

DECEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

ELDERS

- Thelmer McClanahan, Captain
- Wilma Deskins

ELDER OF THE WEEK

- 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

- Barb Adams & Carli Jo Deskins 12/21
- Bill & Dorothy LaFon 12/28
- Cathy Bartley & Patty Sowards 01/06
- Roger & Marcia Davis 01/13
- Suzy Delong & Barbara Deskins 01/20

2008 ATTENDANCE REPORT

December	7	14	21	28
Sunday School	35			
Worship Total	106			



2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Needed as of December 7	\$ 204,534.55
Received as of December 7	\$ 202,319.08



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Pastor's Corner

Calvin Miller is one of the most creative and insightful writers I know. In his book, The Unfinished Soul, Calvin includes a piece called "The North Pole Apology." In it he takes on the role of Santa Claus and writes a letter of apology to the kids who will not be receiving anything this year. The letter is too long to print in its entirety here but this is the way the letter concludes: *"Jesus of Nazareth is really a better bet than I am. He loves everybody and never leaves anybody out. I don't see how he does it, though. Maybe it helps when you're the Son of God and don't have a lot of reindeer to take care of. If I were you, I'd keep in touch with Jesus. After all, Christmas is his birthday and he can do so much more for you than I can. He's always been a better bet for all kids. He never forgets anybody. This will be really important as you get older. There will come a time when my elves and I won't be able to do much for you. It's then that Jesus really shines. Frankly, he makes me feel ashamed that I always treat the rich better than the poor. I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I've always been pretty upper class. Not him, though. He was born poor. He doesn't give gifts; he is the gift! Take it from old Santa."* This Christmas I hope that you will not forget that Jesus truly is *the gift*—the greatest gift of all. In the hustle and bustle of the season do not forget to give God thanks and praise for this "incredible gift" and that "He loves everybody and never leaves anybody out." Merry Christmas!

Dr. Chuck Summers

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." You are 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 next two Sundays 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 21.

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.

Prayer for Special Needs

The Elders of our church offer prayer for those with special needs the third Sunday of each month following the morning service. They meet outside the Pastor's Office and offer intercessory prayer for all those desiring it.

The third Sunday this month is **Dec. 21**. Please feel free to take advantage of this wonderful ministry provided by our Elders.



**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.

The church office will also be closed January 1 & 2 in observation of New Years. Regular hours will resume on Monday, January 5.



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



At the present time we are still running a couple thousand dollars behind budget. As we come to the close of the year I hope you will consider your giving for 2008 and see if you might be behind in your tithes and offerings. If you are,



please consider "catching up" before year's end. If you are not you still might think about giving a little bit extra so that we can finish 2008 ahead of budget needs. And don't forget, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)