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He has Risen!



From the Pastor's Pen

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2) And the LORD answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3) For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

(Habakkuk 2:1-3)

Dear Members,

These are serious days for our church family, like most churches, Pleasant View has faced its share of challenges, and yet it has been and remains a beacon of hope within the community. As we enter this sacred season of the church (Easter), it is imperative that we continue to move forward in faith, while maintaining the unity of the church. Whether we maintain a Christian spirit of unity and love and willingness to both lead and follow, will determine a large part of whether we succeed or fail, and failure is not an option! I assure you that the vision is alive and well! Despite a down

economy, giving is up in our church! Despite recent controversies, Sunday worship attendance is up in our church! The Lord is still adding to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47)! May we seize this season to celebrate our resurrected Savior, and all that He seeks to do through this church!

I extend a warm welcome aboard to all new members who have found a home in Pleasant View. We are grateful you chose us! My special thanks to those who serve as our Building Committee. This is a major undertaking for our church family, and it is going to take our undivided attention, undying love, and unquestionable loyalty to the vision. "Let's make it happen!"

Finally, my thanks to all those who are honoring your pledges. It is going to take everyone's nickel and prayer to move into the Promised Land! Our time has come! Because He lives, we can face our tomorrows!

In prayer,

Bruce J. Shaw, Sr. Pastor



And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:42-43

Pastor Shaw's 9th Anniversary

This year the Pastor's 9th Anniversary Celebration got started on Wednesday night with Pastor Darryl Nathan and Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Pastor Nathan taught us that the "The Lord will make a way somehow". Pastor Nathan and the Mount Zion choir were truly a blessing. The anniversary festivities continued onto Sunday morning and we were blessed by Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and Pastor Bennie Williams. Pastor Williams taught us that a soul could be saved in thirty minutes. We were also joined by Pastor Leonard Boyd of United Missionary Baptist Church and his choir, and they truly were a blessing. Then we wrapped up the day with Pastor Kevin Nelson of First Baptist Jeffersontown. Pastor Nelson taught us "How to Honor and Appreciate Your Pastor".

Pastor Shaw was honored with gifts from individuals and ministries. He was also honored in dance by Pleasant View's own "God's Chosen Dance Ministry". They danced to "Do You Know Jesus?" They reminded us that Jesus lived and died for our sins. He was also honored in dance by his own cousin, DeNita Shaw, who danced to "God will fix it". We closed out the day on high spirits and on one accord. We are looking forward to celebrating 10 years in 2008.

Reported by Lekieta Chinn-Bethel.



DeNita Shaw's gave a liturgical dance interpretation of *God Will Fix It*.



First Family



**Rev. Kevin Nelson, First Baptist
Jeffersontown**



Blessing:

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever"
Amen (Heb 13:20-21)

Remembering Deacon Donald B. Franklin, Sr.

A Long-time member...



The spirit was high as the choir sung praise at the home going celebration of Brother Donald Franklin, Sr. It is my custom to read the obituary early and then put it away so that I can concentrate on the services.

When I read the line that said that Brother Franklin had been a member for over 62 years at Pleasant View, I thought, that is me; I share that same time period with Brother Franklin. I started as a member in my mother's womb. As young person I watched the church move from one side of the street to the other. I remember moving to Catalpa and then to Virginia. But the number of years never crossed my mind until then.

As youth we would try to avoid Brother Franklin because you knew -- he had

something for you to do. Using those serious deacon's eyes he would first ask how you were doing. Then he would ask you, not tell you, what he wanted you to do. My sister Linda knew that to be true because he *asked* her to be Baptist Training Union Secretary.

You knew the Breckenridge girls did not have a life because it seems as if we were in church 24/7. But it was the leadership of Brother Franklin and other senior members that prepared us for our life's lessons.

Beloved may you truly rest. In my youth you were like a second father and later you were my big brother

Virginia Breckinridge



A Granddaughter... ~~~~~

Words cannot express how much I loved my Granddaddy. He was a great and wise man. He set the example of what a great man, husband, father, grandfather, and friend should be. From the time I was little I can never remember a time that he has ever been angry or mean, he never raised his voice or yelled. He was always kind and had a kind word to say. He never met a stranger, and if he had it to give, he would give it.

Anyone who ever knew him, knew he loved to talk, and he could talk and tell stories all day. One thing he loved was his garden and he loved to share all the vegetables from that garden. Anyone, any day of the week could go to his house and get anything they wanted from that garden.

The only thing I can say that he loved more than his garden was his family and his church. He was so proud of his family, and family meant everything to him, he would call anyone who would listen when a new grandchild was born, and at Christmas, he loved Christmas, not because all of the gifts he received, (because he never opened his gifts with the family, he would wait till later and take them in his room and open them in private), but he was so excited just to know the whole family would be there.

And his church, he loved this church, you knew that if Granddaddy wasn't at home, he was at the church, I believe he spent more time at this church than he did at

home. Even after he got sick a few years ago, and wasn't able to come to church, believe me, he knew everything that went on at this church.

After I was hired as the Church Secretary, he called me to tell me how proud he was of me, and I hadn't even told him yet. He would call me almost everyday to check on me and see how things were going, I will miss those calls, and talks we had, but at the end of every talk, he would always say, "I Love You, talk at you later." I will never forget my Granddaddy, and I will cherish the times we had together.

GRANDDADDY

His legacy of learning..... passed on.

His years of wisdom..... not lost.

His love of this life.....a gift to us.

For to all of us, Granddaddy has been many things.

*One day, when we have children all our own,
we'll tell them of Granddaddy
and all he has been.*

Through us they will know the man who shaped our lives in so many ways.

And through us. Granddaddy will live on.

Love Always, Tressa

Member Spotlight

Great teaching has grown our noon day Bible studies, but the superbly prepared meals of the Culinary Committee keep them piling it on each week. Julia Child could not compete with Andrea Chinn-Little

Her fourth grade classmate, Glenda Sistrunk, introduced Andrea to Pleasant View. Although her family was attending another church, she did visit and decided that she liked Pleasant View so at the age of ten Rev. J. C. Pyles baptized her and her sister Sharon. The family lived four or five houses down the street from the church when Pleasant View was at 1310 Catalpa. Soon Andrea's family including her mother would join Pleasant View. The young Andrea sung in the youth choir and served as a Junior Usher. She continued in service after the church moved to Virginia Avenue.

Andrea has some interesting statistics. First, she is the sixteenth child of twenty. Andrea served our country as a member of the United States Army Reserve for sixteen years. She is the mother of two, LeKieta Chinn-Bethel and Gordon Powell. Finally, her happiest role is being the wife of Rev. Richard Little.

Very active in her church, Andrea serves as chairman of the Pastor's Aid Committee and the Culinary Committee, deaconess and she is the church clerk. She does all of this while working the third shift at Ford Motor company.

The one thing we know for sure is that we love Andrea's cooking. "Thank you, I love to cook, my mama loved to cook. Every time you would go to her house there was always something there to eat. She was always cooking. People would stop by her house all day long for something to eat. So I have learned to do that at my home. There is always something at my house to eat; something sweet, leftovers, something good to eat."

We asked Andrea what would she want her church family to know about her and she responded.

"I have done many jobs in the past. Majority of the jobs I did were cooking but I did some other things. I worked in retail. I was a drug and alcohol



counselor at Dismas House for 4-1/2 years. I was a counselor for HIV and AIDS patients at the Robertson House. I was one of the first people that they hired. I knew nothing about HIV or AIDS, I heard about the job and I put in an application and I was hired. On my watch I witness 27 people passing while

I held their hands or nurtured them. For many, their families did not want to be bothered with them and they would ask if they could die there instead of hospice. It seemed like on my shift was when everyone wanted to pass away. I worked there and Jefferson County Public Schools as a teacher assistant. After that I went into corrections with Dismas for two years until I went to Ford. I never have been without a job."

Remarkably she worked two full-time jobs for 6-1/2 years while raising her children and preparing to send her daughter to college. Her children mirrors her example, daughter LeKieta is a college graduate and works in social services and son Gordon is currently working two full-time jobs.

With a little prodding from her daughter, a future goal for Andrea is to become a foster parent. She says coming from a large family she loves children, but she would have to retire to make sure that the children receive the best care.

Waiting on the world to change – in terms of her ministry we asked Andrea what was her goals in bringing the teachings of the church to the world.

"Foster parenting and if I could feed the whole world, I would take two fish and five loaves of bread -- I love to cook and there would be no hunger in the world."

When Andrea shared her favorite song and scripture it explained her steadfastness. Her song is *The Lord is Blessing Me* and the scripture is Psalms 100 *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands...*

Thank you Andrea and you have company for dinner!



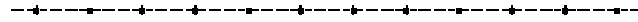
Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. This year's VBS is going to be exciting and uplifting. GAME DAY Central "Where Heroes Are Made" Hebrews 12:1-2.

Our five day sessions will be about:
 Mary and Joseph
 John the Baptist
 Jesus followed God's Plan
 Early Believers Took Action
 Priscilla and Aquila

Come and join us June 11-15th, let's make it a family affair. Vacation Bible School is a ministry designed to reach people of all ages, leading them to know and respond to Jesus Christ as led by the Holy Spirit.

VBS is calling on men to help in the classroom.

Margaret L. Evans-Dulin
 Vacation Bible School Director



When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new sessions of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we've done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values. We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it moral pluralism. We have worshipped other gods and called it multi-culturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our fore-fathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us O God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by you, to govern this great state. Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. I ask it in the name of your son, the living savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa, and Korea.

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, The Rest of the Story, and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called one nation under God.

The original prayer delivered January 23, 1996 by the Rev. Joe Wright to the Kansas House.

Rev. Joe Wright is Senior Pastor of Central Christian Church in Wichita, KS.

Submitted by Mary Williams

HISTORICAL / BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE of the Sunday School Ministry



Excerpts: **THE BIG LITTLE SCHOOL** (200 YEARS of the SUNDAY SCHOOL)

"The Sunday school is dying." "It is dead!" Let's bury it and start anew!" The funeral orations have been preached for many years. A national magazine once labeled it "the most wasted hour of the week." But the Sunday school refuses to die. There is scarcely a church in the country without a Sunday Church school. New churches are still being built with the Sunday school as the forerunner for gathering the new congregation. There are extremely large Sunday schools with thousands of members, and small Sunday schools struggling to keep going. But they do, led by dedicated, caring persons who believe that the Sunday setting is an appropriate and meaningful time for carrying on at least a part of the church's educational ministry. So for the Sunday school, it is not actually a question of "to be or not to be." The Sunday school is. It exists, and has no intention of folding up or dying.

The calls for "alternatives" to the Sunday school which are sounded continually, mostly by professional Christian educators rather than local practitioners, should not go unheeded. For although the one or two hour sessions on a Sunday are not enough, the value is not dependent on the day of the week, or the length, but on what actually takes place at that time, on the interactions between persons who are learning together in the faith community on Sundays.

The history of the Sunday school movement is an interesting one, filled with

bits of legend, humor, pathos, and sometimes controversy.

These early pioneers worked for the "cause" without serious regard for denominational affiliation. The early Sunday schools were called undenominational or nondenominational. The nondenominational nature of the early Sunday school work made it a natural for the formation of Sunday School Associations on an interdenominational basis. These Sunday School Associations became the forerunners of the Councilor movement in the United States.

**Submitted by
Brenda Graves
Sunday School Director**



100,000 diapers!

That's the number of diapers needed to help over 50 Service agencies meet their needs for Just a few months in 2007. The need for diapers is overwhelming for

Agencies that service families and Children in our area. That's why Pleasant View and a group of local Companies have joined together to help cover the "Bare Necessities."

The first Bare Necessities diaper drive was held in 2001 when 30,000 diapers were collected. In 2006, the diaper drive collected 141,402 diapers. The goal for 2007 was to collect 150,000 diapers. **THANKS PLEASANT VIEW FOR A JOB WELL DONE!** With your help and that of co-workers, family and friends, we were able to collect a total of 1752 diapers. Our total increased over 500 diapers from last year.

Know that we are all blessed to be a blessing.

Anissa G. Wilson, Coordinator
OutReach Ministry

WHO CARES?

According to MSNBC on September 13, 2005

THE OTHER AMERICA

An Enduring Shame: Katrina reminded us, but the problem is not new. Why a rising tide of people live in poverty, who they are—and what we can do about it.

It takes a catastrophe like Katrina to strip away our efforts to get around the unkind neglect of millions of people and make us focus on the enduring problems of poverty here in America. Does this mean a new war on poverty? No, but this disaster may offer us a chance to start looking at ways to make our Government and community leaders think harder about why part of the richest country on earth lives in or even below the poverty level.

In August of last year these statistics appeared in the Courier Journal---

500,000

Homeless families in U.S

1.35 million

Homeless children in U.S

350,000-450,000

Homeless families in U.S. headed by single mothers

1,000

Homeless children in Jefferson County Public Schools in 1993 (at the end of last year, there were 6,600)

Needless to say, the numbers are staggering. What are they saying to the heart of the Christian family? I hope that you feel some compassion for the plight of so many of our brothers and sisters. We have been given the Commandment to love and to care for those who are less fortunate. Compassion is more than pity and feeling sorry for. Compassion defined in the Scripture is "Love in Action". We must love enough to put a face on those who have been thought of as the "Faceless Population". We must be brave enough to look into their eyes. We must be true enough to do something about it.

The Homeless Team as part of the OutReach Ministry here at Pleasant has provided several opportunities to get involved, to spread the Word and show His love throughout the community. Our Lord has given the "Clarion Call" to ministry. His call is **NOT** optional if you are a disciple. We must follow His lead.

"Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Matthew 25:34-35

GET INVOLVED - BE BLESSED!!

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:40b

Vickie J. Wilson

Homeless Team / OutReach Ministry

On Saturday, February 3rd, the Pleasant View Baptist



Church OutReach Team had an opportunity to feed the homeless at the West End Baptist Church. This event was in conjunction with the Souper Bowl of Caring.

We are happy to announce that the event was a success!! With your generosity and prayers, we were able to collect enough toiletries for 300 people. The total financial support from the church totaled \$325.90. We had enough food to feed the people who were able to get to West End and took the leftovers to Wayside Christian Mission.

There's a testimony in this. Initially, we had planned on serving at the church for a couple of hours, but the people didn't come like we had expected due to the severely cold weather. So, phone calls were made, but we kept getting answering machines. Finally, Vickie Wilson got an urge to call Wayside one more time and told them that we were going to drop some food off to them. Upon arrival, the men greeted us with a smile and said that we were right on time. They already had the people waiting to be served dinner. Talk about God being an on time God. Yes, He is!!

To God be the Glory!! We would like to say thanks to you the Pleasant View Family. Whether you made a pot of soup, prepared sandwiches or desserts or offered your hands in service, we say thanks. You are the best. Just like the pastor states all the time: There's no family like a church family. You come through every time. Bless you.

It's good to know that people can come together to show others the love of God through giving. This is just the tip of the iceberg for 2007. Exciting plans are in the making and we are counting on you for your continued support.

May the Light from the Lighthouse continue to Shine on you.

Anissa G. Wilson, OutReach Team
Sylvia Whitlock, OutReach Director

Welcome New Members



And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Act 2:47

December

Adrian Clarke Jonathan Kaufman
Crystal Walker
Re-dedications -- Mary Pauline Spalding

January

Linda Carpentar Anna (Sissy) Elliott
Seirria Byars Myra Williams
Willis Sentar
Re-dedications --Sharri Trowell, Gwen Hopson

February

Robert Givens Jeffrey (Steve) Smith
Paige Williams Brian Beason

March

Keith Miller, Jr. Aaron Miller
Ava Stone Jada Simon
Adrain Clarke
Re-dedications – Maurishea Gaither



There will be
more reflection of
Jesus when there is
more reflection on
Him.

Precious Memories



Margaret Gaither
12/29/1934 --
12/29/2006

Donald Franklin, Sr. –
5/1/1924 -1/28/2007



Namika Gaither
6/22/1982 – 3/7/2007



Thank you, Lord for sharing your precious gems.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

One day Sister Teresa told her superiors, "I have three pennies and a dream from God to build an orphanage."

"Sister Teresa," her superiors said, "You cannot build an orphanage with three pennies. With three pennies you can't do anything."

"I know," she replied, "but with God AND three pennies, I can do anything."

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