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On Our Prayer List:

P. D. Kirby is in MCH.

Lisa Hall requests prayers for her sister and family. They are recovering from a fire.

Edith Teeters is recovering from surgery.

Mary Merritt continues to recover from her broken ankle.

Charles Delcambre requests prayers for his nephew who is recovering from surgery.

Our Sympathy to Jim Akers on the loss of his brother, Donnie; to Mark Slayton on the loss of his grandfather, Willard Collins; to Dirk and JoAnn Simones on the loss of their niece; to Ronda Watson and Shawna Poole on the loss of Ronda's mother; to Malinda Gregory on the loss of her aunt.

	Attendance	Offering
12/ 2	374	\$13,394
12/9	386	9,257
12/16	383	11,567
12/23	411	27,521

YTD Average		
	398	\$10,497

New in the Nursery

Congratulations to J.T. and Anissa Jones on the arrival of their daughter, Pearson Haylee Jones, on December 15th.

Opportunities to Serve:

Monthly Coordinators needed for LASC- contact Malinda Gregory.

Children's Worship volunteers needed – contact Matt Rennie

Canned and boxed goods needed in the pantry. Leave items at the benevolence room or you can give cash to Marie Harris.

To serve at Potter's House Soup Kitchen, contact Alex Parks or Larry Plott.

To coordinate a Senior's Fellowship Night – contact Wes Milam.

To help in the nursery – contact Jennifer Hardiman.

To teach or assist in a class – contact John Newton.

To help with mowing, weeding, etc – contact Randy Blackwood

Marriage Matters
With Jerry and Lynn Jones
Coming March 30 – April 2, 2008



Success!!

Do you have one single goal or ambition in life that consumes you, something that has become the primary force that stimulates and motivates you daily in everything that you do? Or do you feel like someone in a canoe whose objective seems to change with the various hazards he finds around every bend in the raging river as he tries to navigate white water, logs, and rocks. Life can be like that. If we're not careful, our goals and objectives are set for us by the demands of the everyday forces of life that has a way of intruding into our lives and steals from us what should be our focus or the major objective of life.

Goals and objectives are tremendously important because they determine what we do with the life God has given us. It has been said, "Aim at nothing and you will hit it every time," and "People don't plan to fail, they just fail to plan." Without defining goals and the objectives needed to accomplish those goals, most people accomplish very little. Great examples of this principle in secular fields are Sam Walton, the founder of Wal-Mart; Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft, and Tiger Woods, the number one golfer in the world. The common denominator among these "winners" is the fact that all three possess a driving ambition to be the best! They all have goals and are single mindedly going about trying to achieve them.

Anyone who wants to be successful must have a magnificent obsession - a drive, or calling. One who lives without such a drive or ambition leads, at best, a mediocre kind of existence. That person will never rise to the heights of those who are driven. This principle applies to us as Christians too. We need to understand that if we are going to live up to the potential we have and to the calling we have received from God (Eph. 4:1), then we need to be driven - or as Paul says, "compelled" (2 Cor. 5:14). Only an ambition that has God for its goal can survive the ravages of time. David, king of Israel wrote, "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and seek him in his temple" (Psalm 27:4).

We must also remember, "Nothing in your past guarantees that you will continue to grow toward your potential in the future." Paul told the Philippians, "Not that I have already obtained all this...but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me" (Phil. 3:12). We cannot rest on our laurels and think we've arrived. We always need to be improving and growing more into the likeness of Christ. To prepare for the success journey in our Christian lives, we must prepare to grow. Growth means effort, which leads to personal transformation. But many don't want to dedicate themselves to the process. The truth is growth without transformation is impossible. But change is inevitable and we all have to deal with it. Individual growth is optional, and therefore, many people never reach or come close to their potential in life. They don't have that as one of their goals. The happiest people are usually the most successful. They are growing every day of their lives - growing physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

God doesn't expect us to be oblivious to the problems and needs of life, but when our goals are God's goals we are better able to look through our problems to the Lord and His supply. When our focus is on the Lord, something wonderful begins to happen in us: God begins to change us and make us more like His Son (2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29) which should be our driving ambition in life.

Keep the Faith!!

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

Winter 2008

January 6 – March 9 (10 sessions)



[The Purpose of the Friendly Avenue Church of Christ](#) – Jason Noble (Auditorium)

Have you ever found yourself asking: What is this church about? Where are we going? What are we doing as a church? Why do we exist? What is our purpose?

[Discovering and Understanding Your Spiritual Gifts](#) – Peter Rode (Room 17)

The Great Commission is the marching orders of the church. The cry of the Christian has resembled the challenge of Sir Winston Churchill during WW II, "Give us the tools and we will finish the job." The desire of most Christians and of most churches is that God equip them for the task of carrying out the Great Commission.

Spiritual gifts are God's tool and are created by God to fulfill the task. Methods and programs are tools created by man to fulfill the task. Both are a necessity, yet many work apparently unaware of the instruments God created for the task.

The utilization of spiritual gifts already given to Christians by God is the most efficient way there is to build a better church. This class is an attempt to properly identify the gifts God has given you so that you might more effectively become involved in ministry and mature into the image of Christ.

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes January 2 – February 6 (6 sessions)

[Living on the Edge: The Wild and Wonderful Challenges of Parenting Teenagers](#) Rachel Solomon (Room 16)

All parents of teenagers and parents of youths soon to be teenagers are invited and encouraged to attend this seven-week class. The class approaches parenting with the principles of "Love and Logic"—and is based on material by Dr. Foster Cline and Jim Fay. These concepts can help mom and dad train teenagers to make good decisions, to be loving and responsible, and to be fun in the family.

"Love" means maintaining a healthy relationship with our teens, empowering them to make their own decisions, to live with their own mistakes, and to grow through the consequences.

"Logic" means allowing our kids to learn how their decisions and behaviors lead to consequences and to take responsibility through their difficulties and solve their problems for themselves.

[Becoming a Christian in the 1st century: Conversions in Acts](#)

Peter Rode & Tal Solomon (Room 17)

This class will examine the conversions recorded in the book of Acts and will attempt to answer the questions like: How did the first converts become Christians and members of the church? Why does one today have to

"place membership?" Why did some cases of conversion differ from others? Is there any special series of steps needs to take to become a Christian today?

Please Join Us

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM

Sunday Evenings

Small Group Bible Studies meet in homes at various locations. Please call the church office for a group near you.

Wednesday

Our Ministries

Assembly Management
Audio – Video
Benevolence
Deaf
Drama
Education
Fellowship
Finance
Financial Peace University
G.E.M.S. (Women's Ministry)
Hospitality
Interior Design Coordination
Interfaith Hospitality Network
LASC
Leadership Training for Christ
Maintenance (Building, Grounds)
Marriage and Family
Missions
Man to Men (Men's Ministry)
Music
Nursery/Children's Worship
Rainbow of Christians
Small Groups
Spanish Ministry
Super Seniors
Worship
Youth

Thanks for Your Support!

This year we have been able to supply 212 Food Boxes which assisted 273 people. The people who come to us include the elderly, single parents, families who have lost jobs or been unable to work due to illness. Some are referred to us by local agencies helping clients get back on their feet. As you grocery shop during the year, please remember the items that we use to make up our food boxes. We follow the list recommended by the Greensboro Urban Ministry which is designed to feed a family of 4 for 3 or 4 days.

___ 4 cans green vegetables	___ 3 can yellow vegetables
___ 2 cans pork & beans	___ 4 cans soup
___ 1 can fruit	___ 2 cans tuna or chicken
___ 1 jar spaghetti sauce	___ 1 box spaghetti
___ 1 box macaroni	___ 4 packs Ramen Noodles
___ box cereal	___ 2 boxes macaroni & cheese
___ 1 bag dried beans	___ 1 bag rice
___ Flour	___ Sugar
___ 1 jar jelly	___ 1 jar peanut butter
___ 2 boxes gelatin	___ 1 bar soap
___ 1 bottle ketchup	___ 1 bottle salad dressing

Thank you Note

We want to thank everyone so much for the calls, cards, and flowers. Your prayers helped to carry us through this most difficult time.

In Him,
Dork, JoAnn and Quint Simones

Coming Events

1/1	Office Closed
1/2	New Wednesday night classed start
1/ 5	Men's Prayer Breakfast GEMS Book Club
1/6	New Sunday Morning Classes start Puppet Team Practice begins Real Time 7PM Deadline to pay for Winter Fest
1/10	FPU Registration Night
1/12	Youth Activity
1/ 13	Teacher's Appreciation Dinner
1/ 17	Senior's Fellowship Night
1/19	Pancake Breakfast for Missions Middle school activity
1/24	FPU Class starts (13 weeks)
1/25	Battle of the Bands (Missions fundraiser)
1/28	Blood Drive

