



February 2012

THE CRIER

Gather, Grow and Go, In the Name of Jesus Christ



Prayer is something we tend to take for granted.

Something's up, we pray to GOD. Most of the time, it seems, our prayers are answered in a way that pleases us. When the crisis passes, we sometimes slacken off a bit on the prayers until the next crisis arises.

We never appreciate prayer more than when we are on the receiving end of it, and it is *self* who is being prayed for. It is a truly awesome and humbling experience to realize it is *your name* that is being presented before the throne of grace as people ask God to bless you.

Such was my experience recently when I was hit with a likely viral infection named Bell's Palsy. We went to the hospital to check it out, and the doctors almost immediately said what it was; but I was admitted to undergo a whole barrage of tests ... EKG; Vascular echo, Cat scan, MRI ... to confirm Bell's Palsy.

Thankfully, this has virtually disappeared with the aid of a muscle stimulator, such a simple piece of equipment, but most effective in its results.

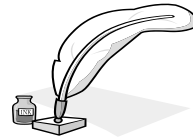
Yes, I praise God for the skills of doctors, nurses, therapist, technicians, in fact a whole army of professionals who are there when we need them.

But it was the prayers ... your prayers ... and GOD'S blessings that brought the healing! You never know how important prayer actually is until you are the one on the receiving end of it! For this truly divine and amazing gift we can all say, "THANK YOU, LORD!"

God bless everyone!
Love to all,
Pastor Chas

Clerks Notes

by Hank Holcomb



Prior to the Session meeting on January 17, the annual meeting of the trustees was held. Since I was not available, the trustees designated Mike Skeen as acting secretary of the board of trustees. The trustees approved the minutes from the 2011 annual trustees' meeting and the 2011 annual meeting of the corporation. The trustees nominated officers for 2012 which will be presented to the corporation for approval at the annual meeting on February 20, 2012. Nominated were Jere Hess, president; Karen Rice, vice-president and Hank Holcomb, secretary. The trustees ended their meeting, and the meeting of the Session was called. The Session approved the minutes of the December 20, 2012, Session meeting. Mike Skeen was elected lay commissioner for the Presbytery meeting on February 10, 2012 at Trinity-First Presbyterian Church in Laurel.

If you remember, we stopped payment to many of our mission programs for most of the year due to lower than budgeted contributions. At the end of December there was an upswing in contributions, and we were able to send payments to some of the underpaid benevolences we support. We were still over \$3,000 short of budget for our missions spending. We finished the year with a \$2,934 surplus, mainly due to the committees pinching every penny and ending the year \$11,500 under budget for expenditures. There was far too much drama and uncertainty in the financial program last year, and the Session does not want to have to do that again.

Thanks to Mike Skeen for stepping in for me on very short notice. He did a great job.

The Session is ramping up for two important events. The first is the "Gathering for Women" on March 3 and "40 Days in the Word" from April 15 to May 20. There is much information about these two events available, and I encourage all members of the congregation to participate in or support the "Gathering" and to immerse yourself in "The Word."

The next Providence Dinner will be on Monday, February 20, 2012. Our program will be our annual meeting of the congregation and corporation. While this does not sound as interesting or important, it is very important. Everyone needs to find out about all the great things done to support the church's mission. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and make your plans to attend. If you need a ride to the dinner, please check that box on the signup sheet.

When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required. Luke 12:48b (New Living Translation)

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Valentine's Breakfast

**Ladies are invited on Saturday,
Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. for a
Valentine pancake breakfast!**

Ladies come as our guests and enjoy this month's program. **Polly from Pine Hills Nursery is presenting a program on spring gardening and will be bringing in plants, and our Youth will be cooking and serving the pancakes!**

Men, if you haven't come to a Men's Breakfast yet, this is a great opportunity to come and see what we are all about. Besides Sunday worship, MOC is another great way for men to get together and have fellowship, enjoy breakfast and be part of a group of men that care about our church and each other. We meet every month, usually on the third Saturday at 8 a.m., except for some time off for the summer months.

Programs vary throughout the year, and some Saturdays may find us doing a fall or spring clean up of church grounds; a few Saturdays we stick around for the blood drive and, as above, we have a few times when we invite ladies to special events. **So, come join us and be part of a great bunch of men drinking coffee and enjoying fellowship at a time other than Sunday.**

Dan Seliga, President MOC

Providence Dinner February 20, 2012 6:30 PM

Come for a wonderful night of food and fellowship followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

We have drivers, so if you need a ride to and from the dinner, indicate on the sign up sheet.

A Gathering for Women

is coming Saturday, March 3.

WOMEN –

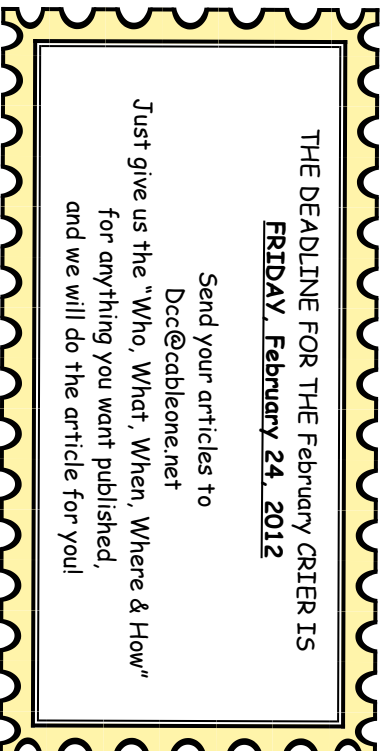
Have you registered that you are attending on the church website or in the church office yet?

MEN –

Have you volunteered on-line or in the office yet? If not, don't delay. We need you!

For more info. or to register and volunteer, click on:

www.dhcommunitychurch.org



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Women's Bible Studies

Confessing the Beatitudes" Bible Study resumes after the Christmas break at three different times and locations during the month in hopes of providing a time and day that will be convenient for all.

Breakfast Club, Meets the first Monday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Evening Club, Meets the first Wednesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. at the church. (Attention Moms with children attending Youth Night. Consider coming an hour early to pick up your child and attend the study.)

Lunch Bunch, Meets the last Friday of every month at Noon at Uncle Joe's Pizza & Wings at the back of Diamondhead. Study guides are available at each meeting for \$10.00.

Our sincerest thanks to all our friends, old and new, who attended the Providence Dinner honoring our years of service to the Church, and to those who were unable to attend but expressed their appreciation to us later. The turnout for the dinner was heartwarming, and the Waterford crystal cross and vase will be cherished forever.

Joan & George Schenck

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Where Do We Stand?






| | December 2011 | | Year-to-Date | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Actual | Projected | Actual | Projected |
| Income | \$28,812 | \$23,833 | \$286,528 | \$298,000 |
| Expenses | \$26,010 | \$23,200 | \$286,740 | \$298,000 |
| Budget Bal. | \$ 2,802 | | \$ (212.00) | |



February Anniversaries

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|------------------------|-------|
| Chas & Elaine Jones | 02/05 |
| Bill & Susan Chapman | 02/07 |
| George & Laurie Fouts | 02/09 |
| Bob & Betty Marshall | 02/10 |
| Brent & Jan Farnsworth | 02/15 |

February Birthdays

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|-------------------|--|-------|
| Renie Dack |  | 02/03 |
| Dora Hollier | | 02/04 |
| Anna Flink | | 02/07 |
| Lynn Cheramie | | 02/08 |
| Jere Hess | | 02/09 |
| Gavin Ritchie |  | 02/09 |
| Saige Marshall | | 02/10 |
| Chris Dannreuther | | 02/13 |
| Owen Monahan |  | 02/13 |
| Sonja Sturman | | 02/13 |
| Bob Hanson | | 02/14 |
| Geoffrey Jones |  | 02/14 |
| Joe MacMillan | | 02/16 |
| Bill Case | | 02/17 |
| Barbara Nicks | | 02/17 |
| Angelina Vellon | | 02/17 |
| Henrietta Kelty |  | 02/18 |
| Brady Monahan | | 02/20 |
| Kelly Corbin | | 02/21 |
| Bill Chapman | | 02/22 |
| Scott Brewer | | 02/24 |
| Elaine Jones | | 02/26 |
| Kristi Lindsey | | 02/27 |
| Donna White | | 02/27 |
| Patty Willis | | 02/27 |
| Kathy Pinn | | 02/28 |
| Laura Young | | 02/28 |

Little School News

Registration for 2012-2013 begins
March 1st.

FEES: Registration \$50.00
 Book Fee \$10.00
 Insurance \$10.00

3 year old class tuition \$ 85.00
Monthly

4 year old class tuition \$125.00
Monthly

Complete curriculum for three &
four year olds using the Mississippi
Early Learning Guidelines by
Mississippi State University Early
Childhood Institute.

Classes begin September 4, 2012

Who's Who in the Pew – Newt Hanson



The following article was written by Newt, himself. Newt and his wife Lou Ada have done a lot for us over the years. The story does not tell all, but raises some questions that I would like to know more about. That Supreme Court ruling sounds interesting and his hobby of genealogy also got my curiosity up. – Jere Hess

I am Newton F. Hanson, Jr., born in Memphis, Tenn. in 1926. I graduated from Central High of Memphis and my love for the out-of-doors took me to Iowa State College to earn a B.S. degree in Forestry in 1950. Lou Ada Bogen and I were married in 1951.

My military career was in the Army and was highlighted by combat service as an infantry squad scout on Okinawa in April through July, 1945. I had eight years of active and inactive service.

I was employed by E.L. Bruce Co. in 1951 working in Bruce, Miss. and Memphis, Tenn. in various capacities, from Forest land manager to Assistant to the VP of Sawmills and Lumber Procurement. I was a Registered Surveyor, Certified Real Estate Broker, and a Registered Forester in Mississippi.

I was an Eagle Scout, and a Scoutmaster for eight years. I was President of the Calhoun Co. Miss. School Board (when we won a case before the U.S. Supreme Court) and the Commissioner of a three-county Little League. I was selected to procure and develop a City Park for Bruce, Miss. With outstanding cooperation from the community, the land was procured and the baseball fields, swimming pool, tennis courts, community building, and drives were completed within a year.

On retirement I created a wildflower garden on 28 acres in the local Jackson State Park when we lived in Arkansas. This was the first wildflower garden in Arkansas of that size at that time. My hobbies include bowling, genealogy, gardening, bridge, wildflower interests, swimming, and bird watching. We have been Diamondhead residents for 11 years. We have three sons: Benton, Doug, and Kirk, and seven grandchildren. We have been members of Diamondhead Community Church since early 2001. I first joined the Idlewild Presbyterian Church U.S in my 10th year. My church offices include Deacon U.S. church, Elder U.S.A. church, and Deacon U.S.A. church.

During the years I was a Jaycee, and a Rotarian, and presently am a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. My favorite foods are anything that Lou Ada puts on the breakfast table, especially biscuits, sausage, and grits. My favorite books are anything in history, especially American history. My favorite color is blue.



DCC's Budding Scientists

Riley Corbin pictured

Congratulations to three of our Youth! Each placed in the East Hancock Elementary School Science Fair. **Riley Ann Corbin**, a first-grade student, won First place in the Micro Biology Division with her project, "The 5 Second Rule –Fact or Fiction." (Ask Riley how much time it takes for food to become contaminated after falling on the floor!) **Micheal Nelson**, also a third grade student, won First place in Environmental Science. He conducted an environmental test on his family to see if they could make a smaller environmental footprint by recycling, composting, saving energy and reducing their water consumption. His family's score went up from 18 to 53 out of a possible 100 after his experiment. **Emory Butler**, a second grade student, took Second place with his project, "Which Soil Is Best to Grow Radishes." This was Emory's first time doing a science project! Emory, Micheal and Riley will all be going on to compete against winners from all over the Mississippi Gulf Coast at the District Science Fair at the Coast Coliseum. That competition will take place the middle of February.



Just a box of tissues

'Tis the season for colds and allergies and probably most of us are reaching out for that tissue! The Building Fund Committee has decided to help you out by giving you a whole box of tissues. This is a gift with a "little catch" to it. You can use the tissues and when the box is empty, put your loose change into it and bring it back to the church when it is full. If everybody does this, a considerable amount of loose change will accumulate. And, all of it will be used to finish paying off the outstanding building debt, which as of January was \$127,900.

You will be given a tissue box very soon for your loose change. Just bring it back to the church when it is full.

WE CAN DO IT – ONE LITTLE BOX AT A TIME!