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CONNECTING POINT

January 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers;

Well, Christmas is over. Did you receive what you were hoping for? Has it changed you into a better, happier person? Thank the Lord there is still one more gift to open. And I guarantee that if you receive and open this gift you will never be the same.

This gift is God's greatest Gift ever given. To whom does God offer His gift? To the brightest? No! To the most beautiful or handsome? No! To the most charming? No!

His gift is for all of us--beggars and bankers, clergy and clerks, judges and janitors. All people who will believe and receive. And God wants you to receive and open His gift so badly, He'll take us in any condition. "As Is" is written on the tag of our collars. He's not about to wait for us to reach perfection (He knows that we will never get there). Do you think He's waiting for us to overcome all temptation? Hardly. Is He waiting for us to master the Christian walk? Far from it. Remember, Christ died for us when we were still sinners. His sacrifice then, was not dependent on our performance.

He wants us now! And He'll do whatever it takes to bring His children home. But first you must receive and open His gift.

Christ's gift has no strings, no expectations, no hidden agendas, and no secrets. His love is up front and clear. "I love you," He says, "Even if you let Me down. I love you in spite of your failures."

The answer is simple and profound. He chose you to give you a gift because He wanted to. After all He created you. He wants you to live for all eternity in heaven with Him. He wants you to live every day on earth in His likeness!

What is this gift? A description is found in Romans 5:1-11. This gift is "peace with God." This gift is "grace and hope." This gift is "the love of God poured out within your heart by the Holy Spirit." This gift is "being brought into a right relationship with God." And this gift is "a daily deliverance from sin's dominion."

Open your heart to God through a prayer of faith in Jesus Christ. Open this Christmas gift that never disappoints, that never goes out of style, and that never gets over shadowed. Open your heart to Jesus and to His Holy Spirit.

Enjoy the Journey with Jesus,
 Wayne



In these difficult economic times, our church has helped families in our community and around the world through many outreach opportunities. Thanks to every who contributed to the following:

- **Operation Christmas Child** - we donated 142 boxes and \$241 to help with shipping. An extra thank you to Mary Lou Braswell and Melodie Strickland for all the work they put into coordinating this project.
- **Angel Tree** - we donated gifts to 25 area foster children through our Angel Tree. An extra thank you to Kay Coggins for the work she does in displaying, collecting, & distribution gifts from the Angel Tree.
- **ASP Thanksgiving Breakfast** - we served about 200 people on Thanksgiving morning. Thanks to all who helped cook and serve.
- **Food Bank** - All of our food donations are delivered to Faith Christian Ministries. We have received several thank you notes from them for our generosity. Please continue with your donations of food for this much needed outreach ministry.
- **Birthday Party for Jesus** - our children collected 51 gifts at the Birthday Party for Jesus. Gifts were distributed to Nash County Elementary School children in need.

Alpha Bible Study

Our Fall Alpha Bible study was a great success. Our Winter study will begin on January 20th! Join Pastor Wayne for a meal, videos and discussions on various biblical topics.

Laity Workshops

Church Laity Workshops will be held at Rosemary UMC in Roanoke Rapids on January 10th from 3:00 - 5:00. Watch for discussion topics in future bulletins.



DivorceCare, a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced, will begin a new session at NUMC on January 19 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. The DVD seminars feature some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics seen from a biblical perspective. Please contact Kathy Smallwood or the church office at 459-7178 for more information about DivorceCare.

Thanks to all the children that learned the 66 books of the Bible this past year. *Well Done!* This year we will be working on the 23rd Psalm for older children and the Lord's prayer for younger ones. King's & Covenant kids will start back on Jan. 10. See you then!
 Melodie

Cindy Pike will begin a new youth Bible Study **God Chasers** on January 13th. Be watching for additional information about this opportunity for our Youth to grow in their spiritual journey.



Brunswick Stew Sale

Get ready for delicious Brunswick stew! Pathfinders will soon be selling tickets for \$6 per quart. Stew will be ready for pick-up on Jan. 30th from 4 - 6 p.m. Watch for more information

If your child is not currently involved in a Sunday night ministry, please consider bringing them in the new year. We learn about Jesus and His love for us, while having lots of fun!!

The following programs are available:


- King's Kids - 4 and 5 year olds @ 6:00 (next mtg - 1/10)
- Covenant Kids - 1st - 5th Grades @ 6:00 (next mtg - 1/10)
- Youth PAC - Middle School @ 5:30 (next mtg - 1/3)
- Pathfinders - High School @ 5:30 (next mtg - 1/10)

Belarusian Ministry

Time has come to be in prayer about your participation in the Belarusian Ministry. The need is still great to provide the children of Belarus and chaperones an opportunity to come to Nashville and receive a reprieve from their everyday radioactive living conditions, medical/dental/vision evaluations and necessary treatment, a renewed hope for the future and most importantly - exposure to Jesus Christ and His love through our generosity.

For each child/chaperone hosted by a member of NUMC the church supports this ministry financially by providing for travel expense. The medical community supports this ministry by providing free evaluations and basic treatments. Community clothes closets provide needed summer attire for their time here and winter attire for their return home. The host family obligations required are an extra mouth to feed, making sure the child/chaperone gets to all medical appointments and weekly group bible studies and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Your child's/chaperone's exposure to entertainment can be as simple as a water sprinkler in the back yard or a trip to Disney World. Everything is new and fascinating to the children and chaperones.

If you feel led or would like more information on hosting a child/chaperone for six weeks, beginning approximately the first or second week of June please see Kevin or Denise Calloway. Deadlines for host family applications will be late February. Please continue to support this outreach as a host family, a day host friend, through financial gifts marked Belarusian Ministry and most importantly - prayer.




Due to the success of our Fall Festival, we are planning a Spring Fling on March 27th. Be watching for information about upcoming meetings and ways you can become involved in this wonderful outreach opportunity.



Special People will meet on January 19th at 12:00PM.

Guest Speaker, Dr. Doug Boyette, will give information on Hospice and Advanced Directives. Soup will be provided. Please bring a Sandwich and a friend.






We are in the process of compiling our 2010 flower calendar. A calendar with available Sundays is in the gathering area. Please feel free to write your name in any available Sunday. If you have questions, call the church office.

Attendance

Date	8:30	11:00	Totals
Nov. 29	233	123	356
Dec. 6	Combined	Service	418
Dec. 13	210	114	324
Dec. 20	209	114	323
Dec. 27	165	64	229
Average	204	104	330

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31		Coming February 7th: Be on the lookout for more information!			1 	2
3 No King's Kids, Covenant Kids, or Pathfinders Youth PAC will meet.	4 10:15 - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove 7:00pm - Trustees, Parlor	5	6 Puppet Team Resumes	7	8 Miller Wedding Rehearsal at 6:30 7:00 - TGIF	9 Miller Wedding
10 7:30am Men's B-fast Cockrell Hall 3:30 - ASP Mtg - Basement Workshops 3:00 -5:00 Rosemary UMC	11 2:00 - 4-H - Cockrell Hall 6:00 - Girl Scouts - Basement 7:00 - Finance-Chapel 7:00 - Extreme Connection Mtg - Basement	12 7:00 - Long Range Planning - Cockrell Hall	13 5:30 - Children's Choir - Choir Room God Chasers - Youth Bible Study	14	15	16
17 No King's/Cov. Due To MLK holiday	18 10:15 - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove	19 12:00 - Special People - Cockrell Divorce Care Resumes 7:00 - Extreme Connection Mtg - Basement	20 Alpha Resumes Fellowship Meals Resume	21 	22 6:00pm - 9:00pm Girl Scouts Cookie Rally - Cockrell & Braswell Halls	23 7:30am - 1:00pm Girl Scouts Cookie Rally - Cockrell & Braswell Halls
24	25 7:00 - Church Council - Parlor	26 7:00 - Extreme Connection Mtg - Basement	27 5:30 - Children's Choir - Choir Room	28	29	31

Recurring Church Activities

Scouting Schedule
Wolf Den
1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00pm - Cockrell Hall
Pack
2nd Tuesday 7:00pm - Cockrell Hall
Webloes!
1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday - 7:00pm - Cockrell Hall

Sunday
8:30am Worship Service (Contemporary)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service (Traditional)
5:30pm Pathfinders & Youth PAC
5:30pm Crown - Fellowship Class
6:00pm King's & Covenant Kids
Tuesday
7:00am Prayers with the Pastor
9:00am Men's Bible Study - B. Garage
7:00pm DivorceCare - Chapel

Wednesday
6:30am Pathfinders @ Bojangles
6:00pm Alpha - Men's Bible Class
6:30pm Youth Bible Study - Basement
6:30pm Puppet Team
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous
8:00pm Nar-Anon

Thursday
7:00pm Disciple II - Fellowship Class

Weekday School
9:00am - 12:00pm
Kidspace
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.