

## Mission Minded

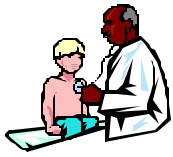
Peter had it. Paul had it. They got it from their and our Savior, Jesus Christ. What did they have? A mind to do mission work. After all, it was Jesus' main reason for coming to this earth, "For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which is lost." (Luke 19:10) The Apostle Paul challenged the Philippian brethren to have the "same mind" as Christ, a mind-set that led Jesus to give His own life so the lost might have hope of salvation through obedience to His teachings. In Rom. 10:13-15, Paul again emphasized the significance of Jesus' mission to teach the lost by exalting the importance of those who preach the Gospel as well as those who send them.

To the left of this article is a listing of the various mission works West Side currently supports. These efforts are exerted both in the U.S. and abroad. They involve various media (print, TV, radio) and individuals (students in preacher-training schools and ministers in-the-field). We constantly receive requests from various individuals and organizations throughout the brotherhood seeking financial resources to take the Gospel to the world. We have been blessed to sponsor and support many missionary efforts through the years. We will continue to consider opportunities to support faithful men/families as part of our missions and evangelism programs.

We have recently decided to support Joshua Ankiah and his family as they make plans to preach the gospel in the country of South Africa. Joshua is preparing to go back to his hometown of Durban to work with the Reservoir Hills congregation. He continues to finalize his support commitments so he and his family can leave sometime in 2009.

Being mission-minded; it's what the Lord expects us to do each day in our neighborhoods, in our country, and around the globe. May each of us pray daily for all our mission efforts and continue to participate individually with our words and actions to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:19-20)

# Sick



Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Lyn Anderson, Martha Keith, Miriam Majors, Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood, Dee House.**

Steve Harrah is home after his short stay in the hospital.

Keith Angelotti, brother of Sandy Garby, had back surgery and will be recovering for about 6 weeks.

Margaret Kratz fell last week and has a few stitches but is back at Richfield.

David Wilcox will have a heart catheterization on Tuesday.

Martha Keplinger, Mitzi Pettit's mother, has been moved to a nursing home.

## Happy Birthday this week to:

Karen Munsey—1/16  
Richard Simms—1/16  
Grace Myers—1/17



**JANUARY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:** Plain instant oatmeal & instant sugar-free chocolate pudding. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

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**Congratulations to Diane Tucker for being named 2008 Freed-Hardeman University Dorm Mom of the year!**

**Way to go Diane!!**

## Upcoming Events:



Team 3 (Valentine) - Will be having a planning session on January 18 after evening services. Bring finger foods!!

## Teens

### January Dates

Teen Bible Study—January 11—7:00

Mark your calendars now for March 7. We will also be having the Biddy Bible Bowl for the kids ages 5-8.



**Bi-Monthly Bible Bowl Study Sessions** will be held in the large classroom at 5:00 on the following Sundays: January 18; February 8 & 22. Mock Bible Bowl will be held on February 14 at 9 AM. Breakfast will be provided. See Jim or Charlotte Harrington for details.

## WOW

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video autobiographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13, at 10:30.

Lunch at Harbour Inn on January 25.

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## MILITARY

In Iraq:  
Major Erich T Felps, will be returning to the states on January 11.



HN Aaron T Stricklin



## improve your marriage

On February 11-14, married couples have an opportunity to enrich our marriages. Annually, the Jacksonville (AL) Church of Christ hosts the *Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat* in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. This year it will take place at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn Conference Center. There is no charge for the retreat. The only costs involved are transportation, room and food.

This year's theme is: "Once Upon a Time: How to Have a Storybook Marriage." It will feature James Watkins (speaker for "Preaching the Gospel," which airs in our area and West Side helps support), and Brad Harrub (director of Focus Press and co-editor of "Think" magazine). There will be one session Wednesday evening, two sessions Thursday evening and five sessions Friday (but you can come and go to any session or sessions).

The topics to be discussed are:

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.- "Once Upon a Time" (God Invented Marriage)- *James Watkins*

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.- "Dated Jekyll, Married Hyde (Celebrating the Differences Between Men and Women; Continuing to Court)- *Brad Harrub*

Thursday, 8:00 p.m.- "Don't Stop Short of the Last Chapter" (What it Takes to Go the Distance)- *James Watkins*

Friday, 9:30 a.m.- "And They Lived Happily Ever After" (Helping Your Mate Make it to Heaven)- *James Watkins*

Friday, 10:30 a.m. [split session]- "And Along Came Children" (Is There Sex After Kids? Keeping the Fire Alive)- *Brad Harrub*

Friday, 10:30 a.m. [split session]- "A Gray-Haired Marriage" (Enjoying the Later Years)- *James Watkins*

Friday, 1:00 p.m.- "When Dark Clouds Gather" (Preventing Divorce in Tough Times- Financial, Adultery, Addictions)- *Brad Harrub*

Friday, 2:00 p.m.- "What About Fun? Remember Fun?"- *Brad Harrub*

What a great opportunity to enjoy some time together as a couple and enrich and improve your marriage! To reserve your room at the Holiday Inn at a special discounted rate, call (865) 428-2700 (be sure to tell them you are with the Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat). Other details are posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you plan on going, please RSVP by email to: [info@jvillecoc.org](mailto:info@jvillecoc.org) or register on the website: [www.jvillecoc.org](http://www.jvillecoc.org) or by phone: (256) 435-9356.

-Eddy

### Those to Serve in January

**Announcements:** Bob Garby

**Preside at Communion:** Tom Rogers

**Opening Prayer:** Marc Laplante

Next Week: Danny Guard

**PM Song Leader:** Charlie Gwaltney

**Opening Prayer:** Bobby Martin

Next Week: Squeaky Valentine

**Serve Communion:** Cameron Brown, Sam Valentine

**Wednesday Song Leader:** Bob Garby

**Open/Close Bldg:** Fred Altizer

**Ushers:** Roger Mays, David McFalls

**Greeters:** Bush/Brown

Last weeks attendance (1/4&7/09)

Bible Class: 138    Worship Service: 171

**Song Leader:** Jeff Durham

**Serve Table:** Jeremy White, Ethan Rogers  
Adam House, John Black

**Closing Prayer:** Mark Brooks

Next Week: Josh Whitlow

**Scripture Reader:** Nathan Pelfrey

**Closing Prayer:** Jim Cooke

Next Week: Jerry Anderson

**Prayer:** Sam Valentine

**Prepare Communion:** Altizer/Buckner

**Cards/Pencils:** K. Mickens, N. Laplante

**Nursery Attend:** Charmaine Bush, Ivy Bush

Sunday Evening: 123

Wednesday : 95

Contribution: \$7141

Jan. 11 -Read Acts 11 three times today

-Pray today

-Memorize contents of Acts 11—Peter's defense at Jerusalem regarding Cornelius

-Barnabas & Saul (Paul) united

-Write a note or card this week

\*Increase your contribution by \$1 today

Jan. 12 -Read Acts 12 three times today

-Pray today

-Memorize contents of Acts 12—James killed by Herod

-Herod imprisons Peter

-Peter released by an angel

-Herod's death

-Barnabas & Paul go to Jerusalem with Mark

Jan. 13 -Read Acts 13 three times today

-Pray today

-Memorize contents of Acts 13—Paul's 1st missionary journey

-Paul strikes Elymas blind

-Paul's sermon at Antioch

-Paul & Barnabas turn to the Gentiles

Jan. 14 -Read Acts 14 three times today

-Pray today

-Memorize contents of Acts 14—Paul & Barnabas regarded as gods at Lystra (Jupiter & Mercury)

-Elders appointed at Antioch

Jan. 15 -Read Acts 15 three times today

-Pray today

-Memorize contents of Acts 15—Council at Jerusalem (regarding circumcision & the law)

-Contention between Barnabas & Paul

(regarding John Mark)

-Paul's 2nd missionary journey begins (with Silas)

Jan. 16 -Read Acts 16 three times today

-Pray today

-Memorize contents of Acts 16—Macedonian call to Paul

-Lydia converted (Philippi)

-Paul & Silas imprisoned

-Philippian jailer & family converted

Jan. 17 -Read Acts 17 three times today

-Pray today

-Memorize contents of Acts 17—Paul at Berea & Thessalonica

-Paul's sermon on Mars' Hill (Athens)

-Write a note or card this week

-Increase your contribution by \$1 Sunday

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