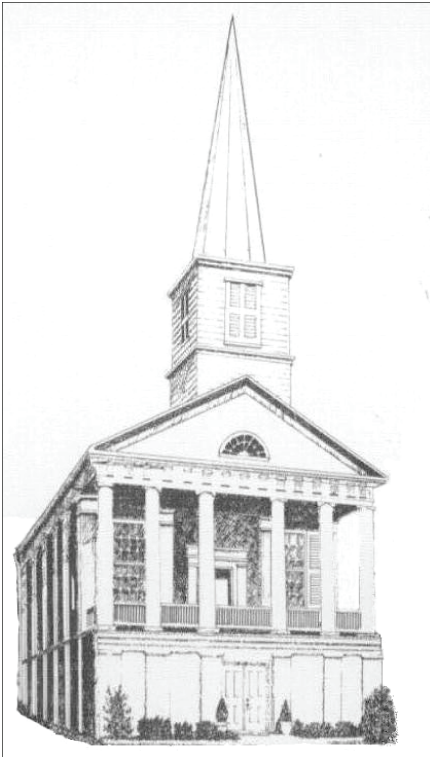


Hebron Highlights * January 2012



The Newsletter of Jonesborough Presbyterian Church * 'Hebron' was the original name of the 1790 congregation that is now Jonesborough Presbyterian Church.



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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you all!

I do mean that. But saying it always reminds me that New Year's Eve tends to be one of my least favorite observances. More than any other time of the year, New Year's Eve becomes the occasion for people to *put their stupid on* and lose track of reality—not to mention consciousness. The custom of no-holds-barred New Year's Eve reveling as a way to turn loose of tensions and to look backward and forward fails to make sense to me. I have never understood the reasoning behind the desire to begin a new year mentally and physically impaired. But maybe that is just old insipid, inhibited, introverted me.

To me, New Year's Eve opens the door to a room I've never been in. This room may be in a familiar house. The same roof covers our heads. The same floor lies at my feet. And I've even run my hands along the outside of the same walls that line the inside of this new room. But like an unentered room, a new year is a brand new space—pristine, unknown, full of promise and hope as well as unseen dangers, discomforts and even tragedies.

A new year is bound by its limited number of days and weeks as a room is by its walls. But the year is deeper and wider than any household room. We cannot stand in the doorway and see all the way to the end. The days of the new year will unfold before us, each one a gift and a wonder. We cannot know exactly what to expect. We will not always know what to do and how to react. We may not even always know whom to trust. Each day will be an adventure unto itself.

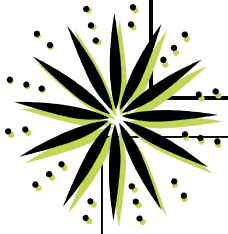
On New Year's Eve we stand at the threshold of this new room and peer expectantly and hopefully as light from the hallway begins to reveal the layout. Then, on New Year's Day we begin to take our first steps into these new surroundings and look for the familiar light.

"I am the light of the world," says Jesus. "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

The image of Jesus as *The Light* has led to a lot of dark misunderstanding. Light does not eliminate all those dangers, discomforts and tragedies we mentioned earlier. Light simply helps to make them visible. But Jesus' light also helps us to navigate our way through them, and to live toward fullness and wholeness in spite of all that can so quickly and coarsely turn a day of celebration into a season of grief or healing.

2012 is upon us. It is new and uncharted. Its surprises will both delight and discourage. May the Light of Life guide your feet, your hearts, your minds and your spirits. And may something brighten each and every day for you.

Shalom,
Allen



CHERRY'S CHOIR NOTES

COME JOIN US SING! Join one of our choirs



All of the choirs have had a rest after the very busy holiday season. We are now ready to begin practices again for the Lord's house! If you would like to be a part of our wonderful music department here at Jonesborough Presbyterian Church, there is something here for you!

The NEW choir on Monday nights (Jonesborough Presbyterian Church's Community Children's Choir) is beginning a new musical for Spring entitled "Follow U". This the latest adventure for Children's Choir music with beautiful music and exciting dialogue in it! This choir is open for any child from 5 years to 18 years of age! What a range...but what a challenge! Our youngest child is Jessy who is 5 and our oldest is Katie who is a senior at UH high. It is amazing how the children work together on these projects. We welcome any young person to be a part of this wonderful choir. Our meetings are at 6 p.m. each Monday in the fellowship hall at Jonesborough Presbyterian Church!

HAND BELLS are beginning new music for Easter and general music to be performed at other performances arranged for this wonderful group. Come and ring out the joy with us!

Adult choir is also beginning new music for the Easter season. Now is a good time to join with these fun and talented members and raise your voice in joyous song!

The **Golden Heirs** (whose talent includes those from other churches in the area) will begin practicing new music for Easter also. The Golden Heirs meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.

SNACKERS AND YACKERS WANTED !!



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 or Ann Norman at 753-8181.

We will meet at the new restaurant Daily Bread in Jonesborough on Tuesday, January 31st! Good food! Great company!!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Wilson	2
Kelly Wolfe	8
Susu Floyd	10
Mary Miller	12
Jeanne Cope	13
Sara Engel	15
Frank Saylor	16
Bob Riddle	17
Barbara Grooms	19
Kim Verhegge	19
Mary Bray	20
Ray Marney	24
Karen L Welch	25
Wes Miller	25
Bill Reese	25
Carol Salinas	28
George Woolwine	28
Pat Davis	30

Best Wishes to All !!

HELPING HANDS STILL NEEDED

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 hart 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**.



JANUARY ASSIGNMENTS

January Greeters: Ray Marney & Barbara Grooms
January Acolytes: Jesse Dykes & Hannah Fair
January On-Call Elder: Ann Norman
January Offering Counters: Terri Knight & Ann Norman
January Communion Team #1: Ann Norman, Jim Cash, Chuck Collins, Bob Scheu & Mary Miller

NOTES:

***Devices to aid the hearing impaired are available in the acolyte room to the left of the narthex. Please feel free to use them during worship.

***Please let all visitors sit with their, and anyone having difficulty in standing or walking **move to the front of the serving line during our family luncheons.**

The Family Luncheon
Hosts for January is:



The Congregational
Life & Membership Committee

Soups, Sandwiches & Desserts



JAMA FOODS OF THE MONTH:

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

**JELLIES, CANS OF SOUP, SALTINES,
 DRY BEANS, CANNED FRUIT,
 SPAGHETTI, SAUCES
 LARGE PAPER BAGS**

There has been a substantial **decrease** in the USDA items offered & an **increase in those need-**
ing help.



JANUARY CALENDAR 2012 :

New Year's Day Rev Robert Payne Cave is visiting minister

Tues, 3rd Shawl Ministry meets at 12:30 p.m.

Fri 6th Epiphany of the Lord—Un-decorate the church at 6 pm –Tennessee Christian Teen Convention Sr High Retreat thru Sun, 8th

Sat 7th– Shalom Circle meets 10 am in fellowship hall; all women, all ages invited to attend—No dues! Just fellowship

Communion Sun 8th Family luncheon immediately following; CPR/AED Training for today cancelled; rescheduled Jan 29

Mon 9th Congregational Life & Membership meets noon

Tues 10th Stewardship meets 6:30 pm

Wed 11th Adult choir resumes practice; Hand bells 6 pm

Sun 15th Annual meeting of the Congregation called by Session for Sun, Jan 15th; Missions Ministry to meet following worship; LifeGroup Lock-In thru Mon 16th

Mon 16th Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr; Worship ministry meets 6 pm upstairs in AZ Howard SS room

Tues 17th Compassionate Friends meet 6 pm

Thurs 19th Colonial Heights PC Seniors tour 1:30 pm

Fri 20th Visioning Meeting with Dr Jeff Batkin in fellowship hall from 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm

Sat 21st Visioning Meeting continues in fellowship hall from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Sun 22nd Property Committee to meet following worship

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JANUARY CALENDAR CONTINUED:

Tues 24th Session meets 6:30 p.m.

Sat 28th Loaves & Fishes- Scrapbooking with Ann Norman Meet in Fellowship Hall 12-4 p.m.

Sun 29th **CPR/AED Training** led by Wes Miller; contact Wes or the church office if interested in attending; class is 3 hrs long and cost is \$35

Tues 31st Ladies **Snack & Yack** luncheon at **Daily Bread** in J'borough 1 pm

SHALOM CIRCLE

Shalom Circle is still offering our "famous recipes" cookbooks for sale! Only \$20 and they are an excellent gift at that price! 3-ring binder style so that the cooks can add their own "favorite recipes"!

Cookbooks were gathered together from church recipes made with love and prayerfully offered for sale to continue the Ladies' Circles other gifts of love!

KNIT ONE, PURL TWO



The Shawl Ministry meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm. Newcomers are very welcome to join us! Come and enjoy!



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: “Aunt Jodi”, Sylvia Amezaga, Liam Baum (5), Beatrice Bennett, Richard & Jeannie Blevins, Joni Cannon, Teresa Cannon, Betsy Cebular, Clyde Chisam, Evelyn Clark, Carmen Clouse , Carolyn Cope, Dave Couch, Marie Crump, Tony Davis, Heather Dawson, Michael DiMartino, Robin & Gilbert Doan, Tammy & Ben Edwards, Waylon K Edwards, Tyler Eib, Jennifer S Elmore, Mark Foster, Don Green, Pam Harris, Brenda Hayes, Leonard Huffstetler, Casey Hunter, Mary Ellen Hutchins, Lisa Hutchison, Karen Ingram & son Cody, Roy Jenkins, Sr, Brad Jones, Navi Justis, Diana Klein’s friends, Bob & Faye, Steven Lifford, Heidi Long, Bob Lowe, Linda Malloy, Kathy Mashburn, Pete McCallan, Linda McIntosh, Marylou Mercurio, the Rev Tim Meredith & family, Tucker Montgomery, Mary-Ann Norman, Diane Patuszynski, Frances, Vernon & Paula Pennington, Jim Poland, Rita Retterer, Hannah Ryans (14), Bruce Scheu, Brenda Self & Dad, Sharon Soergel(10), Allyson & Jim Speropulos, Kelly Spicer, Michael & Claire Virga, Lily Weaver (10), Nell White, David Wise, Susan Womack, Nicole Yoder, Gregory Benson-Afghanistan, Brian Walker-Afghanistan
And the family of Ralph ‘Pat’ Diddle

Church Members: Janet Harvey & Cassandra Moore

On-going Prayers for Our Homebound Member & Friends: Pat Wilson, Elizabeth Evans (mother of Marilyn Buchanan), Don Frederick (former Interim Pastor), Marianne Fair (daughter of Ruth Chase), Bill Correll, Virginia Buxton, Elizabeth Hoss, Billie Hemmert (mother of Lisa Speer), Elena Sausman (sister of Irene Mitchell), Dale Bray (father of Mary Bray & Karen Welch), Beulah Hendry (mother-in-law of Marion Light), Louise Williams (mother of Janet Browning & Wilma Chandley), Ada McLeod (mother of Mary Lancaster), Wanda Sauceman (mother of Fred Sauceman), Steven Whitis (brother of Linda Brothers)

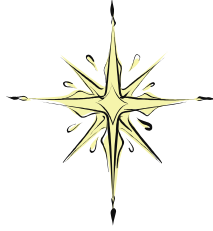


2012 Theologian-in-Residence—Rev. Landon Whitsitt

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Executive/Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mid-America and the Vice-Moderator of the PC(USA) General Assembly, will lead the **2012 Theologian-in-Residence** series in February as it celebrates its 21st year. Rev. Whitsitt will explore the “open source church” in which the basic functions of mission and ministry are open to anyone.

Mark your calendar now to be at Tusculum each Tuesday in February from 10 a.m. until the wrap-up at 1 p.m. Lunch is provided at 12:15. Check the **2012 Brochure** posted on the bulletin board next to the elevator for session topics and registration.

For reservations, call **423-636-7304** or email: eestes@tusculum.edu.
All events are free of charge.



JANUARY LECTIONARY

1st Sun after Christmas-Isa. 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Gen. 1:1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11**

2nd Sun After Epiphany—(2nd Sun in Ordinary Time) 1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

3rd Sunday After Epiphany- (3rd Sun in Ordinary Time) Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps. 62:5-12; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

4th Sunday After Epiphany (4th Sun in Ordinary Time) Deut. 18:15-20; Ps. 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

MEMBER AT FOUR OAKS

Pat Wilson is residing at Four Oaks Health Care Center at 1101 Persimmon Ridge Road, and would love to have you visit her!

REQUEST FROM PROPERTY COMMITTEE

In order to keep the driveway beside the church open, we ask that cars **NOT** be parked for extended periods in the driveway. When it is necessary to park in order to load/unload items into/out of your car, please move it to a parking space in the back or out in front of the church as soon as possible. It can be a very dangerous maneuver to have to back out into Main Street when the driveway is blocked and other cars are lining the curb in front of the church.

Thank you!

Notable Quotable Quotes

From Mother Teresa:

“Make us worthy, Lord, to serve others throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger,

Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread, and by our understanding of love, give peace and joy. “

Very Real Need for DEPENDABLE DRIVERS

The Congregational Life and Membership Committee is seeking those people who can help some of our church members who no longer have the option of driving themselves to doctor's appointments or possibly the quick trip to the grocery store, etc.

If you can lend your time in this endeavor, it would be gratefully and graciously accepted by those who are in need of that extra special care. Please notify **Ida Shurr or Kathy Scheu in the office** if you can add your name to the Dependable Drivers List!



The following letter shows how much your support of IHN does not go unrewarded:

From: Brian– IHN Executive Director

“I hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and know that the work you do with IHN continues to make a difference. Please be in prayer for the four families in the program, the 9 families in Families Moving Home and the 10 families on the waiting list. Each of them need your continued support through prayer. You have cared for them all year and you became a part of their lives. I hope they have also become a part of yours.

I’d like to share a couple of things that I think will reinforce this thought and also reinforce the true meaning of Christmas.

1. James, Angel and their boys Dagon and Skye moved into the Families Moving Home Program & into their new home last week. They are located on Pardee Street in a home that is old but well maintained. We had two spare Christmas trees when they moved out so we gave them one & they are so excited. After the first year, James will attend Assistant Manager School for his company.

2. Yesterday, Marie and sweet little Aaliyah moved into their very nice 2 bedroom home located over by God’s Corner. We gave them the other Christmas tree. They too are in Families Moving Home and will receive our case management support and subsidized housing while Aaliyah continues to receive home schooling with her teacher and a retired elementary teacher volunteer. Marie is working on her GED and then wants to begin taking post-secondary classes or focus on a specific trade.

Yesterday when they were in the van ready to head out of the Day Center parking lot for the last time, Aaliyah called me over to her where she was sitting in her car seat. When I got closer to her she opened her arms, gave me a BIG hug and told me she loved me! Needless to say, I had my Christmas gift yesterday! That’s all I want!

Aaliyah’s words were not just meant for me. I’m not around Aaliyah that much in the capacity in which I serve IHN. What she was really saying to me was thank you for all the wonderful things this ministry has done for her. She was excited to now be able to go to a “real home”, get ready for Christmas and start a new life. Oh...how a child can express that so well!

So thank you for all you do. You have touched the lives of so many IHN families and I hope your heart sings like mine, knowing that what you do is making a difference; not just in the lives of families but for the Kingdom of God.

Blessing to you all and see you in the New Year,

Brian
IHN Executive Director

Thank you, Glenn Walker, for sharing this letter with us.

The Session of Jonesborough Presbyterian Church Session Ministry Teams

Class of 2012

Linda Brothers
Mary Lee Miller
Jim Pahriss
Jim Rhein

Class of 2013

Mary Bray
Margaret Childress
Ann Norman
Bob Scheu

Class of 2014

Chuck Collins
Bunny Downing
Terri Knight
Emily Webb

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: Ann Norman; Vice Chair: Eva Garst; Summer Buchanan, Margaret Childress, Bunny Downing, Emily Laughrey, Irene Mitchell, Jeri Paolini, Corinne Parnell, Cherry Smith, Ruth Verhegge

Christian Education Chair: Jim Pahriss; Vice-Chair: Margaret Childress
Rena Helm, Adam Proffitt, Cheryl Smith, Debbie Walls

Congregational Life & Membership Development Chair: Linda Brothers; Vice-Chair: Mary Lee Miller;
Sara Cash, Ann Norman, Charlotte Pahriss, Corinne Parnell, Ida Shurr, Kathy Scheu

Mission Chair Chair: Terri Knight; Vice-Chair: Marilyn & Summer Buchanan, Karen & Larry Childress, Gordon Edwards, Marianne Huff, Jim Rhein, Bob Riddle, Carol Salinas, Glenn Walker, Jonathan & Emily Webb, Terry & Karen Welch

Property Chair: Bob Scheu; Vice-Chair: Graham Norman Larry Garst, Martin Harris, Jim Pahriss, Kelly Wolfe

Stewardship & Finance Chair: Jim Rhein; Vice-Chair: Chuck Collins, Treasurer: Alexis Burkett; Eva Garst; Pam Pope, Jill Sauceman, Jennifer Wolfe, Pat Wolfe

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

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

The 2011 Flower calendar is located on the same bulletin board, by the coat room, as the Family Luncheon! Convenient, eh? Please sign up for the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like to place flowers in the church!





On Call Elders

Jan—Ann Norman

Feb

Mar

April

May

June

July

Aug

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

Offering Count Elders

Terri Knight & Ann Norman

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Weekley Schedule

Sun. 9:30 am Coffee in Fellowship Hall– Join us before SS
9:45 am Sunday School classes
11:00 am Worship
6:00-8:00 pm LifeGroup: Jr & Sr High

Mon. 6:00-7:30 pm Community, Youth & Children’s Choir

Wed 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm Adult Choir
6:30-8:00 pm Studio 56: 5th & 6th Grade
6:30-8:00 pm Converge: Jr & Sr High

Thurs. 6:30 pm Golden Heirs Community Choir