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Happy New Year!

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Wise Women?

What would happen if the three wise men were three wise women? They would have asked for directions; got there in time to deliver the baby; made a casserole; and brought disposable diapers as the gift!

- (Cont) Certainly all of us should be having personal daily devotions already, including prayer and Bible reading, but if that is not the case, that's the very first step we need to take.
- For those that only attend Sunday worship occasionally, let's move to a level of regular participation and determine to be present each Sunday we are physically able to honor the God who has blessed us with the health to go.
- For those that already attend worship regularly, let's move up to Sunday School so that we can learn more about God's love for us and God's image with us.

As a small and mature congregation, we have come to a time when we don't have many church events beyond Sunday morning worship and

Session Actions

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room beginning at 7:10 pm. With a devotion by Elder Leah Buckland. The following were present and constituted a quorum: Moderator, the Rev. Georgia King and Elders Leah Buckland, Margaret Edgington, Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool. No Elders was absent. Treasurer Pam Nicholas was also present.

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the October Stated Session meeting and the November 18th Congregational meeting as corrected. Routine communications were reviewed.

Those monies in the Memorial Fund dedicated to installation of a bell will be transferred to the Music fund. The recommendation to allocate proceeds from sale of the Manse to Pastor Housing will be added to the December meeting agenda. Rev. King will check to see if she has provided all educational expenses to the treasurer. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

When Julia Kasch returns to the Session in January, she will also return to the Worship function, and Elder Harmony will do Fellowship. Elder Harmony will contact people to do the Sunday advent service. Rev. King recommended that we instate a program to formalize various "process/project" procedures, such as, the Praise dinner, decorating the sanctuary for Christmas and Communion. These procedure statements would be compiled into a manual separate from, but associated with, the Operating Manual. Due to the decline in the congregation, we are losing the ability

Wednesday night Pot Luck meals, but it is still important that we participate. I want to invite everyone to be a regular participant in the events we do have. If you would like to volunteer and just don't know what you might do to support our congregation, just ask.

So as we welcome 2008, I challenge each of us to move up to the next level of our devotion and service to our Lord. Not out of guilt or obligation, but out of our love and desire for Christ. Let's progress from spiritual milk to solid food and graduate eventually to the point where we are feeding others the precious truths from God's Word. Let's move on up in 2008!!

Happy New Year and God's Blessings, Georgia

to implement standard, but infrequent, tasks. Concerning the "Sunday Host" concept, would it be better to have a Ruling Elder oversee the opening and closing of the building? It appears that some people would be reluctant to volunteer since they are not familiar with all details, and there is a concern about ensuring that the building is completely locked up.

The committee's work is complete for the current year.

The pledge campaign is underway. About two-thirds of families have responded after the first two Sundays.

The Advent candle lighting was discussed elsewhere.

Elder Edgington will send a thank you note M.A.L.S. Café for their help with the praise dinner. We will have Wednesday evening potluck dinners December 5th and 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for November:

Total Income	\$ 3,495.86
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 6,322.88</u>
Total	\$ (2,827.02)

	Year to Date	
Total Income		\$109,699.33
Total Expenses		<u>\$113,257.49</u>
Total		\$ (3,558.16)

Notes from the Music Department

Happy New Year and Peace on Earth to all! I hope all is well with your families. We keep Scott Glenn and Bobbie Farrell in our prayers as they continue to move through health issues.

Choir practice will be held on the following Wednesday nights for January: January 2, 2008, at 7:00 pm; January 9, 2008, at 7:00 pm; January 16, 2008, at 5:30 pm followed by the Pot Luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall; January 23, 2008, at 7:00 pm, and January 30, 2008, at 7:00 pm. We will begin work on some new music this month. We received such a positive response to the anthem for December 16, 2007, that I feel like you will enjoy these new anthems just as much. Seems like you liked "Christmas Is Coming" very much! I really appreciate the comments and praise that you gave the choir for that. They worked very hard to learn the music!

Closing Response for the month of January will be 2 responses. For January 6 & 13, the response will be "Joy to the World! Joy to the World!" For January 20 & 27, the response will be "The Lord Bless and Keep You." Words to both responses will be printed in the bulletin and we encourage the congregation to sing along with us.

TEN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Based on Proverbs 3:1-35

When you think about it, all New Year's resolutions basically fall into three categories.

- 1. Things that make us look better and live longer.**
- 2. Things that allow us to have more.**
- 3. Things that help us get along with everyone.**

We can find an answer in God's Word for any question or situation of life. So what is there in God's Word about New Year's Resolutions? Read Proverbs 3

Resolution 1

Let love and faithfulness never leave you. (vs. 3-4)

Resolution 2

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart...in all your ways acknowledge Him. (vs. 5-6)

Resolution 3

Do not be wise in your own eyes. (vs. 7-8)

Resolution 4

Honor the Lord with your wealth. (vs. 9- 10)

Resolution 5

Do not despise the Lord's discipline. (vs. 11-12)

Care of Members and Friends

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers...

Scott Glenn

Bobbie Farrell

Bob & Aleyene Watkins

Pete Marsh

As always, a great big "thank you" to our very devoted choir members for their dedication. These few very precious members are such troupers when it comes to learning new music and I thank you all for that. I love listening to new music with the anticipation that the choir will love it as much as I do!

Thank you also to Katey and Kirsti Kasch for playing bells for us on December 23, 2007. I hope to call upon them again as well as other church members to help out. We could have a new group of "Ding-a-Lings"!!

If you have a favorite anthem or any special music you would like to hear, we invite you to let us know. Also, if you would like to join the choir, we would love to have you! We can always use voices!

We also keep Bob & Alyene Watkins, Mary Botkin and others in our prayers. We pray for healing and blessings for them all.

Thank You!

Pat Petty



Resolution 6

Search diligently for wisdom and find it. (vs. 13-24)

Resolution 7

Have no fear. (vs. 25-26)

Resolution 8

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it. (vs. 27-28)

Resolution 9

Do not plot harm against your neighbor. (vs. 29-30)

Resolution 10

Do not envy a violent man or choose any of his ways. (vs. 31-32)

--Author Unknown

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? These aren't too bad. Let us resolve today to pay close attention and adhere to these principles and see what God will do in our lives in 2008.

Our Trustee says because of past problems of locking the door, the person in charge of Wednesday Night dinners will be responsible for making sure all the doors are locked after dinner