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**WHERE YOU WILL
 FIND PEACE**

SUNDAY

09:00 a.m. Breakfast
 09:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 05:30 p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 3:30 p.m. Mother's Afternoon
 Out
 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
 6:00 p.m. Adult study
 Youth activities
 Children
 Nursery
 6:30 p.m. Choir practice

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Follow the Star.



DEC

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PW Christmas Circle Meeting

6:00 p.m. at home of Loreice Naklie. Day and Night Circles combined.

7

Hanging of the Green

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Start the Advent season with us as we read the scriptures and sing the songs that prepare our hearts to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Children will place the Chrismon ornaments on the tree and gather for the lighting. Nursery provided.

13

Advent Workshop for Children (ages 4—8)

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. May bring a friend. Mom can go shopping and you and your friends will make Christmas gifts for your family. Please call church office asap to rsvp.

13

Christmas Party for Underprivileged Children

At Flo Boyd's house. Flo needs helpers, wrapping paper, tape, candy and donations. Donations may be made to JJWMPC earmarked "Underprivileged Children's Party". Flo Boyd, 601-684-1555.

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Christmas Cantata

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Services

6:00 p.m. And 11:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Joy Gift offering.

WELCOME

Williams Family

Stephen and Lee Williams and their children Whit, 4, and Lydia, 1, joined JJWMPCC on Sunday, November 17, upon transfer of letter from St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock, AR.

Both Stephen and Lee are originally from McComb—and Lee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robbie DeCoux, grew up in our church. Stephen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Williams of McComb. The Williams most recently lived in Meridian, MS, before moving back to McComb in June. Stephen is employed with Peterbilt of McComb as a salesman, and Lee teaches math, science and social studies at Higgins Middle School.



Stephen and Lee with children Whit and Lydia.

MEDITATIONS

by Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard



*“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
On those living in the shadow of death a light
has dawned...*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulder.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace there will be
no end.*

*He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom,
Establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
From that time on and forever.*

*The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

As I have been unpacking my home and office, I’ve found that it’s almost like a game to me. As familiar as I am with all of my clothes and books and other possessions, I find that there’s a process of re-acquaintance with all of my things. Yesterday I was unpacking a few more boxes and I ran across my collection of nativity sets. I have all different kinds, from rubber duckies and the Peanut gang, to more traditional depictions of the Holy Family, and each of them brings back different memories from Christmases past and the people who gave them to me. But what I was struck with yesterday was how often I had simply been walking past these nativity sets in my last home and office. So as I was unpacking and unwrapping them, I couldn’t help but stop and take a good look at each of them. And once again I am overwhelmed by the wisdom and power of our God; how is it that a child, a baby, could grow up to do all of these wonderful things? How is it that our God could give us his only son? Babies are precious gifts, and when I read the words of Isaiah, “for unto US a son is born” I’m once again reminded of the magnitude of the gift that is Immanuel, God with us. So this Advent and Christmas season, I’m going to try to remember how truly wonderful and miraculous the gift of a small baby is and how each young child will grow up to do things that can change the world.

You Are Invited

Installation Service for Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard

Sunday, November 30

4:00 p.m.

J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Pastor Charles Ray and Rev. Steve Ramp are among those participating in installation service.

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

News

- **Congratulations to Turner and Brandi Boyd Dyess** on the birth of their daughter, Rubye Kennedy Dyess. Rubye was born November 5, weighed 6 lb., 8 oz., and is also welcomed by her big brother, Wyatt, age 1.
- **Elders-elect for Class of 2011** are Chip Gibbes, Tommy Ratcliff, Susan White, and Noggin Wild.
- **JJWMPCC Youth attend Presbytery of MS Jr/Sr High Retreat.** Niki and Chelsey Johnson joined over 60 youth from across our presbytery for a retreat at Percy Quin State Park, Nov. 21-23. They reported, “ It was a blast!”
- **Sunday morning worship attendance continues to grow!** Please be among the 100+ people each Sunday morning celebrating this glorious Advent Season.
- **Our website, www.jjwhitememorial.org, keeps you in the loop.** Check frequently for updates on church news, updates on the Missions Conference, pictures of church activities, and more!

Adult Wednesday Night Studies During December

Dec 3

Elizabeth, Zechariah, and John the Baptist

Luke 1:1-25, 39-45

Dec 10

Bethlehem--politics, culture, and society

Luke 2:1-7

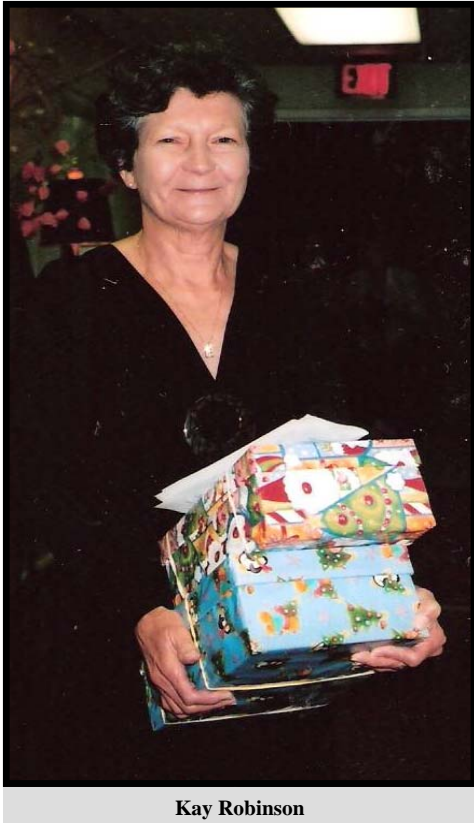
Dec 17

Wise Men & Shepherds

Matthew 2:1-12, Luke 2:8-20

MISSIONS

Operation Christmas Child



Kay Robinson

On November 17, Kay Robinson delivered over 70 boxes from JJWMP members to Operation Christmas Child for distribution to needy children overseas. It was the most boxes collected in the three years we have participated.

Outreach Foundation

A 2008 Missions Conference Update from John and Suzi Drummond: "We recently received a letter from G. Boyd Shaw from Outreach Foundation. Dr. Shaw spoke at JJ White's 2008 Missions Conference, and his organization was a recipient of funding from our conference. The following is an excerpt from his letter."

"I wanted to thank you for the gracious gift to Outreach Foundation on my behalf. It took a while to decide on how to use it, but at the fall meeting of the Outreach Foundation, they introduced a young Iranian, Sasan Tavasoli, who has just come on the staff of Outreach, and he is one of the most impressive young men I've met.

All I knew about Iran, was what I saw on CNBC and CNN and that was a pretty pathetic picture. He described the growth of the Christian church in Iran, and how unhappy they were with the Muslim government. He cannot return to his homeland, but he goes to Armenia and other nearby countries. His ministry is beaming satellite messages, sermons, etc. into Iran. He also goes to nearby countries, has workshops for the church leaders, who come across the border to these workshops. Your gift went to scholarship one of the church leaders at one of these workshops...."

G. Boyd Shaw

Show you care

BUILDING FUND

J. J. White Memorial Church welcomes donations to the Building Fund honoring and remembering loved ones during the 2008 Christmas Season. Donations received no later than Dec. 7 will be listed in the Dec. 14 and 21 Sunday bulletins.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be ordered for \$10 each. They will grace the sanctuary Dec. 14 -24, and may be picked up Dec. 26 by donors or their designees. Those honored and remembered by your poinsettias will be listed in the Dec. 14 and 21 Sunday bulletins.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Presbyterian Women will be delivering **Christmas cards** during the week of **Dec. 15-20** to church members who are no longer able to attend worship with us. Please join us in this ministry by signing a card (available in the fellowship hall) to those on the list provided and dropping the cards in the Christmas bags. No stamp or mailing address is necessary; the bags will be delivered in person. Merry Christmas to you and yours, and thank you for brightening the lives of others in this way.

DATES

2008-2009

2008		
NOV		
30	4:00 p.m. Installation Service of Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard	Sanctuary
DEC		
7	6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green	Sanctuary
13	Underprivileged Children's Christmas	Flo Boyd's
13	10: 00 a.m. Advent Workshop for Children	Fellowship Hall
21	10:30 a.m. Choir Christmas Special	Sanctuary
24	6:00 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Service and Communion	Sanctuary
2009		
JAN		
2-5	College Conference	Montreat Retreat Center, NC
23-24	PW Winter Retreat	St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa
FEB		
13-14	Kaleidoscope Keynote speaker Dr. Joan Gray	First Trinity, Laurel
MAR		
6-9	Missions Conference Expositor Ben Mathes	JJWMPC
APR		
30-May 3	Cursillo Retreat	Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg

Please let us know if you have articles, pictures, or dates for upcoming issues of JJW News.

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- Judy Deer (601-684-4180 or jjwhitememorial@bellsouth.net).

THOSE WHO SERVE IN DECEMBER



USHER/GREETER TEAM

John H. White, Jr., Captain
 John Drummond
 Stacey Moak
 Steve Price
 Tommy Ratcliff
 Mark Statham

FLOWERS

7 Loreice Naklie
 14 poinsettias
 21 poinsettias
 28 Renee Belote

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Will Kimmel
 5 H. B. McRaney
 6 Delores Feldman
 7 Carol Rawlings
 8 Ben Brock
 Colin Catchings
 9 Tommy Walman
 10 J. W. Burt
 12 Greg Ballew
 16 Eleanor White
 17 Chip Gibbes
 25 Billie Nance
 27 Hunter Nance
 29 Phillip Nance
 30 Margaret Elise Jones

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

3 Richard Holmes,
 Phil Terrell
 10 Carl Lazenby,
 Whit Whittington
 17 Steve Blue,
 Tom Dupree

No breakfast on
 Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.



"For unto you is born this day in the
 city of David a Savior ... Glory to God
 ... and on earth peace..."

(Luke 2:11-14)

ELDER of the MONTH

WHITNEY RAWLINGS

601-684-1241
 rawlings@bellsouth.net

Continental Breakfast & Fellowship

Ewell Martin Room
 each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

7 Suzi Drummond
 14 Renee Belote
 21 Rusty Whittington
 28 Sharon White

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7 Susan White
 14 Libby Simo
 21 Lee Williams
 28 Susan Gibbes

The Presbyterian Women will meet . . .

Tuesday, December 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.
for a joint Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Loreice Naklie.

Anyone who contributed to MICA during 2008
is invited to the appreciation luncheon on Thursday, December 4, at noon
in the J. J. White MPC fellowship hall.

We thank you for your donations. May God bless you!

McComb Main Street Association will sponsor the annual “Night of Lights”
and Christmas caroling celebration at 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 30,
at the Depot District Pavilion. Seating will be provided.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY was October 26, 2008

We have had 47 pledges to date

for a total of \$190,504

**Yeah! We donated 70 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child
effort this year! Many thanks to everyone who helped!**

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Both P. W. Circles meet at the home of Loreice Naklie, 6 p.m.	3 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	4 12 noon MICA Appreciation Luncheon, JJWMPC f.h. 7pm Knutty Knitters	5 7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	6 Christmas Parade and Exchange Club Pancake B'fast
7 Hanging/Green 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Hang Green 6:30 p.m. Session	8	9	10 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	11 7pm Knutty Knitters	12 7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	13 10a.m.—12 noon Advent Workshop for children (4-8) Flo Boyd's Underprivileged party
14 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	15 3:00 p.m. Nursing Home visitation	16	17 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	18 7pm Knutty Knitters	19 7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	20
21 8:30 a.m. Choir sings at Magnolia PC 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Cantata 5:30 p.m. Vespers	22	23	24 6 p.m. & 11:15 p.m. Candlelight communion services	25 Merry Christmas! 	26 (office closed) 7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	27
28 9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers	29	30	31			

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Music Director	Dr. Dana Lamar
Secretary	Mrs. Judy Deer
Treasurer	Mr. Whitney Rawlings
Janitors	Mrs. Lannette Williams, Mrs. Deborah Lee
Nursery	Pat Bates, Lynda Young

THE SESSION:

Bill Mitchell, Becky Morgan, Billie Nance, Tommy Ratcliff,
Whitney Rawlings, Susan White, Bubber White, Beth Wild, Ron Yates.
