

JANUARY RESPONSIBILITIES

Lay Reader Infant Nursery SS Worship Children Worship Preschool School Age Children's Hour Flowers Cupcakes	4th M. Winfrey	11th R. Walker
	F. Ray & L. Allred A. Stewart & E. Beeson	R. Walker & M. Verdinek J. Williamson & N. Lemons
Lay Reader Infant Nursery SS Worship Children Worship Preschool School Age Children's Hour Flowers Cupcakes	18th T. Elder	25th L. Baker
	K. Swaim & S. Denny J. & T. Cox	L. Hansel & L. Winfrey M. & P. Stone
	K. Middleton & E. Couch S. & D. Pappalardo J. Estep Open	T. & S. Elder J. Estep & S. Moore Pastor Open

Acolytes: Rachel Kiger, Kelby Lemons, Matthew Love, Tanner Moore, William Swink

Safe Sanctuary Monitoring: Celebration Class

Wild Cards: Myra Hunter

Luke's Group: Gary Thomas

Ushers: Max Baker captain, Jeff Kiser, Ray Chandler, Mike Stone, Bill Estep, Jerry Williamson, Eric Couch, Britt Patterson, Eddie Andrews

Bereavement: Ivah Harris chair, Shirley Moorefield, Sharon Gentry, Lori Redmond, Pat Stone, Diane Tuttle, Barbara Ziglar

Record of Faithfulness				
November Attendance:				
<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>
148	164	374	165	140
	<u>Giving</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
November	\$27,504		\$24,670	
Year-To-Date	\$227,834		\$293,108	

Crisis Control Gift for January
Applesauce
Samaritan Ministries Gift for January
Pasta; Deodorant
Please place items on the table downstairs.

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Happy New Year



The Messenger

January, 2009

Return Services Requested

PlaySchool Corner

The year is going by fast. Everyone is excited about Christmas vacation. The children's Christmas programs were a hit. The parties were lots of fun too.

We appreciate being a part of Kingswood and look forward to the new year.

Until next time,

LuAnn

Youth News

The youth have had a very busy month. We enjoyed our progressive dinner and would like to thank the following families for opening up their homes and feeding us: Kent & Ginger Swaim, Mark & Missy Moore, Jerry & Lisa Williamson and Manly & LuAnn Winfrey. We look forward to a wonderful new year. We appreciate all of the support that Kingswood gives us.

In Christ,

LuAnn

Kingswood Family News

We welcome Doris Tuttle who joined by letter of transfer on December 14. Her address is 2000 Walker Road, Winston-Salem, 27106.

Congratulations to Evan Carpenter and Kathy Meyers who were married at Kingswood on October 25. Evan is the son of Bernie Carpenter and Sally Carpenter.

Congratulations to Danielle & Ike Winebarger upon the birth of their son, *Thomas Isaac Winebarger*.

Thanks to Billy Walker for overseeing the planting of pansies at the church entrance and pulling up the summer flowers.

2008 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-end tax statements will be mailed by January 15. Please review them carefully and contact the church office by January 23 with any questions.

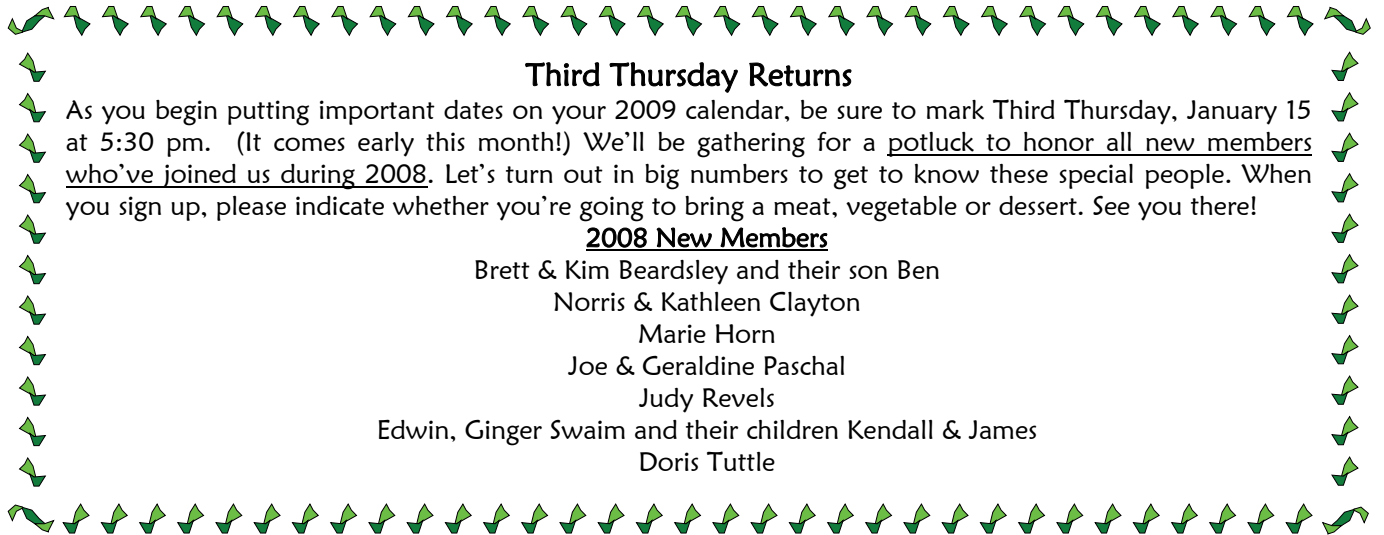
January Calendar

Sundays	9:45 am Sunday School weekly 11:00 am Worship weekly 6:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm Christian Believer Bible Study
Mondays	7:00 pm Boy/Cub Scouts
Tuesday, 6	11:30 am Senior Citizens 7:00 pm Church Council
Wednesdays	6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir
Monday, 12	7:00 pm UMW
Thursday, 15	5:30 pm Third Thursday
Sunday, 18	8:30 am UMM
Monday, 19	Office Closed MLK Birthday
Tuesday, 20	Messenger deadline
Tuesday, 27	10:00 am Circle Meeting



2009 Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the sanctuary, please sign up on the calendar in the office window or contact Ivah Harris, 969-5448.



Third Thursday Returns

As you begin putting important dates on your 2009 calendar, be sure to mark Third Thursday, January 15 at 5:30 pm. (It comes early this month!) We'll be gathering for a potluck to honor all new members who've joined us during 2008. Let's turn out in big numbers to get to know these special people. When you sign up, please indicate whether you're going to bring a meat, vegetable or dessert. See you there!

2008 New Members

- Brett & Kim Beardsley and their son Ben
- Norris & Kathleen Clayton
- Marie Horn
- Joe & Geraldine Paschal
- Judy Revels
- Edwin, Ginger Swaim and their children Kendall & James
- Doris Tuttle

How do you say thank you to your church family for everything they have done for you? We are at a loss for words to express our sincere thanks to all of you for the food, cards, phone calls, visits and your prayers. We would like to say a very special thanks to Brian Hansel, Eddy Andrews, John Warren, Dan Dougherty, Davis Thompson, and Wayne and Hilda Shelton for raking ALL those leaves that were in our yard and on our roof. We are certainly blessed to belong to Kingswood UMC and look forward to getting back with all of you soon.

*With our love and appreciation,
Bob & Mame Verdinek.*

2009 Giving Envelopes

If you have not picked up your envelopes, please do so and begin using them the first Sunday in January. **Please place your check in your envelope which has your account number on it.** Also, if you make a gift designated to more than once account, please write separate checks for each account. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Kingswood staff thanks you all for the kindness and generosity shown to us. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

Giving Tree Appreciation

A special thank you to all who helped with and donated to the Giving Tree. Without loving, caring people like you all of this would not have been possible.

January Birthdays

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| 3 Anne Cullip | 6 Erik Haupt | 13 Robin Walker | 22 Jeff Baker |
| 3 Eric Couch | 6 Evan Haupt | 14 Eddy Andrews | 23 Kenny Redmond |
| 4 Fred White | 8 Kemp Kiger | 17 Laura Pardue | 23 Dan Dougherty |
| 5 Lori Redmond | 9 Lois Hoots | 19 Sarah Southern | 24 Trudy Cox |
| 5 Maegan Williamson | 10 Mark Moore | 20 Natalie Lemons | 24 Chandra Bonardi |
| 6 Don Moore | 10 Anna Southern | 20 Jennifer Jobe | 27 Jo Hunter |
| 7 Janelle Pruitt | 12 Toni Cromwell | 20 Jonathan Schlotfeldt | 30 Carol Whitaker |
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we begin this new year, let's take a moment and celebrate. We were able to pay our District and Conference obligations 100% this year. We helped families at Mineral Springs during the Christmas season. We helped an orphanage in China, children all over the world with Shoe Box Christmas. Our Play-School had a special Sunday in Nov. and we set a record attendance for 2008. We have received 32 members over the past two years. We did a membership Audit and now know our membership count is correct. We started sending all of our members the monthly newsletter, a first. We held a property development vote and a family life center received the most votes. We started our Terrific Thursday programs and they were well attended. Our Youth attended "Choose 2 Share Christ" and "Spiritus." Some of our Youth have started a liturgical dance group which continues to make plans for worship experiences. We held special services in August, Blessings of the Animals, Renewal worship times have been a blessing. These are just a few of the many ministries that Kingswood UMC offers. Take time to say a special prayer for our church. We hope your life has been touched by Kingswood this past year.

We are going to start off the year by offering a new Bible Study: "Christian Believers." We will hold a Confirmation Class and continue our Terrific Thursday programs. God will surely bless us this coming year.

Let us take time to be alone before the Lord, seeking God's special assistance and gracious acceptance. Be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence. Claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength so you can keep your promise. Resolve to be faithful. You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord and you have dedicated yourself to God. These are from Wesley's Covenant Service. Let us renew our commitments to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. God will bless our lives, our homes and our Church.

His Servant,
Pastor Sid

Stewardship Moment

God has blessed us this past year at Kingswood. We have been able to meet our 2008 obligations to our Conference and District. We have given special offerings to Mineral Springs School, the Orphanage in China, Shoe Box ministries and many other missions. We have helped our youth attend Spiritus, Choose 2 Share Christ and many other events. Our Play School has averaged 104 students this past year. Our Church once again started a monthly Terrific Thursday Program. God has blessed us and we have passed on that blessing.

This coming year as we begin 2009 January will be our Stewardship Month. In December we set a new Budget which is 4% higher than last year. We will be using the Consecration Sunday format again this year. The last Sunday in January will be time of dedication and consecration.

Rev. Bill Wyman our Western North Carolina Conference Treasurer will be preaching on January 11, 2009. We will have a Renewal Service in January to kick off the new year. Please begin to pray now as we dedicate ourselves to our Missions and Ministry for 2009.

We highlight our upcoming events that change lives: Sunday School and Worship each week. We will begin a "Christian Believers" class in January. We will also begin a New Confirmation Class for our young people. Our Youth have several events planned. We will be having a New Members Welcome Terrific Thursday in January. Our Play School will be planning a worship time with us once again in the spring. We will have a spring Revival.

You will be asked to help in our efforts to bless our community, church and world through our gifts during the month of January. May God bless us as we begin this special time.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Elijah Dowell – Natalie Lemons' nephew
Bill Rosenbaum – Sharon Gentry's friend
Emily Winfrey – Manly Winfrey's mother

Julienne Ratcliff
Bob Verdinek
