

FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Paul Corbin, Captain
- Bob VanHoose

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Thelmer McClanahan 02/14 - 02/20
- Randy Johnson 02/21 - 02/27
- Randy Roberts 02/28 - 03/06

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for February

- Charlie Byers
- Gerald Deskins
- Helen Brown
- Josh VanHoose

GREETERS

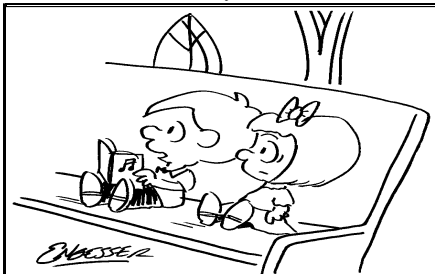
- Charlie Byers Family 02/21
- Roger & Marcia Davis 02/28

2010 ATTENDANCE REPORT

January	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday School	29	26	27	34	21
Worship Total	78	81	85	109	47

2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of February 7th	\$ 27,988.86
Received as of February 7th	\$ 21,596.75



“Dad’s ‘Joy, joy, joy, joy down in his heart’ turned out to be indigestion.”

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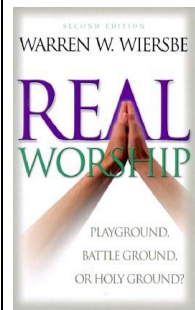
Recently I've been reading Brennan Manning's book, *Souvenirs of Solitude*. Chapter two starts out this way, "Closely related to the quality of my faith is the intensity of my hope. The Word of Jesus carries the implicit theme that the world is out to do us good. When you stop and think about it, that's an extraordinary idea. In most of our lives we have the impression that the world has done us considerable harm and comparatively little good. Yet if the Abba of Jesus loves us, if He pursues us as a tremendous Lover who is dying (in His Son) to be with us, then we are committed to the notion that His world, the work of His hands, is out to do us good. And that means taking the risk of letting others do good to us. It means going into the wedding feast and celebrating with the firm conviction that we are not going to be chumped, cheated, or disastrously surprised." I find Manning's words encouraging and corrective. I say "corrective" because it seems so many people, even Christians, have a negative view of the world. They watch the news or look around them and conclude that the world is basically evil or bad. Manning is right; in this world Jesus "is out to do us good." That doesn't mean bad things don't happen; obviously they do. It is simply a reminder that in all circumstances God is working for our good (see Romans 8:28) and that there is absolutely nothing that can separate us from His love (see Romans 8:37-39). This is not blind optimism, it is based instead on the truth of God's Word. If you will stop and think about this you'll discover that this has wonderful implications for our daily living.



You Can Help!

The deacons are in the process of organizing a program where we will be better prepared to share meals with members with special needs. Throughout February they will be looking for volunteers who would be willing to help prepare meals for church members when they experience a death in their family, have a baby, have an operation, are injured, etc. The goal is to get four groups with at least five people in each group. The groups will take turns serving meals so this will not become a burden on anyone. If you would be willing to take part in this important ministry, please call the church office (437-4527) or place your name on the sign up list across from the church kitchen.

Ash Wednesday falls on February 17 this year. This day signals the beginning of the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday ashes are placed on the forehead or hand, representing our mortality. But they are placed in the sign of the cross, reminding us that as Christians we die in Christ. As we move through the season, we move from despair to hope, as Good Friday offers redemption with Christ's death. Lent concludes with the celebration of Easter (April 4, this year). Purple is the color associated with Lent as it represents royalty and penitence. In preparing to meet our King, we recognize ourselves as unworthy and in need of repentance. Therefore, the purple you will see in our sanctuary reminds us to take inventory of ourselves in preparation for Easter.



In mid February Chuck will begin teaching two small group studies on worship. The book we will be using is Real Worship by Warren Wiersbe. Cost for the book is \$10.50. Study Group 1 will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 and will begin February 17. Study Group 2 will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 and will start February 21. If you plan to participate in one of the groups please call the church office or place your name on the sign up sheet across from the church kitchen. Come join us as we discover how worship can transform our lives!

The Week of Compassion Offering is received by Disciples of Christ each February. This year the offering will be taken February 21 and 28. On February 21 the Mission Team will sponsor our annual Soup Luncheon to highlight the need to give to this important offering. In recent weeks many of you have given to the Week of Compassion fund for Haiti Relief. Please note that the offering in February will go to support Disciples mission work not only in Haiti but throughout the world. Plan to give as generously as you can this year.



The Senior Adults will take a trip to Whitesburg on Monday, February 22, to eat lunch at the Pine Mountain Grill. We will leave the church at 11:30 p.m. All of our senior adults who can are encouraged to join us.

On February 22 there will be a joint meeting of the Elders and Deacons. The purpose of this meeting is to help discover ways the Elders and Deacons can work together in serving the church. The joint meeting will begin at 7:00. The Elders are asked to come at 6:30 for a brief meeting beforehand.



The Youth will be going to the Smokies February 26-27 for a Winter Getaway. They will leave the church at 3:30 on Friday and return around 10:00 Saturday evening. They will be staying at the National Park Lodge Resort in Pigeon Forge and playing laser tag and black light miniature golf while there. All youth planning to go need to contact Bonita Summers (437-2216) as soon as possible.



Looking Ahead

*Our "24 Hours of Prayer" will be held March 4-5.

*We have scheduled a Laity Sunday for March 14.

*Holy Week falls this year March 26-April 3. Easter is April 4.

*Vacation Bible School will be held June 13-17.

