

MARCH SERVING SCHEDULE

- ELDERS
- Jim Brown, Captain Bob VanHoose

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Tom Thompson03/02-03/08
- Terry Trimble03/09-03/15
- Bob VanHoose03/16-03/22

DEACONS

- Barbara Adams • Ashley Byers
- Carli Deskins • Steve Huffman

GREETERS

- Barbara Adams/Carli Deskins 03/02
- Paul/Karla Corbin 03/09

Please contact a replacement if you are unable to serve. If you know of someone needing home communion, contact the appropriate Elder of the Week.

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

FEBRUARY	3	10	17	24
Sunday School	35	40	29	34
Worship Total	90	80	74	86

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

UNBUDGETED OUTREACH	\$1,531.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	675.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	126.00
GENERAL FUND	
Needed	\$ 33,992.00
Received	37,972.10

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

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As I drive to work each day I pass the Pikeville Elementary School. On their sign in front of the school they post a "word for the month." During February the word for the month has been *kindness*. In a world such as ours I think this was an excellent choice. One of my favorite spiritual writers is Henri Nouwen. He has this to say

about kindness: "Kindness is a beautiful human attribute. When we say, 'She is a kind person' or 'He surely was kind to me,' we express a very warm feeling. In our competitive and often violent world, kindness is not the most frequent response. But when we encounter it we know that we are blessed. Is it possible to grow in kindness, to become a kind person? Yes, but it requires discipline. To be kind means to treat another person as your 'kin,' your intimate relative. We say, 'We are kin' or 'He is next of kin.' To be kind is to reach out to someone as being of 'kindred' spirit. Here is the great challenge: All people, whatever their color, religion, or sex, belong to humankind and are called to be kind to one another, treating one another as brothers and sisters. There is hardly a day in our lives in which we are not called to do this." In a recent sermon I spoke of how we are called to imitate Christ. Certainly kindness characterized his life. It should characterize ours too. The apostle Paul indicated that kindness is one of the "fruit of the Spirit." He also gave these instructions to the church at Ephesus: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." May God help kindness grow in your heart and mine in the days to come.

Dr. Chuck Summers

Welcome Christal Hawkins

Beginning Monday, March 3, Christal Hawkins will become our new church secretary/administrative assistant.. Christal is a graduate of Mullins High School and Prestonsburg Community College. She is married to Matt Hawkins and they have a twelve year old son. Christal is a member of the First Baptist Church of Pikeville and sings in a bluegrass gospel group. As Christal joins the church staff note that we have extended the church office hours. She will work from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please remember Christal in your prayers as she begins work here, and as you have opportunity, extend a warm welcome to her.

Small Group Study Begins in March

In mid-March two groups will begin going through the book, The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg. This is an insightful and entertaining look at the spiritual disciplines. Group 1 will begin Sunday evening, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. (It will normally meet Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. but due to the monthly board meeting will meet one hour later that week). Group 2 will begin meeting on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting March 12. If you would like to be a part of one of these groups please contact the pastor as soon as possible so that we can order you a copy of the book.



You are invited to a baby shower for Sarah Deskins Bachman on Saturday, March 8, 2008. It will be at the church from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Sarah is registered at Wal-Mart and Babies R Us.

Preschool Children to Sing March 2

The Little Blessings Preschool group will be present with us Sunday morning, March 2. This year they will once again be helping to lead us in worship. Their plans are to sing two songs and share a poem with us. Please plan now to be present. I also encourage you to use this opportunity to express your gratitude to Ms. Lacey and Ms. Debbie for the wonderful job they do leading our preschool.

Special Afternoon Service Planned for March 16

Sunday afternoon at 3:30, March 16, Chuck Summers will be showing a variety of multi-media programs featuring his photography. For many years Chuck has been combining his love for the Lord and photography by sharing programs that incorporate his photography, scripture and music. Please plan to attend this special service and to invite your friends to come with you.

Making Chrismon Ornaments

Come and help the worship team make new ornaments for our sanctuary Christmas tree. Be at the church Monday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Flowers For Worship

Beginning March 2, 2008, the price for a flower arrangement for the Sunday Worship will increase to \$20.00. Please sign up to provide flowers for an available Sunday. You will be billed by Levi's Floral.



If you would like to order a lily for Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of someone, please call the church office or complete a bulletin insert order form no later than Sunday, March 16.

Prayer Vigil

Our annual 24-hour prayer vigil will be Thursday, March 13 starting at 6:00 a.m. The worship team thanks those who signed up for a prayer time. The worship team will be calling to remind you.

Week Of Compassion Report

This year we received \$1,326.00 for our annual Week of Compassion Offering. This is up \$542.51 from last year! You are to be commended for your generous giving. If you have not yet given to this special offering to help meet the needs of those in need around the world you can still do so. May God richly bless all of you who gave!

Church Calendar - March

March 3	10:00 AM	Making Chrismons
March 5	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
March 7		World Day of Prayer
March 8	1:00 PM	Bachman Baby Shower
March 13	6:00 AM	24-Hour Prayer Vigil
March 16	3:30 PM	Chuck's Photography
March 19	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
March 20	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service.
March 22		Easter Egg Hunt
March 23	11:00 AM	Easter Sunday Service