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ADVENTURERS SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Adventurers Sunday School Class meets in Young Hall across from the Abbey with Jim Woodward and Harold Braswell as teachers. The years of membership in the class varies from 48 years to 2 months. The class consists of couples and singles with a variety of ages. Once you are a member of this class you are always cared for and if you should move away, you are designated a missionary for the Adventurers.

Over the years, we have done a variety of studies, all Bible-based. Presently, we are studying Rueben P. Jobs "*Three Simple Questions*" which brings insight on how to live a Christ-like life. Regardless of the type of study, lively discussion is a part of the lesson with all members encouraged to give their input with no fear of disrespect.

Members of the class gave the following reasons that they enjoy attending the Adventurers class: The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly, you are made to feel welcome,

the feeling of a loving, caring fellowship among a community of friends who take care of each other is obvious.

The Adventurers class meets at 9:30 a.m. with the lesson beginning at 9:45 a.m. following the fifteen minute visiting and fellowship time.

The following class members invite you to visit and join the Adventurers class: Gloria & Jimmy Arthur, Karen & Ben Baker, Doris Beaty, Barbara & Harold Braswell, Lane Brown, Mary & Bill Cauthron, Fern & Jimmie Daniel, Dana Davenport, Jane & Jim Fant, Betty Forrest, Mary Margaret Gattis, Diann Ishmael, Sandy & Chuck Johnson, Melodee Kuykendall, Judy & Larry Loux, Ruth & Paul Moser, Joyce & Miles Shopfner, Wanda Srygley, and Jean & Jim Woodward. Please come give this class a try as we have good lessons which are enjoyable and educational and we will truly care about you. Last, but not least "there are no stairs to climb".



LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY

January 6
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 13
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
I Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 27
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Luke 4:14-21

HILLTOPPERS

Jan 14th
11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch

Jan. 9th
12:30 p.m.
Crafts/Bible Study

Jan 23rd
Crafts

Jan 28th
12 noon Potluck

Mission and Outreach Training

Saturday, Jan 19th
9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

“Goddard’s got mission on its mind.”

PRAYER LIST

Mary Allen
Faye Allen
Craig Cheek
Jessica Clardy
Linda Cone
Doris Cook
Sammye Norvell Cravens
Thelma Creech
Emily Crownover
Ruth Davis
Chuck and Mary Lou Foley
Treva Garrison
Harry & Nell Graham
Betty Griffin
Paul Hitchcock (Ruth Moser’s brother)
Heather Honeycutt
Janice Hoskins
Jeff Jeffries
Juanita Jennings
Mary Johnson
Keith Lindley
Addison McAdams
Jim McAlister
Iny Patterson
Doris Pendergrass
Fred Price
Carolyn Ramsey
Bernice Rau
Robert Roam
Ralph & Opal Ruth
John & Cindy Sauter
Terri Spence Family
Mickey Stamps
Betty Stephens
Nell Sullivan
Peggy Teece
Vinson Family
Lloyd Warner
Chad Watson
Martin Willems
Daxton Cooper Williams
Betty Winesburg
Our troops all around the world..

MEMORIALS

Gifts have been given In memory of Tom Forrest by Shenandoah Valley Parents of Multiples Club

Raymond Braswell by The Adventurers Sunday School Class
Bob and Mary Margaret Gattis

Mary Beth Sudduth’s family: Benjamin Gartman, Infant Gabriel and Leon Watson by Jim and Suzie Dunn

Stephen Griffin by Jim and Suzie Dunn

Tom Forrest by Jim and Suzie Dunn

Bud Lewis by Jim and Suzie Dunn

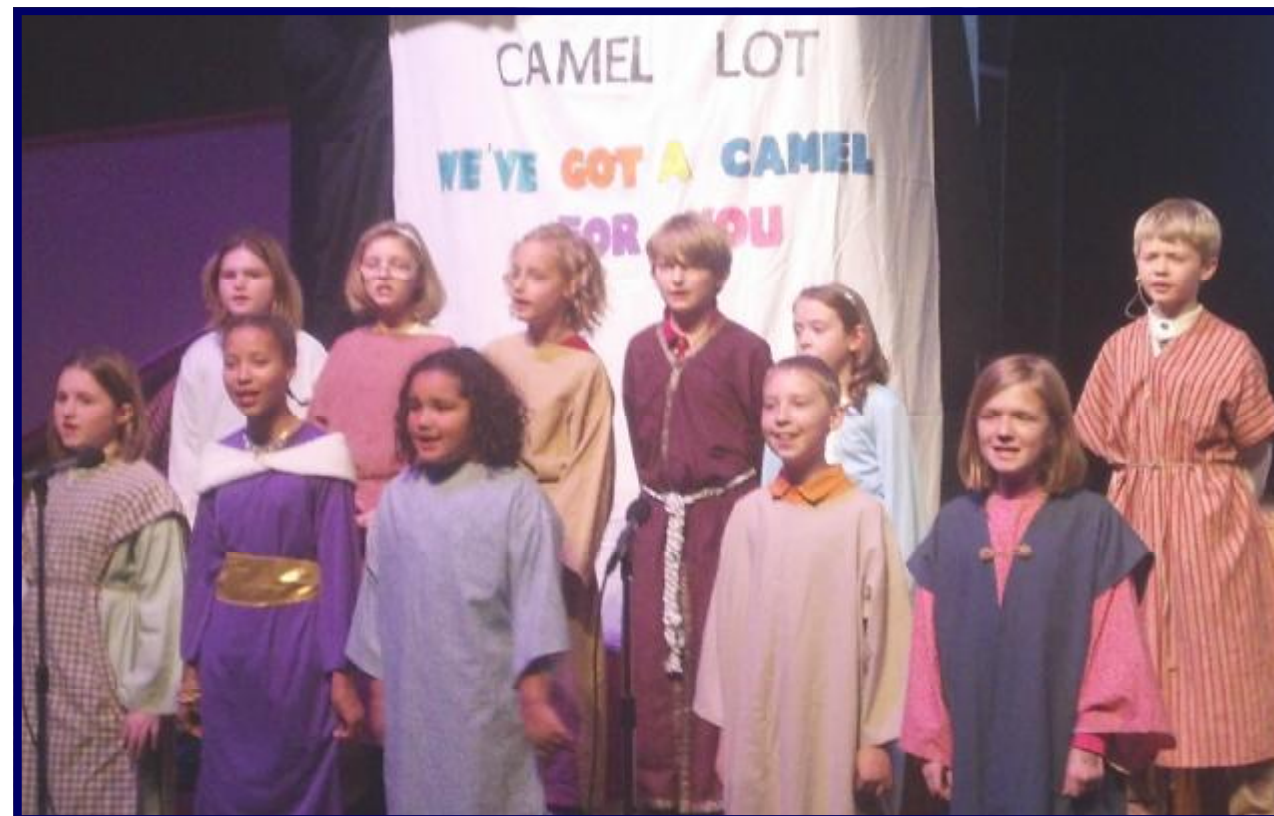
Gordon Richmond by Jim and Suzie Dunn

Jack Thiele by Jim and Suzie Dunn

**Young Musicians Production *Camel Lot*
December 16th**



“Here at the Camel Lot! Here at the Camel Lot!” I can’t seem to get that song out of my head. Goddard’s Kids did an amazing job on the musical performance. We had fourteen 3rd-6th graders performing and eight 3-6 yr olds singing. The message of the night was “Don’t miss the manger.” We all get caught up in the hustle and bustle ...chaos ...of the Christmas season. The kids wanted to remind us all that the true meaning is the birth of Jesus Christ...our Savior. As we go in to the new year, take the time to make Jesus the focus of your 2013. Oh what a glorious year it will be!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Goddard's Kids are looking forward to a great Christmas break but will be ready to get back into the swing of school and WOW in January. Wednesday activities will resume with our normal WOW schedule on **January 9th**. Janean and I want to thank everyone who has pitched in and helped with children's ministry in my absence. We could not have made it thru December without you. On that note, Janean has accepted a teaching position with the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville starting January 2nd. We are very excited for this wonderful opportunity for her but also saddened to see her go. Please be in prayer for Janean - - - for her new job and daily commute and our children's ministry in her absence. We will all miss her. If you are willing and able to help out in Goddard's children's ministry, please contact me at 479-785-1415 or email me at kfriery@goddardumc.org. We have openings available on Wednesday after school and various times on Sunday morning. Thank you for all you do for our kids!

Blessings,
Kim Friery,
Director of Children's Ministry

Goddard's got Mission On Its Mind

'Big churches' have often been given a bad rap. Many view their giving as arbitrary and regulate their charitable donations as whimsical, void of direction, and lacking of passion. This untruth has permeated the thoughts and dialogue of many and though there are some 'big churches' that fall into the category, Goddard is not one. I have had countless conversations with many different people here at Goddard. There is a genuine love for community and passion to help. In the five months that I have been here, I have both seen and heard first hand this passion for community. There is a yearning within Goddard to connect with those who do not look like us, act like us, or talk like us. I visited with Mr. Gary Peevy at the Community Rescue Mission. His commitment is not arbitrary or whimsical. His commitment stems from a deeply rooted communal theology that earnestly believes that Christians have a responsibility to the hungry and homeless. I spent an afternoon with Mrs. Paige Tyler, and stood in amazement as she showed me bag after bag, sack after sack, box after box of donated goods and items that were collected to be sent all over the United States. Is her dedication based on whim? Are the numbers of hours that she spent packing, loading, and labeling purely just because? No. Mrs. Paige does what she does because she made a promise to dear friend. Her work stands as a sacrificial offering. It is a commitment born out of promise that is grounded in ancient biblical mandate, to feed the hungry and clothe those who have no clothing. I witness the volunteers of the food pantry who are dedicated and ready to serve. Are they present and ready to serve because their hair appointment was canceled or because it was too rainy to play golf? No. They are ready and present to serve because love of neighbor is tattooed on their hearts. They serve because they love. These snapshots are just a few examples of the kind of service that is being done in this 'big church.' This 'big church' serves and gives not out of whimsicalness but out of a sense of purpose and calling.

We have two events coming up. The first is Jan 19th, a Mission Training. Steve, Kim, and I will cast the vision for the next steps on our Mission Journey. The next event will be Feb 9, our first ever Evangelism Seminar: Being, Doing, Going. We will extend an invitation to other churches to join in on our conversation about mission and community. We have some great speakers lined up. You don't want to miss this. Go tell everybody you know: Goddard's got mission on its mind.

Sonna Blue

January Birthdays	
1st	Janice Singleton, Anastasia Putnam, Dan Strathman
2nd	Betty Forrest, James Reddick
3rd	Barbara Kell, Carrie Childers
4th	Roger Gowens
5th	Shawn Putnan, Alexander Putnam, Sara Houston Keene
6th	Scott McCoubrey, Abbie Medley, Tim Simone, Jim Hurst
7th	Kylie McKeever, Caleb McCoy
9th	Samantha Sayers
10th	Bruce Singleton
11th	Alex Foti, Dixie Geren, Mason Gregory, Carl Weatherford
13th	David Smith, Mary Jones, , Katie Sexton
14th	Ronald Yarbrough
15th	Eldred Hood, Billy Dudding, Ruth Sewell, Sharon Espinoza, Becky McKeever

16th	Pat Baskin, Cynthia Dickerson
17th	Nell Graham, Will Linton, Don Baker
19th	Jean Woodward, Larry Kennedy
20th	Hannah Foti, Dana Sharp
21st	Jay Hill, Sharon Flory
22nd	Brandon Green, Rachel Rhoades
23rd	Josh Baldrige, Yolanda Brooks
24th	Evan Neumeier, Mary Margaret Gattis, Larry Loux, Jennifer Atchley
26th	Aubrey Bailey, Teresa Dewey
27th	Nell Sullivan, Jennie Beshoner, Katie Beshoner, Danielle Dudding, Jim Rose, Hilda Caldwell, Walter Rockwell
28th	Terra Patton
29th	Letitia Willhite
30th	Braiden Partin
31st	Kelly Beshoner, Deanna Roberts

January Anniversaries	
January 3, 2004	Greg & Jamie Pair
January 7, 1962	Bill & Mary Cauthron
January 8, 2000	Walter & Renee Rockwell
January 11, 1953	Wallace & Jean Hunton
January 15, 1972	Ron & Patsy Schrodt
January 22, 1944	Glen & Louise Taylor
January 25, 1963	Jim & Jane Fant
January 27, 1990	James & Tracy Houston
January 31, 1942	Eldred & Alice Hood
January 31, 1959	Roy & Betty Nixon

THANK YOU

"Thank you" just doesn't seem enough to express the gratitude that we have for the members of Goddard UMC. My family and I are so appreciative of the cards, flowers, food, and assistance that you have provided to us during, and after, my surgery. As many of you know, this is not my first battle with a pituitary tumor but we are praying it will be the last. Your prayers have made such a difference in my surgery and recuperation. The power of prayer is amazing and I am living proof of it. God has blessed our lives with this church and it's wonderful members. Please continue to do what you do as members of Goddard UMC. You make a huge difference in people's lives...you did in ours. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

*The Friery's
(Matt, Kim, Emma, Ella, and Elijah)
and The Walrod's (Jerry and Jan)*

GODDARD JANUARY

Tuesday, January 1
 New Years Day Office Closed
 No Circles or Book Review

Thursday, January 3
 10:30 a.m. Quilters

Saturday, January 5
 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 6
 6:00 p.m. New Beginnings SS Class Meeting,

Monday, January 7
 7:30 p.m. Darts at Temple
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon

Tuesday, January 8
 No UMW

Wednesday, January 9
 12:30 p.m. Hilltoppers Crafters/Bible Study

Thursday, January 10
 10:30 a.m. Quilters
 5:30 p.m. SPR

Friday, January 11
 6-12:00 p.m. Circle of Friends

Monday, January 14
 11:30 a.m. Hilltoppers Lunch Bunch
 5:30 p.m. Administrative Council
 7:30 p.m. Darts vs Bluff Avenue at Goddard
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon

Tuesday, January 15
 2:00 p.m. AARP

Thursday, January 17
 10:30 a.m. Quilters
 5:30 p.m. Trustees

Saturday, January 19
 9:30-12:45 p.m. Mission & Evangelism Training

Monday, January 21
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed
 7:30 p.m. Darts at Haven Heights
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon

Wednesday, January 23
 12:30 p.m. Hilltoppers Crafts

Thursday, January 24
 10:30 a.m. Quilters

Monday, January 28
 12:00 noon Hilltoppers Potluck
 7:30 p.m. Darts vs Temple at Goddard

Thursday, January 31
 10:30 a.m. Quilters



<p><u>SUNDAYS AT GODDARD</u> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 9:40 a.m. Casual Service/Great Room 10:50 a.m. Gathering Disciples Sunday School Class 10:50 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:50 a.m. Children's Church 11:05 a.m. The Abbey/Young Hall 7:15 p.m. Football Fellowship</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAYS AT GODDARD</u> 3:30 p.m. WOW 4:15 p.m. Young Musicians 4:30 p.m. Young Explorers 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 5:40 p.m. Evening Prayers 6:00 p.m. Youth 6:00 p.m. Adult Small Groups 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. Faith Weaver Friends 6:00 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Practice</p>
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Supper and all Wednesday activities resume on the 9th.

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes	
01/06	Harley Garner, Sarah Long
01/13	Ike Moore, Braiden Partin
01/20	Dylan Grimes, Elijah Williams
01/27	Bailey Atchley, Blaine Atchley
Altar Guild	
01/06	Rose Lyons
01/13	Fran Garner
01/20	Cindy Peevy
01/27	Mary Beth Thompson
Casual Service Greeters	
George Aitken, Linda McAdams	
Greeters	
8:30 a.m.	Jerry & Jan Walrod, Miles & Joyce Shopfner
10:50 a.m.	Janie & Don Martin, Linda Partin
Ushers	
8:15 a.m.	Jerry Walrod, Tillie Loudermilk, Scott McCoubrey, Jessie Lewis
10:50 a.m.	Robert Newfell, Captain, Jeff Jeffries, Mike Mankin, Lynette & Walter Woodie

Information Booth		
	8:15 a.m.	9:40 a.m.
01/06	Helen Toney	Betty Forrest
01/13	Diann Ishmael	Betty Campbell
01/20	Stan & Dacie Rau	Mary Margaret Gattis
01/27	Helen Toney	Zoe Ann Batten

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday
January 5
7:30 a.m.
Parlor
French Toast
Sausage
Fruit
Orange Juice
Coffee
Speaker: Jim Hurst

WOMEN'S NEWS

There will be no circle meeting, book review, or UMW meetings in January.

THANK YOU

A big "Thank you" from Ruth Szendre. I want to thank Rev. Wingo and Greg Pair for their visits and the nice blanket. I have used it everyday. Also, I want to thank all the lovely ladies that sent me the get well cards. They really perked me up. Thanks also to Betty Campbell and the Flower Ladies for the plants they brought. They were very pretty flowers. Deanna Roberts brought me a beautiful poinsettia from Circle 2. Thanks for visits from Stan and Dacie. A special thank you to Pat Baskin for all she has done.

Love to you and all....

Ruth Szendre



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