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# A VIEW FROM THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT SCENIC HILLS

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**"Spiritual Resolutions"**

The modern New Year celebration prompts people to reflect on the past year and look forward to what the future may hold. One tradition, which dates back to the early Babylonians over 4000 years ago, is the declaration of a New Year's Resolution. The first day of the year for the Babylonians actually took place in March and the major resolution of their society was to return something borrowed during the previous year to its rightful owner. Today people primarily make resolutions that involve improving their health, being more responsible with their finances, or changing different aspects of their person.

Obviously the activities surrounding the New Year's holiday are strictly secular. However, have you ever considered making spiritual resolutions for the new year? As Christians we should view ourselves in a continual state of spiritual growth. In other words, there is always room for improvement in our relationship with God. I encourage you to set some spiritual goals for 2010. Maybe you will resolve to read the Bible all the way through from cover to cover in the new year. Maybe you will resolve to bring one person to Christ in 2010. Maybe you will resolve to increase your involvement in the ministries of the church or improve your attendance at worship services or deepen your one on one time with God. Whatever improvement needs to be made to your Christian walk, I challenge you to set it as a goal for the upcoming year. May we always seek to be better Christians today than we were yesterday.

As we approach this new year let us remember the words of Psalm 37:5 (ESV), "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

~Kyle Rye~

**New Prayer Requests**

On January 2<sup>nd</sup> **Chad Corriveau**, grandson of Sharon Blanton, will be deployed to Iraq for the next year. He will be added to our Military Prayer List.

**Chip Gideons** has cancer and the prognosis does not look good. He is the father of Eddie and Trish Scull's daughter-in-law.

**Wes Ray**, father of Scotty Ray, has a staph infection that is now in his bones. It has eaten his hip bone and they haven't been able to stop it. He had surgery Monday in Virginia. Scotty and his wife, Amy attends Gateway.

**Continue to Remember in Prayer****Our Members**

Jerry Ard, Wayne Born, Roger Ellis, Fletcher Hinote, Dale Hobbs, Elmer Jensen, Beau Kelley, Verna Mack, Charlotte Quinn, Cindy Taylor, Juanita Taylor and Brooks & Maxine Ward

**Our Shut-Ins**

Myrtle Potter and Fred Strasser

**Friends and Family**

Ilene Danley (John Waldroup's mother-in-law)  
Jill Heddy (former member)  
Kristy Gray (Eric Gray's sister-in-law)  
Bev Key (Kelly Hinote Key's mother-in-law)  
Wilma Moring (friend of Betty Brown)  
Josh Norris (Brent and Lisa Missildine's son-in-law)  
Emmett Phillips (Betty Brown's brother-in-law)  
Lois Phillips (Carolyn Hatton's sister-in-law)  
Dominique & Carson Whitters (former members & son)



**Week at a Glance**

**Sunday**

Bible Classes.....	9:00 AM
Morning Worship.....	10:00 AM
Evening Worship.....	6:00 PM

**Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesday Mornings.....	10:00 AM
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**Wednesday**

Bible Classes.....	7:00 PM
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**Working Women Walking With God**

1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.....	6:30 PM
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**Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....	124
Sunday Morning Worship.....	177
Sunday Evening Worship.....	131
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class.....	n/a
Wednesday Bible Study.....	159

**The Next Fifth Sunday Service  
Will be observed on  
January 31, 2010**

**Pantry Item for This Week**

Our pantry is running short in a few areas.  
Please consider bringing the following...



Pasta Noodles and  
Pasta Sauces

Matthew 25:35

'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I  
was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a  
stranger and you took Me in;

**What Must I Do To Become A Christian?**

The plan of salvation is given to us in the  
New Testament. We must:

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:15-16
Repent.....	Acts 17:30
Confess.....	Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized.....	Acts 2:38
Live a Christian Life.....	2 Peter 1:4-11, 2:20-22

**Privileged to Serve December 27, 2009**

**Morning**

Welcome & Announcements.....	Eric Smith
Song Leader.....	John Loanzon
Scripture Reading/Opening Prayer.....	Jeff Whitson
Communion Leader.....	Jerry Caine
Communion Servers	
Left Outside.....	Curtis Gardner
Left Middle.....	Jerry Vincent
Left Inside.....	Jeremy Sasser
Right Inside.....	Howard Johnson
Right Middle.....	Billy Cook
Right Outside.....	Austin Dodd
Closing Prayer.....	Andy Hinote
Sound/Computer.....	Corky Berry/Darrel Bishop
Greeters.....	Beverly Springer/Betty Graves
Nursery Attendants.....	Michelle Brown and Stefanie Jennings

**Evening**

Song Leader.....	Eddie Rhodes
Scripture Reading/Prayer.....	Josh Jennings
Closing Prayer.....	Wayne Born
Communion:	
Bread & Offering (left).....	T.B.A.
Cup (right).....	T.B.A.
Sound/Computer.....	Corky Berry/John Loanzon

**Wednesday – December 30**

Song Leader.....	John Loanzon
Closing Prayer.....	T.B.A.

**Sunday – January 3**

Prepare Communion Trays.....	Donna Thompson
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## College Students Who Are Away

Courtney & Michael Andry - University of Florida  
Abby Avery - Florida Gulf Coast University  
Lacey Brown & Kayla Springer - Harding University  
Kristian Gardner - University of South Alabama  
Kristi Kilpatrick - Auburn University  
Savannah Morris - Florida State University

## Pray for Military Personnel Who Are Deployed

Chad Corriveau.....Iraq  
Tanya Mixson.....Afghanistan  
Steven Schaff .....flies in and out of Iraq  
Jason Whitson.....Okinawa

## Missions Supported

Franklin County Florida (James Lee)  
Gulf Coast Bible Camp (Lucedale, Mississippi)  
Miami Spanish for Christ (Luis Estrada)  
Pacific Islands Mission Work (Randy English)  
Thailand Mission Work (Kim Voraritskul)

## House to House, Heart to Heart

The latest edition of House to House, Heart to Heart is available in the lobby or at [www.housetohouse.com](http://www.housetohouse.com).

## Children's Homes Supported

Childhaven - Cullman, Alabama  
Christian Home & Bible School - Mount Dora, Florida  
Potter Children's Home - Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Rainbow Omega - Eastaboga, Alabama

## Birthdays This Week



Ashleigh Dodd (12-30)  
Jonathon Hobbs (12-30)  
Cody Smith (12-30)  
Kristy Dodd (01-02)

## Anniversaries This Week



Jack & Barbara Moses (12-30)  
Roger & Kathy Ellis (12-31)

## Thought for the Day

'Be careful how you live.  
You may be the only Bible  
some people will Ever read!'

## Cards Requested

Tanya Mixson, Michelle Brown's sister, is deployed to Afghanistan. She is requesting cards from home. Her address is listed below.

Tanya Mixson  
135<sup>th</sup> ESC  
APO AE 09355

There is a website set up to send cards to our troops. If you go to [www.LetsSayThanks.com](http://www.LetsSayThanks.com) you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed service. It's FREE and it only takes a second and it's a wonderful way to say thank you. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of them? Whether you are for the war or against it, our soldiers need to know we support them.

## Men's Breakfast

In 2010 we will host a monthly men's breakfast at the building on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and a devotional time will follow. Our first Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. If you plan on attending, please sign the list on the lobby table. The meal being served and the cost per person will be announced beforehand.

## 2010 Church Calendar

Kyle is putting together a 2010 calendar for Scenic Hills that displays all of the known events that will be taking place in the upcoming year. Please let him know if you are aware of any scheduled activities, meetings, programs, etc. that should be included.

He is particularly interested in obtaining the dates for

- regularly scheduled meetings (e.g. deacons' meetings)
- activities for our fellowship groups (e.g. Empty Nesters, Forever Young)
- congregational events (e.g. Congregational Cookout, Holiday Party)
- Lads to Leaders events (e.g. Ladybug Day, Recognition Day)
- Stairstackers' events (e.g. Forever Young Banquet, Fall Festival)
- Ladies events (e.g. Ladies Day/Retreat)

## Thank You/Update

Cindy Taylor had surgery on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and the operation was a complete success. The surgeons believe that the cancer has been completely removed and the preliminary reports are excellent. The family thanks all for their prayers, cards, calls and continuous support throughout the past five months. Cindy hopes to return in the very near future.

## God's Only Way

Ever since the creation, man has sought to have his own way in religion. It started with Cain and continues today with people going in every direction but the right way in trying to be religious. People are being told they are saved when they "accept Jesus as your personal Saviour" and say the "sinner's prayer". Others are being told that God has already predestined the eternity of everyone and there is nothing you can do to change it. Both are scripturally wrong! This is what man says and is found nowhere in the Bible. But the Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Man's way leads to a spiritual death which is being eternally separated from God (Isaiah 59:2).

Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Jesus says unless one "does the will of My Father in Heaven", he will not go to Heaven but will be eternally lost along with the vast majority of the world (Matthew 7:13-14).

We must have God's authority in all we do. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17). To do something "in the name of the Lord Jesus" is to do it by His authority. In following God's only way as found in His word, the Bible, we must do what God says, only what God says, in the way God says, and for the reason God says. No other way will be acceptable to God.

~Ron Boatwright~

## Youth Ministry

**Exposure:** Exposure Youth Camp (EYC) is the annual Christmas break youth conference we attend in Huntsville, AL. It will take place December 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> and the registration fee is \$100. The registration fee includes your hotel room, meals (supper on Sunday through supper on Tuesday), and a ticket to a hockey game. If you have not paid for Exposure yet please do so immediately.

**Jewels:** Jewels is an annual youth rally hosted at Faulkner University for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls. It will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost will be \$25 per person. If any girls are interested in this event please let Kyle know by Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Area Wide:** Scenic Hills will be hosting the January Area Wide Devo for teenagers on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing a meal for all Youth Groups in attendance at 5:00 p.m. If you are willing to help prepare and serve food at this event, please let Kyle or Eric Smith know.

## College Ministry

**Bible Study:** Due to the holidays, our weekly college Bible study will be postponed until Thursday, January 7, 2010. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the U.W.F. Commons on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Encounter Campus Challenge:** Encounter is an annual weekend retreat for college students and high school seniors hosted at the Edgewater Beach Resort on Panama City Beach. It will take place February 5-7, 2010 and the cost for attending is \$55.00 per person. For more information visit Encounter's Facebook page or website ([www.ecc2010.org](http://www.ecc2010.org)). If you would like to attend, please sign up on Facebook or the lobby table by Thursday, January 14.

## New Year's Eve Singing

Thursday, December 31, 2009 at the  
Scenic Hills Church of Christ

Sing out the old, sing in the new!

Schedule:

8:00 - 9:50 p.m. Singing

9:50 - 11:00 p.m. Food, Fellowship, Fun

11:00 p.m. - 12:05 a.m. Singing

Congregational singing time will also include prayer,  
scripture readings and invitation  
Nursery facilities available