

Our Joys & Our Sorrows

In Memoriam
Mr. Ralph Helms
 January 15, 2009

Sympathy

We extend the love & sympathy of our church family to Jeannie Helms in the death of her husband, Mr. Ralph Helms. Sympathy is also extended to Marie Gibson in the death of her brother, Roy Owens; to Delane Graham in the death of her father, Lester Chapman; and to Martha Cobb in the death of her sister, Mary Corn.

Our Known Sick

Mr. Bill Sloan is a patient at OMC.
 Dr. Terry Don Phillips was a patient at OMC.
 Mrs. Pauline Morgan was a patient at St. Francis.
 Mrs. Mary Thomas was a patient at AnMed.
 Mrs. Myra Dillard was a patient at OMC.
 Mr. Richard Voyles was a patient at Easley Baptist.
 Mr. Lewis Jernigan was a patient at St. Francis.
 Mr. Donald Duncan was a patient at OMC.
 Mr. Sam Lowry was a patient at OMC.
 Mrs. Stacey Boutot was a patient at Easley Baptist.
 Mr. Bobby Williford was a patient at St. Francis.

Welcome New Members!

20 – MISS EMILY MALONE BY LETTER
 Emily comes by transfer of letter from Hepsibah Baptist Church. She resides at 7835 University Station, Clemson, 29632. Deacon Group # 9 – Mr. Sam Thrift.

21 – MS. ANNE OPPERMAN BY LETTER
 Anne comes by transfer of letter from Foothills Community Church. She resides at 805 Dalton Rd., Seneca, 29678. Deacon Group # 7 – Mr. Collas Harris.

Special Thanks from Family Friends

Thanks once again for the absolutely wonderful evening of hospitality & love shown on December 9th by your members for the families, volunteers and Board of the Family Friends Program. Everything was so very much appreciated. This is a very unselfish gift you give to these families every year and we greatly appreciate all your hard work.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Emily Chen and Melissa Speary who were baptized on January 26th.



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From the Pastor . . .

Last month our nation made history by inaugurating the first African-American to serve as president. We must pray for our new president, vice president, their cabinet, and our congress as they work together to lead the country through this time of dire financial crisis. We face many challenges and threats these days, and we must pray that God will grant our leaders the wisdom and courage to lead well.

One of our greatest evangelists, Rev. Billy Graham, reflected on his ministry. In his humble way he stated that one of his deepest regrets is that he didn't do more toward racial reconciliation. February 8, 2009 is Racial Reconciliation Sunday and will be observed throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. I have invited Rev. W.C. Honeycutt, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, to preach this coming Sunday during our morning worship service. Rev. Honeycutt is a personal friend of mine and is a recognized leader in our community.

I pray that Seneca Baptist Church can be a leader in our community of bridging the racial divide that still exists. It cannot be the will of God for prejudice and racism to harbor in the hearts of His people. "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity" (Psalm 133:1)!



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Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Evening.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.

Dr. C. Von Reynolds, Pastor
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Playground Fundraiser

Saturday, February 14th

9 - 11 a.m. @ Activity Center

The fundraiser is to help buy equipment for the children of our Kindergarten, Day Care & After School programs. Tickets are available from the following: Shea Martin, Ronnie O'Kelley, Wanda Alexander, Laura Price and in the Kindergarten office. There will also be a baked goods auction beginning at 10 a.m. If you are willing to donate an item for the auction, please call the Kindergarten office @ 882-6055.



2009 Lenten Services

12 Noon

Date	Location	Speaker
February 25	New Harmony United Methodist	Rev. Stephen R. Lamb
March 4	St. Paul's Roman Catholic	Rev. Pattie Gordon
March 11	Seneca Presbyterian	Rev. Sandy McDonald
March 18	Ascension Episcopal	Rev. Steven Morgan
March 25	Seneca Baptist	Rev. Ryan Wilson
April 1	Trinity Baptist	Rev. W. C. Honeycutt
April 8	St. Mark United Methodist	Rev. Richard Caldwell

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Congratulations

2009

Congratulations to Mrs. Jean Johnson on her 9th anniversary as organist.
 Thank you for all your contributions to the music program of Seneca Baptist Church.

**Winter Jam 2009
Friday, February 13th
Bi-Lo Center**

All youth are invited to listen to Newsong, Hawk Nelson, Toby Mac and more at this year's Winter Jam. Please see Kevin ASAP if you are interested in attending.

**Extraordinary Women
March 27th – 28th
Bi-Lo Center**

Guests include Angela Thomas, Chonda Pierce and others. Ten tickets have been reserved, with or without hotel, near the Bi-Lo Center. Cost of conference ticket only is \$49. One ticket with 2 per room accommodations @ Hyatt is \$119.00 Contact the office @ 882-2731 or Pam Langston @882-1175 if interested.

**2009 Souper Bowl
Earles Grove Baptist Church
Monday, February 9th
6:30 p.m.**

Ladies are to meet at Seneca Baptist at 6:00 p.m.

**Experiencing God
Sundays @ 4 p.m.**

Class is limited to 12. Please contact the office @ 882-2731 or Allan & Shirley Lustenbuerger @ 972-4722 to register.

Lottie Moon Offering

The WMU wishes to THANK each person who gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The offering amount collected as of January 25th is \$47,251.00 The International Mission Board continues to accept monies for this offering until May, 2009. It's not too late to give the remaining \$2,759 to reach our goal of \$50,000.

SonPower 2009

Deposit of \$100 and registration forms must be turned in by Sunday, February 8th. Please see the Minister of Music if you have any questions.

**Music Praise & Worship
Opportunities**

Adult Choir: Easter Music Rehearsal February 6th – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Adult Choir: Easter Music Rehearsal February 7th – 9am – 12 Noon
Men's Choir: February 8th – All men are encouraged to come to rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. We will sing in the PM service.
Youth Praise Band & Team: February 15th – Provide music for PM service.
Young Musicians: February 22nd - Provide special music for the AM service.

**Kindergarten Financial Summary
January, 2009**

Checkbook Balance January 1st	\$12,638.56
Deposits	\$14,980.61
Disbursements	<u>\$14,987.87</u>
Checkbook Balance January 31 st	\$12,631.30

**Day Care Financial Summary
January, 2009**

Checkbook Balance January 1st	\$11,721.72
Deposits	\$15,444.40
Disbursements	<u>\$12,985.93</u>
Checkbook Balance January 31 st	\$14,180.19

**After School Financial Summary
January, 2009**

Checkbook Balance January 1st	\$10,465.02
Deposits	\$2,349.00
Disbursements	<u>\$2,259.73</u>
Checkbook Balance January 31 st	\$10,554.29

(Detailed copies of the Kindergarten, Day Care, and After School Financial Reports are available in the church office.)



Join us in the Sanctuary Choir loft for rehearsal on Sunday, February 8th at 5:30 p.m. We will be providing the special music for the evening service. All males, young and old, are invited to fill the choir!

**Church Conference Results
January 18th**

The Personnel Committee recommendation concerning the approval of the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual was approved with amendments. Copies of this amended manual are available in the church office.

The Nominating Committee recommendation that Janet Baxley be elected to serve on the After School Committee until August, 2011 was approved.

**Nominating Committee
Recommendation**

The Nominating Committee recommends that Kathleen Lynch be elected to serve as Acteens Leader. This recommendation will be voted on at the February 15th church conference.

**Financial Statement
January, 2009**

Checkbook Balance December 31, 2008	\$140,530.42
Interest	\$34.71
Budgeted Tithes & Offerings	\$60,162.08
Budgeted Offerings for Mortgage	\$2,048.75
Move the Mountain (Debt Retirement)	\$7,869.00
Other Designated Offerings & Transfers	\$13,055.86
Employee Withholdings	<u>\$3,475.25</u>
TOTAL	\$227,176.07

BUDGET EXPENSE:	
Cooperative Program	\$5,217.70
Assoc. Missions	\$1,043.54
Benevolence	\$1,129.74
Golden Corner Ministry	\$1,000.00
Good News Club	\$238.56
Local Mission Projects	\$50.00
Campus International	\$41.74
Salaries	\$22,317.61
Staff Mileage	\$396.03
Social Security	\$1,372.34
Denominational Retirement	\$2,009.91
Employee Health Insurance	\$3,792.02
Discipleship Training	(\$645.60)
WMU	(\$160.00)
Music	\$471.66
Audio Visual	\$1,513.95
Media Center	\$249.12
Ordinance Supply	\$15.90
Youth Ministries	\$1,048.03
Children's Ministries	\$55.02
Nursery Equipment & Supply	\$22.26
Church Wide Activities	(\$122.55)
Postage	\$941.75
Printing and Office Supply	\$92.62
Stewardship Supply	\$65.36
Service Contracts	\$1,643.97
Utilities	\$6,874.68
Building and Grounds	\$653.49
Workers Comp. Insurance	\$511.00
Janitor Supplies	\$248.91
Unbudgeted	\$450.00
Mortgage Payment Principal	\$4,866.85
Mortgage Payment Interest	<u>\$5,166.94</u>
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSE	\$62,572.55

Withholding Payments:	
Life and Health Insurance	\$1,207.44
Personal Denom. Retirement	\$809.00
Employee Taxes	\$1,823.81

Designated Expense:	
Lottie Moon	\$2,005.00
Golden Corner Ministry	\$700.00
After School	\$2,259.73
Love Gifts	\$405.00
AV Designations	\$699.00
Mission Projects	\$76.79
Special Program (India Choir)	\$415.00
Wednesday Suppers	\$335.64
Move the Mountain	\$14,104.46
Campus International	\$83.37
World Hunger	\$63.00
Benevolent Gift	<u>\$989.76</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$88,549.55</u>
Checkbook Balance January 31 st	\$138,626.52
Withholding Amount in Balance	(\$444.00)
Designated Amount In Balance	<u>(\$97,893.72)</u>
Balance for Budget	\$40,288.80
Under Budget for January	\$11,785.17
Under Budget for Year:	\$11,785.17

Our Weekly Schedule

SUNDAYS

8:00 A.M.	Youth Praise Band
9:00 A.M.	Media Center Open
9:15 A.M.	Sunday School
10:30 A.M.	Praise and Worship
4:30 P.M.	Youth Choir
6:00 P.M.	Praise and Worship

MONDAYS

10:00 A.M.	Staff Meeting
2:00 P.M.	Good News Club – Kellett Elementary

TUESDAYS

7:00 P.M.	G.R.O.W. Outreach
	Community Bible Study
	Girls' Only Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS

3:00 P.M.	Media Center Open
4:45 P.M.	Supper for Wednesday Leaders & Children
5:15 P.M.	Supper @ Activity Center
5:30 P.M.	Preschool & Children's Choirs
	Acteens
6:00 P.M.	Prayer Meeting – Fellowship Hall
6:15 P.M.	Youth Bible Study
	RA's, GA's, Mission Friends

THURSDAYS

10:00 A.M.	J.O.Y. Singers
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February Calendar of Events

4 th	Media Center Meeting 3 p.m.
6 th	Adult Choir Easter Music Rehearsal 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
7 th	Adult Choir Easter Music Rehearsal 9 a.m. – 12 Noon
8 th	Deacons' Meeting 4:30 p.m.
9 th	Personnel Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
	2009 Women's Souper Bowl @ Earles Grove Baptist (Women meet at 6:00 p.m. at SBC to ride bus)
	Men's Choir Rehearsal in Choir Loft 5:30 p.m.
10 th	Kindergarten Registration Open House 6 p.m.
13 th	Youth Winter Jam @ Bi-Lo Center
14 th	Playground Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast @ A/C 9 a.m.
15 th	Fellowship Hall Reserved 11:30 a.m.
	Church Conference 6 p.m.
19 th	Activity Center Reserved for Relay for Life
23 rd	State Evangelism Conf. (23 & 24)
	Personnel Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
27 th	Golden Age 10:30 a.m.
	Extraordinary Women's Conf. – Bi-Lo Center (27 – 28)

Debt Retirement Progress

Total Borrowed	\$2,675,000.00
Principal Payments	\$1,646,794.39
Loan Balance	\$1,029,205.61
Total Interest Payments	\$423,766.58