

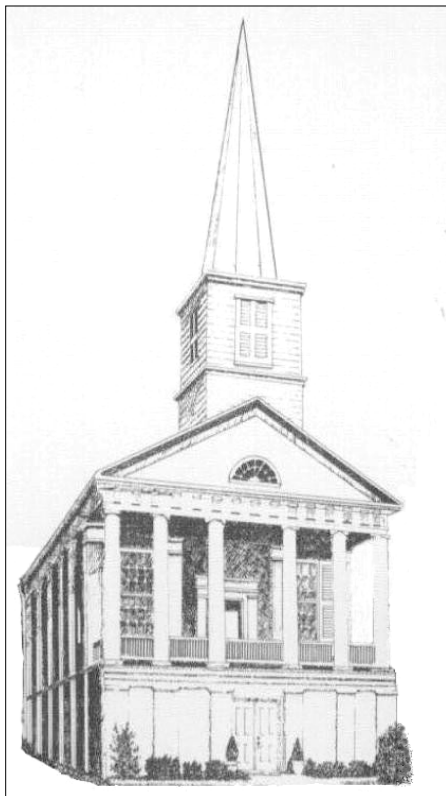
Hebron Highlights *

The Newsletter of Jonesborough Presbyterian Church

February 2011



* "Hebron" was the original name of the 1790 congregation that is now Jonesborough Presbyterian Church



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Dear Friends,

I recently emailed new directions to friends back in North Carolina who said they might come to worship with us some Sunday. "To get to Tennessee, "I told them, "go to Canada, then bear north."

We Georgia folk get a little mystified by all this cold and snow. Many of you have expressed your own surprise at this winter's intensity. But there has been an upside in all of this. Marianne and I get out and hike whenever we can, and we do love how snow transforms woods into enchanted forests. After a heavy snowfall, rhododendron leaves bow beneath several inches of icy-cold powder. Like a thick down comforter, foot-deep drifts raise and smooth over the rugged forest floor. Reaching a peak on Buffalo Mountain, we listened to our hearts beat and looked out over snow-silenced fields and watched wood smoke rising from chimneys in soft, slow curls.

Last Friday we were the first human hikers on the Laurel Fork trail in Hampton. A light snowfall the night before left just enough white on the ground for early-rising creatures to leave clear footprints. We noticed where a mouse had hopped across the trail between the undersides of two logs. A little further up, two long prints cocked outward accompanied by smaller prints in the front told us that a rabbit had meandered across the path. For at least thirty yards, we followed something with four padded feet. Whatever it was, it was smaller than a bear but larger than a housecat. And it had walked down the trail toward us after the snow fell.

After losing the tracks, we left the trail to look into the wide, cold creek running down from Laurel Falls. A fallen tree spanned the creek from the steep hillside across the water into the level clearing where we stood. Snow and ice covered the tree, but there, in the pristine whiteness on top of the log, were more of our mystery animal's footprints. The snow around each print lay quiet and undisturbed. The sure-footed beast had crossed the slick log without so much as slipping.

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Sunday Worship & Activities

Each Sunday: 9:30 am Coffee in the Fellowship hall
9:45 am Sunday School Classes and Hand Bell Practice
6:30-8:30 pm High School Youth Group

Wednesday:

6:00 pm Children's Choir
6:30-8:00 pm Pre-Teen Youth Group Bible Lessons & Activities
7:00 pm Adult Choir
8:15 pm Women's Choir (Singsations)

Thursday:

6:30 pm Golden Heirs Community Choir



Music Notes From Cherry

Adult choir will present “Who Do You Say That I Am” on Palm Sunday at the 11:00 am worship hour in the sanctuary. There will be costumes made for the 12 disciples and other characters in speaking parts. We are trying to develop a costume wardrobe for presentations for which we need costumes. If you have any solid-colored material that you would like to donate for this presentation, please notify Kathy at the church office or Cherry at 753-3858. Also if you would like to help in the sewing of the costumes, please tell us at the same numbers! We need to get started on this right away.

Hand bells are now practicing on new music on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in the sanctuary. We welcome new ringers and can always find a place for you!!

Join a choir and enjoy the fellowship and learning of God’s word through music. Check the bulletin for meeting times for our different choirs. Children’s Choir will begin on Wed. nights starting Feb 16th at 6 pm. There will be introduction of a new musical for the children for early Spring and for special **Easter music** for our Easter season!

COME SING WITH US!



CAN YOU YACK & SNACK AT THE SAME TIME??

Ladies, you are invited to join one of our favorite pastimes! That of gathering around the “kitchen table” for a nice meal and lively, fun conversation! Doesn’t that sound relaxing and a little different? We will be meeting **on the last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.** The Yack & Snack group are going to explore the cuisine of our area while sharing in laughter, news, and general fun chatter. Watch the church bulletin each month for our next destination! Won’t it be fun to explore old or new places to eat and have a wonderful, friendly gathering of friends as an extra attraction!

Remember that it will strength ties with the church and with our friends to occasionally get out and have a great time with friends old and new! Any questions? Please call Zel Hester at 913-1214, Jackie Riddle at 477-3952 or Ann Norman at 753-8181. Requirement: Attend and have fun!



Happy Birthdays!!!

FEBRUARY



Gwendolyn Moorehouse	2
Cherry Smith	3
Elliott Childress	4
Nancy Nave	7
Jackie Riddle	11
Jesse Dykes	11
Janet Harvey	14
Zel Hester	18
Elizabeth Ann Hoss	19
Cassandra Moore	24
Alexis Burkett	24
Kaye Saylor	27
Bunny Downing	28

Happy Birthday & Best Wishes to All!!

NEEDED !HELPING HANDS!



Helping Hands-The Missions Ministry

Team is trying to develop a pool of volunteers in the church. Needed—people who can help other church members with those occasional odd jobs around the house and yard, such as clearing out a rain gutter, changing a hard to reach light bulb, some lawn work occasionally, etc. Jobs that some of the members find difficult, if not impossible to do without risk of falling or of injury. If you are interested in helping or if you need help, please contact the church office at **753-6162**.

The Family Luncheon Hosts for February Are.....

- Jim & Sara Cash**
- Carrie Wallace**
- Linda Brothers**
- Mary Miller**
- Pam Pope**
- Harold & Joanne Comer**
- Jean & Jack Cope**



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO MEET



The **Women's Bible Study for 2011** will be held on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm beginning on March 28th and ending on October 24, 2011.

The topic of this year's study is "**Covenant-God's Enduring Promises**" written by Kay Arthur. Women of all ages are invited and encouraged to join.

This study will concern God's covenants with His people and the people's covenants with each other. Each session will be led by a member of the study group, using the leader's manual and a session DVD.

The church has purchased the Leader's kit for the group and each participant will have a workbook. The cost of the workbook is about \$15.00.

If you are interested in participating please contact one of the following ladies:

Margaret Childress (753-5775), Jean Soergel (753-7701), Zel Hester (913-1214), or Mary Lynn Lancaster (282-8047). You may also contact the church office at the phone number given on the front of the newsletter.

FAMILY LUNCHEON REMINDER

There is a sign up sheet for helping with the Family Luncheon located on the bulletin board by the coat room. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP! Please pick a month in which you could help and sign up! Thank you!

**JAMA FOOD OF THE MONTH:
For FEBRUARY
HOT & COLD CEREALS**

“From Church Bulletin “Bloopers”....

“The Fasting & Prayer Conference Includes Meals “



February 2011 Calendar of Events

Tuesday Feb 1– Tusculum Theologian-in-Residence Lecture, 10am-1 pm with Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick: “The Changing Center of Gravity of Christianity...” (church office will be closed during this time);

-Shawl Ministry to meet at 12:30 pm; bring a lunch

Sat, Feb 5– Shalom Circle meets 10 am—all women of the church are encouraged to attend

Communion Sunday Feb 6- “2011 Souper Bowl of Caring” youth collecting offerings and canned goods following worship

Tues, Feb 8th– Tusculum Theologian-in-Residence Lecture, 10 am-1 pm with Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick: “The Presbyterian Church (USA) & Other Mainline Churches in North America in the 21st Century”.

-Stewardship Mtg 6 pm

Sun, Feb 13th– Family Luncheon following 11 am worship;

-Property Team to meet in the Ed. Bldg. following luncheon for renovation planning meeting.

-Area Blood Banks are low; give blood at JUMC 10am-3 pm;

-Valentine’s Dinner at JUMC, 5pm; see bulletin boards for more info

Mon, Feb 14– Congregational Life & Membership to meet at noon—bring a lunch

Tues, Feb 15- Tusculum Theologian-in Residence Lecture, 10am-1pm with Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly: “Trends Beyond the Mainline Protestants”

-Compassionate Friends meet 6 pm

Sat, Feb 19- *-Scrapbooking with Ann Norman 12-4pm; 753-8181 for more info;*

-Chuckey Presbyterian invites all singles to a Valentine’s Luncheon at 2 pm at no cost (donations are appreciated to benefit their youth summer camp program) call Jackie Riddle at 477-3952 or Elizabeth at 639-5639 (see bulletin boards)

Sun, Feb 20 *-Annual meeting of Congregation called by Session for Feb 20th following worship;*

-Christian Ed to meet following annual meeting

Tues, Feb 22- *-Women’s “Snack & Yack” luncheon 1 pm at Vega’s Fiesta Restaurant, at 1976 Hwy 11E, JBO—Phone 788-3264*

Sun, Feb 27th- *-“Baked Potato Luncheon” served by the Youth; more info to follow*

Mon, Feb 28th– **NOTE REVISED DATE: SESSION MEETS 6:30 PM**



WOULDN’T YOU LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR LOVED ONES?

The 2011 Flower calendar is located on the Missions’ bulletin board, across from the coat room! Convenient, eh? Please sign up for the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

(For those in our congregation who are aware of illness or life events among our long-time or infrequent congregants, PLEASE notify the office and Allen)

Church Prayer list for Relatives & Friends of Church Members: Pam Alexander, Josephine Berryman, Tracey Blackwell, Paul Blaha, Calvin Brow, Helen Broyles, Jack Burris, Janice Campbell, Joni Cannon, Renae Church, Pauline Clark, Carolyn Cope, Lisa Corbett, Regina Davis, Heather Dawson, Ola Dishman, Gaye Amaden Edwards, Jennifer Smith Elmore, Bobby Evans, Gary Fowler, Carolyn Franklin, Tony Fricano, Marlin Gray (member of Golden Heirs), Clayton Hale, Roger Harris, Roger Hawk, Brenda Hayes, Beulah Hendry, Libby Holbrook, Hubert Hoss, Leonard Huffstetler, Mary Ellen Hutchins, Aaron Jackson, Billie Jo James, Audrey Kaiman, Bill Kirchner, Jr, Jack Kirchner, Judy Kyker, Kathy Lance, Anna Maddox CLP, Don March Jr, Becky Marshall, Betty McClellan, Wayne McClellan, John Melton, Johnny Miller, Louise & Steve Montville, Jerry Murrell, Betty Neely, Beatrice Bennett Neill, Patricia Nester, Rodney Parsons, Becky Pickering, Kathy Pierce, Anthony Reagan, Marian Reeve, Janet Roberts, Virginia Scarcella, Joan Poole Scheu, Renae Sherer, Dorothy Starr, Wayne Taylor, Waylon Kay Taylor, Coach Dave Walker, Mike Webb, Nell White, Steven Whitis, Dale Whitson, Billy Whittington, Judy Williams, Freda Wise, Elliott Brothers III Air Force-Iraq, 1st Lt Gordon Mobley (fiancé of Kim Verhegge)-Afghanistan, "Dark Horse Battalion" 5th Marines-Afghanistan,

Church Members: Sylvia Aldridge, Ruth Chase, Sara Nan Byrd, Guy Weems, Cpt Kim Verhegge, USMC

On-going Prayers for Our Homebound Member & Friends: Elizabeth Evans (mother of Marilyn Buchanan), Dr David Doane, Marianne Fair (daughter of Ruth Chase), Bill Correll, Virginia Buxton, Jim & Elizabeth Hoss, Billie Hemmert (mother of Lisa Speer), Elena Sausman (sister of Irene Mitchell), Dorothea Putnam, Edith Baumgardner, Dale Bray (father of Mary Bray and Karen Welch)



KNIT ONE, PURL TWO

The Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 1st at 12:30 pm. Newcomers are very welcome to join us! Come, bring your lunch and enjoy!

Please continue to pray for Kim Verhegge. Kim left on Thurs, Aug 26th with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The 26th MEU floats with 3 ships & is prepared to respond in emergencies in the world. Kim will be on the USS Kearsarge & will serve aboard the ship until May of 2011.

Email: Kimberly.Verhegge@kearsarge.usmc.mil

Postal mailing address: Capt Kim Verhegge
26th MEU DET A, S-1
Unit 73890
FPO AE 09502-3890



MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS— from Karen Welch and Glenn Walker

The Mission Team applied for & received a Hunger Grant from Holston Presbytery for \$1229.84 which was sent to the JAMA Food Pantry in December 2010.

The Mission Team applied for & received a Hunger Grant from Holston Presbytery for \$3422.97 which was sent to Living Waters for the World for water purification in Comalapa, Chiapas, Mexico in December 2010.

Appalachia Service Project-Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian Ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development by addressing the housing needs of Central Appalachia. We have an opportunity to support ASP in Jonesville, VA as part of a mission from a church group from Apex, NC. We will leave very early the morning of Friday, April 15, work that day & Sat ?& return home Sat evening or Sun morning. The work consists of a variety of repair jobs on homes of the elderly & poor to make them warmer, safer and/or drier. If interested, please contact, Glenn Walker at 753-5076 or e-mail gwwalkertn@gmail.com



Confirmation Class Plans for Spring

Pastor Allen plans to conduct a confirmation class this Spring for youth who are in the 7th grade or those who are older who have not yet been through a confirmation class.

Allen needs to know how many youth to expect in the class. **Parents**, please call Allen at the church office at your earliest convenience to let Allen know if your child or children will be in the class.

No schedule has been set at this time but there is one weekend date to save. All confirmation class members will be expected to attend a presbytery-wide confirmation retreat at Camp Holston the weekend of **April 29-May 1**. The cost for the retreat will be \$60 per person. This cost includes all food, lodging and materials.

1. Please call the office and let Allen know as soon as you can as to whether he can expect your child (or children) in this important class.



Congratulations, Pauline!

Our congratulations to Pauline Douglas who has been named to the East Tennessee State University's Board of Directors! Pauline is the Assistant Manager for Security & Emergency Management at the Dept of Energy's Oak Ridge Office.

Pauline graduated from ETSU with a BS in Psychology in 1984 and an MA in Psychology in 1987.

21st Annual Theologian-in-Residence

The Tusculum College Office of Church Relations in conjunction with Holston Presbytery is offering an invitation to a lecture series which will be held on the first three Tuesdays in February 2011. Those dates are Feb 1, Feb 8 and Feb 15.

The series will feature Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk Emeritus and Rev. Gradye Parsons, current Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The focus of this year's series will be the future of the church worldwide.

The series will begin at 10 a.m. with lunch served at 12:15 pm and a wrap up session convening at 1 pm. There is no charge for the workshops or the luncheon.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Eugenia Estes at 1-800-729-0256 xt 5310 or 636-7304 or email her at eestes@tusculum.edu.



FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

Feb 6-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isa., 58:1-9a(9b-12); Ps. 112:1-9(10); 1 Cor. 2:1-12(13-16); Matt. 5:13-20

Feb 13-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Deut. 30:15-20; Ps. 119:1-8; 1 Cor. 3:1-9; Matt. 5:21-37

Feb 20- 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Lev. 19:1-2, 119:33-40; 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23; Matt. 5:38-48

Feb 27-8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isa. 49:8-16a; Ps. 131; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Matt. 6:24-34

Seeking Helpful Drivers...

The Congregation Life & Membership Team will be attempting to put together a list of drivers who might be available to help transport **some of our members who are no longer able to drive** to their doctor appointments. The Team will be letting you know a little more soon about the list but is hoping that you will think about your possible assistance in this

What's Happening With Our Christian Education?

Here is the Report on the Christian Education for the year 2010 and what will be happening in the future of JPC, as supplied by the chair of our Christian Education, Jim Pahriss.

The JPC youth group remained very active this past year, 2010, by participating in several service projects such as working at the John Sevier Center. They helped serve meals and aided in the distribution of clothing. The Youth also participated in the Chasing Snakes Road Race which helped raise money for the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

This very active Youth group also helped out with the JPC's annual Easter Egg Hunt by filling plastic eggs with surprises for the children and then hiding the eggs for the children's enjoyment. The Youth participated in the 30-Hour Famine which raised money for World Vision to feed hungry children in other countries. Fundraisers which helped the Youth raise money for future mission trips were: Baked Potato Bar, Car Wash, parking cars & selling baked goods during Jonesborough Days. Our Youth Group at JPC is one that is very close and welcoming to any teen who wishes to become a part of their group. Their compassion and caring for everyone is a reflection of how God has worked in their lives and how He continues to bless them.

The Pre-Teen Group at JPC met on Wednesday evenings after Children's Choir practice for fun and fellowship. They enjoyed a snack and games with Cristina. The Pre-Teen Group took a trip along with the Children's Choir to Dollywood's "Splash Country" in 2010.

Cristina Martinez left JPC in October but through the help & generosity of our congregation, the Youth Programs are still intact.

Sunday School classes this year remained active although we lost a very dear teacher, Charles Douglas. As of the end of December 2010, there were two adult classes, one nursery and one youth class..

Children's Church continues as a viable Bible teaching activity for our preschool and grade school age children. It is the goal of the Christian Education Ministry Team to establish new Sunday School Classes for older preschoolers and grade school children. Additionally, there is a recognizable need for a younger adult class for the parents of children in preschool and grade school classes.

Thank you, Jim, for letting us know how things are going in the Education Dept!

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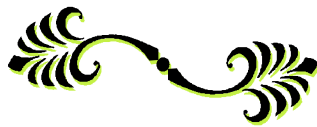
The balanced belonging of this creature in its wildness, together with all other signs telling us that we were anything but alone, caused me to feel that thrilled wariness that makes the woods such a joy.

Yes, I've had enough cold and snow for one year, but that winter day reminded me of the presence of something mysterious and exciting, something that's in the woods all the time, and something that my haphazard eye fails to see in warmer months.

The wintry experience of life often reveal as much of God as they seem to hide. Evidence of *Presence* that goes unnoticed in the distracted warmth of "all's well" often becomes visible in the bitter, sharp-clawed cold. We are less alone than we think when the weather chills us into desperate loneliness. And we are less alone than we might think we want to be when the weather is fair and we drift into the lazy illusion of self-reliance.

May we warm one another's winters with Spirited Grace. And when the mercury rises, when the trees leaf out and the snow-prints disappear, let us keep one another mindful that God's tracks never cease to crisscross our lives with purposed presence and love.

Peace,
Allen



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Chuck Collins

January 2011 Session was held on January 25, 2011; The new members of the session were welcomed and January was a busy but productive meeting.

Year end reports and current work were presented by all Ministry Teams. If you are contacted by one of the Teams to join them as a member, please give it prayerful consideration.

The schedule for the Elder-on-Call and Offering Counters was established.

The meeting schedule for the year was established. **February's meeting is Monday, the 28th @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

March through November meetings are scheduled on the 4th Tuesday @ 6:30 pm. **The December meeting for 2011, during which the new class of session members is included, is scheduled later.**

On Call Elders

Feb.—Jim Pahriss
Mar— Mary Miller
April—Chuck Collins
May— Sylvia Aldridge
June _ Bob Scheu
July— Mary Bray
August— Margaret Childress
September— Linda Brothers
October— Ida Shurr
November—Larry Garst

Offering Count Elders

Jim Rhein & Sylvia Aldridge
Jim Pahriss & Jim Rhein
Mary Bray & Bob Scheu
Jim Pahriss & Chuck Collins
Mary Miller & Linda Brothers
Mary Bray & Sylvia Aldridge
Margaret Childress & Chuck Collins
Mary Miller & Linda Brothers
Margaret Childress & Ida Shurr
Ida Shurr & Bob Scheu

FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS



On-Call Elder: Jim Pahriss
Offering Counters: Sylvia Aldridge & Jim Rhein
Greeters: Loretta Van Horn & Jim Rhein
Acolytes: Sabrina Davis & Audrey Wolfe

The Session of Jonesborough Presbyterian Church

Class of 2011

Chuck Collins
Larry Garst
Ida Shurr
Pat Wolfe

Class of 2012

Mary Lee Miller
Linda Brothers
Jim Pahriss
Jim Rhein

Class of 2013

Sylvia Aldridge
Mary Bray
Margaret Childress
Bob Scheu

Your participation in the work of the church through the Session Ministry Teams is essential to the fulfillment of Christ's mission. Please contact any Session member if you are interested in a Ministry Team.

Worship: Chair: Sylvia Aldridge; Vice Chair: Eva Garst; Summer Buchanan, Margaret Childress, Bunny Downing, Emily Laughrey, Irene Mitchell, Jeri Paolini, Jill Sauceman, Cherry Smith, Ruth Verhegge

Christian Education: Chair: Jim Pahriss; Vice-Chair: Margaret Childress; Renae Helm

Congregational Life & Membership Development: Chair: Ida Shurr; Vice-Chair: Linda Brothers, Sara Cash, Peggy Foster, Alice Haws, Barbara Jilton, Mary Lee Miller, Ann Norman, Charlotte Pahriss, Corinne Parnell, Jean Soergel

Mission: Chair: Marilyn & Summer Buchanan, Karen & Larry Childress, Jim Rhein, Bob Riddle, Carol Salinas, Loretta Van Horn, Glenn Walker, Emily & Jonathan Webb, Karen & Terry Welch

Property: Chair: Larry Garst; Vice-Chair: Bob Scheu; Sylvia Aldridge, Jim Pahriss, Graham Norman, Ken Soergel, Kelly Wolfe

Stewardship & Finance: Chair: Jim Rhein; Vice-Chair: Bob Browning, Eva Garst, Pam Pope, Jennifer Wolfe, Pat Wolfe; Treasurer: Alexis Burkett;

Administration: Chair: Pat Wolfe; Vice-Chair: Mary Lee Miller; Gordon Edwards, Mike Floyd, Hal Knight, John Laughrey, Ann Norman

Session Nominating Committee: Chair: (alternate); Congregational members: Marilyn Buchanan; Ann Norman, Bill Reese, Terry Welch; Becky Wolfe (alternate)

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