

DECEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Thelmer McClanahan, Captain
- Wilma Deskins

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- Wilma Deskins 11/30- 12/06
- Thelmer McClanahan 12/07- 12/13
- Randy Roberts 12/14- 12/20
- Blake Robinson 12/21- 12/27
- Ernie Rogers 12/28- 01/03

SERVING

DEACONS/ ELDERS for DECEMBER

- Barb Adams
- Joah VanHoose
- Carli Jo Deskins
- Randy Roberts

GREETERS

- Daryl Ratliff & Taylor Wells 11/30
- Bonita Summers & Patty Williams 12/07
- Charlie Byers Family 12/14
- Barb Adams & Carli Jo Deskins 12/21
- Bill & Dorothy LaFon 12/28

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

November	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday School	33	36	30	31	
Worship Total	89	112	99	125	

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND	
Needed as of November 23	\$ 196,036.55
Received as of November 23	\$ 192,333.58



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It's that time again. Some say (or sing) "it's the most wonderful time of the year." I'm not sure it is necessarily that but it is certainly the busiest. Although many have gotten a head start and already put up their Christmas trees and decorations, the season of Advent begins November 30. For the next four weeks we will prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. Or, at least, I hope we will. Just because we go through the motions each Advent does not guarantee that we are truly ready to celebrate Christmas when it rolls around on December 25. There will be lots of things to distract us between now and then. There will be shopping to do, parties to attend, parades to watch, food to prepare, and a string of other "necessities." This really is a busy and delightful time of the year. My only fear is that in taking in all the delights that we will miss the true significance of Advent and Christmas. We actually can miss the whole point. For that reason I encourage you to be disciplined in the weeks to come. Make sure that you take time each day to slow down and give consideration to the real meaning of this special season. The Advent devotion guide the church provided you will help you do this. So will spending a few moments each day in silence and meditation on the mystery of the Incarnation. Somehow, someway, find time to worship every day. And as you hurry about be aware that Christ may choose to reveal himself to you in some unexpected ways. You never really know just what he might do or have to say to you. I pray that this Advent season will draw all of us closer to the One who left his throne in glory and became one of us that first Christmas long ago. If that happens, it truly will be "the most wonderful time of the year!"

Dr. Chuck Summers

During the month of December you will have the opportunity to give to the 2008 Christmas Offering to "support, bless and encourage the ministry of your Region." The theme for this year's offering is "God Has Done Great Things." I have been personally blessed by the work of our



Region and want to strongly encourage you to make a generous gift this year to the Christmas Offering. All of the money received will go toward the work of Disciples in Kentucky. Envelopes for this special offering will be made available to you on December 14 and 21.

Each year the decoration of the sanctuary includes white poinsettias given in memory or in honor of someone. The cost for each live plant is \$25.00. They will stay in the sanctuary through the Christmas Eve service when you may take them home. Please place your order by filling out the form in this Sunday's bulletin (Nov. 30) or by calling the church office, 437-4527, before noon on Wednesday, December 3.



Annual Lighting Ceremony at Pikeville Medical Center parking lot featuring the Mountain Mission Choir.
December 1 at 6:00 PM

Mountain Christmas Sing-A-Long
December 4 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Eastern KY Expo Center
Admission is free with a non-perishable food item or new toy for the "Spirit of Christmas" truck.



The Senior Adults will be taking a trip to see the play *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at the Actors Collaborative Theater in Elkhorn City, KY on Dec. 11. The bus will leave the church at 6:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please call the church office by Monday, December 8. Tickets are \$8.00. We will view the lights at the Breaks Interstate Park before going to the show.

The children's Christmas program will be Sunday evening, Dec. 14, at 5:00 p.m. This year's program is called "Double O-Heaven: Top Secret." Everyone is encouraged to attend and to invite others to join you. Following the program we will have a "Birthday Party for Jesus" in the Fellowship Hall.



The Live Nativity opens at the Pikeville Medical Center
Monday, December 15 from 5 - 7 PM.

OTHER VIEWING TIMES:

Daytime Matinees are Dec. 16-18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Evening Viewings are December 16-18 from 4 - 7 p.m.
and December 19 from 4 - 6 PM.



We will be going Christmas Caroling on
Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM
Please come join us. Following caroling there will be a fellowship at the Pastor's home.



Preschool Christmas Program **December 17 at 6:30 PM**



The children will present a play entitled
"Once Upon a Time in Santa's Workshop."
Following the program there will be refreshments in the fellowship hall.



The Chancel Choir will present their Christmas Cantata,
"How Great Our Joy!" by Lloyd Larson & Douglas E. Wagner
December 21 during the 11:00 Worship Service

Please plan to attend this time of remembering our Savior's birth and the true meaning for the Christmas season.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
December 24 at 11:00 PM
Please come and bring your families to this very special Christmas service.

The Church Office will be closed
December 24 - 26 in observation
of Christmas. Regular hours will
resume on Monday, December 29.



Special Notice

The Elder's Meeting has been cancelled for the month of December. They will meet again the last Monday of January.



During the month of November we were blessed with several new members. Deelaney Hackney, Abigail Stafford and Baylie VanHoose joined by profession of faith and baptism. Misty Scott also joined by statement of faith. We warmly welcome these new members and thank God for them!