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SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Starting Sunday, December 28, 2008, we will start collecting Soup for our 2009 Souper Bowl Sunday Project. Last year we collected 2,333 cans of Soup. Every time you come to Church bring a case or several cans of Soup with you. We will have a box in the Vestibule and in the Fellowship Hall to place your Soup. Food Pantries and Food Kitchens throughout our nation are currently very short of food to feed the hungry. Your Soup and Food donations will make a huge difference, so don't be left on the sidelines. Remember how many cans of Soup we collected last year and let's try harder to beat our competition.

Upcoming Events

PASTOR'S CABINET MEETING

The Pastor's Cabinet will meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Pastor's Cabinet will be studying the book "Ministry Momentum" by Wayne Schmidt. This book examines the Old Testament leadership style of Joshua to identify the origin of spiritual momentum. Through the study of this book and time spent in prayer we will examine where we've been, where we want to go and how to get there.

The Pastor's Cabinet includes the chairs of the committees and I also invite anyone who would like to help be a part of the vision process to join us. Please let the Office know if you will be attending so we can have enough books on hand.

NEW BEGINNINGS CLASS MEETING

The New Beginnings Class will meet on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 5:00 PM. They will be going out to eat. Watch your Weekly Bulletins for the name and location of the restaurant.



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Chancel Choir will not have rehearsals during the month of January due to anticipated bad weather. Various members of the Choir will be doing Solos or Duets in place of an Anthem during this month. They will resume practice on January 26, 2009.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Office Staff is currently entering all of the information for the 2009 Membership Directory into the Computer System. We are having difficulties in getting needed information from some of the Ministries and organizations. As soon as this information is received, it will be entered and processed accordingly. We will be printing it very soon and binding it for distribution after the first of the New Year.

INCOME FROM PLEDGES AND DONATIONS

The Treasurer reports that income from Pledges and Donations for the weeks listed below amounted to:

November 23, 2008	-	\$ 2,269.72
November 30, 2008	-	\$ 1,510.86
December 7, 2008	-	\$ 1,553.19
December 14, 2008	-	\$ 1,383.98
December 21, 2008	-	\$ 1,257.11

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Our new telephone system has been installed! We now have Voicemail. When calling you can leave a Voicemail for the Office or the Pastor. Voicemails left for the Pastor are confidential and only heard by the Pastor. Along with the new phone system comes Internet access. We also have Email. The Email for the Office is woodsonchapel@att.net. The Email for Rev. Lois is pastorlois@att.net. Please bear with us as we make the transition to the new phones. Our Website address is www.woodson-chapel.org. If you want your Cell Phone Number or your Email address printed in the 2009 Yearbook, please give that information to the Church Office.

GPS (God's Positioning Spirit)

God's Positioning Spirit will be held on March 6-7, 2009 Noon Friday to Noon Saturday at the Ramada Inn in St. Joseph, MO. The Keynote Speaker will be Sally Morgenthaler, best known perhaps for her book, "Worship Evangelism." She brings a great spiritual journey and clear, inspiring leadership for transformation.

This is a congregational transformation event with great resources and insights. This should be a wonderful event that will help us as we go through our time of transition and transformation. The early bird registration fee is only \$80.00 per person and the more people that go the better we will be at utilizing what we learn. You can register online at www.discipleshomemissions.org or by calling Pastor Lois. If you register online just change the registration fee amount from \$100.00 to \$80.00. The cost is \$80.00 if 3 or more from our Church attend. Right now we have 2 attending so just one more and we get the reduced rate.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

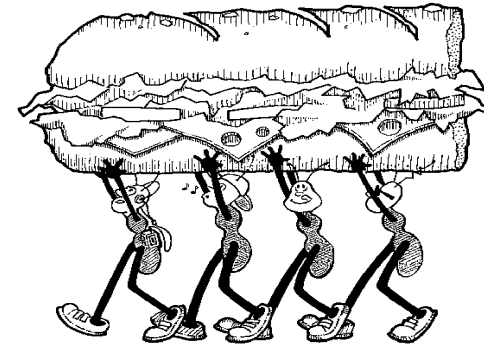
The Salvation Army Bell Ringers from Woodson Chapel that rang bells at the East Hills Mall on Friday after Thanksgiving had a total of \$671.61 in their kettle at the end of the day. We think that this is the largest amount raised by our ringers since we have engaged in this special project. We thank all of those that rang the bells for their devotion and faithful service.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The amount donated by the Congregation of Woodson Chapel Christian Church for our Thanksgiving Offering was \$156.00. We thank everyone that donated to this project.

ELDER'S INSTITUTE

Mark your calendars now that the Elder's Institute will be held on January 23 - 24, 2009 at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City, MO. The Keynote Speaker will be Jim Wilson at Disciples Missionary to Botswana, who along with his wife, Jayanthi will be in the Mid-America Region beginning January 2009. There will be three Keynote addresses by Jim – one on Friday evening and two on Saturday. Workshops are scheduled for Saturday. Registration deadline is January 8, 2009. If any of our Elders are interested in attending, the Church Office has registration forms.



SOUPER BOWL SUBMARINE SANDWICHES

The Youth Group will be selling their famous "**Super Bowl Submarine Sandwiches**" on Sunday February 1, 2009. The cost is \$4.00 each. Order Blanks will be appearing in your Weekly Bulletins soon. When you place your order, make sure you order plenty of Sandwiches for the big game. You will be helping our Youth. The Sandwiches are a "**Super**" buy.

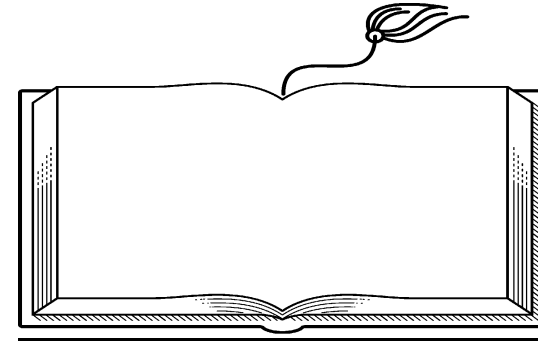


We extend our deep sympathy to Jackie Williams and her family on the recent death of her mother, Loretta Williams. She passed away on December 3, 2008.



Thank you for your gift of 63 food items to the Inter/Serv Food Pantry. Your gift to Inter/Serv, whether it is food items or a monetary donation, demonstrates your commitment to making a difference in our community. With your help, we can provide the programs and services most needed in the community.

David G. Howery, LCSW, Executive Director



MEMORY CHALLENGES

During each week, you have been challenged in your Weekly Bulletins to add one or more of these passages of scripture to your memory including the reference.

I Samuel 3:4 (NKJV) And the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!"

II Peter 3:8 (NKJV) Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

John 1:20 (NKJV) He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

THOUGHTS FROM OUR **PASTOR**

New Year's is a time to reflect on the past and look forward to a new beginning. It is a time to remember what was good and to make changes for the better in the New Year.

We can compare the New Year to baptism. The slate is clean and ready for positive life changes. It is a wonderful time to make ourselves aware of Christ and His hand in our lives. When we are making the usual resolutions to improve our physical body let us not forget the resolutions to improve our spiritual body.

Many people who will ring in 2009 (as in past years) without Christ as a major part of their lives. Christ has blessed my life in many ways. He has provided for me, given me a wonderful family and friends. He holds me up when I am weak, comforts me when I am sad, and carries my burdens. He cries with me as well as laughs and shares in my joys. I look back through my life and see how important Christ is to me. My heart aches for those who do not realize what they are missing by not including Christ in our lives.

Woodson Chapel is at a time of new beginnings, a time of looking forward and reflecting on how we can share the good news of Christ with others. How can we reach the new generation or the community? What is important to them, how do they communicate and what are their needs? These are questions we need to think about as we work to bring the light of Christ into the darkness. It is a time to spend in prayer and listening for God's guidance, a time to be open to different ways and styles, a time to share and to listen. It is a time to reflect on what can be done different or changed and what needs to remain and be lifted up for its meaning. These answers can come through times of prayer and of listening to each other.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR **PASTOR**

We need spiritual disciplines in our lives to help us be more effective at reaching others for Christ. These disciplines can include: prayer, meditation, solitude (time alone with God), service, study, worship and fasting.

My New Year's resolution is to live my life so others may come to know Christ. To do this I need to spend more time with God. I need to spend more time in God's word and in prayer. But most importantly I need to slow down, stop and listen for God's voice.

I will ring in 2009 not with a glass of champagne but with these verses. Luke 3:3 "He went into all the country around Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Have a blessed New Year!

Lois

CHRISTMAS



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IN HONOR OF;

Grandma Opal

Nolan, Grace & Ella Ham

Our Lord Jesus Christ and the People of
Woodson Chapel

Lois & Dennis Kelley

IN MEMORY OF:

Our Loved Ones

Don & Carole Gamble & Families

Our Loved Ones

Dale & Doris Weston

Mickey Montgomery

Lynette Montgomery

John & Helen Freda Creal

Lynette Montgomery

Our Loved Ones

The New Beginnings Class

Currie & Mabel Farmer

Mary Long,
David & Linda Long, Matt & Joey

Harry T. & Barbara Anderson & Charles (Butch) Anderson

Jerry & Barbara Shores & Families

Jack & Shirlee Miller & Families

