

New Year of Opportunities

Phil 1:21; Romans 15:13

I. A new year of opportunities

“The gist of the New Year: try again”

What is the opportunity of the church?

Fellowship – building our spiritual health?

Evangelism – building the Lord’s body?

Sunday Morning Bible Classes, Sunday Evening Small Groups

II. A goal for the year? – How about Phil 1:21?

III. To Live is Christ

Do our lives reflect Christ to the world?

Do we seek to know Christ, if so how? Hebrews 1:1, John 1:1, Phil 3:10, Acts 6:4;

Phil 4:12-13, 19; Rom 16:25-27

IV. To die is Gain

Paul was not just ready to die – he looked forward to it!

Phil 3:10; 3:20 – we eagerly await!

V. Hope in the New Year, Romans 15:12-13; 8:32

Hope comes from our relationship with our God

Gay Apple, **Tim Chudkosky** and **Megan Davidson** are recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident this week. **Rhonda Davis** has fractured the tibia in her left leg in a skiing accident. **Rita Meredith**, **Jimmy Hines**, **Margaret Strickland**, **Melissa Vangorder’s mother**, **Gayle Davidson**, **Pat LeBlanc**, **and Bob Grassman’s father** are all recovering from or anticipating surgery. Due to health issues, **Jane Fruscella** (**Freddie Woodford’s mother**), will no longer drive. This will challenge her independence and make basic personal care more difficult. **Joe Ford** (**Randa’s husband**) has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will start treatment in the near future. The **Newtons** continue to seek prayers regarding their legal issues in Massachusetts. **Paul Keller**, **Gay Newton**, and **Bill Munro** need new jobs. Pray for **Nancy Muriel** and her family. **Richard Pierce** (**Bruce’s brother**) is recovering from a stroke he suffered recently. **Lauren Chudkosky** has been under a lot of stress and needs encouragement. Pray for **Farron Sutherland**, **Jim Anderson** and **Jose Gonzalez** while they are on work assignments. **Mark Smith** (**Jeff Shepherd’s friend**) had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s Disease. Please pray for the pregnancies of **Julie Clements**, **Renee Munro**, **Valerie Salie-Barber** and **Tonya Hausbach**. **Jeff Shepherd** is going through some difficult times right now and is asking for prayers from the church.

Sandra Vangorder is struggling with diabetes and its side effects. **Willie Bryant’s unit** (the 356th Quartermaster unit out of Lake Wales, FL) and their families, many of whom will be deployed to Iraq. **Pat LeBlanc** asks prayers for her brother, **Gregory Hunter**. Pray for the **leaders of the church**. Please keep our brothers and sisters in Christ who are dedicated to mission work in your prayers.



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, WINTER, 2009

Sunday a.m.: Great Texts of the Bible, (Various Men, Auditorium)
James, (various women., Ladies Classroom)
Old Testament Survey, (Scott Clements, Young Adults)
The Psalms (Bruce Pierce, Fellowship Hall)

Wed. p.m.:

1/4–Winterfest meeting, \$60 due
1/25–Winterfest meeting, \$60 due

TEEN HAPPENINGS

Check the **Youth Page** for further info
Sunday morning classes:
The Christian Life, David Woodford
Wednesday night classes:
Devotional Topics, CJ Saile

Family Happenings

Winterfest Meeting after service today. \$60 deposit due.

SINGLES HAPPENINGS

The Gulf Coast Getaway is Jan. 16-18 in Panama City. It is a college age retreat with attendance around 2000! For info and to register: www.gulfcoastgetaway.org

We will be there to provide refreshments at the X-games on Sunday the 2009 L.A.U.N.C.H. Singles Conference is Feb. 13-15 at the Meridian Woods Church of Christ in Tallahassee!! This is the 9th annual Singles conference in Florida. For info and to register go to: www.meridianwoods.org.

Info soon on singles events at Central Florida Bible Camp, New Jersey, and April 18 in Jacksonville at the San Jose Church! www.launchingsingles.wordpress.org to blog about new beginnings

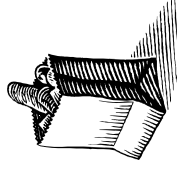
L.A.U.N.C.H Ministries provides counseling for singles. Contact counselor Ken Jones with questions or counseling needs at 321-723-8233 or email at ken@melbournchurchofchrist.org No Charge.

Kathleen Withers continues to collect greeting cards to donate to the VA hospital. The collection box is in the WBS office

FOOD PANTRY INFO

Do you shop at a grocery store that offers paper bags? Please ask for and save these bags for use in Ocean-side’s food pantry. They may be left on the kitchen counter.

Pantry is open Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., to the neighborhood, community, and members. For access to the food pantry, please see **Sam or Rita Meredith or Margaret Wantera**.



If you have time and a willingness to help in the food pantry, please see Margaret.

Piero and Edita Drago are currently in two years of training for full-time Spanish ministry. The training will be at the Alpha and Omega Bible Institute, 6004 west 53rd Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209. The Alpha and Omega Bible Institute is under the supervision of the West Side Church of Christ, 702 West Center Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas, 72143 (www.wsbchurch.net). There is an information letter posted on the bulletin board outside the Library/WBS Room. Let’s all be praying for the Dragos as they are taking this step of faith in serving God.

Their new address is Piero/Edita Drago, 6004 West 53rd Street, Little Rock, AR 72209

CHURCH SIGN MINISTRY NEED

We have recently had the church sign along SR A1A repaired (power and lighting). If you are interested in posting and changing messages on the sign (on an every other week basis), please see Bill Werner. Thanks for considering serving in this ministry.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR 2008

Contact Bill Werner if you would like a statement for your donation made by check for 2008. If you contributed any single donation by check that was \$250 or more, a written substantiation for those donations will be sent out in early January, and will include your total donations given by check by 2008.



Remember the “Recycling Ministry”

Bring old ink cartridges, cell phones and lap top computers to the box in our foyer and they will be redeemed for cash. This cash will be applied to our children’s ministry.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

3–Ruth & Tim Wilson, Gina Gonzalez
7–Michael Clarke
9–David Woodford, Jr.
10–Bryan Pierce
12–Ruth Wilson
15–Willie Bryant
22–Lauren Branard
24–Xavier Muriel, Emily Stewart
26–Bethany Clarke
27–Margaret Wantera, Katelyn Stewart



