Sunday School. Kindergarten children will go to Morning Worship Service with their parents.



College Students

The Koinonia Class will distribute care packages to college students during finals in December. If you have a college student, call the church office at 942-2211, or Beverly Bragg at 942-5269 by December 1.