

The PODQ Times

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First United Pentecostal Church

December 2007 Edition

PODQ Calendar

December 2007

- 1st—Sevier County Christmas Parades
- 2nd— Regularly Scheduled Services
- Leadership Meeting @ 4:15 p.m.
- 5th Regularly Scheduled Services
- 8th—Effective Ministry Seminar @ 9:00 a.m.
- 9th—Regularly Scheduled Services
- Choir Practice
- 12th—Regularly Scheduled Services
- 13th—Nativity Scene 6:00—8:00
- 14th—Nativity Scene 6:00—8:00
- 15th—Christmas Caroling
- 16th—Regularly Scheduled Services
- Praise Team Practice
- 19th—Regularly Scheduled Services
- 23rd—Regularly Scheduled Services
- Choir Practice
- 26th—Regularly Scheduled Services
- 27th—Holiday Youth Convention
- 28th—Holiday Youth Convention
- 29th—Holiday Youth Convention
- 30th—Regularly Scheduled Services
- Leadership Meeting 4:15 p.m.

Schedule Of Services

- Sunday Morning Prayer 9:30
Sunday Morning 10:00
Sunday Evening Prayer 5:30
Sunday Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening Prayer 6:00
Wednesday Evening 7:00
We Look Forward To Seeing You There

The Big Idea

By Nancy Hobbs

Ok, so here is the thought. What if The PODQ's put out a monthly newsletter? Working on advertising has been a challenge beyond what I ever imagined. In the very first leadership meeting Pastor Duane addressed the need to research our ministries and come up with new ideas. So time has been taken and here is "The Big Idea".

After researching various churches I have asked the question, what is advertising? Is it simply putting out flyers and calendars to let everyone know when and what is going on, is it keeping everyone informed at all times or simply laying a foundation of information. Well here is the trial edition of what is hopefully a monthly "edition" to the

church. This will be a monthly issue that will be emailed initially to save on printing costs. For those that do not have email access a printed version will be made available to you in black and white. This will be a two-four page newsletter that will uplift, inform and even entertain at times.

God has blessed this congregation in many ways some of which are unimaginable; and we are growing with leaps and bounds under our present leadership. The thoughts and ideas that have been brought forth and acted on are directly contributed to church growth. We are in the beginning phases of something amazing that God is doing in this community.

It is my prayer that this will contribute to that growth and possibly encourage you.



Effective Ministry Seminar

December 8, 2007
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served
Breaks will be given and refreshments will be provided.

Bring a pen/pencil in the event you wish to take notes

Nativity Scene

For unto us a child is born
December 13th & 14th
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Why Christmas Is Important

Author Unknown

There was once a man who didn't believe in God and he didn't hesitate to let others know that he felt religion and religious holidays, like Christmas, were a lot of childish fairy tales. He said that religion was a crutch for people who were too stupid to figure things out for themselves or too fearful to live by their own strength. If God were real He sure wouldn't do some of the dumb things people said He did.

His wife, however, did believe in God and was always quick to say that she was born again. She raised their children to also have faith in God despite his disparaging comments.

One snowy Christmas Eve, his wife was taking their children to a Christmas Eve service in the farm community in which they lived. She asked him, as always to come, but he refused. "What a lot of nonsense!" he said. "Why would God lower Himself to come to Earth as a man? That's ridiculous!" So she and the children left, and he stayed home.

While they were gone, the wind and snow grew stronger until it was a blizzard. As the man looked out the window, all he saw was a blinding snowstorm. He sat down to relax before the fire. He knew his wife would not venture back on the road till the storm abated and he knew there were good snow tires on their SUV. So, nothing to do except enjoy the peaceful evening.

Then he heard a loud thump. Something had hit the window. Then another thump. He looked out, but couldn't see more than a few feet.

When the snow let up a little, he ventured outside to see what could have been beating on his window.

In the field near his house he saw a flock of wild geese. Apparently they had been flying south for the winter when they got caught in the snowstorm and couldn't go on. They were lost and stranded by this storm. They just flapped their wings and flew around the field in low circles, blindly and aimlessly. A couple of them had flown into his window, it seemed. The man felt sorry for the geese and wanted to help them. The barn would be a great place for them to stay, he thought. It's warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm.

So he walked over to the barn and opened the doors wide, then watched and waited, hoping they would notice the open barn and go inside. But the geese just fluttered around aimlessly and didn't seem to notice the barn or realize what it could mean for them. The man tried to get their attention, but that just seemed to scare them and they moved further away.

He went into the house and came with some bread, broke it up, and made a bread crumb trail leading to the barn. They still didn't catch on. Now he was getting frustrated. He got behind them and tried to shoo them toward the barn, but they only got more scared and scattered in every direction except toward the barn. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where they would be warm and safe.

"Why don't they follow me?!" he exclaimed. "Can't they see this is

the only place where they can survive the storm?" He thought for a moment and realized that they just wouldn't follow a human. "If only I were a goose, then I could lead them," he said out loud. Then he had an idea.

He went into barn, got one of his own geese, and carried it in his arms as he circled around behind the flock of wild geese. He then released it. His goose flew through the flock and straight into the barn-- and one by one the other geese followed it to safety. He stood silently for a moment as the words he had spoken a few minutes earlier replayed in his mind: "If only I were a goose, then I could save them!"

Then he thought about what he had said to his wife earlier. "Why would God want to be like us? That's ridiculous!" Suddenly it all made sense. That is what God had done. We were like the geese, blind, lost, perishing. God had His Son become like us so He could show us the way and save us. That was the meaning of Christmas, he realized. As the winds and blinding snow died down, his soul became quiet and pondered this wonderful thought. Suddenly he understood what Christmas was all about, why Christ had come. Years of doubt and disbelief vanished like the passing storm. He fell to his knees in the snow, and prayed his first prayer: "Thank You, God, for coming in human form to get me out of the storm!"

If you are in a storm in your life look to God. What better time of year for Him to present you with the perfect gift of Peace.

Holiday Youth Convention 2007

Pillow-Fights! Late Nights! Bright Lights! Good-Looking Sights! These are all things associated with Holiday Youth Convention 2007! As you all know HYC is quickly approaching. What fun we are going to have. We will be making a long journey to the big city of Roger's, Arkansas. This will be a four to five hour trip so be sure to dress comfy. We will be staying at the "new" Embassy Suites, which is the headquarters hotel for the convention. Along with our church will be hundreds of other churches from the state in the same hotel. The hotel employees are going to feel like there has been a Pentecostal take-over. We have reserved enough rooms for everyone that has signed up to go and we are looking forward to LOADS of fun! The first service will be Thursday Night. After service it is usually time to PARTY! On Friday morning there will be break-out sessions for the youth and youth workers. Break-out sessions is simply another word for church. Friday afternoon we will be hanging out and having a good ole time laughing and talking. Friday night we will go back to church for another awesome "De Queen" like service. After church on Friday there is usually a huge "block" party for everyone with live bands and games. This generally last for an hour or so. I am sure none of you can wait! Saturday morning we get back up and go to another break-out session. Afterwards we begin the journey back home to share our experiences with our family and friends and start making plans for HYC 2008. And by the way don't forget your camera's and other accessories to get information about all the new friends you are going to make.



ANNOUNCEMENT
We are in need of the following items for Holiday Youth Convention
We will be dividing these items evenly among the rooms to save on "snack" spending
Please have your items in the HYC Box located in the fellowship hall no later than Sunday Night December 23, 2007
***Canned Drinks**
***Little Debbie Snack Cakes**
***Cookies**
***Chips**
***And any other individually wrapped snacks**

Happy Holidays from the Teen Class
Good tidings of comfort and joy

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Merry Christmas from the Crusader Class
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Do you want to sing?
 Notify the music department and have your name added to the special singing calendar!

Have a recipe you would like to share email it to nahobbs@alltel.net

Prayer List
 -School children
 -Lance & Carolyn Taylor
 -Toby & Vicky Edwards
 -Jason Black
 -Duke & Susan Alspaw
 -Bob & Dannette Lundberg
 -Dextin & Dara Wheeler
 -Curt & Katy
 -Robert, Janine & children
 -All the visitors that have been in service over the last three months
To have someone listed on the monthly prayer list please fill out a prayer card and give to Jackie Taylor

REVIVAL
 January 18th and 19th
 Special Speaker
 Bob Fruen
 Services will begin at
 7:00 nightly
 Start inviting people
 TODAY!

Don't forget to pick
 up your
 December 2007
 Calendars in the
 fellowship hall

Holiday Youth
 Convention
 December 27-29
 Rogers, AR

Christmas Caroling
 December 15th
 Nursing Homes and
 Rehab Hospital

Merry
 Christmas
 and Happy
 New Year
 from the
 Youth Class

New Year's Eve Service Time
 to be announced soon!

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 All correspondence
 must be received by the
 last Wednesday of the
 month in order to be in
 the next monthly
 addition
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Matthew 1: 18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a

son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

If you would like to submit an article, joke, poem or testimony for possible publication please email it to nahobbs@alltel.net. All items submitted will be approved before being printed.

Contact Information Updates
 If any of your contact information has changed please see Doyletta Harder to get a new contact form to fill out. This will help keep the church records up-to-date in the event we need to get in touch with you.