



# JJ WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6 TNIV*





## ...from the pastor's desk

by Charles Ray

***“In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16***

Jesus has shown us the example to use as we “shine before people.” That example is His very life. To a small band of believers He passed the torch, and generation after generation of Christians have attempted to carry forth those examples. The Olympic torch bearer, before each of the reoccurring international festivals, runs with an ever increasing pace, carrying a small torch to the site of the large official torch, which then bursts into a large continuously glowing flame that raises the spirits of the participants and spectators to a high level of excitement.

In our Christian life the spiritual torch has been passed to us from the Source to be shared with those involved in our journey. He places a large responsibility on us. He moved on and we are to step in. Just as His manner of life and His speech was the

light that showed the way out of darkness and to the Father, so must we continue that work.



## JJ White MPC Mission Team -- Mission Accomplished!!

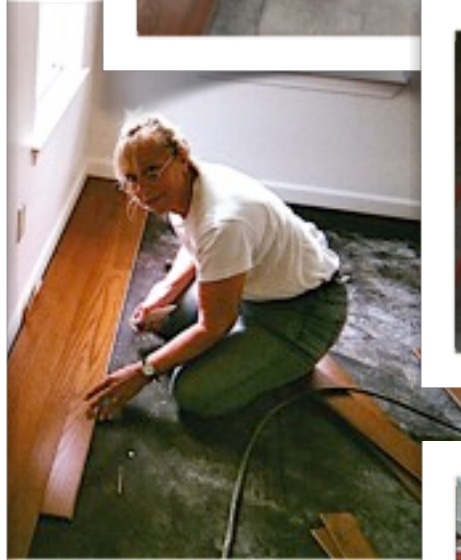


*Top row; left to right: Rick Penick, Wayne Hutchison, Charles Ray, Stuart Bryant, Toy Johnson*

*Next row: Whitney Rawlings, Jimmy Carol Robertson, John Drummond, Carol Rawlings*

*Front row: Randy White, Tom Wood, Carol Wood*

The JJ White MPC Mission Team participated in construction of a Habitat for Humanity home in New Orleans during the week November 7-11, 2011. This effort is sponsored by the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church and is known as RHINO or "Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans. The team worked on flooring and fence building as well as painting and other jobs. Everyone agrees that the project was a success.



# Mission Notes



Christmas Gift Bags for Lulwanda  
Children's Home

Thanks to the generosity of JJ White members and friends we now have many bags ready to be shipped.

Money donations are still needed, however, to cover the cost of shipping – cash or checks payable to JJ White MPC and designate for shipping to Uganda.

Carol Wood has worked hard on putting this project together. Check with her about ways that you may help on this or other Mission Projects.

*Tickets for the dollhouse raffle to benefit Crisis Pregnancy will be on sale by the end of November with the drawing in mid December.*



**JJ White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Missions Conference  
February 24-26, 2012  
Featured Speaker-Ruth Conard**



**Missionaries and Organizations  
Supported by JJ White MPC  
Mission Conference**

Mexico--Jean and David Legters  
Belize--Helen Lacey  
Thailand--Mary Peterson  
Outreach Foundation, Living Waters for the  
World, CUPS, Rivers of the World,  
Palmer Children's Home, Natchez Children's  
Home,  
French Camp Academy,  
Chamberlain-Hunt Academy,  
MICA, Fig Tree Ministries, Boys and Girls Club



# Music Notes

by Dr. Roger Nickerson

Music Director



JJ White Choir Cantata  
**A Tapestry of Light**  
Joseph M. Martin, composer

“*Tapestry of Light*” (A Celtic Christmas Celebration) is a joining of traditional carols, primarily from the British isles, with scripture reading and candle lighting.

Familiar Irish, Scottish, Welsh and English carols and hymns inspired this cantata. The work was created to celebrate the rich heritage of seasonal songs that is a part of this great world-wide celebration of Advent and Christmas.

The music of Christmas is a treasure for both ear and the heart. Each winter it covers our lives with a hopeful blanket of sound and reminds us that in the silence of winter, there is song. Each tradition offers its own rich vocabulary of holiday carols joining together faith and art into a glorious fabric of melody and truth. From angelic acclamations to delicate lullabies, the message of God’s love leaps from the pages of our songbook and finds a home in the tender places of our heart.

Through the singing and sharing of this cantata, may the grace that inspired these time-honored tunes surround and inspire you. As you light the candles and raise your voices, may the joy and peace of Christ fill you and shine through you. May the Father of all lights gather us all to His heart and weaves us into the wonderful tapestry of light.

Springing from the rich heritage of “Celtic” Christmas music comes a cantata overflowing with hope and light. From seasonal songs that lift the spirits to quiet carols of reflection and peace, this work is filled with music of grace. Incorporating scripture readings, the lighting of candles, and expressive vocal writing, this choral tapestry richly tells the Christmas story using familiar carols and folk songs.

Please invite a friend, relative, neighbor,  
to join you on  
**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>,**  
**at the 10:30 AM worship service**  
for this glorious Christmas gift.  
“**The Tapestry of Light**” cantata  
will be one of the most beautiful gifts  
you can share  
during the 2011 holiday season.



# Have a JJ White Christmas...



We may not have snow this December, but you can have a JJ White Christmas anyway.

Celebrate the birth of our Savior by participating in as many of these joyous events as you can.

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| Sunday, December 4     | Hanging of the Green during Morning Service  |
| Saturday, December 10  | Children's Advent Workshop 9:30 AM- noon<br>Flo Boyd's Children's Party at Ms Flo's (noon) |
| Sunday, December 11    | Joy Gift Offering  |
| Tuesday, December 13   | Women's Gathering at home of Loreice Naklie<br>6:30 PM                                     |
| Wednesday, December 14 | Children's Program (5:30 PM) in the sanctuary<br>followed by supper                        |
| Sunday, December 18    | Christmas Cantata during Morning Service<br>Christmas Caroling 5:00 PM                     |
| Saturday, December 24  | Christmas Eve Candlelight Services<br>(6:00 PM and 11:15 PM)                               |
| Sunday, December 25    | Christmas Day (Worship 10:30 AM<br>no Sunday School)                                       |





## Ms. Bess Remembers...



### **The Time I Sang a Solo Part at J.J. White**

Our Christmas season is soon approaching. Our choir members will be practicing weekly for a program of sacred music. I think back to the music program when we came in 1948. It was great then, too.

Mrs. J.J. White was organist and director. She could sit on that bench with mirrors so placed that we could see her motions, usually with her left hand. She really moved, almost jiggled, on the seat, busy all the time. There were strong, good voices in all sections. I could name them, but you would not identify with anyone, except Robbie DeCoux and Norma Ann Williams' great aunt Annie Boggan and me—not a key singer, by any means. Sue White's deceased husband Bubba's great grandmother was the organist.

We practiced. Special parts went to solo singers, and there were five or six. There were more carols, too. On one how surprised I was when Mrs. White said, "Bess, you sing the third verse." I did not know what to say but guess I nodded my head.

There is more to the story. There was a dear couple, Mr. and Mrs. Pfrangle, faithful beyond compare, there every time the doors opened. She helped him get seated for he was blind. After Sunday's service he asked his wife, "Who sang the solo part of 'Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem?' It was so pretty."

She told me. I have remembered this compliment of my solo performance all these years. Every time I hear those words, I have a feeling of love and worship and can hear my voice coming from the choir of J. J. White.

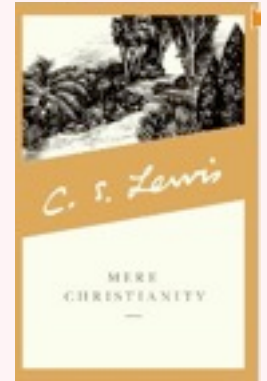
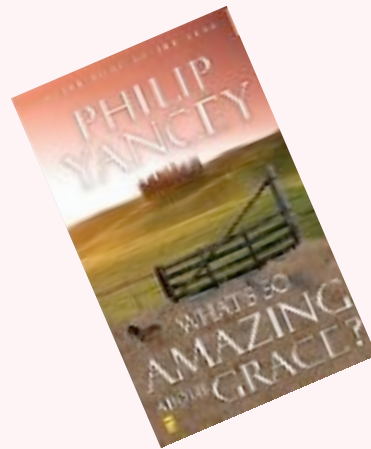
# Church Chatter...

## New Adult Studies

Adult Sunday School classes at JJ White are each beginning new studies by two great authors.

The Seekers Class will read and discuss Philip Yancey's book What's So Amazing about Grace? and the Covenant Life class will study Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. Both books are sure to spark interesting discussion as the class members encounter new ideas and perspectives presented in the materials. Join the class of your choice by just

walking in on Sunday morning at about 9:30. All are welcome to attend and join these friendly classes.



## It's time to reserve a poinsettia to honor someone who is special to you

or in memory of someone you hold dear. Poinsettias may be purchased for **\$10.00** each by **December 13**. They will be displayed in the sanctuary on December 18 through December 25 and may be picked up by you or your honoree after the morning service on the 25th. Those who reserve poinsettias by December 13, and their recipients, will be listed in the bulletin for the worship services of the 18th and 25th. (If you prefer, you may donate to the church building fund or ministry of your choice for this purpose instead of reserving a poinsettia.)

Watch for a form for this in the church bulletins. You may place the form with your donation in the offering plate or mail/turn in the form to the church office.



## \* Attention Parents:

Would you like a few hours to do Christmas errands or maybe just have a quiet time? Well, here is your chance--bring your kids, ages 3-12 to the **Children's Advent Workshop** on Saturday, December 10, at 9:30 AM to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall at JJ White MPC. The children will make surprise gifts for their families and have fun, and you can have a little time as well.



## **An Invitation**

**Who:** all Jj White MPC women

**What:** a Christmas gathering

**Where:** the home of Loreice Naklie

**When:** Tues., December 13, 6:30 PM

Come and enjoy Loreice's excellent hospitality. There will be a special devotional followed by delicious food from her kitchen!



**Attention Kids,**  
Practice the songs for your Christmas program using the CD and words Dr. Nickerson gave you. Be sure to come for practices on Wednesdays--November 30 and December 7 during Wednesday Night Fellowship. Your performance will be on Wednesday night, December 14, at 5:30 in the sanctuary. Supper will follow.



# Happy Birthday to...

## DECEMBER

- 2 (Deborah Lee)
- 6 Delores Feldman
- 7 Carol Rawlings
- 8 Colin Catchings
- 9 Tommy Walman
- 10 J. W. Burt
- 14 Sharon Burke  
Carol Wood
- 16 Eleanor White
- 17 Chip Gibbes
- 25 Billie Nance
- 27 Hunter Nance
- 28 Jacob Ray



## JANUARY

- 1 Chetta Hitt (1917) - #95  
Betty Lee (1923) - #89
- 2 Nancy McElwee
- 7 Joan McDaniel (1929)
- 9 Lily Warshauer
- 10 Toni James
- 15 Mark Statham
- 17 Tommy Morgan
- 18 Louise Andrews
- 23 Ralph Brock  
Jamie Hart
- 25 Tommy Ratcliff
- 30 Bill Jones
- 31 Henry Gibbes IV  
Roger Nickerson

# December Schedules and Lists

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Susan White

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 4 Lee Williams
- 11 Sara Beth Williams
- 18 Libby Simo
- 25 Susan White



## FLOWERS

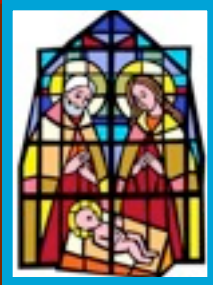
- 4 Betty Ott
- 11 Vicki and Rusty Brill
- 18 Poinsettias
- 25 Poinsettias

## MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

- 7 Phil Terrell, Kennon Singley
- 14 Carl Lazenby, Whit Whittington, Dale Perdeye
- 21 Steve Blue, Tom Dupree, David Kimble
- 28 Jacob Ray, Renan Richmond, Whit Grace

## USHERS/GREETERS

- Tommy Ratcliff, Captain
- Robbie DeCoux
- John Drummond
- Stacey Moak
- Johnny Nance
- Mark Statham



# December 2011

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	1		1 Knutty Knitters 7:00	2	3
4 9:00 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30:Worship & <b>Hanging of the Green</b> 5:30 Vespers	5	6 Knitting 1:00	7 7:15 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 Wed. Night Fellowship (all ages)	8 Knutty Knitters 7:00	9	10 Children's Advent Workshop 9:30-12:00 ----- Flo Boyd's Children's Party
11 9:00 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30:Worship & Joy Gift Offering 5:30 vespers <b>6:00 Session</b>	12 Tomorrow is the last day to reserve a poinsettia.	13 Knitting 1:00 Women's Christmas Gathering 6:30 Home of Loreice Naklie	14 7:15 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 Children's Christmas Program followed by supper	15 Knutty Knitters 7:00	16	17
18 9:00 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30:Worship; <b>Choir Cantata</b> 5:00 Caroling	19 Nursing Home Visitation 3:00 pm	20 Knitting 1:00	21 7:15 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 Wed. Night Fellowship (all ages)	22 Knutty Knitters 7:00	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services</b> <b>6:00 PM and 11:15 PM</b>
<b>25 Christmas Day</b> MICA 9:00 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30:Worship	26	27 Knitting 1:00	28 7:15 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 Wed. Night Fellowship (all ages)	29 Knutty Knitters 7:00	30	31