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Morris Chapel is a **Stephen Ministry** Church. When someone is in need of care a Stephen Minister is available to offer confidential Christian care & support. Contact Doris Wilson at 992-6356 for further information.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: We are working hard to get the Chapel Echoes out each week on **MONDAY** afternoons. In order to accomplish this, if you have something to be included in an upcoming Monday issue, **PLEASE** get your news item to the church office no later than **12:00pm on the Friday prior**. Information may be emailed to: morrischapel@gmail.com, , brought by in person, or you may call the office at 595-8101.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!



PASTOR’S MESSAGE

From the Mouth of Lyons

Praise the Lord! In the midst of our Advent season preparing for the coming of Christ in Christmas, we continually reflect on its meaning for us personally and globally. Christ coming into the world changed everything. It was the one act of God’s supreme love for us. When we are loved we are moved to be loving in return, not out of a sense of duty, but as an expression of our own love toward others. “We love because He first loved us” (1st John 4:19) and thus we “love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength . . . and our neighbors as ourselves” (Mark 12:30-31).

Our recent stewardship series ***Committed to Christ*** led us to reflect on our response to the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ on the cross. For seven weeks we were encouraged to name our ***commitments*** to Christ. These were commitments for the journey of discipleship (learners and followers of Christ). Some weeks we were ready to make a stronger commitment than others in the six discipleship practices: *prayer, Bible study, worship attendance, witnessing, financial giving, and service*. The people of Morris Chapel are ***Committed to Christ*** in the following ways:

- 148 people affirmed they accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, including 2 first time commitments that morning!
- 150 people committed to be people of prayer, including 101 daily prayers (46 as church prayer chain members)
- 106 people committed to Bible regular reading
 - (22 people expressed interest in a new mid-week Bible study we hope to start in the new year!)
- 87 people committed to make worship a life priority
- 60 people committed to find daily opportunities to tell others about Jesus
- 102 people committed \$195,638 in financial gifts to Christ through the general fund of Morris Chapel
 - (24 people committed to intentionally growing toward tithing [10% of their income] within the next couple years)
- 74 people committed their service to Christ
 - (57 who used the tri-fold volunteer brochure for specific ministries and missions)

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PRAYER CHAIN

Week of December 2, 2012

Pat Butler, Shirley Anas, Mr. Linley Parnell (Angie Swaim's dad), Elaine Laws, Steve Pegram, Kerri Morgan, The Family of Violet Mitchell, The Family of Mr. T. Herman, George Clinton (Donrie McKnight's son), Clark Hemrick, Mary Alice Campbell, Megan Marshall (Colleen Whicker's granddaughter), Lynn Evans, The Family of Ruth Swaim, Karen O'Conner, Ludy Strotter, The Carly Family, Dot Peacock, Betty McNeil.

Thank You Notes...

Church Family,

"Your kindness during my surgery and recovery from falling has meant so much to me. Your prayers, visits, cards & food have helped me pull through."

~ Treva Martin & Family



** (Pastor's Message continued from Page 1) **

I celebrate all of the ways we are **Committed to Christ** at Morris Chapel. Obviously, not everyone in the congregation made commitments – some were not ready and others were not present each week. So included in this week's *Chapel Echoes* are copies of each commitment card and the tri-fold service brochure. We invite you to prayerful use the cards to commit yourself to Christ through Morris Chapel. Please turn those in through the church office any time before Christmas.

Imagine the power of prayer pulsating through our congregation. Picture our growing church family worshipping our Lord with passionate intensity. Envision all of the opportunities our financial commitments make possible. Visualize our church as the body of Christ working side by side to share the love of Christ in word and deed to a world that so desperately needs Him. I invite you to be more **Committed to Christ** today than you were yesterday.

Committed to Christ,

Pastor Dan

THOSE SERVING AT MORRIS CHAPEL - December 16, 2012

8:45am Service

Greeters - Eddie Campbell, Robin Neal

Worship Leader - Steve Pegram

Advent Candle Lighters - Grant & Grant Robert Beard

9am Service

Toddler Nursery - Lisa & Morgan Meredith

Crib Nursery - Denise Shepherd

Advent Candle Lighters - James, Jennifer, Jessica & Lee Murphy

11am Service

Greeters - Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

Worship Leader - Spencer Evans

Ushers - Bill Gordon (C), Brad Cook, David Dillon, Coy Hennis
Jerry Pegram, George Walker, Howard Webster

Acolytes - Jessie Hutchins, Marissa Freeman

Advent Candle Lighters - Todd, Becky, Peyton & Georgia Weavil

Children's Church - Amy Whicker (All Ages)

Toddler Nursery - Betsy & Darron Southern

Crib Nursery - Jane Whicker

Evangelism Visitor Follow-up - Rebecca Tuttle

Youth Snacks: Dana & Robert Whitney, Betsy & Darron Southern

PLEASE NOTE THAT ECHOES WILL NOT RUN:

The weeks of December 24 & 31, 2012

~ The next issue after these dates will be the week of January 7, 2013 ~

OUR PRESENCE

Attendance for December 9, 2012

Sunday School: 337

Worship Services: 533

8:45am: 44

****9:30am:** 337

**** (Children's Christmas Program)**

11:00am: 152

OUR GIFTS

Week of December 9, 2012

Budget Receipts this week \$ 7,538

Receipts to Date \$391,156

Budgeted to Date \$410,361

Ahead/(Behind) (\$19,205)

Building Fund Receipts this week \$ 3,332

Building Fund Receipts YTD \$131,748

Building Fund Loan Balance \$ 57,091





MCUMC FOOD PANTRY

As Christmas approaches, the need for food to stock our Food Pantry increases. Each week we are blessed with the opportunity to help feed many families in need. During the holidays, there are so many wonderful organizations requesting your donations of food, money or other items and it can be overwhelming! We simply ask that you please keep our Morris Chapel Food Pantry in mind during this time. We want to be able to meet the needs of so many who turn to Morris Chapel for food and other necessities, but we cannot do it without your continued support and donations. Thank you in advance for your help keeping the shelves full!

THE PECANS ARE HERE!

The Wesley Circle has those wonderful pecans on sale now, and we know that everyone LOVES to use them for making all those delicious Christmas goodies! They are only \$9.00 a bag, and you can contact Lucille Ashburn - or any of the Wesley Circle ladies - to purchase them. They are going fast, so make sure to get yours now!

YOU ARE INVITED!

Pastor Dan & Family cordially invite everyone at Morris Chapel to the Parsonage for an Open House on **Sunday, December 16th from 2pm - 4pm**. The Parsonage is located at 2615 Martin Street (directly behind the Family Life Center.) Please make plans to join the Lyons Family in this wonderful celebration, complete with delicious refreshments and delightful fellowship - the only thing you need to bring is **YOU!!**

GIFT OF GRACE

Gift of Grace is happening this week on **Friday, December 14th from 2pm - 7pm** in the Family Life Center.

Donations of toys, clothing, household goods, and pre-filled bags of groceries are still needed, and are being taken through **Wednesday, December 12th**. All donations may be placed in or around the blue tubs located outside the Chapel, the Children's Department, and the Faith in Action classroom. Also, volunteer help is still needed from 1-7pm for set-up on December 13th, and all day on the 14th. Please contact Sharon Burnette at 306-2450 to volunteer, or if you would like any additional information on other ways you can help.

The volume of calls from needy families asking about this event continues to increase daily, and we are expecting a huge turnout for this event as word spreads throughout the community.

May God bless all who have participated in making this "Gift of Grace" possible for so many needy families in our community!

SPECIAL GIFTS

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In Memory Of: *Norman & Bill Stafford*
~ JoAnn & Joddy Peer & Family (Budget)



In Honor Of: *Mike & Debbie Causby*
~ Alma Amos (Budget)

In Honor Of: *Mike & Debbie Causby*
"Thanking you for the joy "Gifts of Grace" brings so many!"
~ Ann Lambros & Stewart Hobbs (Gift of Grace)

LUNCHEON FOR PAN BRILES

The congregation is invited to attend a very special covered dish luncheon on **Sunday, January 6th** honoring Pan Briles and her 33 years of service as Director of Music Ministry at Morris Chapel. The luncheon will be held immediately after the 11am service in the Family Life Center. We hope that everyone will plan to attend, and please prepare and bring in your favorite dish for all to enjoy!

For your convenience, especially those who are attending the 11am service, you are welcome to drop off your dish at the FLC Kitchen beforehand so it can be set up by the Hospitality Committee in time for the luncheon.

We are certain that after all the beautiful music Pan has graced us with at Morris Chapel over the years, the entire congregation will welcome this opportunity to show her how much her dedication & service has been appreciated, (*and ENJOYED*), how dearly her leadership will be missed by everyone here, and how much we wish her all the best in her retirement!





BOSTON BUTT PICK-UP DATE!!

Please remember to pick up your Boston Butt order on **Thursday, December 13th** in the Family Life Center between the hours of 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Checks can be made payable to "Morris Chapel UMYF". Thank you for your support of Morris Chapel's youth! **For additional information, please contact Brad or Lori Cook at 595-3884.**

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Child care volunteers are needed for all 3 nurseries at the 9am & 11am services. I am looking for volunteers who would like to serve 2 to 3 times a year in the crib or toddler nursery (or both!) during these worship services. If you are able to serve, please contact me, (Samantha Wesley) on or before **Sunday, December 16th**. You may call me at the church office (595-8101) or email me at samanthaw0119@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration in serving our youngest children of God at Morris Chapel.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Rainbow Connection Kids and Sunshine Kids Choirs will meet this **Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30pm** for practice.

This will be their ONLY practice in December, so please mark your calendars

J.A.M.

J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) will meet next **Wednesday, December 19th at 6pm** in the Family Life Center. There will be pancakes and hot chocolate served, AND a special visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus! ***We will also be taking pictures of your child or children with Santa!***

"SCOUTING" FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Looking for a great Christmas gift? Boy Scout Troop 922 has the perfect item - we have great looking Morris Chapel UMC logo caps for sale. The caps are available in camouflage, summer & winter styles, and make a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! They are \$6.00 each, or 2 for \$10.00, and we have them in stock and ready to go **anytime!** All proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 922. Please contact Wesley Hutchins (595-2224) or Ladd Whicker (761-8881) to get yours today!



p.s. - WE DELIVER!!!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Jim Drye

12/2 Lorene Nelson

12/3 Clark Hemrick

12/5 Ellen Jeffries

12/6 Rex Voss

12/7 Pan Briles
Verda Hennis

12/8 Annie Hughes

12/10 Amber Carroll
Pam Dillon
Ellen Lingerfelt
Dylan Smith
Al Vanhoy

12/11 Eric Vanhoy
Jacob Watson

12/12 Richard Teague

12/14 Rebecca Walker

12/15 Shae Ashley
Ralph Meredith
Lisa Porter

12/16 Sarah Byrd
Sammy Clodfelter
Katy Mickey
Pam Osborne

Philip Voss

12/17 JaLee Fields

12/18 Scott Beeson
Sarah Kiger
Dan Lyons
Scott Swaim

12/19 Melanie Fishel
Morgan Meredith
Dylan Stevens

12/20 Ben Hall
Carol Westmoreland
Brooke Robertson

12/21 Ethan Butler
Whitney Clifton
Toni Dillon
Scott Sell

12/22 Cindy Ambrose
Angela Lloyd

12/26 Angie Briles

12/27 Debbie Link

12/28 Shirley Anas
Stan Harmon
Joe Hernandez

12/29 Dean Swaim

12/30 Rick Kiger

12/31 Justin Heath
Dana Whitney



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/4 Larry & Donna Roberts
Ed & Glenda Kiger

12/7 Todd & Becky Weavil

12/9 Dale & Tammy Ring

12/17 Terry & Sherry Gray
Joe & Elaine Laws
Don & Barbara
Murray

12/18 Bill & Pat Gordon

12/27 Bill & Linda
Randleman
Randy & Dana
Whicker

12/28 Bobby & Margaret
Kittrell

12/29 Don & Norma
Whitaker

12/30 Jonathan & Kay Huie



If your birthday or anniversary is missing or there is an error in this publication please notify the Church Office at 595-8101 or by email:

morrischapel@gmail.com.





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Sunday, December 30th will be Morris Chapel's 5th Sunday Assembly at 10am in the Family Life Center. We have a very special guest speaker for the service on that Sunday, and we would like to let everyone know a little bit about Becca Hart, her family, and the truly amazing "Hart2Paws" organization.



Harts2Paws was founded as an informational organization designed to help others with a focus on teens and children with the process of securing their service animal. We also offer educational speaking engagements regarding ADA Laws, proper etiquette for the public when they encounter a service dog in a medical, school, church or a business environment and to change the stigma that sometimes accompanies having a service animal.

Becca Hart and her mother Tonya Hart wanted to give back and help others with a process that can be very frustrating and offer support to others that have challenges. The goal is to change the perception that many have of what it means to have a service animal. We also offer suggestions on trainers in the area that are qualified to train service animals. We believe that service animals can be rescues from local shelters. To re-home, re-love and re-train rescues is an important message that we want to promote.

Becca and Mike her service dog have been featured on FOX 8 The Buckley Report, spoken at several schools, churches and The Health Department and Dash Games. Their story will be featured in the Dog Whisperer Caesar Milan's magazine, Cesar's Way in January. Becca is currently working on a children's book called Who Rescued Who? A story from Mike's view point about his life as a race dog turned service animal.

We wanted to share their incredible story about how they came together and faith in God made all of this possible.

MINISTRY TEAMS FOR DECEMBER 2012



Greeters (8:45am): Eddie Campbell, Robin Neal

Worship Leader (8:45am): Steve Pegram

Toddler Nursery (9am): Lisa & Morgan Meredith (12/16); Denise McCoig & Shannon Loyd (12/23); Sarah Hutchings & Sharon Burnette (12/30)

Crib Nursery (9am): Denise Shepherd (12/16); Patricia Evans (12/23); Janet Neal (12/30)

Greeters (11am): Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

Worship Leader (11am): Spencer Evans

Ushers (11am): Bill Gordon (C), Brad Cook, David Dillon, Coy Hennis
Jerry Pegram, George Walker, Howard Webster

Acolytes (11am): Jessie Hutchings, Marissa Freeman (12/16);
Ashlyn Butler, Shelby Scott (12/23);
Dawson Westmoreland, Rett Lyons (12/30)

Children's Church

K/1/2 grades (11am): Amy Whicker (12/16); Susan Smith (12/23); Jennifer Sell (12/30)

Children's Church

3/4/5 ages (11am): Amy Whicker (12/16); Susan Smith (12/23); Jennifer Sell (12/30)

Toddler Nursery (11am): Betsy & Darron Southern (12/16); Ann & Dylan Stevens (12/23);
Elaine & Joe Laws (12/30)

Crib Nursery (11am): Jane Whicker (12/16); Jennifer & Chad Butler (12/23);
Liz & Delois Dull (12/30)

Evangelism Visitor
Follow up: Rebecca Tuttle (12/16); Tammy Younts (12/23); Kathleen Lambert (12/30)

Youth Snacks: Dana & Robert Whitney, Betsy & Darron Southern (12/16);
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK (12/23) & (12/30)



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DECEMBER 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
DECEMBER MCUMC FOOD PANTRY: ~ PEANUT BUTTER!!! ~ Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken) ~ <u>Sauces</u> for Pasta Noodles	DECEMBER CRISIS CONTROL: ~ Cooking Oil ~ Sugar ~ Pasta Noodles	SCHOOL IS CLOSED: DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 1 <i>Back to School on January 2, 2013</i>				
9 NO CROSSROADS SERVICE 7:30am - UMM Breakfast w/ Men's Chorus (FH) 9:30am - Children's Christmas Program (FLC) 11am Service - Men's Chorus Singing 3-6pm - FLC Kitchen Reserved (S. Hutchings) 4pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 4pm-7:45pm - Youth Christmas Party & Caroling (Off Property) 7pm - Bethesda Center 3D Devotional	10 6:30pm - Staff Parish Relations Committee (22) 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (FH) 7:30pm - Men's Basketball (FLC) 9pm - Men's Basketball (FLC)	11 6pm -Jane Morris Circle Social (FLC) 6pm - Boy Scouts (FH) 7pm - Cub Scouts (FLC/Classrooms)	12 2-6pm - Youth Study Hall & Midweek 6pm - Confirmation (46) 6-9pm - FLC Reserved (Gift of Grace - S. Burnette) 6:30pm - Children's Choirs 6:30pm - Handbells 7pm - Property & Facilities Committee Meeting (22) 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	13 1pm - 8pm - (FLC) Reserved for Gift of Grace Set-up (S. Burnette) 4pm-7pm - Youth Boston Butt Pick-up (FLC) 7pm - Praise Band Practice (FLC)	14 7:30am -Sr. High Breakfast (FH) 3-7pm - FH Reserved (S. Amos) ALL DAY - (FLC) Reserved for Gift of Grace (S. Burnette)	15 3-9pm - FH Reserved (D. Whicker) FLC Reserved all day for Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department (J. Vanhoy)
16 7-11am - FH Reserved for Faith & Friendship SS Class 4pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 4pm - Youth Open Gym (FLC) 5pm - Youth 7pm - Chancel Choir Cantata	17 6:30pm - Girl Scouts (FH)	18 6pm - Boy Scouts (FH) 7pm - Cub Scouts (FLC/Classrooms)	19 2-6pm - Youth Study Hall & Midweek 6pm - J.A.M. (FLC) 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	20 7pm - Praise Band Practice (FLC)	21 - NO SCHOOL (WSFCS)	22- 10am-3pm - FH Reserved (K. Dobesh)
23 7am-12pm FH Reserved (MJ Weavil) NO YOUTH	24 - Office Closed 3-9pm - FH Reserved (H.Neal) 7pm - Christmas Eve Service NO SCHOOL (WSFCS) NO ECHOES THIS WEEK	25 - Office Closed 12-9pm - FH Reserved (B. Randleman) NO SCHOOL (WSFCS) 	26- NO SCHOOL (WSFCS) 5-9pm - FH Reserved (M. Howard)	27- NO SCHOOL (WSFCS) 7pm - Praise Band Practice (FLC)	28- NO SCHOOL (WSFCS) NO EVENTS SCHEDULED	29- 11-5pm - FH Reserved (J. Kerns)
30 10am - 5th Sunday Assembly (FLC) <i>("Harts2Paws" Speaking at Service)</i>	31 - NO SCHOOL (WSFCS) NO ECHOES THIS WEEK <i>New Year's Eve</i>					