

# Begin the Year with A Song in your heart!

*Chancel Choir*  
6 PM Wednesdays  
(18-above)

*Children's Choirs*  
PM Sundays  
(3 yr-gr 5)

*Join Us this week!*

*Join A Choir In January!*

## Congratulations . . .



To Jerry and Betty Jane Reaves on the birth of their grandson, **Lucas Graham Reaves**, born on November 12th (8 Lb, 12 oz; 21"). Parents: Samuel and Jennifer.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 10th,  
8 am  
in Fellowship Hall



# The Witness

A Monthly Publication of Twelfth Street Baptist Church  
Vol. 74, No. 1, January 2010 Gadsden, AL 35901 256-546-0471

12th street  
baptist church



### IN THIS ISSUE:

- Page 2:  
From the Pastor  
Don's Notes  
Music Ministry
- Page 3  
Student News  
Hopkins Mission  
January Birthdays
- Page 4:  
Men's Breakfast  
Join A Choir in January  
January Reminders



**WINTER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS**  
Sunday, January 3rd  
6:00 PM  
in Sanctuary

Pastor, Bro. Craig leads

**Stories for Life:**  
*Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew*

January 3rd- 31st

**NEW DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING STUDIES BEGIN**  
Sunday, January 10th, 5:00 PM

*Boundaries with Kids* by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. Henry Townsend  
Led by David and Debbie Elliott, in Room 308

*The Mayberry Bible Study, Volume 1* by Stephen Skelton  
Led by Danny Hankins, in Room 203

*Nehemiah: LifeGuide Bible Study* by Don Fields  
Led by Linda Jones, in Room 108



**Winter Clothing Drive Continues**  
Please continue to Bring  
Warm Clothing for Area Needy Families

**COAT & SOUP GIVE-AWAY DAY**  
Saturday, January 16th  
10 AM - 12 NOON  
Volunteers Needed. Please contact Church Office.

**Deacons & Wives Retreat**  
January 29-30  
Guntersville State Park

Speaker: Rob Jackson, Pastor  
Central Baptist of Decatur



(DEADLINE for presenting information for February WITNESS is January 20th)



**Young At Heart Lunch**

**Tuesday**  
**January 19th**  
**11:00 AM in**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Your Help Is Greatly Needed!**

We have a **GREAT** problem - last Sunday we had 20 babies and preschoolers in our church nursery. We need more nursery volunteers - all ages. Seniors, you can help with rocking, holding a baby. Adults, and young people, you can play with and care for our toddlers, one's, two's, or three's and help serve snacks, etc.

Our volunteer workers now serve one Sunday morning each month, 10:45-12:10. Please contact Rhonda Arnett, 393-1601, if you would like more information or to volunteer to help with this great ministry.



**2010 ENVELOPES ARE READY TO PICK UP**  
in Lower Auditorium Hallway.  
Please contact Joan if you cannot locate your package of envelopes, 546-0471.

323 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET  
GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35901  
www.12thstreetbaptist.org

### Church Staff

Dr. Craig Carlisle, Pastor  
Dr. Troy L. Morrison, Pastor Emeritus  
Ronnie Cornutt, Minister of Music  
Don Young, Minister of Education  
Zac Clay, Minister of Students  
Lana Cannon, Director, Kindergarten/Daycare  
Wallace McDuffie, Pastor, Hopkins Mission

THE WITNESS - Published monthly by the Twelfth Street Baptist Church,  
323 South 12th Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.



### REMINDERS .....

**Parables in Matthew** - New Series of messages by Pastor  
Beginning 6:00 pm - Sunday, January 3rd

**Monday Morning Prayer Time** resumes January 4th, 6:30 am

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** - Sunday, January 10th  
8 am in Fellowship Hall

**COAT & SOUP GIVE-AWAY DAY**, Saturday, January 16th, 10 am

**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**, January 17th

**Deacons Monthly Meeting**, Sunday, January 17th, 4:00 pm

**Young At Heart Soup & Salad Lunch**, Tuesday, January 19th,  
11 am in Fellowship Hall

**Deacons & Wives Retreat** at Guntersville State Park, Friday  
and Saturday, January 29th & 30th



Success Unlimited carried an item from the pen of Kenneth Hildebrand in which he referred to a conversation in which a person mentioned another as being “a mundane man.” The phrase intrigued Dr. Hildebrand. “The mundane man,” he wrote, “is the man who believes only what he sees, only what is immediate, only what he can put his hands on. The mundane man lacks depth. He lacks vision. The poorest of all men is not the one without a nickel to his name. He is the fellow without a dream.” He concluded, “One of life’s greatest tragedies is a person with a ten-by-twelve capacity and a two-by-four soul.”

A rapid success of thoughts buzzed through my mind. Most of all, I thought of the importance of “**keeping the vision**” in my own life. It is so easy to accept ourselves as we are and feel, “**This is the way God made me. If He wanted greater things for me, He should have made me differently.**” It is tragic to get on dead center in one’s spiritual life. The vision Christ has for us, and nothing less will do, is: “**Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect.**” There is no room for complacency in the life of a Christian. Being faithful, keeping the heart centered on Christ, is the only way to grow in grace and in likeness of our Lord.

When I read Dr. Hildebrand’s words, I also thought of how important it is for a church to keep the vision. “**Where there is no vision, the people perish.**” With a vision that is God-given and God-anointed, His people can see possibilities beyond problems, hope beyond despair, light beyond darkness, love beyond difference and victory beyond defeat.

I like these words that were written in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee newsletter back in 1979. They seem very appropriate for where 12<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church is today.

Our church has vision. God has the power to help our performance match the vision he has given us. I am grateful to be a part of a fellowship of believers willing to be stretched to the dimensions of a great dream for God. We have a dream. And during 2010 we will see many of those dreams and visions come to fruition. We are going to be stretched like we have never been before. Are you ready? Let’s continue to follow the vision God began to give us in 2009. I believe we are in store for some of the greatest manifestations of God that we have ever seen. I am so excited. I can’t wait to see what God is going to do at 12<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in 2010. *Bro. Craig*

## MINISTER OF MUSIC



As we begin the new year, I would like to say “**Thank You**” to so many people. One group decorated our sanctuary for the Christmas season. A second group came and placed our poinsettias when they arrived. Still another group came to the church faithfully every other day, checking our 200+ poinsettias and watering them when needed. Then there are all the people who help us so much with the Chancel Choir Christmas presentation...with sound, lighting, and this year the new area of video. The list just keeps going...the children’s choir and their leaders for the first Christmas program this year...the GCHS Titan Chorale for a special night of Christmas music...Ken and the ushers who help faithfully throughout the season...the childcare workers who keep the children of the choir members many extra hours...the secretaries who help so much... and of course, the Chancel Choir, who not only faithfully rehearse for the Christmas music, but who help in so many other ways, also. Thanks to each person involved, including those I probably left out.

Now we look forward to the year **2010**. The Lord is blessing our church and our choir. We had several new choir members join us for the Christmas presentation. It is hard to even look ahead with a clear view of all the Lord has in store for us in the coming year. But we know He has chosen to bless us so much in the past, and He will continue into the future as we offer ourselves to His service and join Him in what He is doing...and He is doing a LOT! **Get involved somewhere in 2010! Join a Choir!**

## IN DON'S TESS

**A Big THANK YOU TO ALL who helped make 2009 a great success for God’s Glory!**

- 81 Christmas Shoe Boxes** (a record 8 million were sent this year)
- 45 Fruit Baskets** (Delivered to our Homebound and Shut-Ins)
- 125 Christmas Bags of Groceries** and
- 125 Bibles given to families** (through our POWER OF CHRISTMAS)

My prayer is for a Blessed New Year to you and your family. What an exciting year it plans to be!



Catch the Excitement!  
Witness the Joy!  
Shape the Vision!



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Now that the busyness of the holidays are over, let’s really focus on our relationship with God. This is the time to make New Year’s resolutions. This is the time to recommit our lives to our Lord and His will for our lives. Whether 2009 was a good year or bad year for you, the good news is we can wipe the slate clean and start this year fresh. I challenge you to dedicate this year to God. What could be more important? If we do this, then everything else in our lives will fall into place (Matt. 6:33). Worship Him more than you ever have. Pray to Him more than you ever have. Dig deeper into His Word than you ever have. Witness for Him more than you ever have. Be in His house more than you ever have.

If I had a motto for this new year for our student ministry it would be “No Excuses!” There are none. I leave you with this encouraging verse as we head into the New Year—“*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Happy New Year!

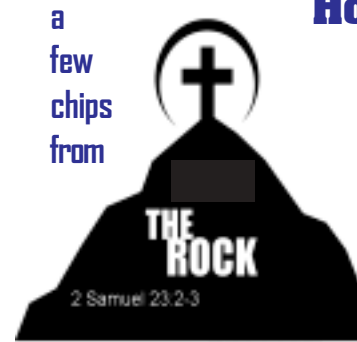
**Zac**



**Congratulations to Mrs. Greg (Susan) Ford** - named Teacher of the Year at John Jones Elementary

**Congratulations to Cody Patterson** - new Chief School Financial Officer for Attalla City School System

## Hopkins Chapel Mission



**Greetings from The Rock, Hopkins Chapel:** Well another year has come and gone. Where did the days go? Were all your days put to good use? I must admit some of mine were “lackers.” They lacked purpose, in other words, I was just plain lazy. Sometimes it takes those lazy days to put us back on the right path. Nanner pudding and peanut butter pie and turkey and dressing sent my new years resolutions packing, “Gone with the Wind.” I pray that God blesses 12th Street and Hopkins Chapel in 2010. The “New beginning has already begun.”

A special thank you to the Maverick Sunday School Class for their donation to our Thanksgiving Dinner. Also, a big thanks to Michael White and Joel Moon and all the volunteers who also helped. Without you we could not make it. God Bless You!

As Jed Clampett used to say: “Yaull come see us now, you hear.” Hopkins Chapel is alive and well.

P.S. Thank you to the angels in the offices - Nancy, Joan and Karen for their many, many helpful jobs they help me with.

**God bless all of you and a HAPPY NEW YEAR BLESSINGS from Hopkins Chapel.**

*Bro. Wallace*



- 1 - Whitney Cornutt, James Durden, Larry Keener
- 2 - Rosamond Adams, Teana Douglas, Judy Lee Gill, Kathleen Williams
- 3 - Austin Clay, Billie Harp
- 4 - Lou Cardwell, Billy Ray Foster
- 5 - Geneva McNair, Jana Williams
- 6 - Ruth Jones, Sarah Jones
- 9 - Micah Bowden, Danny Hankins, Sarah Musick
- 10 - Beth Hubbard, Angela Marshall
- 11 - Christina Clark
- 12 - Kayla Wallace
- 13 - Rebecca Mooror
- 16 - Brandon Clement, Kenneth Herlong, Chris Mason
- 17 - Berthalene Countman, David Elliott, Hazel Perkins, Johnny Wheeler

- 18 - Jan Andrew
- 19 - Ray Maxwell
- 20 - Canera Lumpkin, Wanda Parker, Katie Stone, Tom Winborn
- 21 - Steve Crawford, Kiera Hampton, Patsie Kendrick, Andrew Sparks
- 22 - Wayne Gore, Geneva Turner
- 23 - Landon Womack
- 24 - Alex Brewer, Steve Livengood, Judy Young
- 25 - Rozalind Barnes, Jean Haynie, Karen Johnson
- 26 - Jose Rodriguez, Pearl Thompson
- 27 - Shelia Shaw
- 28 - Cale Bowing, Joyce Gore, Antonio Hale, Sherri Ware, Tina Watford
- 29 - Fran Campbell
- 30 - Palmer Rowe
- 32 - Jack Kendrick



*The Family of Lela Forsman* . . . Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers and all your thoughts and prayers during this sad time in our lives. God bless you. - Cindy and Paul Forsman, and Iris Lancaster

*Jackie and Theresa Guttry* . . . We would like to thank you for the prayers, cards, and support during Sherry’s sickness and homegoing. We miss her, but know she has a new body in heaven.

*Frances Williams* . . . Thank you so much for the Thanksgiving basket. It was a wonderful surprise. I’m happy to be a part of a thoughtful church. Thank you again.

*Nettie G. Kelley* . . . I just want to thank you for the Thanksgiving basket. I appreciated it very much. I just want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Stewart for bringing it to me. May God bless each one of you.