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Our last issue of the year will be December 22. *Western Recorder* and *The Trumpeter* will resume printing the second week in January.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF!



Front Row (L-R): Teresa Mullins, Christine Ordway, Laurie Souleyrette, Linda Polley, Terri Mobley, Jennifer Fulkerson, Belinda Berry, Marsha Dowell. *Back Row (L-R):* Mike Byers, Jonathan Carl, John Rice, Julie Clark, Bill Langley, Allen Case, Gayle Rightmyer, Roger McCurry, Roy Cantrall. *Not Pictured:* Megan Mitchell

Growth Pains & Transitions

By Bill Langley, *Senior Pastor*

These are exciting days at Severns Valley. Sheri and I have the joy of meeting new people every week. Many are trusting Christ and following Him in believer's baptism. Others are moving into our area and transferring their letter to SVBC. It's exciting to be part of a church where God is blessing us in so many wonderful ways.

Growth also comes with challenges and transitions. In order to be more effective in ministering to the multi-faceted needs of people, we are making some im-

portant adjustments with our staff. As you know, John Bennett accepted a new position with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, leaving us with a vacancy to fill in children's ministry. Rather than immediately forming a search team and pursuing the next full-time Children's Minister, we have expanded Laurie Souleyrette's hours and asked her to oversee both children and preschool ministries during the interim period. Laura Langley, as well as other part-time help, will be added to make sure these ministries move

forward. In a few months we will form a search team and pursue the next Children's Minister.

In the November business meeting we approved the formation of a team to search for an Associate Pastor. That team will begin work shortly. This incredibly important addition to the staff will go a long way helping Severns Valley move to the next level. Chad Kincer has accepted the call as Student Pastor and will begin his work in January. Jonathan Carl has moved from Interim Student Pastor and will now be overseeing

overseeing benevolence, local missions, and several other responsibilities, will also now be overseeing the Child Development Center.

As you can see, the Personnel Administration Team has been busy! All these positions are fluid right now. When the Associate Pastor arrives and becomes well acquainted with the leadership, we will bring new job descriptions to the church for approval.

Please keep our staff in your prayers on a daily basis. Pray for Chad and Emberly Kincer as they transition from their ministry in Fort Worth, Texas to Elizabethtown. Pray that their house will sell quickly. Pray for the Associate Pastor Search Team. Ask the Lord to bless their work and bring us the right man to help equip and lead this great church. Pray for me. Ask our Lord to give me the wisdom, discernment, courage, and strength it takes to shepherd this wonderful flock called Severns Valley Baptist Church.

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Sharing His Love with All*

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 20

South Dixie Outreach, 3:00 p.m.
No Evening Activities

DECEMBER 23

No Evening Activities

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m.
Offices Closed

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day, *Offices Closed*

DECEMBER 27

No Evening Activities

DECEMBER 30

No Evening Activities

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day, *Offices Closed*

JANUARY 6

Wednesday Activities Resume

Business Meeting Report

The church took the following actions in the special called business session on December 6:

- ◆ called Chad Kincer as Severns Valley Student Pastor;
- ◆ adopted the 2010 budget.

2009 Year-End Contribution Information

We hope the following information will be helpful to you as you consider the most appropriate way to make year-end charitable contribution gifts to SVBC. Your 2009 year-end gift can reduce your income taxes while providing generous support to the various ministries of the church.

Gifts by Check or Cash

- Must be given to SVBC on or before Thursday, December 31.
- If mailed to SVBC, you need to ensure the mailing envelope is postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before December 31. The date on your check has no bearing on inclusion with your 2009 contributions.

Gifts of Stock

- You can avoid paying capital gains taxes on the increase in value of the stock sold.
- You will receive an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the date of the gift.
- Consult your tax advisor and/or your stock broker.

Gifts from Retirement and Estate Plans such as life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, annuities, charitable lead trusts, etc. can offer significant tax advantages to the donor. Again, you should consult with your tax professional about this type of gift.

Acknowledgement of Your 2009 Giving Contributions will be mailed to you in January 2010.

DO NOT file your 2009 income tax return until you have received the written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. The IRS may not allow some of your contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your total contributions to the church.

Thank you for making the many ministries of our church possible in 2009. *You are making an eternal difference!*

WHO'S WHOSE MISSING?
MISSION?

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING

National Goal: \$175 million

Severns Valley Goal: \$60,000
Giving to Date: \$14,368

Financial Report December 6

Weekly Budget Needs:
\$50,121.44

Budget Receipts \$72,256.56
Miscellaneous Receipts \$23,650.71
Total Weekly Receipts \$95,907.27

Continuing to Shape the Future

This Week 11,834.71
To Date 477,883.94
Total \$8,257,178.89

Continuing to Shape the Future

Capital Campaign
Pledges to Date:
\$1,264,341.14

Sunday Morning Attendance

Worship: 1,333
Bible Fellowship: 959

Sympathy to...

Rick Jordan in the death of his mother; Lamont Hornback in the death of his daughter.

Congratulations to...

Buckley and Sue Carlin in the birth of their great granddaughter.

College Age & Young Adults Christmas Party

Join us for a meal and games at the home of Jerry and Bonnie French, 1179 Overall Phillips Road, Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. We will also begin a winter Bible study. RSVP to 737-3275.

Winter Bible Study - Reving Up Your RPMs "Recognizing Your Potential Mate," kicks off December 20. This 6-week study provides foundational principles on how to date and select a mate God's way. Cost: \$8.

Fellowship Supper

\$5 per person
\$3 per child
(through grade 6)
\$15 household limit

December 16

All-you-can-eat
Christmas Buffet

Parent Child Dedication Moved

Parent Child Dedication has been moved to Sunday, January 3. Participation forms are available at preschool reception and on our web site. Completed forms must be submitted by Monday, December 21 to Marlinda Timbers in the office, or by email to marlinda@severnsvalley.org. Please include a photo suitable for print.

Helping Hand Christmas Baskets

You can be involved in the following ways to help make this a blessed Christmas for needy boys and girls, men and women in our community. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity:

- Donate money for food baskets - \$40 each;
- Volunteer to assemble toy boxes on Tuesday, December 15 at the old Vermont America Building (now called Cars Under Cover), located at 1001 West Park Road;
- Volunteer to assemble food boxes on Monday, December 21 at Cars Under Cover;
- Volunteer to deliver baskets - 9:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, December 23.

McCurry Open House

Join senior adults at the home of Roger and Dona McCurry, 316 Morningside Drive on Wednesday, December 23, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come for brunch, fellowship and holiday greeting!