

NOVEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Blake Robinson, Captain • Randy Roberts

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Paul Corbin ..... 11/16- 11/22
- Gerald Deskins ..... 11/23- 11/29
- Wilma Deskins ..... 11/30- 12/06
- Thelmer McClanahan ..... 12/07- 12/13
- Randy Roberts ..... 12/14- 12/20

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for NOVEMBER

- Tom Thompson • Ashley Byers
- Terry Trimble • Cathy Bartley

GREETERS

- Ruth Wells & Pat Huffman ..... 11/16
- Bill & Ginger VanHoose ..... 11/23
- Daryl Ratliff & Taylor Wells ..... 11/30
- Bonita Summers & Patty Williams ... 12/07
- Charlie Byers Family ..... 12/14

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

November	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday School	33	36			
Worship Total	89	112			



2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Needed as of November 9	\$ 187,538.55
Received as of November 9	\$ 184,979.58



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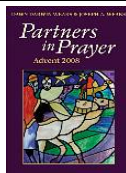
## Pastor's Corner

Welton Gaddy put together a collection of prayers called Prayers from Adoration to Zeal. In this book he has a delightful prayer of thanksgiving. Some of the things he gives thanks for in this prayer may surprise you, but I hope that his prayer of gratitude will help you to give thanks for more than the "usual" things this Thanksgiving: "I'm thankful for the same things everybody else is thankful for, God. You know-for family and friends, freedom and rights, food, clothing, and shelter. I have said all of those things before, countless times in routine ways. But I have a real need to say more. I am thankful for you-profoundly grateful to you, O God- for gifts that I seldom, if ever, mention. I don't want to seem trite. I don't want to ask for your time and attention to voice inconsequential concerns. Yet I do want you to know how I really feel about the many expressions of your goodness. So here goes a different kind of prayer. O God, I give you thanks for wind gusts that stir swirling flurries of gold and red autumn leaves; for cabins without telephones and clocks; for a child who, unintimidated by the formality of a religious service, blurts out, 'Why are we doing all of these strange things?'; for a sudden rainstorm that drenches the earth with water and fills the sky with loud rolls of thunder and brilliant lightning; for the sight of a sea gull gracefully gliding just before darting down into the water to snare its dinner...; for caramel-covered apples rolled in nuts and eaten off a stick; for a teacher as devoted to students as to knowledge; for friends whom I think of as family members; for a heavy snow that closes down everything-even the meetings at the church; for a first grader whose broad grin of accomplishment is completely covered with the moist pink residue of (Continued-->)"

well-chewed bubble gum that exploded while inflated; for spires atop sanctuaries that seem to represent far more than an architect's creativity; for mud puddles to step in or around; for a rainbow mystically arched over a meadow coming alive with the green grass and wildflowers of spring; for lightning bugs around me and glittering stars above me on a peaceful summer night; for an aged man whose wrinkled face bears an expression that is an irrefutable affirmation of the pleasure that is possible at every stage of life; for the deep, resounding gongs of a tower clock striking at midnight; for the ability to whistle; for strawberries; and for grace – the very idea of it, expressions from it, the peace and joy that accompany it. O God, I am thankful to you for so much! Especially though, for strawberries and grace. Thanks be to you through Jesus Christ who showed us how to live as well as to speak thankfully. Amen.”

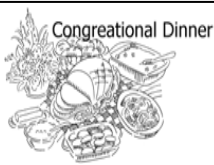
Dr. Chuck Summers

**Advent Devotionals:** The church has purchased devotional books for use during the season of Advent. Books will be available for each family the next two Sundays. We hope these devotionals will enhance your journey through the Advent season.



Starting Sunday, November 16, the Youth Group will be meeting again each Sunday at 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please give Jason Potter a call at 639-0209.

**Operation Christmas Child !!!** The kids will be packing the boxes November 18-19. Items for boxes will need to be brought to the church by this Sunday, November 16. Please note that donations are also needed to cover the \$7.00 fee for shipping each box.



Our annual Congregational Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 23, following the morning worship service. The Membership Committee requests that those whose last name begins with the letters A-K bring vegetable dishes; those with the letters L-R bring a salad; and those with the letters S-Z bring a dessert. The church will provide the rest of the meal. At our annual meeting we will elect board members for the coming year, hear reports from the past year, and vote on the proposed 2009 budget. Please plan to join us on November 23.



The senior adults will have a potluck dinner at the church on Monday, November 17 at Noon. The church will provide the meat, rolls and beverages. Those coming are requested to bring one of their favorite dishes. As a part of our meeting Christal Hawkins will sing a variety of gospel songs.



The Pikeville Ministerial Association will sponsor a community Thanksgiving service Sunday evening, November 23. The service will be held at the Weddington Theatre at 6:00 p.m. Our pastor, Dr. Chuck Summers, has been asked to be the guest speaker. Plan now to join other believers from throughout our community as we give thanks to God for His many blessings.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

==Elders==

Paul Corbin Blake Robinson

==Deacons==

April VanHoose Josh VanHoose Bonita Summers

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We have several varieties of nuts for sale. Pecan halves, chopped Pecans, Mixed nuts, Cashews, Pistachios, and Chocolate Covered Pecans. See Jeanette Anderson or Joyce Runyon after church to purchase these. The money raised is used to purchase needed items for the church.



**Sanctuary Activity Bags:** We are so glad your children use the bags from the basket each week. The books & games are there for their enjoyment. However, please make sure to return the coloring books and activities to the basket each Sunday. The children may tear out a used coloring or sticker page and take it home, but please return the rest of the book or pad, so someone else can use it the next Sunday! Thank You!

