

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE: 12/16/07
 BIBLE CLASS: 187
 WORSHIP AM: 226
 WORSHIP PM: 174
 CONTRIBUTION: \$8,635.10

 Count Contribution for December
 Lewis Mobley, Bob Battles, Ray Bearden
 We will not have Visitation Team meetings
 for December. Worksheets will continue to be
 available on the table in the foyer.

Adamsville Church of Christ
 4207 Veterans Memorial Dr.
 Adamsville, AL 35005
 Return Service Requested



Please worship with us at the following times:

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Worship 5:00 PM

TUESDAY (September-May)

Bible Class 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class 7:00 PM

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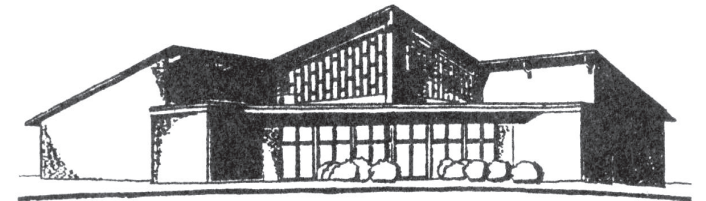
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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
 NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING**

*Please join us for Worship services on December 30th.
 Winford Claiborne will be our guest speaker.*

Sing His Praises!



*On Monday night New Year's Eve, our Annual
 New Year's Eve Singing will start at 8:00 PM.
 We will sing and after taking a break for re-
 freshments,*

THEN SING IN THE NEW YEAR!!

Winford Claiborne will MC.

*Adamsville Church of Christ
 Come early and stay as late as you can!!*



A DOUBLE BLESSING

Surely everyone appreciates a win-win situation.

If your dog gives birth to puppies that you do not have room for, and my family is looking for a dog, it is easy to see how both of us can benefit. We love these types of situations. Oftentimes, even though you have given something away, you still receive a benefit and the recipient does too. We might call this a double blessing.

When Paul was working with the church in Ephesus, he reminded them that they must “help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35). Those words are so powerful and immortal; they are quoted by many who don’t even realize their source. Jesus’ teaching reveals this double blessing by showing that when we give a blessing to others, we actually receive a blessing as well.

As we mature in life, we tend to enjoy giving gifts as much as getting them. It is so gratifying to know that you have made someone happy by sharing something with them that brightened their day. Some of the happiest people I know are the most generous. A man named Joseph was nicknamed “Son of Encouragement” by the apostles because he was such an encouraging person. Luke records that on one occasion he sold a tract of land he had owned and laid it at the apostles’ feet (Acts 4:36). No one has given more than Jesus our Lord, and He has joy that He said can be made full in us (John 15:11).

However, we will not receive that joy if we are seeking to exalt ourselves before men. In Jesus’ day there were some that were guilty of practicing their “righteousness before men to be noticed by them” (Matthew 6:1). They would make sure that everyone saw how much they gave so that they would be honored by men. The Lord warned them that they would not receive a reward from the heavenly Father because they had already received their reward in full (v. 2).

Jesus promises great rewards to sincere and generous people: “...do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men...Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap” (Luke 6:35, 38). It is important to notice that when we give we are behaving more like God, who is referred to as “the Father of lights” Who is the Giver of “every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift” (James 1:17). Perhaps that is why “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Our greatest blessings are heaped up when we give to those who do not have the ability to repay us. Once, Jesus was invited to have a Sabbath meal in the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees. He taught those who were present that it is best to invite the poor, crippled, and blind to dinner. Those were the types of people who would never be able to repay them for their kindness. But why would we want to give to those without the means to repay us? Jesus answered this question by stating, “...you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous” (Luke 14:14).

Let’s take advantage of the opportunities we have to give so that we can be a part of this double blessing.

—Ashley Kizer

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(Acts 20:35).

PRAYER LIST

Sick

Kyle Gilbert will have knee surgery on Thursday.
Brenda Pridmore (Sandra Burford’s cousin) has been transferred to Lakeshore.
Buddy Tubbs is in ICU at Walker Baptist. He required further surgery on Monday.

Please continue to pray for...
David Burford, Jean Cicero, Gwen Johnson,
Sara Morgan, Janice Parsons

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and family of **L. Durrell Higdon**. He is the brother in law of C.A.Prater. Mr. Higdon passed away on Friday.

Remember Our Shut In

Gertrude Blackwell- room 118 - Self Nursing Home, 131room 321-Gardendale Nursing Home, 420 Dean Drive Gardendale, AL 35071. **Ruby Glidewell** 120 Windsor Circle N., Graysville, AL 35073. **Vurvel Jones** c/o Camilla Newbill @ 1622 Stone Hedge Dr. W. Mobile, AL 36695. **Jewell Martin**-Rm 12 A at Birmingham Nursing & Rehab, 1000 Dugan Ave., Birmingham, AL 35214. **Ruth Parsons**-5300 Hazelwood Rd., Adamsville, AL 35005. **Annette Roddy**-1035 Cherry Ave. Adamsville, AL 35005. **Ginger Shadix**- room 213 - Gardendale Nursing Home, 420 Dean Dr. Gardendale, AL 35071. **Bernice Snow** - Adams House 5017 King Dr., Adamsville, AL 35005 **Beatrice Truett**- C/O Jackie Franklin, 8307 9th S. Birmingham, AL 35206

Pray For Our Troops

Ron Hudson & Mark Davis
Stentsen Ellenburg is scheduled to go in January

Devo

Remember the **Linn Park Devo** on Thursday night, December 27th. Please come to give encouragement and teach God’s Word. We need finger foods and snacks.

THANKS

WE would like to say “Thank You” for our Christmas bonus. It’s a joy working for such a wonderful Christian Family.
In Christian Love, The Gilbert’s,
Jamie, Kim, Lauren, Magan and Kyle

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 23 --- Deliver boarding home gifts
Dec. 30 --- Guest Speaker: **Winford Claiborne**
Dec. 31 --- New Year’s Eve Singing with MC--**Winford Claiborne**

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Jan. 4-5 --- Youth Rally @ 9th Ave. Haleyville
Jan. 13 --- Christian Education Sunday **Sam Long** guest speaker from Faulkner University
Mar. 21-23 --- Lads/Leaders meet in Nashville
June 1 --- Homecoming
June 1-4 --- Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **John Daniel**
June 22-25 --- Vacation Bible School
July 18-19 --- Youth Rally
Oct. 12-15 --- Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **Larry Acuff**
Oct. 18 --- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill
Nov. 20 --- Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 31 --- New Year’s Eve Singing

Boarding Home Gifts

If you would like to help with the Boarding Home gifts please see Tracie Sanford. We will deliver the packages on December 23rd after the morning service. Please bring the gifts wrapped with the name tagged. Please leave them in the Library.

Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In Memory of
Hattie Chapman
by Eulan & Robbie McCaleb
In Memory of
Myrlee Terry and Howard & Irene Cicero
In honor of Glenn Terry
by Jean Cicero

Holiday Office Schedule

The offices will be closed Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, and Tuesday, January 1st for the Holidays. If a need should arise, please don’t hesitate to call a minister, elder or deacon.

