

JANUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Gene Sturgill, Captain
- Gerald Deskins

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Gene Sturgill. . . . . 12/28- 01/03
- Tom Thompson . . . . . 01/04- 01/10
- Bob VanHoose . . . . . 01/11- 01/17
- Paul Corbin . . . . . 01/18- 01/24
- Gerald Deskins . . . . . 01/25- 01/31

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for JANUARY

- Blake Robinson
- April VanHoose
- Terry Trimble
- Bonita Summers

GREETERS

- Cathy Bartley & Patty Sowards. . . . . 01/04
- Roger & Marcia Davis . . . . . 01/11
- Suzy DeLong & Barbara Deskins . . . . . 01/18
- Nikki & Eddie Lane . . . . . 01/25

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

December	7	14	21	28
Sunday School	35	39	23	23
Worship Total	106	121	121	76

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND			
Needed as of December 21	\$	213,032.55	
Received as of December 21	\$	209,574.08	



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## Pastor's Corner

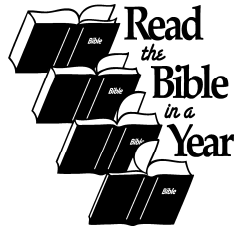
With the beginning of 2009 I start my second year as your pastor. In some ways the past year has seemed to fly by and in other ways it seems like forever ago that I started. Either way, I am so very grateful for the privilege I have had of serving here these past twelve months. I personally feel that God blessed us in many ways in 2008 and I have no doubt that He stands ready to bless us again in 2009. The big question is whether we will be a blessing to Him. I certainly hope we will. A couple of months ago I shared with you that my vision for this church is that we will become *"a place of grace."* You may recall that I indicated that I want our church to be a place where people can come to **learn** about the gift of God's grace. I also said we should be a place where people can go to **celebrate** that grace. Just as importantly, the First Christian Church should be a place where people can come to actually **experience** God's grace. Finally, we must become a place from which people go to **share** God's grace with others. If we will focus on these four things this year I am convinced that it will be a great year indeed. Please join me in praying in the months to come that the First Christian Church of Pikeville will be known to all as "a place of grace."

Dr. Chuck Summers

# Spaghetti Dinner

The youth will sponsor a Spaghetti Diner on Sunday, January 4, following the morning worship service. They will be serving spaghetti, salad, rolls, desserts, and beverages. Cost for the meal is a love offering. Proceeds from the dinner will help fund the youth's winter getaway to Gatlinburg planned for January 16-17. For more information, contact Jason Potter at 639-0209.

Reading the Bible through in one year is a wonderful discipline that helps Christians better understand God's Word. I challenge you to consider doing this in 2009. A daily reading schedule that will help you do this is available on the narthex tables.



The youth will be going on a Winter Getaway January 16-17. They will be tubing and ice skating at Ober Gatlinburg and attending a show in Pigeon Forge. They will leave right after school on Friday, Jan. 16, and return late Saturday evening, Jan. 17. Cost for the trip is \$25 per youth. Youth planning to go must meet the attendance requirements established by Jason.

With the start of a new year we also begin working under a new budget at the church. The 2009 budget has a weekly requirement of \$4,507.50. This is an increase of \$258.50 per week from 2008. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving in 2009 so we can meet our budget and carry on the many ministries of the First Christian Church.



Stewardship Committee will meet at 5:00 with the Board meeting to follow at 6:00 PM on January 11, 2009. All board members are encouraged to attend as we get ready for an exciting new year.

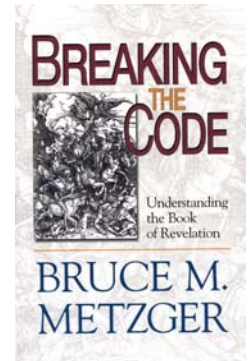
Gleanings from Genesis



Wednesday evening, January 14, we will begin a new study during Vespers called "Gleanings from Genesis." For several weeks we will be examining the many enduring and wonderful truths found in chapters 1-11. Please consider making Vespers a part of your spiritual journey in 2009.

On Thursday, January 15, our church will be hosting a group of seminary students studying in our region. We would like to provide them with a home-cooked meal at noon. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Chuck at your earliest convenience.

Starting February 1 Chuck will be teaching two small group studies based on the Book of Revelation. The book which we will use as our study guide is Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation by Bruce M. Metzger. Cost for the books is \$8.00. Class options will be Sunday evenings at 6:00 or Wednesday afternoons at 3:30. The class will run approximately eleven weeks. If you would like to order a book for this study, please contact the church office as soon as possible.



Thank You  
Carolers

Dear Carolers,  
Thank You for the music of the season.  
Thank you for a great job! It brought great joy to my heart! May all have a 2009 filled with peace.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Mann