

CHRONICLER

“God is still speaking” in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

January 2007



Thoughts from the Secretary

Adult Bible Class 9:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship 10:35 AM
“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

As 2006 comes to a close and we look forward to the start of a fresh new year, I am reminded of a difficult time in my own life that I would like to share with you. It was January of 1997 and I had just learned I was pregnant. Only I wasn’t sure I wanted to be pregnant. Please understand, I wanted the baby, I just didn’t want to go through the pregnancy to get the baby. I scheduled my first doctors appointment which was 4 weeks later and went about caring for my family.

Now during that time, the idea of being pregnant began to grow on me. I mentally pictured myself calmly holding the baby while chaos with the names of Wesley and Kailey were swirling around me and the baby. In 4 weeks I went from not wanting to be pregnant to mentally holding the baby in my arms.

It was one week after my first doctors appointment when the unthinkable happened. I had a miscarriage. I was devastated.

I had a hard time dealing with the loss of the baby. The rest of 1997 was spent in and out of some form of depression. My Mom and my husband,

Mark, didn’t know what to do for me. So they just loved me, supported me and prayed for me.

It was at the end of 1997 as I was reflecting on the past year that I realized, now was the time to close the door on this chapter of my life. I wanted to embrace 1998 with a new and positive attitude.

2006 for this church family has been a rough year. With the start of the new year, we have a wonderful opportunity to put the past behind us, to embrace 2007 with a new and positive attitude.

I shared my story with you as a reminder to put any past hurt feelings and misunderstandings in the past. Be willing to shut the door on 2006 and embrace 2007 with a new and positive attitude.

In Christian Love,
Susan Spinks
Church Secretary



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“Love God—Love One Another—Learn to Make a Difference”

Spiritual Fellowship

Always Say A Prayer

On Sunday, December 3rd, 28 people went Christmas caroling. We felt very appreciated everywhere we went. Marilyn Propst organized some of our young people to make ornaments that were handed out to our "audience" at the nursing homes. The ornaments were so cute, and everyone appreciated getting them. Thanks to Gary and Clodine Metje for assembling the bags for our shut-ins and if I missed someone who helped out, your efforts are appreciated!



Poinsettias

In Memory of Bill Brinkopf
By Ramona Brinkopf

In Memory of Art Siemers
By Meta Siemers

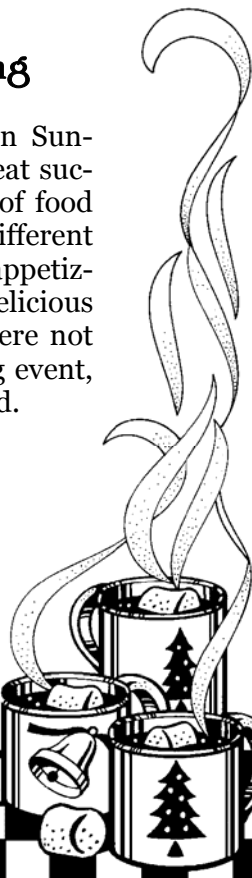
Additional Poinsettias From
S.G. & Grace Coy
Dave & Maxine Hale



Cookbook Taste Testing

The cookbook taste testing on Sunday, November 26th was a great success. We had a wide variety of food to sample. There were two different types of punch, a few salads, appetizers, many desserts, and delicious main course meals. If you were not able to attend the taste testing event, you missed some delicious food.

You can have your own taste testing event simply by preparing the recipes in the church cookbook. If you do not have a copy, stop by the church office and purchase a copy from the secretary.



Union of Concerned Christians

We would like to thank all who donated cookies for the Sunday School Christmas program reception on Sunday evening, December 17th. Your kindness was greatly appreciated by all.

We have made donations to the following organizations and persons: Salvation Army, FISH, Toy Box, Christmas for the Elderly, Evangelical Children's Home, Emmaus Home and our church staff.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully Submitted by
—Velma Roloff



Spiritual Fellowship Continued

Mary Martha Circle

The circle ladies and their friends enjoyed a wonderful Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 7th. Burt and Jo Daume prepared a the turkey and dressing which was accompanied by many tasty dishes prepared by the circle members. Maxine Hale and Meta Siemers each shared a poem they had created and Beverly Reece entertained us with Christmas music. Many bottles of mineral oil were collected for the use of the Jamaican Medical Mission. Please remember the Mary Martha Circle will not meet in January or February, but will resume meetings in March of 2007.

The Mary Martha Circle will be Hostesses for the 2006 Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th, 2007.

Sunday School Christmas Program & Reception

What a glorious Christmas program the youth of our church preformed for us on Sunday evening, December 17th. Special Music was preformed by Kailey Spinks with a violin solo, 'Ode to Joy', Brittney & Veronica Spencer sang, 'Mary Did You Know?', Sarah Elfrink sang, 'Away in A Manger' and Ashley & Jennifer Stahlman sang, 'What Child is This?'. Sarah Elfrink recited a Christmas poem by Pearl Cole.

The journey of Advent, the Nativity & the coming of the birth of the Christ-child was brought to life by the readings of Sarah Elfrink, Brittney, Lex, & Veronica Spencer, Megan Pulliam, and Ashley & Jennifer Stahlman. Our wisemen were portrayed by Kailey Spinks, Calvin Sailer & Alvin Spencer. Angels were Sarah Elfrink & Kimberley Spinks. Shepherds were Marvin Best, JR and Gary Metje.

Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus were portrayed by the Pardon family: Michael & Katelyn and 5 month old baby Blake. What a wonderful treat to have a live baby play the part of Jesus.



Friendship Circle

Where did the year go? As 2006 comes to a close and 2007 lies in front of us untouched, we ask for your help in planning our calendar of events for the new year. Please give your suggestions for programs to any officer or leave with the church secretary. We really do need your help in planning our year.

Tuesday, January 9th, 2007 will be our first meeting of the new year. Please come at 7:00 PM and bring a friend. The more the merrier.

"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10

Talent Show

On Sunday evening, December 10th, 50 people enjoyed the Talent Show, featuring Bob Dolle and the band. The young people did an awesome job displaying their talents! We certainly have some excellent talent coming on. We have 161 dollars to go into the general fund as a result!

Thanks to the Popp's for fixing the best corn dogs in the world for us. Mindy and Terry fixed the funnel cakes and Snickers, and Marilyn Propst makes a mean float!!!! Thanks to everyone who shared their talents, either in the kitchen or in the spotlight.

Respectfully Submitted by,
—Carolyn Best

EUCC List of Shut-Ins

Ratliff Nursing Home
 717 N. Sprigg Street
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
 Bonnie Wilcox
 Polly Wilmsmeyer

Fountainblue Lodge
 2001 Kingshighway
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
 Alta Proffer
 Connie Gibson

Lutheran Home
 2825 Bloomfield Road
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
 Dorothy Cole
 Bob Feldmeier
 Lillian Kies
 Leonard Moore
 Andora Peetz
 Toshiye Suzuki

Shut-Ins

 Frank & Lillian Maevers
 26 South Henderson
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

 Cora Oberbeck
 1331 Normandy Lane
 Jackson, MO 63755



Notes from the Congregation

A Joyous Celebration

Just a note to our church family and friends that my step-mother, Verdetta Seabaugh, will be 100 years old on January 5th. She is blessed in so many ways as she lives at home, takes care of herself, has a sound mind and has made 39 sweaters for cancer patients this year. She is a remarkable “young lady”. We feel very blessed by her.

—Virginia & Bob Dolle

Thanks

Carolyn Taylor would like to extend her thanks along with Bonnie Wilcox and Connie Gibson’s thanks to the Christmas Carolers that visited them on Sunday, December 3rd. Bonnie and Connie really appreciated the carolers and the goodies that were given to them.

In Christian Love,
 Carolyn Taylor

Prayer & Stewardship

In case of hospitalization or surgery please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital be sure to tell them that you are affiliated with this congregation.

Tina Abbott; 10-06
 Penny Adams; 08-06
 Sahara Aldridge; 07-06
 Jonie Adams Bliss; 01-06
 Tammy & Bobby Carlyle
 *Dorothy Cole; 12-06
 S.G. Coy; 06-06
 James Dickison
 Bob Feldmeier; 12-06
 Brian Fredericks; 04-06
 Vera Fredericks; 08-06
 Joy Gilbert; 05-06
 Kayla Gill; 08-06
 Carla Glousse; 05-06
 Rick Goad; 02-06
 Natalie Goyette; 02-06
 Dave Hale; 07-06
 Joan Hope; 09-05
 Julian Howard; 03-06
 Matthew Johnson; 10-05
 Ernest Jordan; 01-06
 Ida Mae Jordan; 07-06
 Julie Jordan; 01-06

Dustin Kaminsky; 05-06
 Paul Kipper; 01-06
 Kathy Knoll; 03-06
 Robert Krudwig; 04-06
 Bill Kurre; 06-06
 Charles McGowen
 Kenny Mehrle
 Tim Monroe; 09-06
 Nursing Home Residents
 *Cora Oberbeck; 12-06
 Curt Patterson; 08-06
 Ms. Riley; 05-06
 Vernon Robert; 09-06
 Bea Sargent; 09-06
 Willis Seagraves; 01-06
 Shut-Ins
 Patti & Jerry Siemers Family;
 09-06
 *Harold Stahlman; 12-06
 Toshiye Suzuki; 12-06
 Bonnie Wilcox; 10-06
 Elizabeth Winfield; 03-06

Dedication Date
 January 21, 2007

Oatmeal
 Cream of Wheat
 Canned Fruit
 Canned Juice
 Boxed Meal Kits: Hamburger
 Helper or Chicken Helper
 Canned Meat



Meal-a-Month
 for FISH

2006 End of Year Reports

I know it is hard to think about preparing the end of year reports when December isn't officially over yet. So, don't think about it until January 2nd, 2007. The Quarterly Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th immediately following church. Please turn in the activity and financial reports to the church office no later than Monday, January 22nd. If you will be using a computer to type your reports, I will ask that the font be New Times Roman, headings and titles be a size 14-16 and the rest of the type be a size 10-12. I know this may sound a little strange, but it will make for a more consistent and professional looking report. For those of you who don't have access to a computer or have computer phobia, just bring in your reports and I will type them into the computer. Don't forget, you can e-mail the reports to the church office. I will be needing some help with assembling the reports later that week. The Mary Martha Circle will be the hostesses for the 2006 Year End Report Quarterly Congregational Meeting.

—Respectfully Submitted By Susan Spinks



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Prayer for 2007!

Prayer for the New Year!

Grant me the strength from day to day to bear what burdens come my way. Grant me throughout this bright New year more to endure and less to fear. Help me live that I may be from spite and petty malice free. Let me not bitterly complain when cherished hopes of mine prove vain, or spoil with deeds of hate and rage some fair tomorrow's spotless page. Lord, as the days shall come and go in courage let me stronger grow.

Lord, as the New Year dawns today help me to put my faults away. Let me be big in little things; grant me the joy which friendship brings. Keep me from selfishness and spite; let me be wise in what is right. A happy New Year! Grant that I may bring no tear to any eye. When this New Year in time shall end let it be said I've played the friend, have lived and loved and labored here, and made of it a happy year.

—Written by Edgar A. Guest
—Courtesy of The Salvation Army