

The Sugar Beat

SUGAR GROVE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

Happy New Year!

Thanks to SGCP for all that you have given to Debbie and myself during 2008. We appreciate the Christmas gift from the church.

Well, it is that time of year when we reflect on the past 12 months with its ups and downs. It is not what happened to us but how did we react to it. Accidents, sicknesses, economy down, and the rest of the bad news happens to us all. No one is immune to life. It would be easy to say woe is me, nothing ever goes right. But is that all life has to offer? If we based our living on what happens to us, everyone would be sayers of doom and gloom.

But thanks be to God, he has given us hope and a glimpse of what life is really about. Life is all about Him! How do you look at the past year? Was it full of disappointments or opportunities for you to grow? How we look at our experiences is determined by our mindset. What is our purpose on this planet? Some take up space with their lives, some believe that the universe revolves around them, others believe that God created them with His purpose. Of the three which view do you believe has a good attitude on life? Which view do you live out in your daily life?

May we use 2009, to improve our attitudes, our outlook on life. May we seek to serve Him and to glorify Him in all that we do. Then this time next year, may we look back on 2009, with a better perspective than perhaps we have with 2008.

Bro. Gary

"Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don't miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out. " (Colossians 4:5-6, The Message)

Children Do Ministry!

Bernice and her students went shopping on December 6th and bought presents for children that may not have had any for Christmas. The children also ate quite a bit of food while on their outing. Thanks Bernice for teaching the children how to walk the talk.

Angel Food Ministry

Order must be given to James or Darl Henley by January 6th. The food will be delivered on January 24th. Additional information is on the bulletin board in the hall off of the narthex.

CPWM News

2009 TIME & TALENT COMMITMENT SURVEY

Have you filled yours out yet? It is not too late.

The survey is located at Information Station.

A list of ministries (not all inclusive) have been assembled so that you may choose a ministry in which you believe God is calling you to participate. After hearing messages on stewardship and thanksgiving, this is a way in which you may commit yourself to fulfill your calling from God. It will be exciting to God's disciples answering His call upon their lives. We will have a dedication of our commitments on Sunday, January 4, 2009. I do not know of a better way to start a new year than by giving a commitment to the Lord for all of His blessings.

Thanks to Elders:

Eddie Hunt, Tommy Roberson, Johnnie Travis

The church appreciates the dedication of these elders. Sometimes the leadership of a church is a burdensome job. It requires spiritual discipline and giving of your time. It also requires making difficult decisions. But it also brings joy that you are doing work given by the Lord that will bring Him glory. These elders have given to the Lord what was required of them. SGCP has been blessed by their service. May God continue to bless them richly.

Men's Fellowship

We will not meet in January. Everyone have a Happy New Year!!



Ministry Teams will begin again!! If you chose not to participate on a team last year, not to worry, you may join a team for 2009. As the team meetings are announced, please feel free to attend a meeting. You do not have to commit to joining but at least try it out. Everyone has something to contribute to the ministry of SGCP. So do something different this year, step out in faith and become a minister!

- Worship MT December 28, 5pm
- Fellowship MT January 4, 5pm
- Discipleship MT January 11, 5pm
- Facilities MT January 18, 5pm
- Membership/Outreach January 25, 5pm

Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Rev Dean Atchison	Eddie Rudolph
Clara Mae Belt	Barbara Brown
Gladys Brown	
Jeff Campbell	Darl Henley
Earl Clark	
Adrian Faught	Herbie's Son
Josh & Jill Folgles's baby	Michelle Orr
Jim Fornear	David & Joyce Travis
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Trish Gage	BJ Crider's Daughter
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMain	
Lucille Roberts	
Cody Russell	
Judge Tommy Simpson	Madeline Henderson
Kendel Terry	Eddie Rudolph
Barrett Travis	
Sybil Wesmoland	Joy Wesmoland

Members of the Military

Mark Boaz	Scott Hurley	Joey Shirey
Cody Brandon	Josh Jackson	Jonathon Taylor
Brandon Carlson	David Jones	Rodney Travis
Valerie Edwards	Skyler Powell	John Venable
Keith Finney	Rev. Curtis Pruitt	John Watson
Kevin Householder		Troy Woody

Others

United States of America, President Bush and all elected officials, Elections, Session, Sunday School Teachers, Bro. Gary

Cards of Thanks

Thanks to each of you for your years of love and friendship. The floral arrangement of pink carnations and white daisies was beautiful. The meal was delicious. Sugar Grove has more than its fair share of wonderful cooks. A special thanks to Bro. Gary for his message and Madeline for the beautiful music.

Paula, Jon & Stephanie and family of Carlene Hills

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and a special thanks for those who helped with the dinner. But most of all thank you for all your prayers.

JoAnn & family

HOW TO KEEP WARM IN CHURCH

Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back of the church.

Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.

Seat yourself near the pulpit. Much hot air is emitted from that area. Wear thermal underwear (in the appropriate liturgical colors, of course).

Wait for an unfamiliar hymn – and then watch the sparks fly!

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Did you know . . .

Did you know the money from birthdays and anniversary goes to Relay for Life (Cancer Fund)?

Did you know one of Sugar Grove's Sunday school classes has given an estimated \$4,000 to buy family's Christmas over the past few years?

Did you know OUO stands for Our United Outreach? SGCP Tithes (10%) of our receipts to OUO which helps fund the Children's Home, Seminary, Missions, and Denominational activities.

Did you know that SGCP gives \$100 every month to the food bank at the Senior Citizens Center?

Don't have enough time?

A short course will be offered during Sunday School for those of you who have difficulty in managing your time. If you can fit into your schedule, it may be beneficial to you. Dates will be given later.