

Issue 1, 2015 Newsletter

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Pastor's Thoughts

Is your life making a difference ... ?

- In your family
- In your work
- In your areas of influence
- In your world?

Someone has said, "The mark of an effective church is not how many people come, but how many people live differently as a result of having been there."

"David's Song" from the choir's Christmas Musical "The Story" had these words, "At the end of the day, I wanna hear people say ... 'My heart looks like Your heart, my heart looks like Your heart.'" If our heart looks like HIS heart, we will make a difference in our world.

I also wish to share that during the Christmas season numerous acts of kindness were done by our church members for our shut-ins, needs in our fellowship and in our community. I am blessed to be your Pastor.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE: A baptismal is being planned for the near future. If you wish to be baptized as an expression of your faith in Jesus Christ, please see me.

Pastor White

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:



- The women have begun a Wed. night Beth Moore Bible study on Psalms led by **Jayne White**. Wed studies are at 7 PM.
- **Shelley Cates** has started a study for young women on Wed. night from the book Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs.
- **Pastor White** is leading the Wed. night men's study from the book The Mystery of the Shemidah by Jonathan Cahn.
- Our Sun PM Bible study is on the book of James. This group for all adults meets in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM and is led by **Pastor White**.

CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES:

- WCG/CWC Missions Convention is **April 17 – 18** at the Four Points by Sheraton in Lexington. Speaker is Ashley Abney from Kansas and the worship will be led by her sister, Lorie Daugherty from Richmond. Early registration is \$50 by March 31st. See **Charlotte Sorrel** for information.
- Women of Joy Conference, "Stronger" meets at the Louisville Convention Center, **May 15 – 17**. The Conference features speakers Angela Thomas, Lyra TerKeurst, Jan Silvius, Angie Smith; Concert Artist Kari Jobe and worship leader Charles Billingsley. Early registration is \$109. See **Jayne White** for more information.
- "All Things New", a women's conference featuring speaker Lisa Harper will be held at the Madisonville Grapevine Baptist Church on **June 12 & 13th**. The Childress Family led by Courtney Lutz will share in praise and worship. Tickets are \$25 and include a complimentary

breakfast Sat. **For more information call Grapevine Baptist Church** at 270-821-5117.

- The National Convention of the Church of God will be held in Oklahoma City June 22 – 25. Early registration is \$95.



RUMMAGE SALE: Spring rummage **Sat. April 11th** in the church basement fellowship hall, 8 AM – 12 Noon. Nothing priced. Donations only.

Bring your items to the fellowship by Sun. April 5th. Set-up day will be Tues. 7th.

WELCOME: We welcome **Kevin & Heather Swartz** and their daughter, Madison, to our church family. The Swartz family lives at 1300 Eastside Lane, Apt. 36, Madisonville.

EXTENDING SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Artie Osborne**, to her daughter **Eula Lantrip** and granddaughter **Treasa Starr**.

THANK YOU ! A special thanks to those who **decorated the church for Christmas!** Putting up and taking down all the decorations is a BIG JOB! Thanks to **Treasa Starr** for preparing gift bags for the children and to **Rachel Schouweiler** for preparing Christmas mementos for the congregation.

Thanks to those who have donated used ink jet cartridges to the church office. We will receive over \$80 Staples Rewards for officer needs. We received \$89 from Community Rewards from Kroger last quarter. If you have not signed up to do this, check with **Terry Cates**.

Our Christ's Birthday Offering this year was \$978.26! Thanks for your sacrificial giving. Keep savings those dimes. Water bottles are available in the foyer. A special thanks to **Theresa Melton** for counting all the dimes!

Our sanctuary choir under the directorship of **Mallory Carlton** sang a powerful Christmas musical. Those singing and providing narration were as follows: **Evan Carlton, Terry & Shelley Cates, Dennis & Lisa Coombs, Chad Davis, Louis & Mary Jane Gamblin, Shirley Hill, Steve Michael, Dee Padgett, Treasa Starr, Pastor Robert & Jayne White.**

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

- Church Council, Thurs. March 5th, 7 PM
- Daylight Savings Time begins, Sun. March 8
- BD of Trustee meeting, Thurs. March 12th
- Good Friday, April 3rd “Come and Go”
Communion 6 AM – 6 PM.
- Easter Sunday, April 5th. Our Easter Missions offering will be received on Easter Sunday.

Our Children’s Ministry continues to grow! GameChangers meets on Wed. at 6:30 PM with a light meal for children and youth. Leaders are **Mary Jane Gamblin** and **Lisa Coombs** with kitchen assistants **Treasa Starr** and **Shirley Hill**. **Lisa Coombs** leads our Children’s Church on Sunday morning.

Dennis Coombs our Associate Pastor continues to lead the Youth on Wed night and assist with Children’s Church.

Continue to save your:

- Aluminum cans for missions (container in the kitchen hallway)
- Used postage stamps for Church of God Missions in Asia, Box Tops and Campbell’s Soup labels for our area schools Containers for these are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.
- Used ink jet cartridges for Staples Rewards. Bring these to the Secretary’s Office.

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:

The following were elected to positions at the business meeting:

Vice Chairman	Dennis Coombs
Secretary	Theresa Melton
Treasurer	Dee Padgett
BD of Trustees, 2 yr,	Steve Michael, Steve Starr, Bill Lantrip and John Harris
Assist	
Assist. SS Superintendent	Treasa Starr

The budget was approved.

SAVE THE DATE

70th Church Anniversary July



**Rev. Nathan Starr
Guest Speaker**



**Rev. Mark Helton
Worship Leader**

Bro. Nathan Starr will be preaching Fri PM and Sun AM. Bro. Mark Helton will present a musical concert on Sat PM. There will be fellowship after the evening services and Dinner on the grounds after the Sunday AM Service. If you have a friend who would like a post card reminder of the upcoming Church Anniv, let Dee Padgett know.