
The Bellringer

January 2010

Raymore Presbyterian Church



Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Tired Hands and a Heisman Candidate

Recently I saw a photo of a well known college quarterback on the news with a scripture reference on the black lines under his eyes. Apparently the idea behind these lines is to reduce glare and make it easier to see the ball. It turns out that they also make a nice billboard where different types of messages can be displayed. I thought the scripture reference that I saw was Heb 12:12 and it confused me in a big way. I walked around for several days trying to understand what the message was that he was trying to get across. Was he praising God for being able to play well with some type of disability or is he blaming God for not being a better athlete. Needless to say the message was confusing and I started wondering if he made a mistake by putting this scripture on his face for the world to see. Finally I gave up trying to understand his "message" and was thinking to myself that it might be better if certain "Christian" athletes don't try to promote their faith through obscure messages.

Then I saw a photo of him in the Sunday newspaper and suddenly I could see that the scripture reference was Heb 12:1-2. Suddenly his testimony made sense and I realized how easy it is for a Christian to send out a confusing message to the world that is always ready to judge. I was fortunate enough to have a second chance at taking in his message. Most of the people we deal with everyday only give us one chance as a Christian to make an impression and get our message across. It is up to us to make sure that there are no confusion, no mixed messages in what we say and do in real life.

Submitted by Monty Bredenhand

Prayer Requests

"Amanda" (acquaintance of Jenni Kremer's)-cancer
Joann Andruss (Theresa Boswell's Mother)-trying to cope with possibility of losing her mother (**Theresa's Grandma Hazel**)-due to failing health
Georgia Archer (Steve's Mom)-failing health
Daren Archer - recovery from shoulder surgery
Debbie Barber's cousin Linda's husband - recovery from broken wrist
Theresa Boswell - unemployment
Caroline & Barry Allen- employment, health
Bill Culver(Pete's brother)- recovery from surgery
Mary Anne Davis - health concerns
Jennifer Dietrich(Pam Robinson's daughter-in-law)- healthy pregnancy
Dave Fraker(friend of Combs')- Chemo & recovery from lung tumor
Betty Fulte's daughter, Tammy -dialysis
Grant Harrison (Sharon Davies' son)-hip replacement surgery recovery
Etha Haverly - Foxwood Springs -Atrium, Room 811
Tim Jacobsen(Debbie Barber's son-in-law)-being deployed to Iraq again soon
Kara Kopetsky & Family- missing Belton teen
Karen (Phil Rice's brother-in-law's sister)-ALS
Judi Korneman - recovery from fall and surgery
Darlene Mauss - health concerns
McIntyre Family (friends of Culver's)-daughter Tina has cancer -hospice called in
Debelou Mears(friend of Robinsons)-Multiple myeloma-failing health & Alzheimer's
Gloria Neunschwander(Daren Archer's Mom)- Long term care
Cindy Ordway (Vinkemulder's pastor) - aggressive cancer prognosis-less than year to live
Sabrina Osborn- sleep disorders - testing
Paddock's grandson, William - enlisted in National Guard / boot camp
Denny Pulliam (friend of Peters)-continued recovery
Norman & Joyce Riebel(former RPC members)- Joyce has lung cancer -Norman is caretaker
Mildred Smith (Angie Hardison's grandma)-health concerns
Scott Theobald (friend of Robinsons) - multiple myeloma
Joseph Walker & Family-Joseph is a 3yr old diagnosed with cancer
Mrs. Weddle - severe stomach pain
Anna West -homebound
Our Nation & Leaders, Youth, Military Personnel & Families
Many unemployed people in the area & for ones losing jobs
Safe travels for all who travel for the holidays

We will start up the Family of the Month article again next month.

"2010" Session Members

Dave Kremer - Lay Pastor
Steve Archer - Clerk of Session
Monty Bredenhand - Christian Ed
Mike Hardison - Treasurer / Finance
Judi Korneman - Missions & Worship
Jeb Newman - Buildings & Grounds
Barbara Paddock - Nurture
Phil Rice - Finance
Danny Barnes- "TBD"

Congregational Attendance

November 29	39
December 6	34
December 13	36
December 20	37



God's Creation Calendars~

If you placed an order for calendars, please feel free to pick them up. They are located on the back counter at church. When you pick them up, please mark whether or not they have been paid for or not so we can keep track. Thanks!

The New Year

The year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said.

The memory alone remains
Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains.
And now with purpose, full and clear,

We turn to meet another year!

-Robert Browning



~Nurture News~

(submitted by Barbara Paddock)

Christmas Potluck Review:

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas Potluck. It was a good time and as usual we had more than enough great food!

⇒ Looking Ahead!

The "Annual" Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2010 after church services. Members please plan to attend!

Special Thanks!

A special "Thank You" to those who signed up for the volunteer positions of service. If you signed up and did not receive an assignment schedule for the year, please contact Angie for a copy!



Remember to check us out on the web!
www.RaymorePresbyterian.com . It is a work in progress but we are getting there!

Newsletter Deadline

Thank you to all who submit articles /info for the newsletter. Thanks to the elders for getting me the information in a timely fashion. It is really appreciated. The last day to submit articles and info for the February Bellringer will be Friday, January 22. Please leave in my mailbox or email to: miknangh@yahoo.com
Thank you,
Angie

The Epiphany Story

Epiphany is celebrated annually in Christian churches on January 6.



The word "epiphany" comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "showing forth". Its focus is on the legendary arrival of the Magi (three wise men) after the birth of Christ. They followed the light of a star to find the Light of the World. The three wise men were not Jews, but Gentiles, which shows that Christ came not only for Jews, but for all other people on Earth. Thus, all of us who are Gentile Christians are in the lineage of the Magi, the first Gentiles who came to Christ.

Preparation for the New Year~

O God, as we prepare for the New Year ahead, enable us to be truly *new* within ourselves. May we begin this year with a forgiven heart and a new understanding of what You desire for us. In Christ's name, Amen.

Christmas Club Success!!!!

WOW! What a successful year we had with the Christmas Club Basket Fundraiser! This church collected over \$1100.00 which enabled us to adopt 2 local families. Both families were single moms with teenage daughters! What joy it was to be able to provide gifts and needs to them. Thank you ALL so much for your generosity. Thanks to the "shoppers" and "wrappers" as well! We will be starting the collection up again this coming spring, so be thinking about holding on to that spare change. As you can see it adds up!

JANUARY 2010

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

3	4	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord Bible Study 7pm	7	8 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010!	9 2
10 Baptism of the Lord	11	12	13 Bible Study 7pm	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday observed	19	20 Lunch Bunch 1130 @ Bob Evans Session Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22 Bellringer Deadline	23
24 Communion 31	25	26	27 Bible Study 7pm	28	29	30

