



HUNTSVILLE HERALD

PASTOR'S PEN - BY RON HYMER

As we begin a new year I want to share the following article with you. I read it at the conclusion of the sermon last Sunday. It is written by Rick Warren and was read at the 25th anniversary of the Saddleback Church. 30,000 members read this declaration in unison. It will take this kind of commitment to reach our world for Christ. I trust it will be a blessing and a challenge to your heart.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Bro. Ron Hymer

The Angel Stadium Declaration

Today I am stepping across the line. I'm tired of waffling, and I'm finished with wavering. I've made my choice; the verdict is in; and my decision is irrevocable. I'm going God's way. There's no turning back now!

I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes with God's people on God's planet for God's glory. I will use my life to celebrate his presence, cultivate his character, participate in his family, demonstrate his love, and communicate his Word.

Since my past has been forgiven, and I have a purpose for living and a home awaiting in heaven, I refuse to waste any more time or energy on shallow living, petty thinking, trivial talking, thoughtless doing, useless regretting, hurtful resenting, or faithless worrying. Instead I will magnify God, grow to maturity, serve in ministry, and fulfill my mission in the membership of his family.

Because this life is preparation for the next, I will value worship over wealth, "we" over "me," character over comfort, service over status, and people over possessions, position, and pleasures. I know what matters most and I'll give it all I've got. I'll do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today.

I won't be captivated by culture, manipulated by critics, motivated by praise, frustrated by problems, debilitated by temptation, or intimidated by the devil. I'll keep running my race with my eyes on the goal, not the sidelines or those running by me. When times get tough and I get tired, I won't back up, back off, back

down, back out, or backslide. I'll just keep moving forward by God's grace. I'm Spirit-led, purpose-driven, and mission-focused, so I cannot be bought, I will not be compromised, and I shall not quit until I finish the race.

I'm a trophy of God's amazing grace so I will be gracious to everyone, grateful for every day, and generous with everything that God entrusts to me.

To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say: However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is yes! Wherever you lead and whatever the cost, I'm ready. Anytime. Anywhere. Any way. Whatever it takes Lord; whatever it takes! I want to be used by you in such a way that on that final day I'll hear you say, "Well done, thou good and faithful one. Come on in, and let the eternal party begin!"

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WE WILL MISS LES & DEBBIE GREEN !!!!!

As you may have all heard, Les and Debbie Green will be moving to Mount Vernon, Missouri, where Les will be heading up a ranch. We pray that God will continue to bless Les in his Cowboy Church Ministry. Les and Debbie have given so much of their time to minister in so many areas here at Huntsville First Baptist and they will be greatly missed. Please be praying for them during their move and as they set up a new home in Mount Vernon. January 20 will be their last service with us, and Les will bring the message for the Evening Worship Service. An event is being planned, so watch the upcoming bulletin for more details.

WMU CORNER-BY DORA MAY CRAVEN

Happy New Year!!!!

(Nancy Russell, IMB Missionary to Moldova wrote the following article in our December issue of Missions Mosaic) Her article is as follows:

Thank You for Praying

I am an International Mission Board Missionary to Moldova. I was one of your "Missionary of the Week" and didn't even know it until my father-in-law called to tell us there was a "special" person in their Missions Magazine. I had no idea what was to come.

Hundreds of cards were sent to me from WMU groups around the U.S. The cards had personal notes and names of those who prayed for me on my birthday.

I have read every one of these cards—several times. In fact, I have wept over so many of them. You can tell that these women have a passion for Missionaries. It blesses my heart to know we have so much support.

The cards and prayers came at a very important time for our family. We were in the midst of transition. Our oldest child went off to college, more than 8,000 miles

away from us. Our two younger children were struggling with home schooling and life in Moldova (after 7 years on the field). You know a mother's heart struggles and hurts when her children struggle and hurt. Also our ministry needs all of the help we can get.

"Thank You, Southern Baptists. Not just for the cards, but for the fact that we know you are there and you faithfully pray for us. This knowledge keeps us going on the bad days, as well as the good. You are a vital part of our ministry whether you realize it or not."

Nancy Russell

On December 2nd our Mission Fest (Study) on Moldova included the work of Nancy Russell and her family and her name was on our payer list here at FBC.

Praise God we again, have exceeded our International Lottie Moon Mission Offering goal of \$4500. To date we have \$4714.43. If you haven't given yet, your financial support will go to support our Missionaries all over the

world and there are many unmet needs. Continue to pray daily for our Missionaries.

Mission Project

January is 'Soup-er Bowl Month'. We will be collecting canned soup and peanut butter for the Christos Center in Moberly. The Associational Mission Project is toilet tissue, facial tissue, and paper towels. Please help with any or all of these items during January. The grocery cart will be out in the Fellowship Sunday School Classroom.

Remember: The Mission field is just outside our back doors and many here do not know Jesus.

Blessing to All for 2008!

Christmas was made merry by many of you who contributed for Little Belcher at Coyote Hill. Seventy-two dollars for a gift certificate to the Mall, a Bike helmet, St. Louis Cardinal Towel and Christian comic books were delivered to Columbia for Little.

Address for Little:

*Little Belcher
9501 Coyote Hill Road
Harrisburg, MO 65256*

YOUTH - - - -WHAT'S UP?????

The year 2008 is going to be awesome and I am extremely excited about what God has in store for FBCH. The youth ministry is getting ready to kick off some new activities, new programs, and a new vision. We are excited about getting to minister to the youth of Huntsville! We want you to encourage your children, grandchildren and friends to come check out "Construction"!!!

"Construction" is our new mid-week program; Junior High is on Tuesday and High School is on Wednesday with times 6:30-8:00 for each night.

We are also going to some different events. In the next two months there will be a concert at Carpenter Street Baptist Church on January 27th and then 'Acquire the Fire' which is February 29th through March 1st. These two events are going to be a good time to get to know the other youth and be given the chance to grow closer to Christ. This year is going to bring some amazing chances to learn more about Christ. I appreciate all your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for the youth, so that they can draw nearer to the Lord. - **by Jeremy Jobson**
Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

~ January Calendar of Events ~

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| 1 | New Years Day—Office Closed | |
| 2 | Adult Bible Study (Business Meeting next week) | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Youth Group Bible Study & Praise | 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| 3 | Upward Basketball Practice | 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| 5 | Upward Basketball Games | 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| 6 | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Morning Worship Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Crossroads Baptist Assoc. Inaugural Dinner | 5:00 p.m. |
| | No Evening Worship Service here | |
| 8 | Junior High "Construction" | 6:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Monthly Business Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| | High School "Construction" | 6:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Upward Basketball Practice | 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Upward Basketball Games | 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| 13 | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Morning Worship Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Church Council Meeting | 5:00 p.m. |
| | Evening Worship Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| 15 | Junior High "Construction" | 6:30 p.m. |
| 16 | TeamKID Banquet | 6:00 p.m. |
| 17 | Upward Basketball Practice | 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Upward Basketball Games | 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| 20 | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Morning Worship Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Evening Worship Service with Les Green | 6:30 p.m. |
| 22 | Junior High "Construction" | 6:30 p.m. |
| 23 | TeamKID Program | 6:00-7:30 p.m. |
| | Adult Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. |
| | High School "Construction" | 6:30 p.m. |
| 24 | Upward Basketball Practice | 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| 26 | Upward Basketball Games | 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| 27 | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Morning Worship Service | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Evening Worship Service | 6:30 p.m. |
| 29 | Junior High "Construction" | 6:30 p.m. |
| 30 | TeamKID Program | 6:00-7:30 p.m. |
| | Adult Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. |
| | High School "Construction" | 6:30 p.m. |
| 31 | Upward Basketball Practice | 6:30-7:30 p.m. |

IMPORTANT MEETING.....

Church Council Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 13 at 5:00 p.m.
This will be to set up some events for
the new year. Please plan to attend.

Praise God!!!

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
exceeded our goal of \$4500 and is
currently at \$4714.43

~ January Birthday's ~

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| 2 | Kathy Long |
| 4 | Derrick Berry, Jonathan Quarles |
| 5 | George Long, Mike Smith |
| 6 | Karen Marshall & Sallie Red |
| 7 | Tony Winkler & Jeremy Trustee |
| 8 | Lois Lyon & Presley Phillips |
| 10 | Judy Oliver |
| 15 | Ruth Case |
| 16 | Katie Winkler |
| 17 | John Bagby & Scott Winkler |
| 20 | Linda Berry & Roger Johnson |
| 22 | Dave Rentschler |
| 23 | Adalynn Holloway |
| 24 | Vallie JoLea Schermerhorn |
| 26 | Lindsey Fifer |
| 27 | Viola Cross |
| 28 | Susan Greenfield |
| 29 | Nick Kertz |
| 30 | David Oliver |
| 31 | Cole Webster |

~ January Anniversary's ~

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| 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kertz |
| 2 | Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Enyeart |
| 5 | Mr. & Mrs. Al Barger |
| 11 | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lyon |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Don Marshall |
| 21 | Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lippelman |
| 25 | Mr. & Mrs. Gayle Wilson |
| 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Jay Lunsford |

Upward Basketball

Practices each Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Games each Saturday-9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Phil Berry, Upward Basketball Coordinator,
 encourages everyone to attend the games and
 support the children in this outstanding Ministry.

Bro. Ron Hymer, Pastor

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*We apologize for the delay
in the newsletter, which
was due to the holidays.*

*May God Bless you in
2008 and always!*

"CONSTRUCTION"

Youth Group has taken on a new name as they will be focusing on a bible study called
"Construction"!

The youth group has been split into two separate groups: Junior High "Construction" which will meet on Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m. and High School "Construction" which will meet on Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m.

Watch for more upcoming events that the youth will be participating in.

Please pray for Jeremy & Tracy Jobson and the others that assist with Youth. If you would like to volunteer, please see Jeremy!

TeamKID Recognition Night & Spring Session

The TeamKID Recognition Night will be held along with the TeamKID "Kick-off" Night for the Spring Session. This will be on Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Trask Hall.

The following classes are asked to please provide the listed items for the meal:

Fellowship Class	-----	Sandwiches
Mary Martha Class	-----	Cookies
Joyce's Class	-----	Cookies
Christian Homemakers Class	----	Cookies
Jill's Class	-----	Vegetables & Fruit Tray's

If you have any questions, please contact
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