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AWANA and ABC Wednesdays

After a December break, our weekly children's discipleship programs will be resuming January 4 and 7, respectively.

Our AWANA program meets Sunday evenings from 6:15 to 7:45. We're always looking for new workers, so please see Becky Harris if you'd like to help out.

ABC Wednesdays is our own way of ministering to the children of our community on Wednesday evenings. Most come to us through our Van Ministry.

Help Needed With Snacks

Donations of snacks are needed for both the youth program on Thursday nights and ABC Wednesdays. The youth have requested soft drinks, bread, and lunch meats. ABC Wednesdays prefers soft drinks and snack cakes. If you can help with these requests please drop off donations in the church kitchen, and mark whether the items are for the youth or for ABC Wednesdays.

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God Rewards Our Work



G.R.O.W.

Our new evangelism training kicks off later this month. This new program is rooted in the biblical truth that God Rewards Our Work in growing His church.

G.R.O.W. is "designed to take even the most timid individuals and train them to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ through the local church. After all, that is the New Testament way! The most exciting thing about this program is that it has worked in churches of every size." It will mobilize us to grow and to reach people for Jesus Christ on a consistent, week-by-week basis.

One of the advantages of this program is that it provides our congregation with many ways to participate. Depending on your gifts, you may make phone calls, write letters to guests, new residents, and absentees, send sympathy letters, or make prospect, soul-winning, and care-giving visits.

G.R.O.W. is suitable for every true believer with the right motives who is willing to make the commitment. We hope you will prayerfully commit to a level of outreach you're comfortable with and equipped to do. The time demands are flexible, and you will receive all the training needed to serve God faithfully in reaching out to those around us.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- Jan. 1—New Year's Day**
Church offices will be closed.
- Jan. 4—Church Council Meeting**
After the evening service, to confirm calendar events for the first quarter of 2009.
- Jan. 6, 10:00 AM—WMU**
Meet in the fellowship hall.
- Jan. 11—Odd-Month Fellowship**
In the fellowship hall after the PM service; this will be a baked potato night.
- Jan. 18—Sanctify of Life Sunday**
To promote the value of human life in our laws, culture, and technology.
- Jan. 18—Finance Meeting**
After the evening service.
- Jan. 19, 6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting**
- Jan. 21, 6:30 PM—Business Meeting**
- Jan. 22, 10:30 AM—Joyful Seniors**
Entertainment followed by lunch.
- Jan. 25—Building & Grounds Meeting**
After the evening service.

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On the web at <http://www.hillsdalebc.org>

Church Council

The first Sunday of this year, our church council will meet after the evening service to coordinate events on the calendar for the first quarter of 2009.

The council consists of the church staff, plus the church clerk, treasurer, at least one deacon, and representatives of the men's, women's, children's, prayer, kitchen, decoration, and building/grounds ministries.

Odd-Month Fellowship

Our first Odd-Month Fellowship of 2009 is right around the corner. Join us on January 11 after the evening service for a time of food, fun, and Christian bonding. The church will provide baked potatoes, and you can bring any toppings and sides you deem appropriate. Guests are also welcome!

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Since 1984 by presidential proclamation, the third Sunday in January is National Sanctity of Human Life Day, a time "to give thanks for the gift of life, and to reaffirm our commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of each human life."

Even in the earliest days of the church, the gospel was a stern rebuke to the many ancient cultures that disposed of unwanted children through abortion, exposure, and abandonment. Much of the early church's growth came through its care for discarded children.

We face new challenges this year as powerful forces in our nation are determined to expand the scope of abortion. Let us pray for our leaders, saying as John Piper prayed in 2002, "Father, forgive, for we know what we are doing." And may the Christians of this country be the means by which God delivers us from this great evil.

Joyful Seniors Lunch

The Joyful Seniors will meet in the fellowship hall on January 22 for food, fun, and fellowship. There will be entertainment followed by a covered dish lunch.



Greeting Card Donation

The St. Jude Ranch for Children in Boulder City, Nevada, is accepting all types of greeting card fronts. They are recycled into new cards and sold with proceeds going back to abused, abandoned, and neglected children.

Ruby Widmer will be placing a labeled container in the church lobby. Please cut off the fronts of the cards and place them in the container, and we will handle the rest.

Cards should be trimmable to 5" x 7" and have no writing on the back. St. Jude's will do the trimming. This is a worldwide, Episcopal-affiliated ministry whose greeting card program is 34 years old this year. Thank you for your help.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

This month we will continue collecting for the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions. We are within sight of our goal of \$3,000. This offering provides over half the money for our international missions efforts, and 100% of the funds are given directly to the missionaries. We will be collecting for this offering throughout December.

Farewell to the Girdler Family

Our church ordained Tim Girdler on December 28, and this month he will begin serving as senior pastor to Real Life Community Church, a Southern Baptist congregation in Hagerstown, MD. He has been our Music Minister since August 2004 and has served the Lord well in our midst during his time here.

His wife came to us as Bonnie Congdon in 2002 and has been an accompanist and music assistant throughout that time. Tim and Bonnie were married in 2005, and we have all been blessed by them and their daughter Katelyn, who is now 15 months old.

The Girdlers' new address is posted on the church bulletin board, and you can keep up with the family on the Internet at www.thegirdlers.blogspot.com.

Welcome Our Newest Members

This December, Brandy Boggs joined our church by baptism, and Penny Baugh joined by letter.

Deaths in 2008

Please remember the families of those in our number who have recently gone to be with the Lord:

- Vernon Anderson
- Blanche Boggs
- Margaret Bratcher
- Mae Chandler
- Joy Collins
- Lee England
- Evelyn Faust
- Anna Grant
- Bill Hawkins
- Evelyn Howard
- Lloyd Lee
- Earl Mitchell
- Billie Pendley
- Anita Quinn
- Almeda Stanley

Greeters for January

- January 4—Team D
- January 11—Team E
- January 18—Team A
- January 25—Team B

Sunday Morning Nursery for January

- January 4—Sarah Dean
- January 11—Linda Nimmo
- January 18—Amy Colson
- January 25—Gearleen Cardwell, Danielle Carnes

If you are unable to work your scheduled week please contact Ruby Widmer.

Help Wanted

Looking for a way to get involved? There are plenty of ministries that need you:

- Nursery Workers**—Contact Ruby Widmer.
- Van Ministry Coordinator**—Contact Mike Nimmo.
- Van Drivers**—Contact Mike Nimmo.
- Sunday Morning Bible Study Teachers**—Contact Chris Pope.

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