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The Pastor's Corner

Rev. Wayne P. Snodgrass, D. Min.

“O come let us adore him...”

Long before Jesus was born God had devised a plan. The problem was that in those days the world was bound by darkness and sin. There was cruelty and hate. Neighbor



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against neighbor. The strong dominated the weak and the rich oppressed the poor. No one seemed to know that God cared! Even the religious leaders who should have spoken for God, were more interested in building their wealth and gaining political power than truly representing God. So God devised a plan to send his son as a light into that darkness, and then announced that plan through his prophets.

I have to admit that the world is still held in bondage. It is still in darkness. I have to admit that my own heart often reflects the darkness and sin around me. I recognize that this world still needs God's plan. I need God's plan. That is why every year we need to reflect and remember what God has done for us through his son Jesus Christ. A poem written by Madeline Ensel, titled “First Coming” says in part,

He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace.

He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.

Our Savior came that we might be saved,
and experience the joy of his love. At this

time of year, we are most thankful.

Our youth are leading us this time of year to be involved with being a blessing to our community. Our coat drive, and toy drive, along with the Missionary Department's Angel Tree, will serve to be a blessing to so many. Just as God gave to us, we must give to others. That is what will help us to be “*A church in the word, making a difference in the world.*”

Season Greetings



**Blessings To You
And A Wish For A
Very Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year**

Deployed Military Addresses

Below is the mailing address of one deployed member. Regular mail (now called snail mail) will BOOST his morale and uplift his spirit when he receives his mail.

Anthony Pringle
160th Signal Battalion
APO AE Kuwait 09366

We welcome other addresses and will be glad to publish them, contact the church secretary at 256-534-8266 or e-mail the PROGRESS staff at progress@pumbchurch.org.

Titus Group Visitation

The Titus II group will visit the Whitesburg Manor Health Care Center on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. The visit is a monthly visit for the group, normally held on each second Sunday in the month. If you are interested in becoming a part of the visitation or need additional information please contact Sister Izora Harrison, 852-1944. Additionally the Titus II group monthly meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month immediately following midday Bible study, approximately 12:30 p.m.

Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry will visit the sick and shut in on Saturday, December 17. The group will meet at the FCLC and departure at 9:30 a.m., please join them and on time so we can get prayed up before we depart. For additional information contact Rev. Vera Bell at 852-6837.

CanSurvive Support Group Meeting

The Cancer Support Group will meet on Saturday December 17, 2011 at 12:30, in the Family Christian Life Center. This is the monthly meeting scheduled for the group. Anyone affected by cancer in any aspect, as well as those that have a desire to be more aware of the topic, are encouraged to join us.

For additional information or assistance please contact Sister Rosalynn Alexander, 256-776-9925.

Watch Night Services

The annual Watch night services, to usher in the new year, will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2011, beginning at 10:00 p.m. Plan to attend and bring in the new year praising the Lord.

Making a Difference in the World (Part 12)

Submitted by James E. Smith

We all have just celebrated the holiday called Thanksgiving. Surely everyone enjoyed turkey, dressing, potato salad, green beans, and all sorts of desserts. Families came together to give thanks and socialize while eating. The food was blessed and eaten. But to whom did we really give thanks to.

Soon we will be celebrating Christmas. All sorts of decoration will go up. Again, hams, casseroles, potato salad, and all sorts of desserts will be served. Plenty of gifts will be given or exchanged. Children will be spoiled with all kinds of toys. The day is claimed to be the most joyous day of the year. But to whom are we celebrating for.

Colossians 3:23 says, whatever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men.

We should give thanks to the Lord for our many blessings. On Christmas we should honor the birth of Christ who died for our salvation.

Giving reverence to our Lord will enable us to start "Making a Difference in the World".

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Home going Services

Home going services for Sister Rosa Martin were held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. The services were held at the Abundant Life Baptist Church, Florence, Alabama. Rev. Wayne Snodgrass, officiated, the mass choir and ushers from Progressive Union served. Interment for Sister Martin was held in Peters Cemetery, Florence, Ala-

bama. Within Progressive Union Sister Martin is survived by her daughter, Geneva Simpson, and her husband Robert; her son Hollis Martin and his wife Tracy; daughter Regina Lewis; son Willie Martin; grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



Sister Rosa Martin

2011 Beautillion Ball

The 29th annual Beautillion Ball was held on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. The event sponsor was the Fun-Set Social and Charity Club. The event supports young men through educational and cultural activities.



Mayah and Jeraye Robinson

This year Progressive Union had three members taking part in the ball. Mycah Jeraye Robinson was one of the 26 beaux presented at this year's ball, his sister Mayah as well as Ashley Robinson served as belles, escorts for the beaux.

Jeraye and Mayah are the son and daughter of Mycah and Deanna Robinson; Ashley is the daughter of Kmeke Robinson.

Jeraye's escort was Carma Cross. Ashley was the escort for Xavier Jones, and Mayah was the escort for Jarrod Ross.



Ashley Robinson



Mycah and Deanna Robinson



Introducing The King

You're Invited to

In Tune's

Progressive Union M.B. Church Youth Ministry's

2011 Christmas Production

Sunday, December 18, 2011, 6:00 PM

Progressive Union M.B. Church Sanctuary

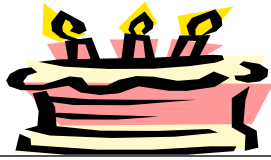
In Tune Youth Activities

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9 am Decorate Sanctuary Christmas Tree 
4 Teen Youth Church 11 AM Service	5	6	7 Youth Bible Study Trip Downtown 6 to 8pm	8	9	10 10 am Christmas Production Rehearsal Sanctuary Bldg
11 8 & 11 am Services Youth SSSP	12	13	14 6:30 pm Christmas Production Rehearsal Sanctuary Bldg	15	16 FCLC 6:30 -8:30 	17 ~8am~ Toy- Give- Away Annex Pkg Lot ~10am~ Christmas Production Rehearsal Sanctuary
18 In Tune Christmas Production 6:00 pm 	19	20	21  Teen Dodgeball 6:30 to 8 pm FCLC Ages 13 to18	22	23	24  Youth Dodgeball 12 to 3 pm FCLC Ages 9 to 18
25 	26	27	28  Teen Dodgeball 6:30 to 8 pm FCLC Ages 13 to18	29	30	31

● **Adult Referees and Coaches Needed for Dodgeball Games**
Parental Support Needed for Christmas Party, Toy-Give-Away & Production

Contact:
Wanda Rice
256/651-6303



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS (118)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
KRISTENE BELL.....	12/01
SHIRLEY PRIDE.....	12/01
DARIUS ROBINSON.....	12/02
JUDSON ALEXANDER.....	12/03
RODERICK HUMPHREY.....	12/03
LINDA KAGHA.....	12/03
VANESSEA BUSH.....	12/04
SHENITHA PETTWAY.....	12/04
AUDRIANNA DAVIS.....	12/04
VICTOR TERRELL.....	12/04
JESSICA SHOULDERS.....	12/04
GLENA THOMAS.....	12/04
KORTNEY HALE.....	12/05
GERALDINE BUCKLEY.....	12/05
JAMES LIPSCOMB.....	12/05
FREDDIE GOODWIN.....	12/05
MYCHELLE LEONARD.....	12/06
PAUL BANKS, JR.....	12/06
MARGARET LIGHTFOOT.....	12/06
SHELLIE MCDONALD.....	12/07
YVONNE LEE-JOHNSON.....	12/07
MARTEZ COACHMAN.....	12/07
JEFFERY RAINEY.....	12/07
PATRICIA LEWIS-GOSS.....	12/08
DANIKA MOORE.....	12/08
SANGERNETTA BURNS.....	12/08
WENDELL THOMPSON.....	12/08
MARGARET GILLIAM.....	12/08
MASHELLE SIMS.....	12/09
ODELL EASON.....	12/09
DARIUS ROBINSON.....	12/09
THOMASINA WATFORD.....	12/09
KIMBERLY BROOKS.....	12/09
MARCUS LACEY.....	12/09
LARRY DEJARNETT, SR.....	12/10
PATRICIA LEONARD.....	12/10
CHARLENE MANUEL.....	12/10
TRACY MARTIN.....	12/10
OLYMPIA HAMMOND.....	12/10
PAULETTE TERRELL.....	12/10
JACQUELINE JOHNSON.....	12/10
MICHAEL LANG, JR.....	12/10
CRYSTAL CARTER.....	12/11
WILLIE THOMPSON.....	12/11
JUSTIN WATTERS.....	12/11
JEFFREY SUMMERHILL.....	12/11
ARYAS LEWIS.....	12/11
WILLIE HUNT.....	12/11
EVELYN REESE.....	12/12
BERNARD DOWNING.....	12/12
WALTER ROOKS.....	12/12
MARTHA APPLETON.....	12/12
TRE SIMS.....	12/12
TANYEL FULLER.....	12/12
ARIEL FIELDS.....	12/13
SHELBY WRIGHT.....	12/13
JA'NES WYCKOFF.....	12/13
JARNIQUA HUGHES.....	12/14
RUTH CRUTCHER.....	12/14
CHARLES PHILLIPS.....	12/14
JOHN FOSTER.....	12/14
ESTRELITA WAINWRIGHT.....	12/15
DIANE JOHNSON.....	12/15
JERRICA FRIERSON.....	12/15
BETTY FOSTER.....	12/15
TAMARICK JOHNSON.....	12/15
MICHELLE ROBINSON.....	12/15
DEIDRA EWING.....	12/15
DAVID MILLER, II.....	12/15
MIN. DONDRELL WHITMAN.....	12/16
MORGAN THOMPSON.....	12/16
JERMAINE WITCHARD.....	12/16
EKEMINI OROK.....	12/16
CARL BASKIN.....	12/17
ASHLEY GIBBS.....	12/17
WILLIAM ROBINSON.....	12/17
ANDRE HORTON.....	12/18
KEVIN HARRIS.....	12/19
LATASIA JACKSON.....	12/19
MARK ANTHONY MCADORY.....	12/19
LUCINDA MCGILL.....	12/19
FRANK SILLMON.....	12/19
DORIS EAST.....	12/20
MARIE (COOKIE) HUNTER.....	12/20
MARY MOORE.....	12/20
TERENCE JACKSON.....	12/21
JOY MALDONADO.....	12/21
ADRIAN TIGGS.....	12/22
KEVIN MILLER.....	12/23
TARSHALYN SANDERS.....	12/23
MARCELLA LARRY.....	12/23
PARYIS TEAGUE.....	12/23
MITCHELLE BROOKS.....	12/25
JAMES DAVIS.....	12/25
DEVAN MILAN.....	12/25
RAFAEL COX.....	12/25
DEROSS HUGHES.....	12/26
LATOIA LINEBARGER.....	12/26
MACKENZIE ERVIN.....	12/27
DEBORAH BEDFORD.....	12/27
DARRELL HILL.....	12/28
LEE PHILLIPS.....	12/28

ANNIE WILLIAMS.....	12/28
VICTORIA WHITMAN	12/28
DELVIA HUGHES	12/29
TABITA MCDOW.....	12/29
BERTRAND (BJ) JAMES	12/29
KIARA ELLIS.....	12/29
ELIZABETH DERRICK.....	12/30
KATRINA WALKER.....	12/30
LAKETHA RICE	12/30
DEMARIUS ANDERSON	12/30
CORNELIA JOE, II	12/30
JOSHUA SANDERS.....	12/30
CORTNEY MORGAN	12/30
HATTIE CAMERON.....	12/31

MELISSA LACEY..... 11/27

BAPTISMS (6)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE BAPTIZED</u>
JAYDEN HOLMES	11/13
JAMES MATTHEWS.....	11/13
ISAAC MCKENZIE.....	11/13
GABRIELLE STIGGER.....	11/13
TORI WATKINS	11/13
JAYLEN WIGGINS.....	11/13

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (28)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MR. & MRS. TERRIELL MARBURY.....	12/02
MR. & MRS. DONALD MCDONALD	12/03
MR. & MRS. ROCKET FURLOW.....	12/05
MR. & MRS. EDDIE BOLDEN.....	12/08
MR. & MRS. DERRICK JACKSON.....	12/09
MR. & MRS. TOMMY PATRICK.....	12/10
MR. & MRS. MICHAEL HYTER.....	12/13
MR. & MRS. JOSEPH CRUM.....	12/17
MR. & MRS. ROBERT RICE, SR.....	12/18
REV. & MRS. JONATHAN SNODGRASS.....	12/19
MR. & MRS. WALTER BURNS	12/20
MIN. & MRS. WALTER CRUTCHER.....	12/22
MR. & MRS. CHRIS HARRIS	12/22
MR. & MRS. JESSE HOWZE	12/23
MR. & MRS. ROBERT DUBOSE.....	12/23
MR. & MRS. BERTRAND JAMES, SR.....	12/24
MR. & MRS. STEVE MARSH.....	12/25
MR. & MRS. SAMUEL WHITAKER.....	12/27
MR. & MRS. JERMAINE WITCHARD.....	12/27
MR. & MRS. CLIFFORD HUGHES.....	12/28
MR. & MRS. STEVE WATFORD.....	12/28
MR. & MRS. GREGORY MILLER.....	12/29
MR. & MRS. FRANKY SMITH.....	12/30
MR. & MRS. EUGENE DICKERSON.....	12/31
MR. & MRS. DONALD JOHNSON	12/31
MR. & MRS. DAVID LEAK.....	12/31
MR. & MRS. JAMES SLAUGHTER.....	12/31
MR. & MRS. MICHAEL BROWN	12/31

PROGRESS DEADLINE

Articles for the January 2012 PROGRESS are due Sunday, December 25, 2011. Please place your articles in the PROGRESS mailbox located in the FCLC or e-mail them to progress@pumbchurch.org.

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

8:00 a.m.

Total: 1290

Average per Sunday: 323

11:00 a.m.

Total: 1133

Average per Sunday: 283

NEW MEMBERS (7)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
ANGELA HOLMES	11/06
JAYDEN HOLMES	11/06
JAYLEN WIGGINS.....	11/06
MARCUS LACEY	11/27
MARISSA LACEY	11/27
MARUREN LACEY.....	11/27



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	2	3 Women's Ministry Deck the Halls 9:00 a.m.
4 New Members Luncheon (Immediately following 11:00 a.m. services) Ministers Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Prayer and Worship Chapel)	5 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	6 P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Ushers/Greeters Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Titus II Meeting 12:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	8 P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	9	10 Mothers/Deaconess Meeting 10:00 a.m.
11 Titus II Group Whitesburg Manor Visitation 2:00 p.m.	12 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	13 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	14 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	15 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	16	17 Visitation Ministry 9:30 a.m.
18 	19 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	20 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	21 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	22 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	23	24
25 Christmas Day 	26	27 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	28	29 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	30	31 Watch night Services 10:00 p.m.