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SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

to
ERIC FOSTER & BRANDON KNIGHT
Upon their graduation from the
University of Southern Mississippi.

PRAISE GOD!
LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Our Goal: \$6,000

Received: \$7,726

DENNISTOWN MINISTRIES



Special thanks to those who helped us deliver Christmas boxes last month. Volunteers are needed to help us lead worship in Dennistown on Sunday night, Jan. 17. See Bruce Gresham for more details.

DAILY BIBLE READING CHALLENGE:

For those setting the goal of reading the Bible all the way through this year, here are this month's passages:

January: Gen. 1:1 to Lev. 4

Find a printable format of this plan & others online at
www.heartlight.org/devotionals/reading_plans/



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SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, January 17



"I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth: Your eyes have seen my unformed substance: And in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them."

- Psalm 139:14-16

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Sun., Jan. 24—Wed., Jan. 27



Dr. Don Stewart will be leading us through "Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew."
Sun., 5:30 pm: First Session
Sun., 6:30 pm: Second Session
Mon.-Wed., 6:30 pm: Sessions 3, 4, & 5

KIDZ CORNER—Jenny Kelly



January is exciting and a little scary at the same time. You never know what the New Year will bring! One thing we can ALWAYS be sure of is that our God never changes. "I the Lord do not change" (Malachi 3:6) He is constant and timeless and will be our great Guide throughout 2010.

I personally want to thank everyone that helped in our Christmas play, "One Starry Night." From making and fitting costumes, to covering choir folders, to fixing the stage, to running the sound, to helping direct music, to playing a part, to herding cattle (I mean kids) . . . Thank you for being His hands and feet in a big way!

Team KID is up and running with great new leaders again this month. Please continue to pray for the leaders and children. There are many seeds being planted! Thank you for the generous donations to our Team KID store! The next time the store will re-open is Jan. 24th.

The Children's Department would like to invite all of the Senior Adults to the annual Salem Baptist Valentine's Banquet. This will be held on Feb. 14th in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Morning Worship service. Please come and let us serve you.

For the months of January and February, all Mission Pig donations will go towards the Honduras Baptist Medical/Dental Mission.

To Live is Christ,
Jenny Kelly

SUMMER CAMP DEPOSITS ARE DUE:

 *Youth Camp, June 14-19
Samford Univ., Birmingham, AL*

*Children's Camp, June 28-July 2
Mississippi College, Clinton, MS* 

Each student must secure their spot with a \$50 deposit that is due Jan. 17th!

STUDENT MINISTRY NOTES—Lynn Wallace



Happy New Year! I hope everyone is ready for 2010, because it is shaping up to be a very exciting year indeed. This is an important time of the year when we set goals and expectations that will propel us into this new decade.

Not only is this true for us as individuals, but as a church, we must be determined to propel forward.

We should take courage in the fact that the church and faith we believe in is as old as the days on our calendar and has stood the test of time. We should not be content to stay as we are, but to grow spiritually and in service to the Lord.

Here are some important things going on this month in the youth department. January 6th we are having our New Years Party. Also M-Fuge deposits are due the 17th so get your students signed up and their spot secured. If this is a problem see me or Brother Marcus, and we will work with you to make sure your student is able to attend.

God Bless,
Bro. Lynn

Sermon Series for January:

SUNDAY MORNING 

SUNDAY EVENING 

PASTOR'S NOTES—Marcus Kelly

We are now right in the middle of what many of you would refer to as: *The Dog Days of Winter!* As I write this, the forecast calls for temps in the teens all week long. Brrrrrrrr!



That brings me to an interesting thought. While winter can be a real down and depressing season for some, it can also teach us a valuable spiritual lesson. During these tough winter months we all think about bundling up because we cannot feel the warm rays of the sun, wrapping our exposed pipes because the extreme elements will crack them in a heartbeat, and staying inside because the only fresh air outside is bone-chilling cold! Many see winter as a time of loneliness and depression because of these difficult factors.

Aren't these fears about the winter months a lot like the fears we encounter during seasons of our spiritual journey with the Lord. You know what I'm talking about. Those times when life's circumstances seem to be cracking you to the core. Those times when you can't seem to feel the rays of God's Son no matter how hard you pray. Those times when you would rather stay depressed in your own sorrow than get out of bed and come to church.

Sure we all experience some cold winters in our spiritual journey, but friends, your God is still on His throne. He has never left your side, and these seasons are for the testing and strengthening of your faith. Listen to James: "Consider it joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."

So, if you're going through a winter season spiritually, just remember James' words of encouragement. Trust in the Lord! There will be a spring right around the corner.

Until all have heard,
Bro. Marcus

You can check out Bro. Marcus' Weekly Blog online at pastormarcuskelly.blogspot.com