

The PROGRESS

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The Pastor's Corner

Rev. Wayne P. Snodgrass, D. Min.

There is a statement I have said over and over in these past 18 months, "If I had designed my life there are many chapters, pages, and events I would have omitted." I certainly would not have infested my wife with



Rev. Wayne Snodgrass

Cancer. She has taught all of us how to look up and hold on. Many days I look at the grimace on her face, and hear her say, "I'm fine. Just a little tired." Many people have asked, "Pastor Snodgrass, how do you do it?" I have strong women in my life who keep me encouraged by their attitude toward their affliction. For that, we give God all the praise. I am still praying for healing on the ladies in my life, and trusting God's will along the way.

What are we going to do, to make this year different from the last? All of last year we put emphasis on the 5-Star Church. It is our prayer that values have been changed to come in line with the intent to be more Christ like in all we do. People watch the Pastor to be certain there are no flaws in him. We do not often ask ourselves, "Am I doing all I can to be sure the Pastor does not have to minister to flaws?" What a blessing if every church could "polish" in 2012, what we repaired in 2011.

This year, many of you will have new leadership in your various groups and ministries. Let us build together. I have done well, because in the early

years of my pastorate I learned from my officers and church members, and they learned from me. Together, without anyone trying to be "in charge" of the other, we developed a ministry that has become a model for this nation. For two months I was out of the pulpit. There was no concern that any minister would go astray, or that something would be said or done to under-cut what our ministry has been about. Thank you all for building my confidence in the leadership of our church.

The sabbatical I took was a much needed rest, but with the illnesses, my teaching at Huntsville Bible College, my hobbies, my invitations to serve, the rest was not realized as much as I desired. That's not our church's fault, that was irresponsibility on my part. I'm grateful that our church could afford to allow the time.

May the blessings of God be with you as we go forth into the New Year.

Let us band in unity and go forward this year to be, ***"A church in the word, making a difference in the world!"***

PROGRESS Deadline

The deadline for the February 2012 issue of the PROGRESS, is Sunday, January 22, 2012. Please place your articles in the PROGRESS mailbox located in the foyer of the FCLC or e-mail them to: progress@pumbchurch.org.

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

8:00 a.m. (1st-3rd Sundays)

1064

(Average per Sunday 355)

11:00 a.m. (1st-3rd Sundays)

861

(Average per Sunday 287)

Christmas Sunday Combined Service

440

26th Pastoral Anniversary

The church will celebrate the 26th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Wayne and Lady Evelyn Snodgrass, Saturday and Sunday, February 4-5, 2012. The speaker for the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday service will be Rev. Dr. Wesley Keith McLaughlin, Senior Pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Petersburg, Virginia. A special Lady Evelyn night service is planned for Saturday, February 4, 2012. The Mass Choir will sing. More details will be made available throughout the month of January.

Tithes and Offering Reports

The 2011 tax season has begun and now is the time to request tithes and offering information. Members desiring a copy of their 2011 tithes and offering donations are reminded that reports are available by request only. Starting January 9 request should be made to the church secretary, at 534-8266. Married couples should specify if they desire a combined report or separate reports for each person. Avoid the rush, make your request now.

Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry will visit the sick and shut-in on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Persons interested in taking part are asked to meet at the FCLC on the morning of the 14th at 9:30 a.m. For additional information contact Rev. Vera Bell at 852-6837.

Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (GHIMF) Martin Luther King JR/Emancipation Proclamation Celebration

The GHIMF annual Martin Luther King, Jr/Emancipation Proclamation celebration will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at Progressive Union M. B. Church. Guest speaker will be Rev. Nelson B. Rivers, III, Vice President of Stakeholders Relations for the NAACP. Please join area-wide pastors and congregations from throughout North Alabama in worship and celebration as we all come together to help fulfill the dream of Dr. King in our city and valley! The GHIMF is inviting all church choirs to participate: Sanctuary, Male Chorus, Praise Teams, Young Adult, Senior Choir, in preparation for the GHIMF MLK Emancipation Proclamation services.

Un-Deck the Halls

The Women's Ministry (Sisters Connecting to Sisters) invites everyone to take part in the annual 'UnDeck The Halls' on Saturday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. This annual event is held to take down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and store them for the next Christmas season.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE (PART 13)

Submitted by James E. Smith

Have we forgotten who birthday it is we celebrate on Christmas Day? During our busy shopping spree and journey of traveling what is our minds focused on?

We spend our time stringing up lights, putting up trees, hanging up greenery and reefs. We spend our money on unneeded toys, games, and decorations. Then in the middle of all this is placed a man called Santa Claus.

In the book of Isaiah a messiah is prophesied to be born. The book of Luke confirmed the birth of Jesus. When in our shopping spree, our decorating, and our journey do we acknowledge the birth of Jesus? Where do the man Santa Claus fit in with our salvation?

When we put Jesus in the right place and time we can then start 'Making a Difference in this World'.

Deployed Military Addresses

We are pleased to announce that Brother Anthony Pringle returned from his tour of duty in Kuwait, we thank God for his safe return. We acknowledge that Dameon Finley, USMC, has recently deployed to Afghanistan. Prayers are solicited for his safety while there and all persons serving in the various war zones. In our next issue we will have an address for Dameon. We have a number of civilian members of our church who are deployed in the war zones, we ask that we continue to pray for them also.

We welcome names and addresses of all who are deployed, we will be glad to publish them, contact the church secretary at 256-534-8266 or e-mail the PROGRESS staff at progress@pumbchurch.org.

KUDOS TO TITUS II FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE - WELL DONE!

Members of Titus II were ecstatic to determine that

almost all twelve (12) goals proposed for 2011 were successfully completed. A wonderful and exciting visit with the David Miller family was most encouraging early in the year, yet efforts to schedule a *quarterly* In-Door Picnic for persons sick and shut-in did not materialize as hoped. Even so, from maintaining needed sundries such as Kleenex, lotion, deodorizers, hand sanitizers, etc. on a weekly basis in the four ladies restrooms in the main sanctuary; to an on-going Inspirational Greeting Cards of Encouragement Ministry - that yielded approximately 72 Get Well and 92 Sympathy cards; to monthly courtesy telephone follow-up with the sick and shut-in; to buying gifts quarterly to serve as Bingo prizes for residents of Brookshire Health Care Center; to occasionally providing a little bit of home wrapped up in lovely, personalized gift packages to military deployed members of the congregation; to assisting and providing support to "hurting members within Progressive Union" when notified of a need – such as helping serve lunch to grieving P.U. family members following funeral services for loved ones, or providing meals to family members of those experiencing on-going or long term hospital stays; the mission was carried out with dedication, determination and a smile. Major achievements included: (1) efforts to make a one-time donation to a Scholarship Fund to help a 2011 high school graduate - in memory of the girl's mother, a struggling, single parent and P.U. member that the Titus Group had adopted and assisted during a time of intense financial need the year before. A total of \$1090.00 was raised and donated to the young lady, now a freshman at Tuskegee University; (2) food assistance to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for six (6) entire families both from within the church as well as in the community. Two of the "Baskets" were in the form of fully-prepared and ready to eat full-course meals; (3) Christmas Baskets and gift donations to needy church members, children in group foster care, and participants in the One Stop Homeless Shelter Program; and (4) what might be described as the Group's "Signature Program," i.e. it's Second Sunday of the Month outreach and fellowship with residents of the Whitesburg Manor Nursing Home. Generally 14 or more Titus II & P.U. Members, and 25-40 residents participate in each visit. At the December visit, in addition to the Titus II Christmas treat, and through the efforts of Rev. M. T. Hicks and fellow employees of Jacobs Technology, each resident

received a beautifully packaged Christmas gift containing various sundry and/or special needs items. There was great cheer and holiday merriment all around. Finally, at its last meeting of the year, the group commended Sis. Izora Harrison for four years of service as President of the auxiliary and welcomed Sis. Sue Johnson as the newly-elected President for 2012. Ladies, ages 56 yrs. and above, are invited to join this dedicated group of Christian servants.



Sue Johnson



Izora Harrison

Titus II Group Visitation

The Titus II group will visit the Whitesburg Manor Health Care Center on Sunday, January 8, 2012 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 Sue Johnson, 256-722-9882. 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.



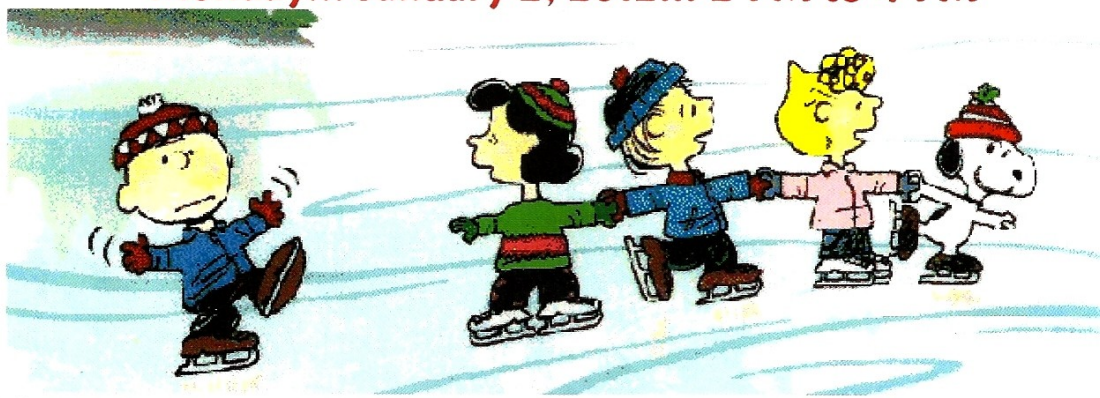
Progressive Union M.B. Church Youth Ministry
 Wanda Rice, YM Director
 ~ 651-6303 ~ wandarice@aol.com ~

To Entice, Edify, Empower & Encourage Our Youth in The Word

In Tune's Annual Ice Skating Fellowship

Municipal Ice Complex · Leeman Ferry Rd, Huntsville, AL

Monday... January 2, 2012... 2 PM to 4 PM

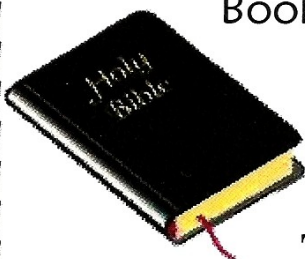


Also Join the OT and NT Clubs

Open to ALL PU Youth!!

4th Sundays during Sunday School

Requirments



To Join the OT Club, must recite:

Books of the Old Testament In order (member)

And Psalms 23 (bronze member)

And Psalm 100 (silver member)

And Psalm 117 (gold master member)

To Join the NT Club, must recite/know:

Books of the New Testament In order (member)

And John 1:1-14 (bronze member)

And The Plan of Salvation (silver member)

And 1 Corinthians 13 (gold master member)

The Year 2011 in Review

Progressive Union was blessed with another great year and we thank God for the many blessings. As we look back on 2011 we do so with much anticipation to the blessings the Lord has in store for us in the year 2012. The year started with more snow than most of us have ever seen in Huntsville. The spring was marked with devastating tornadoes that swept across Alabama and other states on April 27. The tornadoes brought with them death and destruction, Huntsville and Madison county and the surrounding areas were not spared. Many are still recovering, trying to get their lives back together. As the year drew to a close we faced the large number of persons suffering through illnesses. Our prayers are for all and a belief that 2012 will be a better year.

Our review of last year is a census count of events that occurred.

8:00 a.m. worship attendance (47 Sundays)

14,861

(Average per Sunday: 316)

11:00 a.m. worship attendance (47 Sundays)

13,668

(Average per Sunday: 291)

Combined Worship Services (5 Sundays)

2,158

(Average per Sunday: 432)

Evening Services (5 Sundays)

588

(Average per Sunday: 118)

Lady Evelyn Night

(Saturday, February 5)

278

Holy Week Services

(Wednesday, April 20)

125

Easter Production

(Friday, April 22)

434

Vacation Bible School

(Monday-Friday, June 13-17)

1250

(Average per night 250)

Youth Only Vacation Bible School

(Monday-Wednesday, June 20-22)

400

(Average per night 133)

Annual Church Revival

(July 19-22, Tuesday-Friday)

960

Average per Night: 240

Old Ship of Zion Play

(Sunday, October 23)

195

Youth Christmas Play

(Sunday, December 18)

224

New Members: 85

Baptisms: 30

Deaths: 11

Reverend Alfred B. Pleasure—February 24, 2011

Sister Bessie Lee Rice—February 28, 2011

Sister Linda Faye Green Foster—March 28, 2011

Brother Dentra Humphrey—April 24, 2011

Brother Andre Oliver Rice—May 23, 2011

Brother Harold G. Winn—July 1, 2011

Brother James E. Killebrew—July 19, 2011

Sister Joyce K. Johnson—August 15, 2011

Brother Hint Hunter—September 6, 2011

Deacon Marion Scruggs—October 4, 2011

Sister Rosa Martin—November 3, 2011

Births: 6

(Girls-3/Boys-3)

Marriages: 3

Education

The following diplomas and degrees were earned:

EdS Degree: 1

Masters Degrees: 2

Bachelors Degrees: 6

Two Year College Degrees: 2

High School Diplomas: 15

Middle School: 1

Elementary School: 2



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (109)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
HOLLIS MARTIN	01/01
COREY FUQUA	01/01
MARK RIDEOUT	01/01
MINNIE SCRUGGS	01/02
ANDREA LAMPLEY	01/02
RAYNARD SNOW, JR	01/02
SHANESE MANUEL	01/02
MARY DEJARNETT	01/03
NAPOLEON LUTER	01/03
PATRICE GREER	01/03
JAMES HOLMES	01/03
LEMUEL VAUGHN	01/03
DANESIA DIXON	01/03
RICKY COLE	01/03
JAMARCUS JONES	01/04
CORTEZ WILEY	01/04
KENTORY EVANS	01/04
NEIL THOMPSON	01/04
ILISA DONALDSON PATTERSON	01/05
MICHELLE BENNETT	01/05
BARAKA D. TRUSS	01/05
NANCY PARKER	01/05
NEKIA WILSON	01/05
LIZA MILLER	01/05
FELINA FREEMAN	01/05
BONNIE NEWTON	01/06
DONNA RANSOM	01/06
KYRSTIN STANLEY	01/06
ANTHONY JACKSON, II	01/06
BRITNI PHILLIPS	01/06
ARETHA HARRIS	01/06
REV. VERA BELL	01/07
PEARL HUNTER	01/07
DEBORAH HILL	01/07
TYRELL WOODS	01/07
BRIAN GIBBS	01/07
VERRA WILLIAMS	01/08
SHELIA PIKE	01/08
MARQUITA JACKSON	01/08
MARY CURRY	01/09
ANDREW PRIDE	01/09
MARILYN VAUGHN	01/09
GERALDINE BROWN	01/10
IANTHIA BRIDGES	01/10
TRACY KENDALL, II	01/10
TIFFANY DONALDSON	01/11
TERRIELL MARBURY	01/11
RODRICK CRUTCHER	01/11
DEBORAH MACLIN	01/12
JESSE RIDEOUT	01/13
JENNIFER JOE	01/13
TERRENCE WILSON	01/14
DENEISE HYTER	01/14
LINEISE ARNOLD	01/14
BRENDA MATTHEWS	01/14
SYDNEY GREENE	01/14
PATRICIA STALLWORTH	01/15
TONYA WOOD	01/15
BRIANNA LUTER	01/15
ASHLEY ROBINSON	01/15
DANIELLE GHOLSTON	01/16
CAROLYN DAVIS	01/16
FRANKY SMITH	01/16
LENA DELAINE	01/17
BRANDON WESLEY	01/17
ASHLEY GIBBS	01/17
LASONJA GREENE	01/18

SHANIKA ZEIGLER	01/18
YOBRONDA BATTLES	01/18
ROY HAMILTON	01/19
ELTON AKINS	01/19
MELISSA HOSEA	01/19
DAMON CARTER	01/20
JESSIE ADAMS	01/20
JIMMIE WATTERS	01/21
REV. BRENDA FURLOW	01/21
MATISHA GAILLARD	01/21
KENZI HAWKINS	01/21
KRISTIN CARTWRIGHT	01/21
BEVERLY REDRICK	01/22
CALEB BENNETT	01/22
JULIA DAVIS	01/23
ANTHONY LESLIE	01/23
DANTE MCDOWELL	01/23
TYLER TATE	01/23
TANYA DAVIS	01/23
ISAIAH TERRELL	01/23
KRISTEN MASON	01/24
MARIAN HAIRSTON	01/24
ELIZABETH SMITH	01/24
BARBARA WILLIAMS	01/25
CARRINGTON DEJARNETT	01/25
DEMETRICE BRYANT	01/25
REGINALD ERVIN	01/25
MIN. CRAIG MILNER	01/26
MIA JEFFERSON	01/26
SHONDRA BRYANT	01/27
JESSIE FOWLER	01/27
KEISHANA BROWN	01/27
JESSIE PIKE	01/27
VONDA WATSON	01/27
CARLTON BROOKS	01/28
CYNTHIA MASSEY	01/28
BRENDA LEWIS	01/28
FREDERICK WINDHAM	01/28
DEDRIA SMITH	01/29
DIANNE ANTHONY	01/30
BRITTNEY THOMAS	01/31
HARVEY ANDERSON	01/31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES (8)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MR. & MRS. KENDAL CUNNINGHAM	01/02
MR. & MRS. BRADERICK ANDERSON	01/03
MR. & MRS. FRANK BROWN	01/04
REV. & MRS. M. T. HICKS	01/24
MR. & MRS. ANDRE CARTER	01/26
MR. & MRS. ARTHUR BRACKETT	01/26
MR. & MRS. DAMON CARTER	01/27
MR. & MRS. ELMORE DOWNING	01/31



NEW MEMBERS (0)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
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BAPTISMS (3)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE BAPTIZED</u>
MARISSA LACEY	12/11
MARUREN LACEY	12/11
JACOB LYLES	12/11

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p><i>Church Office and Facilities Closed—All Activities Canceled</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Titus II Meeting 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Nurses Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Titus II Group Whitesburg Manor Visitation 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Visitation Ministry 9:30 a.m. Mothers/Deaconess Meeting 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>GHIMF MLK/Emancipation Proclamation Services (Progressive Union Church) 7:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Security Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Junior and Senior Usher Board Training 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>CanSurvive Cancer Support Group Meeting 12:00 noon</i></p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. and Sr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Music Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p><i>Combined 5th Sunday Worship Services 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Sunday School 8:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Feb 2</p> <p>Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Feb 3</p>	<p>Feb 4</p> <p><i>26th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration</i></p>