



North Alabama Children's Home

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for the kind use of your fellowship building, so that we could have our "Breakfast With Santa" on December 4th. The building was great, and Santa had some great help with Tyrus Mansell and Vernon Malone and so many others who helped in a great way. The young ladies did a great job in distributing the food, and we had more than enough to eat. We raised almost \$200.00 that morning, and really appreciate all those who worked so hard to help make the day better.

The picture above is of some of "Santa's helpers". Thanks for all you do for the North Alabama Christian Children's Home. Come and see us anytime you can. May God bless you as you look for a new minister, and begin the new year.

For the children,
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Tim Fulmer
Glen Grubbs
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SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY:

9:00am Bible Class
10:00am Worship
4:30pm Prayer Session
5:00pm Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm Bible Class

The Record You Help Make

Bible Class	194
AM Worship	322
PM Worship	466
Contribution.....	\$53,590
Child Care.....	\$ 106



There are those times when the actual events that you find yourself right in the middle of completely exceed your expectations. Sunday was one of those times. Joe Wells did an amazing job of preaching the awesome goodness and power of God's word to us. Our numbers on Sunday morning were higher than normal and our Winter Youth Series crowd was larger than it has been in a few years.

You all did a SUPERB job in decorating, cooking, serving, cleaning up, and breaking down for the youth series. I would be completely out of line not to mention the extremely hard work done by Tyrus Mansell and his crew. He always makes sure that the kitchen is a "well-oiled" and efficient machine. He orders the food and he and his crew spend all weekend preparing it so that it is ready to go when the kids walk down the stairs to the Annex. Several of our ladies contributed to making the annex look great as well.

I also want to give a special thanks to Evan Mansell for leading our singing and to Caleb Henry and Blake Hollimon for stepping up and helping lead in our worship, even with a huge crowd. That takes a lot of nerve. I hate not to mention everyone who made the series a success, but I know I would miss someone's name. There were so many of you running from here to there trying to take care of the crowd that I could not possibly remember all who did what and when.

I hope that each and every one of you have had a very Merry Christmas and will follow it up with a great new year! I pray that this year will be a great one for you personally, and for this congregation at Highland Park. I know that the Lord will place in our path many opportunities for service and teaching throughout 2011. Pray that when God does open those doors to us that we will have the wisdom to recognize them and act on them.

Ben



Sick: Austin Davenport is home waiting for confirmation on a particular hospital to undergo heart surgery. Howard Jeffreys has been diagnosed with inoperative cancer. Vicki Henson (Jonathan's mother) is recovering from surgery at Jonathan's house. Sonny Watkins (Jerri's friend) is in Cypress Cove on Alabama St. in room 12B. Rudolph Kirshner's health is declining and Christine asks for our prayers. Glen Hale, Ouida Britton, Helen McAffry & Mary Britton are having a hard time getting around. Ellen Rogers, Betty Davenport, & Roy Thompson are home.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Rebekah Evans, the mother Crystal Orick, Justin's wife. Her funeral was December 18th.

Thank You Card

A thank you card is posted on the bulletin board from the family of Henry Evans for all the cards, calls, visits, and food they received following their father's death.



Holiday "Adoptions"

A big appreciation is extended to all of you who adopted some children this year from the Samaritan House. We selected nine families from the "most needy of the needy" Samaritan House files and you made some children very happy! We also had enough money to purchase food for each of the families to give them a ham and other items for their Christmas dinner. I love you for your generosity and tender hearts toward those who are struggling! I hope your own holiday season will be as joyous as the one you gave these families!

Rhonda

Meals on Wheels
delivers the week of December 27th.
See Donna Kimbrough to help!



New Year's Eve Party For all ages Friday Night

Begins At 7:00PM - Till next year
In the MPR

Please bring:
Finger foods, Games,
Friends, and a big smile!

The office will be closed Friday, Dec 31st
Our meeting schedule will be the same during these two holiday weekends.
We'll have singing Wednesday night!



For All the Ladies...

A list is on the bulletin board for being in charge of handling food arrangements in the event of a death. You will not be doing all the cooking, just coordinating it. If you are willing to head this up for **1 month** of the coming new year, just sign your name beside the month you choose. A group of ladies can sign up together for a month.

Your duties will be:

- Contact the family to see what their food needs are.
- Call the ladies of the congregation to prepare food.
- If fed at the church building you'll need to enlist the help of some ladies to set up tables & Chairs, set up the drinks, food (reheat if necessary), make coffee, ect..
- Serve the family and clean up afterwards.

THOSE TO SERVE

10:00 AM WORSHIP
Read Scripture.....Adam McCollum
Opening Prayer.....Neil Wells
Closing Prayer.....Michael Orick

5:00 PM SERVICE
Read Scripture..... Brendon McCollum
Opening Prayer.....Joey Davis
Closing Prayer.....Vernon Malone
Greeters..... James & Janice McAffry
Building Lockup Joel Kendrick

DECEMBER CONTACT ELDER
Tim Fulmer



Prayer Lists:

Mabeth Jones, Pauline Jackson, Harvey Hasha, Lois Black, Norma Martin, Cindy Gresham, Rayburn Moore (Melinda Logan's brother-in-law), Wylodean Dabbs, Paula Johnson, Guy Jeffreys, Vic & Margaret Addington, Opal Farris, Betty Davenport, Rudolph & Christine Kirchner, Jimmy & Olene Hanback

Please remember our cancer patients:

Robin McCollum, Delmar Weems, Brenda Pettus, Howard Jeffreys
Adrian West (Robin McCollum's mother), Kenneth Harrison (Dot Crowden's brother), Becky Mays (Joyce Rose's friend); Rebecca Woodall (Anna Phillips' friend), David Blazer, Ann Hargett, Betty Barnes, Jean Rodes (Dorenda's aunt) Carrie Crosby (Laronda's friend) Mozelle King (Faye Smith's friend) Norma Hallmark (B Thompson's sister-in-law) Spruell Fretwell (Faye Smith's cousin)

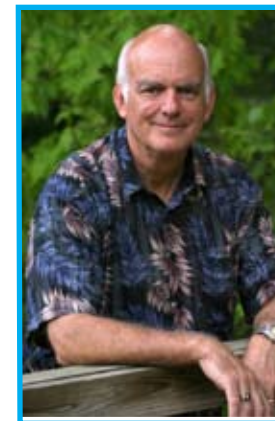
Widows & Singles

Will meet at
Ruby Tuesday
tonight after worship!



Pantry item
vegetables

Observatons



Happy New Year! I pray that all of you have had a very Merry Christmas and that you will continue to enjoy a wonderful Holiday Season. As we all know this is the last week of 2010; whatever we still want or need to accomplish in this calendar year must be done quickly.

The end of one year and beginning of another are simply arbitrary marks of the passing of time. Most of our meaningful goals are not necessarily tied to the calendar in that way. It doesn't really matter if I lose a certain number of pounds by January 1. What matters is that I maintain healthy eating and exercise habits and that I practice self control, not only in matters of diet but also in every aspect of life. As Paul instructs us, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16). Linking a weight loss regimen to a particular date may encourage the idea that if I reach that goal I am done; therefore I can go back to eating however and whatever I choose. That attitude will guarantee the rapid regaining of all those pounds, plus usually a "bonus."

Having said that, there still remains some value to calendar related goals such as New Year's Resolutions. Perhaps the primary advantage lies in accountability. Committing to do a specific thing by a certain date creates a scale of measure which helps us know whether we are doing what we said we wanted to do. One who says "I am going to get in better shape" is unlikely to achieve much, unless he defines what he means by "better shape" and specifies the manner by which he will achieve it.

This is why spiritual goals based on objective actions are so important to the Christian. We all want to be better Christians. We all want to be more involved. But those vague aspirations will rarely translate to meaningful change until the terms are defined and the methods are chosen. Christianity is much more than saying a prayer, or reading one's Bible every day, or attending Bible classes each week. But these simple actions help us objectify our spiritual goals and provide a means by which we can begin to achieve our ambitions. Daily Bible reading (for example) helps us learn; helps us think of spiritual things; brings us into communication with God; and establishes the sincerity of our desire for spiritual growth.

Some resolutions you may want to consider for your spiritual progress in 2011:

- Read the Bible through in 2011 (you can pick up a packet of cards with a daily reading schedule in the foyer. This will take you through the OT once and the NT twice, in chronological order).
- Influence at least one person towards a closer walk with God in 2011 (you may choose to increase that number). Create a list of relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. and live and act towards them in a positive spiritual way. Seek opportunities to talk about spiritual things, invite them to worship assemblies, or otherwise teach and encourage.
- Intensify your prayer life. If you do not pray regularly, begin to do so. If you do, you may begin a written list of people and things about which to pray or you may study the subject of prayer in order to make your prayers more fulfilling.
- Lift up another each week. Visit, send a card, make a phone call, give a smile, or help with a need. Make this a regular habit. Vary the recipients. The one blessed most will be you.

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The Challenge To Be Content

I once heard of a man who advertised that he would give \$10,000 to everyone who could convince him they were fully satisfied with their present life.

One by one, the people came to convince him, but they all failed because they could not answer one question; "If you're so satisfied with what you have, why do you want the \$10,000?"

In a day of great financial pressures when money is a status symbol, it is refreshing to occasionally find someone who refuses to measure success by how much a person possesses.

Jesus said, "...a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesses" Luke 12:15.