



The Good News

Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ is...

to instruct Heads to know God's Word

to nurture Hearts to grow in God's Love

to offer Hands to show God's Grace

in our community and church family.

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TIME AND ETERNITY:

JOURNEYING INTO THE UNKNOWN

Unspoiled and unsoiled, the New Year lies before us -- 365 days of golden opportunity. We stand at the dividing of two streams; one called "yesterday," and the other, "tomorrow." We know every bend and every turn in the River Yesterday, but the River Tomorrow stretches out into an unknown future.

Today we are living in a world that is far different from our world of Yesterday. We are living in unsettling and troubling times; especially, with the economy still in the ditch; crime running rampant; and North Korea and Iran experimenting with nuclear weapons.

And to many people, this New Year will bring suffering, sorrow and untold sadness. Many will be called upon to walk through the "*valley of the shadow of death*" (Psalm 23:4). Some people will be maimed by accidents on highways, and others will be victims of cancer or heart attacks. Some may fall victim to the attacks of terrorists, and others will experience financial disaster. And millions of people, wandering aimlessly in life's struggles, will be filled with inner fears and frustrations and fail to realize their cherished dreams, hopes and ambitions.

These are cold, harsh, depressing facts. But we need to remember that the New Year is a journey into the unknown, and we are going to have to rethink our lives. This New Year affords us an opportunity to take *spiritual inventory* of our lives to see if our spiritual resources are sufficient for the needs and demands of the coming days. **In the midst of all this, however, there is but one hope: Jesus Christ!** Without Him, we cannot face the future.

As we face the New Year, we need to have a *renewed relationship* with God. It is imperative that we come into the blessed realization that God loves

us, whatever our ethnic, religious or political background, and that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord and Master of our lives. The Psalmist David, outwardly religious but inwardly corrupt, committed crimes of adultery and murder. Realizing that a mere profession of religion could not save him, David prayed, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me*" (Psalm 51:10). David had walked with God, but he wandered off the path of victorious living. He fell before God's face and said, "*O God, cleanse me, make me a new person!*" (Psalm 51:2). And God forgave him and God cleansed him.

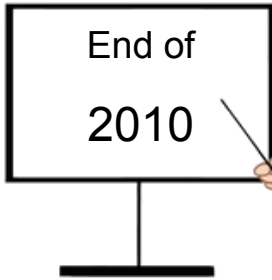
In an day when the media applauds impurity, when it is the style to be unfaithful to marriage vows, when men and women of many matrimonial ventures are the idols of millions, I believe that down deep there is a heart hunger for the reality of Christian experience.

Do you want to help change the world? Then accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord now, at the beginning of this New Year; and live a dedicated life for Him. If you are a faithful believer, then continue to pray that God the Holy Spirit will transform you into the image of His Son.

I believe more than ever that people are thinking about spiritual things. People want to know more about who God is and if He really loves them. Many people are looking for consolation and hope -- for the present and for the future -- that transcends the moment-by-moment issues they see on TV or hear on the radio. We need to turn to God as never before and trust Him for all time and eternity.

"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST, OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME" ... Pastor Lamar Albritton

JANUARY 2011



We marched bravely into 2010 a year ago, but just in case anyone's pace slowed due to a faint spirit, **Isaiah 61:3** has the remedy for 2011:

Let's take the Mantle of Praise instead of a faint spirit!

SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO ALL THE MUSICIANS AT LGUMC:

Thank you for faithful attendance and magnificent music during the Christmas Season: Whether performing at the UMW Program, or Nursing Home, or Sunday Cantata, or Christmas Eve services, or any of the Advent worship times, sharing your gifts of voice, instrument, or dance blessed hearts with God's Word and Presence. Thanks also to all who support the music ministry at LGUMC by words of encouragement, attendance, and finances.

Grace and Peace to all our church family in 2011.



PSALM 96:1-3

O Sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;

Tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the people!

New Year's Resolution Hymn

The New Year was 1871 — 140 years ago. Mary D. James wrote the words for the hymn, *All for Jesus* as a New Year's Resolution. She wrote in a New Year's letter that the previous year she had written, talked, prayed, and thought more for Jesus than in any previous year. She testified to having more peace of mind resulting from a stronger and more simple faith in Him. Recognizing how her increased commitment to God gave her a stronger ministry, she penned *All for Jesus* as a personal expression of her devotion to God; that all she was going to do in the coming year would be for His glory.

*All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed powers:
All my thoughts and words and doings, All my days and all my hours.
Let my hands perform His bidding; Let my feet run in His ways.
Let my eyes see Jesus only; Let my lips speak forth His praise.*

MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISERS



If you use any WATKINS PRODUCTS, your online purchase will help support LGUMC Music Ministries. Watkins Company donates 16% of our website purchases to LGUMC Music Department each month. Our nonprofit website is: www.WatkinsOnline.com/lgumcmusicdepartment. Thanks in advance.

SATURDAY,
January 15, 6:00 pm

Spaghetti Dinner.....



.....and.....



Tickets available at Church Office or from Choir Members. \$6 Adult; \$4 Child

.....**Talent Show**

Call 858-5431



January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:00 am Chapel Worship 8:45 am Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Youth Leadership weeks 1 and 3 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study week 2 and 4	WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 4:45 pm Youth Band Practice 5:30 pm Jr. Choir 6:00 pm Pot Luck 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Youth Group					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
2 COMMUNION SUNDAY	3 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am Heart to Heart 7:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	4 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	5 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	6 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 5:00 pm Pre School Board Meeting 7:00 pm Volleyball	7 9:30 am UMW Board meeting	8 8:00 am UMM Breakfast
9	10 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	11 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	12 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 10:30 am Ruth Circle of Love 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	13 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	14	15 6:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show
16	17 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Staff Parish 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	18 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	19 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	20 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	21	22 6:00 pm Pre School New Year Celebration
23 4:30 PM Introduction to Confirmation MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY	24 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721	25 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	26 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School	27 3:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball	28	29 9:00 am Volunteer Training Child/Youth Protection Ministry 9:00 am UMM Bar-B-Q
30 YOUTH SUNDAY 4:30 pm Confirmation Class	31 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Cub Scout #721					

HEART TO HEART CIRCLE

This circle meets the first Monday of each month at 10:30 am in rooms 1 & 2, FLC. We are back into the study of women in the Bible. Bring your lunch and drink. Desert will be provided.



RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle of Love meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am in the FLC. Bring a bagged lunch. Dessert and beverage will be served. All ladies are invited to come and participate

1/21 Tom and Peggy Trewartha

1/23 Homer and Jan Burr



Birthdays

1/1 Jamie Collins

1/2 Joe Moon

1/8 Stella Eismann

1/10 Mary Ann Flemming

1/12 Marge Field

1/12 Elaine Woodruff

1/12 Todd Bower

1/14 Buju Grant

1/15 Joe Stowe

1/15 Edna Tynan

1/17 Michelle Stafford

1/19 Tammy Flemming

1/20 Bob Blean

1/21 Flo Butler

1/21 Shirley Lux

1/22 Kim Whidden

1/22 Jo Collier

1/25 Elizabeth Chambers

1/26 Marge Egolf

1/27 Ruth Zona

1/27 Gene Wileman

1/27 Linda Alvarez

1/27 Chuck Rienks

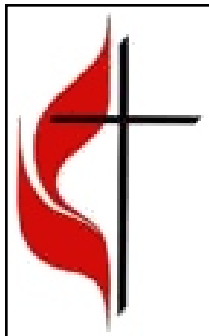
1/29 Bob Clarke

1/30 Marge Willnow

1/31 Jackie Webb

The computers which the Church staff are currently using are very old and beginning to have problems doing the everyday tasks which are needed. If you have recently upgraded to a new computer and have an old computer which you would like to get rid of, the church could possibly make good use of it to upgrade the Very Old computers currently in service. If you have such an item please contact

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