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WELCOME TO 2009

As we begin a new year, this is the time for us to renew ourselves to the work of God through Hapeville First Baptist Church. Plans are being made for our usual ministries, including Vacation Bible School in June. Begin thinking about how you can serve in this ministry to children.

Begin praying now for our Fall Festival being planned for October. Pray that we will be able to re-create the energy and excitement we experienced in 2008.

There are plans being made to hold Backyard Bible Clubs in our

community this summer. Begin praying for this outreach ministry and asking how you can be involved in it.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt the Saturday before Easter. Pray now for the children and families we will be able to reach during that event.

We will have showings of the movie "Fireproof." We will continue Worship Café and look into other worship styles. We will lead worship at Baptist Towers and serve meals at Calvary Refuge Center. Plan to share in the work!



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POINSETTIAS

There were additional poinsettias given in memory and in honor of loved ones after the last issue of The Weekly Witness was printed. Those additional dedications were:

In memory of Frank R. Lea given by Frank and Linda Lea.

In memory of Ruth Lea Ivie given by Frank and Linda Lea.

We want to thank the members of the Floral Committee for their dedicated work in making the sanctuary reflect the beauty of the Advent and Christmas season.

Thanks also to everyone who contributed poinsettias to blanket the steps of the front of the sanctuary with color during the season. Your generosity made everything beautiful.



ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER

Sunday evening, January 4, we enjoyed our annual church-wide chili supper in the fellowship hall. There was plenty of chili for everyone, and there was an abundance of cornbread, chips, crackers, cheese, and antacids. We are pleased to report that there were no injuries recorded due to excessive spiciness.

We want to express our thanks to everyone who helped make this a fun time of fellowship together as we began the year of 2009 with friends from HFBC. Thanks to the many cooks who prepared food, to those who contributed chips, cheese, and other items, and to those who came to enjoy the food.

We also appreciate those who jumped in at the last minute to make certain that we had drinks and tables prepared and plenty of utensils available. Thank you for all of your work!



Bob Wiley

JUST THINKING. . .

Happy New Year! I invite you to join with me and others in reading the Bible through in 2009. A benefit for me has been that I become familiar with the context of every book in the Bible. Other things we would discover if we would make time each day to read the Bible: our inclinations for sin would be less (Psalm 119:9-11); Our strength to do good things would increase (1 Peter 2:2; Ephesians 3:3-5, 16, 17); Our patience in difficult times would be maintained (Acts 20:32; Ephesians 4:1-3). Our contentment would increase (1 Timothy 6:6); Our peace would multiply

(Philippians 4:6-9; Psalm 85:8); Our love would be stirred as well as our joy (Hebrews 10:24; Galatians 5:22-23); And, we would desire more for our Creator (Psalm 31:23; Psalm 73:25; Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

As a church, our need is to know God's direction in our lives and for our church. Reading the Bible every day will increase the likelihood of knowing what the will of the Lord is for us (Ephesians 3:3-4; 5:17).

Pastor Bob

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to those who have had birthdays since the last issue

Eleanor Chance	01/01	Wanda Naff	01/06	Ron Griffith	01/15
Edwin Keller	01/02	Stephen Darrow	01/06	Chris Evans	01/15
Willard Moore	01/02	Larry Martin	01/06	Joyce Payne	01/16
Steve DeLong	01/02	Brenda Trice	01/07	Arlene Cotley	01/17
Kristy Brannon	01/02	Gladys Camp	01/11	Carolyn Bishop	01/17
Larry Taylor	01/03	William Noggle	01/12		
Louise Norton	01/04	Hoyt West	01/14		

THIS WEEK. . .

Bible Study Attendance 81
 Budget Receipts \$ 4,848.00
 Designated Receipts 85.00
Total Receipts \$ 4,933.00
Weekly Requirements \$5,853.00

Deacon of the Week,
 Jim Lovern
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Scripture Reader,
 Linda Williams
Nursery Worker,
 Dora Lovern
Van Driver Team,
 Linda Williams, Brian Adams
Breakfast Team,
 Sharon Bryden, Denise Summers

PRAY FOR. . .

Jim Lovern and family in the death of his sister, Doris Moize.

Treasured Member of the week:
 Claude Jordan
 5000 Governors Drive
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Tom Howard
 Minister of Music/

NOTES FROM TOM

Thank you to all of the members of the music ministry for the great music you presented during the Advent and Christmas season. Our worship was outstanding, and we appreciate the work everyone did to make it that way!

As we begin a new year, our choirs will resume their regular schedules this week. Children's Choirs will meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir will meet Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.. Handbell Choir will meet Sundays

at 5:00 p.m.. Children's Handchime group will meet Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Join us Sunday evening this week as Worship Café gets going again for 2009. Worship Café meets in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. each Sunday evening. There will be coffee and drinks at the beginning, and cookies and snacks following the worship service. Come and worship in a relaxed contemporary atmosphere.

NOTES ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS

Some of you have noticed and asked about changes in the numbers on your offering envelopes. These changes are the result of an intentional re-numbering effective January 1. If you have not received offering envelopes, please call the church

office, and we will see that you get a replacement set. Offering envelopes should be delivered near the end of March, June, September, and December.

Contribution statements will be prepared and mailed to you be-

fore the end of January. If you have any questions or discrepancies, or if you do not receive your statement by the end of the month, please see Tom.

Contribution information

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 11
 9:00 am Sunday School
 Workers Meeting
 9:45 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 pm Handbell Choir
 6:00 pm Worship
 7:00 pm Worship Café

Monday, January 12
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, January 14
 5:00 pm Children's Choirs
 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
 6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, January 18
 9:45 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Worship
 4:30 pm Missions Committee
 5:00 pm Handbell Choir
 6:00 pm Worship
 7:00 pm Worship Café

LOTTIE MOON

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions gifts to date total:

\$ 2,875.53