

Friendship News

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Be It Resolved...

“This year I resolve to...” Any ideas? Diet, exercise, watch less television, spend less money? This is a time for making resolutions. Unfortunately, though, most of us make unrealistic commitments that do not seem to last long. But I do not want to be too negative about our practice of making resolutions at the beginning of a new calendar year. Indeed, I will be right there with most resolution-makers, pledging to eat better and exercise more. In fact, I’m going to ask you to join me in making another resolution as we enter 2009 together.

One of my hopes for our church in the coming year is that we can spend some time in working together to develop a long-range plan for our work and ministry. As I said in worship on December 28, we are a people who proclaim to the world that God is with us. And by virtue of this claim, we dare to believe that this God-with-us is longing to use us in exciting ways as God’s people in the world.

Churches must spend some time periodically, however, discerning their direction for the future, asking God to open up those opportunities for mission and ministry that will make a difference in our world. It reminds me of that Bible story where Jesus, after his resurrection from the dead, gives a command to his followers as he is ascending into heaven (see Luke 24 for one version of this story). What is his command? Wait. Go back and wait on God to send you the Holy Spirit. Basically he says to his followers, “Don’t just rush out and say you are going to save the world. Wait. Listen for God. Then, in response to God’s call, move forward.”

So here is my call to our church as we begin 2009. Let us all join together in waiting upon God as we seek to vision together our church’s future. Let’s spend time praying for our church. Let’s give God thanks for the many ways Berea Friendship Church has been an instrument of God’s grace in days and years past. And let us ask God to open to us a vision for our future.

Will you resolve to join me in a prayerful waiting in 2009? Will you resolve to pray for our church and her future ministry on a daily basis? Perhaps you might use a prayer like this: O God, you have chosen the church to be an instrument of your salvation and grace in the world. Let your Spirit be with Berea Friendship United Methodist Church as we seek to hear your voice and follow your call both now and in days to come. Bind us together as a church community that we might be faithful in spreading the love of Christ to all people. In your name we pray. Amen.

Let us join together with confidence and hope, assured that our God who is with us is still calling us to be a part of God’s divine plan of salvation and hope.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Keith

Read the Bible Through in 2009

Happy Birthday



January 3	Preston Argo
January 4	Reagan Mann Adam McCloud
January 6	Jake Moorehead
January 7	John Ferrer Doris Hunt
January 9	Dustin Hagins
January 10	Zack Philpot
January 13	Blanche Creswell
January 17	Mildred Bray Kevin Wells
January 18	Carol Dunn
January 22	Patty Bowers
January 23	Eddie Hughes Josh Armstrong
January 25	Andy Vaughan
January 27	Stanley Dunn
January 28	Mildred Huckaby
January 31	Sue Coggins

Happy Anniversary

January 10	Ronnie & Judy Armstrong
January 21	Terri & Dennis McCloud



Daily Bible Reading for January

Jan 1: Gen 1-3
Jan 2: Gen 4-7
Jan 3: Gen 8-11
Jan 4: Job 1-5
Jan 5: Job 6-9
Jan 6: Job 10-13
Jan 7: Job 14-16
Jan 8: Job 17-20
Jan 9: Job 21-23
Jan 10: Job 24-28
Jan 11: Job 29-31
Jan 12: Job 32-34
Jan 13: Job 35-37
Jan 14: Job 38-39
Jan 15: Job 40-42
Jan 16: Gen 12-15
Jan 17: Gen 16-18
Jan 18: Gen 19-21
Jan 19: Gen 22-24
Jan 20: Gen 25-26
Jan 21: Gen 27-29
Jan 22: Gen 30-31
Jan 23: Gen 32-34
Jan 24: Gen 35-37
Jan 25: Gen 38-40
Jan 26: Gen 41-42
Jan 27: Gen 43-45
Jan 28: Gen 46-47
Jan 29: Gen 48-50
Jan 30: Ex 1-3
Jan 31: Ex 4-6

If you would like to read the Bible Chronologically as the events occurred, in one year, follow the monthly readings in the Newsletter each month.

Our Church Family

Congratulations to **Matt Greer** on completing his Teaching Degree in Special Education. Matt graduated on December 16th from USC Upstate. Matt's parents are **Rick & Diane Greer** and grandparents **Myra & Troy Clements**. Congratulations Matt we are so proud of you!

Congratulations to **Marsha & John Disher** who are the proud grandparents to **Jacob Lanier Disher**, born on December 17, 2008, at 7:01 pm. Jacob weighed 6lbs, 8oz, and is 20 inches long. The proud parents are **Brian & Laura Disher** and proud big sister Madison.



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Casey Ann Armstrong** who graduated from South Texas College of Law on December 20th. Casey will be Studying for the Bar Exam in March and will be remaining in Texas for the time being. Casey's address is 3000 Bissonnett Apt. 11209 Houston, TX 2-77005

Sympathy The pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to **Mary Childs** and her family upon the death of her husband **Morris "Dub" Childs**. Dub died on Sunday, December 28th. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, January 4th at Berea Friendship UMC at 2:30 pm. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:15. The family requests that no flowers be sent, but instead memorials may be made to Berea Friendship Kitchen Fund, in honor of Dub. The Fellowship Hall will be open to friends and family immediately following the service.

United Women's Methodist Officers Training

The United Methodist Women's Officers Training will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on January 10, 2009, at 9:00 am.

United Methodist Women's Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board will meet on February 4, 2009, at 6:30 pm in the Ruth Bible Class.

Cutlery Items and Flavoring for Sale

The United Methodist women will be selling cutlery items and flavoring all year long. If you need flavoring for baking, you cannot beat our price, \$3.00 for a 7 ounce bottle. We currently have vanilla and lemon. We can order different flavors. Please let Pat Teat or Anne-Marie Failor know and we will order it.

We have a great selection of stainless steel cutlery items. If you would like to see what we have, please contact Pat Teat or Anne-Marie Failor.

Thank You

Dear Berea Friendship Church Members,

Many thanks to each of you for helping our mother, Margaret Rivers, celebrate her 100th birthday. The cards visits and gifts demonstrate such love and care that each of you have given to her. Our gratitude for all you have done for her.

In Love,
John & Lillian Paxton

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and prayers during the time which I lost my two sisters. The kindness you shared with me during this time of sorrow has meant so much.

In Christian Love
Doris Hunt

Project Host

The Board of governors, staff, and volunteers of Project Host thank you for your very generous gift. Contributions like yours help support our soup kitchen and enable us to feed many hungry people. May God Bless you for your donation of hot dogs and rolls donated on November 10, 2008
Sincerely, Sally Green, Executive Director

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards, thoughts and prayers during my surgery. I treasure your love and am very blessed to have you all in my life. May you all have a wonderful New Year with lots of blessings. Shannon

Please Remember Our Family who need Prayer and others we do not know about

Keep in prayer the following:

Ruth Brock	Benson & Martha McWhite
Edith Bynum	Nick & Dot Nichols
Louise Davenport	Rachel Palmer
Shirley Dickson	Margaret Rivers
Bob & Ann Donaldson	Juanita Sherlin
Georgiana Dougherty	Jerry Smith
Mary Childs	Martha Smith
Hilda Hagins	Helen Stebbins
Lucy Hughes	Doris Williams
Doris Hunt	Jack & Libby Wingate
Jewell Hunt	Helen Yockey
J.H. "Jay & Vera Hunt	Margie Philpot
Connie LaParl	Claire Philpot
Louvina Leach	Joe Philpot
Eunice Looper	Margie Philpot
	Walter & Gwen Vaughan



20 HEALTHY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR KIDS

The following New Year tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Please feel free to use them in any print or broadcast story, with appropriate attribution of source.

Preschoolers

- I will clean up my toys.
- I will brush my teeth twice a day, and wash my hands after going to the bathroom and before eating.
- I won't tease dogs – even friendly ones. I will avoid being bitten by keeping my fingers and face away from their mouths.

Kids, 5- to 12-years-old

- I will drink milk and water, and limit soda and fruit drinks.
- I will apply sunscreen before I go outdoors. I will try to stay in the shade whenever possible and wear a hat and sunglasses, especially when I'm playing sports.
- I will try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will always wear a helmet when bicycling.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I'll be nice to other kids. I'll be friendly to kids who need friends – like someone who is shy, or is new to my school.

I'll never give out personal information such as my name, home address, school name or telephone number on the Internet. Also, I'll never send a picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer without my parent's permission.

Kids, 13-years-old and up

- I will eat at least one fruit and one vegetable every day, and I will limit the amount of soda I drink.
- I will take care of my body through physical activity and nutrition.
- I will choose non-violent television shows and video games, and I will spend only one to two hours each day – at the most – on these activities.
- I will help out in my community – through volunteering, working with community groups or by joining a group that helps people in need.
- I will wipe negative "self talk" (i.e. "I can't do it" or "I'm so dumb") out of my vocabulary.
- When I feel angry or stressed out, I will take a break and find constructive ways to deal with the stress, such as exercising, reading, writing in a journal or discussing my problem with a parent or friend.
- When faced with a difficult decision, I will talk with an adult about my choices.
- I will be careful about whom I choose to date, and always treat the other person with respect and without coercion or violence.
- I will resist peer pressure to try drugs and alcohol.
- When I notice my friends are struggling or engaging in risky behaviors, I will talk with a trusted adult and attempt to find a way that I can help them.

American Academy of Pediatrics, 12/07

January 2009 EVENTS

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| January 1 | <u>Happy New Years 2009</u> |
| January 4 | Communion, Baptism, New Member
Youth meet 3:00-4:00 |
| January 6 | Quilters 10:00 in Quilters Room |
| January 7 | Bible Study at 4:30
WNS 5:30
Youth 6:15
Choir 7:30 |
| January 8 | Quilters 10:00 am in the Quilters Room |
| January 10 | Officers Training at Aldersgate UMC 9:00 |
| January 11 | Youth Breakfast at 8:30 |
| January 13 | Quilters 10:00 am in the Quilters Room |
| January 14 | Bible Study 4:30
Wednesday night supper 5:30
Youth 6:15
Choir 7:30 |
| January 15 | Quilters 10:00 in the Quilters Room |
| January 18 | Covered Dish Lunch after service
Youth meet 3:00-4:00 |
| January 20 | Quilters 10:00 am in the Quilters Room |
| January 21 | Bible Study 4:30
Wednesday night supper 5:30
Youth at 6:15
Choir 7:30 |
| January 22 | Inspiration Group meets at 11:30
(A.V. Huff speaker)
We will have soup & cornbread |
| January 24 | Administrative Council will meet 10:00
to 1:00 and will have a soup lunch as
we make plans for the New Year. |
| January 27 | Quilters meet in the Quilters Room 10:00 |
| January 28 | Bible Study at 4:30
Wednesday night supper 5:30
Book Club 6:30 |
| January 29 | Quilters 10:00 in the Quilters Room |

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us for food & fellowship every Wednesday Night beginning at 5:30 pm. Dinners are a great value at \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids and also available for take out. All meals include meat, vegetables, bread, dessert, and beverage. As Berea Friendship is attempting to conserve spending we have made a conscience effort to avoid the use of paper products when possible at meal time. Meals will be served from the large inventory of dinnerware that our kitchen houses. Let's begin 2009 as dedicated stewards of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church.



Youth Breakfast

Come support our youth on January 11, 2009 for breakfast. They always prepare a Wonderful meal and its great before joining everyone at Sunday School at 9:30 am.



Morning Circle

The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Quilters Room. We will make plans for 2009

Shalom Circle

The Shalom Circle will meet on January 21, 2009, at 6:30 pm in the Ruth Bible Class. We will resume with our book "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World."

INSPIRATION GROUP

Jan. 22, 2009 speaker will be A.V. Huff telling the history of Greenville. We will have Soup & Cornbread with dessert. Vivian Day will have our devotion.

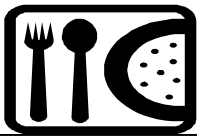
Quilters

The Quilters will resume working again on January 6th. If you are interested in joining them, drop by the Quilters Room outside the church. They are a dedicated group of workers that help support the church in a big way. They make so many beautiful quilts and crafts! They meet every Tuesday and Thursday. The casseroles they made are still on sale and are listed on the back door of the sanctuary.

Bible Study

Please join us every Wednesday night before the Wednesday Night Supper for a time to join together with our friends and study the Bible as Bob Helms leads us to learn more about God's Word. The Bible study starts at 4:30 pm. For questions, please call Bob Helms at 295-2973.





Menu for Wednesday Night Supper

January 7

Fried Chicken
Rice & Gravy
Italian Green Beans
Rolls, Banana Pudding
Tea, Coffee, Water

January 14

Hot dogs
Chips/Pickle
Baked Beans, Brownie
Tea, Coffee, Water

January 21

Country Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/gravy
LeSueur Peas
Rolls, Apple Pie
Tea, Coffee, Water

January 28

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls, Cheesecake w/cherries
Tea, Coffee, Water

Financial News

Expenses for November \$20,827.31
Expenses Jan-November \$192,573.53
Average attendance for
S.S. — 55 Worship — 127
Financial Report for
Needed for Budget \$18,745.12
Received for Budget \$25,833.33
Needed to-date for Budget \$243,867.00
Received to-date for Budget \$205,527.46
Missions Offering \$291.00



Those Who Serve in January

Stewardship Jim Rawson
Trustee of the Month Ronnie Hunter
Altar Guild Vickie Failor



Nursery For January

January 4 Lucy Hughes
January 11
January 18 Marsha & John Disher
January 25 Becky & Henry Philpot

Acolytes for January

January 4 Monroe Stone
January 11 Kevin Baker
January 18 Anne-Marie
January 25 Denise McCloud

January Ushers

January 4 Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
January 11 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys,
Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman
January 18 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest,
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
January 25 Steve Capps, Wilson Creswell,
Ronald Failor, Ronnie Hunter

Flowers in January

January 4 Heather & Joe Philpot
January 11
January 18
January 25

NOTE: If you would like to sign up for the flowers we have a calendar posted outside the Huckaby Class.

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