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FEBRUARY 2013

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ever lasting life.

(John 3:16)

PULPIT COMMITTEE MEETING
February 4, 2013 7:00 PM

CWF Day Group will meet February 12, 2013, 12:00 PM at Anna's Restaurant. Every woman in the church is invited because you are a member of CWF.

HELPING HANDS BACKPACKING

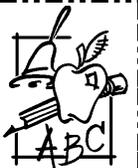
Our Helping Hands Backpacking Ministry to NEMS is going well. We need volunteers to help with the packing. Please let any CACS member or Ed Tiller know if you can volunteer. Please come and join in this great ministry to NEMS students.



Love and sympathy to the Balarz family; at the passing of Lois Balarz into the arm's of Jesus.



PRESCHOOL NEWS



Greetings to all,

Wow, it's hard to believe that January is already over. We've been having so much fun. Our 4 year olds are continuing with their ABC's and numbers. We're anticipating exchanging valentines and our party in February.

The 3 year old class is progressing as well, we are familiar with our colors and shapes, and we too are anticipating great things in the months ahead.

Thank you for allowing us to be able to touch these children's lives not only with preparing them for kindergarten, but also touching them with the Gospel, as your church makes the Preschool possible.

Keep us in your prayers as we continue to spread the Good News.

Ms. Shelia

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
February 13, 2013 7:00 PM

**CWF Night Group, Church
February 12, 2013, 7:00 PM**

Jesus Calls Us:

“Will you be mine?” With Love Letters

Written in Red.



Property Committee Meeting

February 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM

In Case of Inclement Weather

If we have inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) on Saturday night and or Sunday morning, the chairman of the official board, John Robertson, and the minister will determine if it is safe to have services. If they determine there will be no services, the prayer chain will be activated and announcements will be placed on TV channels 7 and 10.

LENTEN SERVICES

Schedule for February

Ash Wednesday	13th
Wednesday	20th
Wednesday	27th

Psalm 51

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
February 10, 2013
Following Worship Service**

POETRY OF THE MONTH

I Wouldn't

There are things in this town that I wouldn't do for fear of the sky, falling on me from Those Who See, another side of curious ole me.

Not for sake of cover or deceit, but values shared and not to repeat. I wouldn't take anything for my journey now; and many things have been washed clean somehow.

I wouldn't go in a liquor store or browse, except for medicinal or cooking items to house. Someone might get the wrong impression, for heaven's sake or even worse a picture session.

There are also things in this small town, I couldn't do, or hang around. Like a stigma that quenches that Spirit, of the place we live and those within it.

So, it's ok to watch my steps, I will to, maybe we'll learn a thing or two. For could a should a would a are related as long as we are not belated.

“Living That Is”

You are invited to submit a poem for this column.

(self composed or copied)

HALLELUJAH !!

Blanket Sunday



Total amount of money received and how many blankets it will buy will be given in the near future. Thank you for your help and support in this special mission.

DISCIPLES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be on Wed. February 20, at 6:00 PM.

Please plan to attend and invite someone.

YOU CAN HELP

When you leave any room in our church, please turn off the lights, turn off the heater/air conditioning (downstairs), and close the door behind you. We need to conserve as much as possible. Closing all doors is extremely important in case of a fire.

Thank you for your help.

**SAVE YOUR
ALUMINUM CAN
POP TABS**



The Youth Department invites you to join them in helping support the Ronald McDonald house in Roanoke. It is very simple to do!

All you have to do is remove the pop tabs on aluminum cans and bring them to the church. There will be a special container for collecting them in the narthex.

Giles County Christian Mission is in need of canned soup. Please help!!

DISTRICT II REVIVAL 2013

Sunday April 21 – Wednesday April 24

7:00 PM Nightly

April 21 – Centennial Christian Church,
McCoy

Youth Night

April 22 – Pembroke Christian Church

April 23 – Snowville Christian Church

April 24 – Unity Christian Church Radford
Women's Night

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

The birthday party for residents at Riverview Nursing and Rehabilitation will be on Thursday, February 21, at 2:30 PM.

If you would like to help, contact Sandra Spangler. Please come and help us make the residents birthday special.

**Preparing for Week of Compassion
February 17-24, 2012**

Have you ever stopped to contemplate that literally *all* that we are and *all* that we have is of God? What an awesome concept! Therefore, our response to that Creator God is to give back. There is no greater joy than being in a position to share our gifts and resources with those in need. If we have enough, but others are lacking, we remind ourselves that God already created a world of plenty, and that it is up to us to distribute and share what we have with those who don't have enough. I vividly recall this remote village in northern India and the looks in the eyes of the children and the woman, pictured above, when they received a goat from Week of Compassion. This goat would change their lives! One goat! How wonderful it felt in that moment to know that what Disciples had given was now improving the lives of an entire community. What joy!

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. During this time fasting and sacrifice are observed. People are encouraged to give up something as a sacrifice. Father William Sanders says, "If you gave something up for the Lord, tough it out. Don't act like a Pharisee looking for a loophole."



In Matthew 25:34-40 we read these words: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.'

"Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

(taken from The Message)

Giles County Christian Service Mission

2012

The Mission provided services totaling \$314,176 in value to the Giles County Community in 2012.

Volunteers provided 5,005 hours of service to the Mission in 2012.

2,890 families received food and clothing assistance.

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405 regular food boxes were distributed.

38 Easter food boxes were distributed in April.

Over the summer months, a total of 105 Food Boxes were distributed to 81 children through the Summer Food Program.

In August, the Mission sponsored 15 students (\$750.00) value at the Back-To-School Bazaar sponsored by Pembroke First United Methodist Church.

The mission moved to its new location at 516 Wenonah Ave. during the month of October supported by 30 volunteers providing 715 hours of service.

65 Thanksgiving food boxes were distributed in November.

71 Christmas food boxes were distributed in December.

77 families received toys for Christmas.

22 Angels each received one outfit, socks, underwear and 3 toys for Christmas. Additionally, each Angel's family received a Christmas food box. This was the first year the Mission participated in the Angel Tree Program.

The Mission distributed 45 additional Angel Tree boxes through the Glen Lynn Church of Christ.

40 families were served through our Emergency Assistance Program representing a total value of \$5,415.

In cooperation with Holy Family Catholic Church, the Mission distributed 204 packs of diapers. Including formula, juice and baby food, the total value of these items was \$4,194.



FEBRUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Chad Blaker
	Chase Blaker
	Frank & Jackie Trent
7	Hollie Ferguson
	Jamie Lucas
9	Julie Shrader
10	Glenn Shrader
15	Mary Ellen Johnston
	Freda Wright
	Macie Madison Tickle
18	Phyllis Spangler
19	Lynda Ann Atkins
22	Brooklyn Lucas
26	Naomi Morris
	Debbie Snidow
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Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls

Why you need to consider both for your youth program..Recently, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the American Heritage Girls (AHG) entered into an agreement to provide mutual support to each other.

The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout and Scout Law.

American Heritage Girls was started in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1995 to offer a faith-based leadership and character development program to girls ages 5 to 18.

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Through the AHG program, girls are enriched physically, mentally, and spiritually through a diverse range of badge activities, community service projects, and camping and outdoor programs, making the AHG program a good “book-end” to a church-sponsored, BSA character Scout family.

The mission of AHG is to “build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.” The small, all-girl unit, within the AHG troop structure, provides a nurturing environment for learning and building positive relationships.

The BSA recognizes the desire of lending aid and support to the citizenship, character development, and personal fitness of boys and young men and women through youth character development programs such as AHG, and AHG encourages its members’ families to place their sons in like-minded BSA units.

Both the BSA and AHG have decided to work with each other to establish a positive relationship and to cooperate in establishing AHG units and BSA units as a result of the shared values and goal of both organizations.

Boy Scouts of America

1325 West Walnut Hill Lane - POB 152079
Irving, Texas 75015. Phone 972-580-2000
www.scouting.org

American Heritage Girls

175 TriCounty Pkwy. Suite 100 Cincinnati,
OH. 45246. Phone 513-771-2025
www.AHGonline.org

SERVING IN FEBURARY 2013

If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute and contacted Ed Tiller at 726-2111 so he will be aware of who is serving.

<p><u>ELDERS</u> Kevin White Frank Trent, Jackie Payne, alternate</p>	<p><u>DEACONS</u> Katrina Lucas* Linda Tiller Sandra Spangler Cole Blaker-Jr. deacon * denotes chairperson of groups</p>	<p><u>DEACONESSES</u> 3rd Jane Garrett * 10th Lucinda Hale 17th Debbie Snidow 24th Elizabeth Hughes</p>
<p><u>JUNIOR DEACON</u> Chase Lawson <u>LOCK BUILDING</u> Frank Trent</p>	<p><u>GREETER</u> 3rd Tom Spangler 10th Paula Lee 17th Brenda Caldwell 24th Leliah Pruet</p>	<p><u>NURSERY</u> 3rd Debbie Snidow 10th Katrina Lucas 17th Lisa White 24th Chris Trent</p>
<p><u>ACOLYTES</u> 3rd Slater Ferguson, Cristin Blaker 10th Emilie White, Mya Robertson 17th Chase Blaker, Emily Beaver 24th Huntar Ferguson , Grace Trent</p>	<p><u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u> 3rd Michelle Robertson 10th None 17th Hollie Ferguson 24th None</p>	<p><u>READ SCRIPTURE</u> 3rd Paula Lee 10th Brenda Caldwell 17th Frank Trent 24th Sharon Shrader</p>

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