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Pastors' Letter

*Striving to cause
 God great joy!*



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7-* 9:00 & 11:00 Worship *10:00 Sunday Schl *10:00 New Member Class *12:30 Bell Choir *3:30 Confirmation Class *4:30 Breaking Free Study *4:30 Huddle	8	9	10	11	12 9:15 MOPS 7:00 Low Country Boil	13
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Dear Advent Friends,

Two short items of interest for all of us. **First, during Lent we will be having a special study we call MiX or "Me in Christ."** The program will be an opportunity for personal growth.

Second, the Session has made a decision to embark on a Capital Funds Campaign between now and May 23, 2010. Successful campaigns have several ingredients and Advent meets all of them. These ingredients include: urgency, risk, awe, and a willingness to live out our mission statement of "causing God great joy."

The following story may help put this campaign in perspective:

Two divers found a treasure in the River Wear near Durham Cathedral. They found a stash of coins, medals and religious objects. To whom did this treasure belong? They were the possessions of the late Michal Ramsey, former archbishop of Canterbury. This spot in the river was very near where Ramsay served and later retired in 1974.

The genuineness of the hundreds of items has been confirmed by cathedral officials. One item was a gift from Pope

Paul VI: others are significant archeological items. The question is, How did they get there? Some suggest the items were stolen from Ramsey. One of the divers suggested Ramsey may have thrown them in the river himself—as a symbolic offering to the people of Durham. Another suggestion is that it was a symbolic statement by Ramsey that we cannot take it with us when we die.

If Ramsey did throw the treasures in the river, we might question if that was good stewardship, but it is clear that he did not take them with him. We can't either. The only things that go with us when we die are the treasures we have laid up in heaven.

We, at Advent, are being called by God to share more of our riches with Christ's Church. In the days ahead many of your questions will be answered. In the meantime thanks for being open to the miracle God is about to do through our church.

Dave, Chris, Don & Cindy

Youth Club Themes

February 3 Super Bowl (Dress in your favorite team's colors - bring canned soup)

Kids - Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese, Chips, Ice Cream Cups

Adults - Chicken Divan, Roasted Red Potatoes, Salad

February 10 Valentine's Celebration (Wear red/pink/hearts)

Kids - Hot Dogs, Seasoned Fries, Corn on the Cob

Adults - Chili in bread bowls, Layered Southwestern Salad, Banana Pudding

February 17 Sock Hop (dress in 1950's attire)

Everyone - Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Iced Cookies

February 24 Wild, Wild West (dress in Western attire)

Kids - Sliders, Smiley Fries, Pickles, Banana Split

Adults - Sliders, Potatoes Loaded, Yummy Salad, Banana Split

Save the Dates!

March 5 - Choir Camp

April 7 - YC Celebration

April 11 - YC Musical

MiX or "Me in Christ"

Cindy and a team of Advent members have been working on a Lenten Bible Study we call "MiX" This study is a six week opportunity to use Lent to focus on who we were created to be, where we have fallen short, the provision Christ has made on the Cross, and the New Life that we have in Christ.

The study moves from our Creation, to our Fall, to our Salvation, to the New Life we enjoy in Christ. The specific focus is on how we can make good use of the "95 percent of our time we are not here in Advent." God calls all of us to be Missional Christians. For most of us, our Mission is a part of our day to day lives right here in Memphis and Shelby County.

There will be a Daily Devotional which contains daily readings for the Lenten Season. There will be a small cost for the book to defray expenses. There will also be an optional opportunity to have a brief private appointment with one of the pastors to share your experience and what you sense God doing in your life.

The sermons for Lent and their subjects are:

Feb. 21: "Plan A: God has a Plan for my Life."

Feb. 28: "Oops: I Think I might have Messed Up."

March 7: "On to Plan B: God is Recreating the Plan."

March 14: "Finding God's Plan: Who Am I?"

March 21: "Finding the Plan: Seeing the World Through God's Eyes."

March 28: Palm Sunday: "Cross Centered Living."

April 4: Easter Sunday: "Making Every Morning Easter Morning."

AN "INTRODUCTION TO ADVENT CLASS" WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 7TH THROUGH MARCH 7TH AT 10:00 A.M. IN LINDSAY HALL AT THE CORDOVA CAMPUS. THE ARLINGTON CAMPUS WILL HAVE A CLASS AS WELL.

THE CLASS IS CALLED "THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE AT ADVENT." WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME TO THIS CLASS SO YOU WILL BETTER UNDERSTAND ADVENT AND GET TO KNOW US BETTER.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 17 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL.

Spring Great Banquets

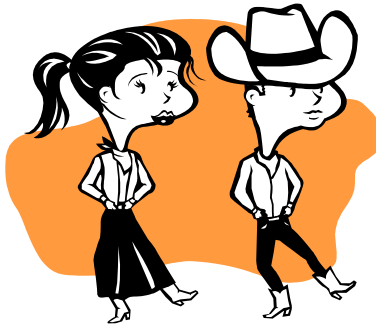
This spring, the Great Banquets will be held in late April and Early May.

The Men's Great Banquet will be held April 22-25, 2010.

The Women's Great Banquet will be held April 29-May 2, 2010.

The Great Banquet is a three day retreat designed to help laypersons grow in Christ and have a better grasp of how to live the Christian Life.

Please sign up early. To sign up, see any Great Banquet or Awakening Participant or Chris, Don or Cindy.



LOW COUNTRY BOIL HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 12 AT 7:00.

IF YOU HAD PURCHASED TICKETS FOR THE PREVIOUS DATE AND ARE UNABLE TO COME ON THE NEW DATE, SEE MARY ANN FOR REIMBURSEMENT.



SR ADVENTURERS WILL LEAVE AT 10:15 TO ATTEND FAT TUESDAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Feb. 16 11:30-1:30

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\$10/person

All are welcome to meet for cinnamon rolls, pancakes, sausage...all the 'good stuff'...AND great fellowship before Lent begins. Contact Lucy at lucycummings@midouthpresbytery.org

Stainless Steel Water Bottles are on sale for \$20. Proceeds benefit Living Waters for the World. See someone at the front desk or call Susan Jordan at 377-9463.