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**WORSHIP
STUDY
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YOUTH
CHILDREN
BIBLE
PRAYER
CHOIR
CARE
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SPIRIT
JESUS
GOD**

**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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DIVE IN!

2009 is here.

J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian is the place to be.

TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH by committing to worship, study, service and fellowship with our congregation. Don't sit on the sidelines—get involved and revamp your priorities. This WILL be the best year of your life!

In the picture above, Carson Simmons is enjoying the ball pit in the new Children's Gym.

MEDITATIONS

by Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard



Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2009 is here already. January always comes full of such promise; as Anne of Green Gables would say, "tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet." And that's what a new year gives us: the chance to dream bigger, to try harder. This is a time to think about our goals and dreams and to plan how to get to them.

In Mark's Gospel, we read that after Jesus was baptized, the heavens tore apart and the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'" (Mark 1:11) With you I am well pleased. How much I long to hear those words from God. As Christians, there can no higher praise than to hear from our loving Creator that he is pleased with us, his creation. And this is the dream I have for us in 2009: for God to look down on us, not just as individuals, but as JJ White Memorial Presbyterian Church and say, "you are my children; with you I am well pleased." It's a new year, so it's time for us to dream bigger and try harder. It's time for us to honor the traditions of the past while we look towards a brighter future. What do we want JJ White to be? How do we want to be known in the community? How can we reach those people who are longing to feel loved? How can we minister to each other and support one another in the joyous times of life as well as the tragedies? How can we equip the next generation to take up the mantle of discipleship? God has brought us together in this time and in this place. We are here to be the people of God and do the work of our Lord. So in this new year, let's spend some time together thinking about and talking about who God is calling us to be and what God is leading us to do. May this beautiful New Year find us all full of hope and richly blessed.

FLOWER POWER

Please call or email the church office if you are interested in providing **flowers for the Morning Worship Service** one Sunday in 2009. Judy, our wonderful church secretary, will let you know which Sundays are available, reserve the date for you, and even give you a reminder call when the time draws near!

Don't feel you have to spend a lot of money or order from a florist. Flowers from your own garden make lovely seasonal arrangements.



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MISSIONS

Rusty Whittington, the 2009 Missions Conference chairman, reports all is on GO! Speakers, missionaries, youth teachers, committee chairmen, singers, musicians and cooks are busy preparing for this much anticipated Mission Event. Rusty asks only that you BE THERE. Visit www.jjwhitememorial.org, and see our next newsletter (February) for complete details.

J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church MISSIONS CONFERENCE Friday, March 6—Sunday, March 8

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Come Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for a casual breakfast—then head on to Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Cooks take turns bringing casseroles, fruit, pastries and juice—and the coffee pot is on even before they arrive. **Mary Ann Ratcliff** shared the following recipe after she received several requests for it following a recent breakfast.

Breakfast Sausage Casserole

from *CookingLight*

This satisfying recipe is perfect to make for weekend guests. Assemble and refrigerate the casserole the night before, and just pop it in the oven the next morning. Look for turkey sausage near other breakfast-style sausage in the frozen foods section.

Cooking spray

1 (16-ounce) package frozen turkey sausage, thawed (such as Louis Rich)

8 (1 1/2-ounce) slices sourdough bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes (about 8 cups)

2/3 cup (about 2 1/2 ounces) shredded sharp cheddar cheese

3 cups 1% low-fat milk, divided

1 cup egg substitute

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed 30% reduced-sodium, 98% fat-free cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add sausage to pan; cook 5 minutes or until browned, stirring well to crumble.

Arrange bread in a 13 x 9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Top evenly with cooked turkey sausage and cheddar cheese. Combine 2 1/2 cups milk, egg substitute, and Dijon mustard, stirring with a whisk. Pour over bread mixture in dish. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°.

Uncover casserole. Combine remaining 1/2 cup milk and cream of mushroom soup, stirring with a whisk. Pour over bread mixture. Bake at 350° for 1 hour and 5 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Let stand 15 minutes before serving.

Yield: 8 servings



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Thanks to all who made Advent and Christmas so special.

There are so many who worked behind the scenes, it is hard to list all without omissions. Special events included the **PW Christmas Circle** meeting at Loreice Naklie's, the **Advent Workshop for Children** on Dec. 13 (there were over 20 children there!!). **Flo Boyd's Underprivileged Children's Christmas Party** was also held on Dec. 13.

We went **Caroling** on Dec. 14. It was so much fun! Be sure and join in next year.

If you missed the **Christmas Cantata** on Dec. 21, you really missed a moving service. There were few dry eyes at the end. Thank you, Dr. Dana Lamar, for your wonderful leadership.

There were over 150 in attendance on **Christmas Eve**, celebrating the birth of Christ and Holy Communion. We had two services—6:00 p.m. and 11:15 p.m., and our new pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard, lifted our hearts with her deeply felt and wonderfully expressed homilies.

What a glorious way to end 2008 and prepare our hearts for 2009!

The Kennedys

were one of four families visited by the JJWMPC Carolers on December 14.

Dr. Whip and Joan enjoyed the music and sang along with the crowd.

After making their rounds, the carolers returned to the church for cookies and hot chocolate.



DATES

2009

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JAN		
2-5	College Conference	Montreat Retreat Center, NC
18	Elder Class of 2011 Ordination and Installation	Morning Worship Service Sanctuary
23-24	PW Winter Retreat	St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa
FEB		
13-14	Kaleidoscope Keynote speaker Dr. Joan Gray	First Trinity, Laurel
MAR		
6-8	Missions Conference Expositor Ben Mathes	JJWMPC
APR		
30-May 3	Cursillo Retreat	Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg



GIFTS GALORE...

were made by all attending the Advent Children's Workshop on December 13.

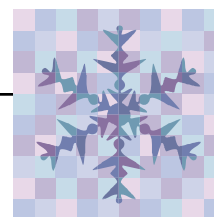
Thanks to Carol Wood and all her helpers for organizing and conducting this fun retreat for the children—and welcome respite for the parents!

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

Contact:

- Beth Wild (601-551-6319 or bwild@bellsouth.net)
- Judy Deer (601-684-4180 or jjwhitememorial@bellsouth.net).

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JANUARY



USHER/GREETER TEAM

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

FLOWERS

4 Communion
 11 M/M John Drummond
 18 Sharon White
 25 D/M Van Simmons

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Chetta Hitt (1917)
 1 Betty Lee (1923)
 2 Nancy McElwee
 7 Joan McDaniel (1929)
 10 Toni James
 15 Mark Statham
 16 Marie Wells
 17 Tommy Morgan
 18 Louise Andrews
 18 Polly Ballew
 23 Ralph Brock
 23 Jamie Hart
 23 (Amos Hood)
 25 (Rusty Brill)
 25 Tommy Ratcliff
 29 Tim Dowling
 30 Bill Jones
 31 Henry Gibbes IV

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

7 Whitney Rawlings,
 Jimmy C. Robertson
 14 John Drummond,
 Randy White
 21 Noggin Wild,
 Tommy Ratcliff
 28 Randy Burris,
 Benny May



"O sing to the LORD a new song,
 for He has done marvelous things."
 (Psalm 98:1)

ELDER of the MONTH

CHIP GIBBES

250-0101 or
chipgibbes@bellsouth.net

Continental Breakfast & Fellowship

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

4 Bill Mitchell
 11 Renee Belote
 18 Mary Ann Ratcliff
 25 Suzi Drummond

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

4 Angie Simmons
 11 Billie Nance
 18 Susan White
 25 Libby Simo

The Presbyterian Women . . .

Day Circle will meet in the fellowship hall at noon on Tuesday, January 13.

Night Circle will meet Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m.
at the home of Suzi Drummond.

“LEFT TO TELL”

Please join us at the Southwest Mississippi Community College on Sunday, January 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. as Immaculee Ilibagiza (formerly of Rwanda, Africa) shares her incredible story of faith, hope and forgiveness. A love offering will be collected.

A book signing will be held from 3-4:00 p.m. Contact Tina Brumfield for further information.

Christmas Card Ministry

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas card ministry this year. We have had so many of our shut-in members express how much they appreciated this extra attention and recognition during the holidays.

God bless!

Update on Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The McComb area turned in 5,615 boxes; 11,949 were collected overall in the southwest Mississippi region. This is a 33% increase over 2007! Children in over 110 countries will receive the boxes over the next few months.

Many thanks, Lola Holyfield

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

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year <i>(church office closed)</i>	2 7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	3
4 Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers			5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	7 p. m. Knuttly Knitters	7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Vespers		Day Circle of PW meets at noon in the FH Night Circle meets at 6 pm with Suzi Drummond	5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	7 p. m. Knuttly Knitters	7:15 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sun. School 10:30 a.m. Worship; Elder Ordination/Installation 5:30 p.m. Vespers 6:00 p.m. Session meets	3:00 p.m. Nursing Home		5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Adult Study Children Nursery 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	7 p. m. Knuttly Knitters	PW Winter St. Mary's, Prayer Breakfast (National Inn)	Retreat, Chatawa
25	26	27	28	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:

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