

Placed their membership with us last week:

Fred & Nawasa Scott Family  
514 E Tuolumne Street  
Fresno, CA 93727 478-5705  
**Please welcome them and their crew:**  
Aurstannia, Frederick, Ashley, Julia,  
Yosha, Kissie, Jasmine, Alexis, Aleeah,  
and Justin. Ages 10 to 20.

**Please welcome to the family:**  
Sonya Whisenant  
252 S. Lind  
Fresno, CA 93727 251-2788

Address Correction:  
Justin & Jacky Flint  
1408 North hill  
Selma, Ca 93662

Change of Address:  
Andy & Ashley Frizzell  
745 East Robin Lane  
Fresno, CA 93730

**Sunday, December 13, 2009**

**Today's Worship Schedule** ———

**Song 867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way 1/4**

**Call to Worship Jim Gardner**  
**Songs 853 When We All Get to Heaven 1/2/3**  
**1018 Joy to the World 1/2/4**

**Prayer Don Edwards**

**Song 957 This World Is Not My Home 1/2/3**  
**313 The Old Rugged Cross 1/3/4**

**Communion Arnold Centeno**

**Song 860 There Is a Habitation 1/2/3/4**  
*(Dismiss Children for Children's Worship)*

**Sermon Jim Gardner**  
**"A View of the Finish Line"**  
*II Tim. 4.6-8*

**Song 948 I Am Resolved**

**Closing Prayer Michael Avedikian**

**Sunday Evening Services 5 pm**

**"Farewell . . ."**  
**II Timothy 4.9-22 Jim Gardner**

## VISITORS

**Local Area:** Tom & Freda McHone, Melissa Jones, Elsa Lowery, Tony Atkission

**Out of Town:** Danielle Bader, Tollhouse, CA; Esther Godfrey, Merced, CA; Kelly & Connie Harris, Hanford, CA.



**Attendance: AM 698 Class 471 Sunday Night 346  
Wednesday Night n/a Thursday Bible Study 19**

**Mission Contribution: \$88,271 Weekly Budget: \$13,314**

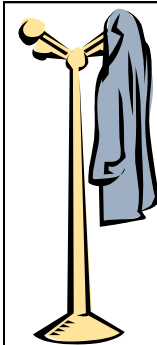
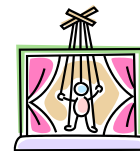
**Contribution YTD: \$594,844 Budget Balance YTD is: -\$29,056**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The HOMELESS OUTREACH for December is postponed until January.**

**Children's Worship Schedule Today—**

**2s & 3s: Erin & Jenna Cliff  
K-2nd: John & Pam Etherton  
Puppets: Jenna Cliff & Allison Pettey**



**NEEDED: Blankets, Coats, & Sweaters**  
Collecting ALL sizes— Men, Women, & Children for the Downtown Outreach in January. Bring to the Conference room. Thank You!!  
No more clothes at this time, please.

There will be a Visitation Committee meeting on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 at noon in the Conference room. Please bring a finger food to share for the potluck. If you are interested in visiting our shut-ins, please plan on attending this meeting, or see John Etherton for details.



### Birthday Wishes

Remember to wish Keionna Tucker a Happy Birthday. She was born on December 25th, 1995.

**Congratulations to Randy Stumpfhauser.** He won the BMX National Championship this past weekend in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Gayla Parker— Thank you Lord for the many blessings you have given my family. Ask that He continue to strengthen my family's faith. Please pray that my health improves and that the Savior continues to provide patience for the physical pain in my life. Please keep Anthony Dean in your prayers.

Thomas Gates— Please pray for Bruce Lee.

Rodessa Jones— Please pray that I do well on my finals this week.

Cedric & Cheryl Rowe— Please keep our daughter, Rochelle in prayers, also pray for the prodigals and our new brothers and sisters in Christ. Also pray for Cedric to have a safe trip to Oklahoma and that God will use him to help others and that He will give him wisdom and knowledge to take care of business. Thank you

Mark Isley— Thank you Lord for this day, family, and friends. Bless us all. Amen.

Marilyn Garcia— I thank the Lord for all the opportunities and people I have had time to spread the Good News about Jesus to. I love you Lord.

Evie & Bobby Gonzales— Pray for my brother's surgery on his leg.

The doctor put two steel plates in. Also for his son's addiction.

Angel Carrillo— I pray God's will in my life and that He guide me to walk with Him. God remove my character defects.

Frederick Goodrich— Prayers be made on behalf of my grandmother in law. She needs strength and health intercession. She resides in LA, her name is Tina Mikes.

Shanika Williams— Please pray for Danielle and her baby that everything works out for them. Pray for my boyfriend, that he finds his way to the Lord.

Georgina Humphrey— Please keep my husband Allen in your prayers. He is doing poorly!

Janene Weber— Please pray for the Streiff family, they lost their beloved mother, Joann to cancer this week.

Larry Cooley— Pray that Vickie might find comfort in her pain and that all my kids find the God. Also that I get more employment.

Toni Lytton— Please pray for true peace and happiness in my husband's family. Good health also. Thank you

Leslie Schott— Prayer for my mother Phyllis Hamilton, she is in the hospital in the Bay areas for a fractured rib, severe diabetes, and kidney infection.

Linda Fass— Pray for Russell Tucker who is under hospice care.

Rod & Candy Hall— Pray for healing for Grace. Now we have a diagnosis.

Teresa Chilton— My step-sister, Jennifer is hospitalized with dehydration and kidney failure in Northern Calif.

Charlene Haeberle— Thanks so much for the cards and prayers for my brother, Gordon. He is with the Lord.

Tim & Jeana Nevins— A very big thank you to all who donated food and time with last weeks Sunday Lunches. We had a big Thanksgiving meal. Last week we had a record breaking turn-out with 68 meals prepared and given out. Thanks to all of your loving help, no one was turned away without a meal. Thank you all for your support and encouragement.

Frank Miller is in Kaiser hospital with a tumor next to his liver.

Rosa Lee Lehnick is very ill in Kaiser with pneumonia.

**Additional prayers:** Kerry Avedikian (knee surgery), the Brady Family (loss of 5 yr. old daughter), Helen Orlando (loss of brother), Minor's (loss of great-nephew), Georgia Murphy (son has suffered a stroke), Russell Tucker, Lavern Hendrix, Samuel Abebe, Lorrie Centeno, Mike Cliff (knee surgery), and Nathan Van Buskirk

## COMING EVENTS

12/16/2009 PrimeTime Dinner—Mark Heredia & Wilma Holcomb Group

12/27/2009—Baby Shower for Tandalyn Szczurek  
2 pm in Fellowship Hall



## MINISTER'S THOUGHTS

First, let me begin my last article in this space by thanking each of you for your kindness and generosity to our family last Sunday evening during the Holiday Dinner. Jim Minor's words, on behalf of the Eldership, were beyond encouraging! The quilt and the accompanying messages of love and appreciation from the Ladies Quilting Ministry touched our hearts. On those cold winter evenings in Arkansas, we will be warmed not only by the quilts but by the warm expressions of love that when into their crafting.

As I've said, we don't see this transition in our lives as leaving you, as much as seeking to fulfill the calling of 1 Timothy 5.3-4. With Mandy's mother's diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease and my mother's struggle with diabetes, being near them will allow us to minister to their needs, as is the duty of every godly child for their parents. We solicit your prayers for strength, for God's help, and for healing for our mothers.

Our departure in no way precludes our commitment to you and your spiritual well-being. Though we will be separated by miles, we maintain our commitment to be friends, confidants, and ministers to you. You will be able to reach us at our new address: 2513 **Spring Creek Drive, Benton, AR 72015**. Our home phone number will be **501-778-4131** and my office number will be **501-315-1128**. You can continue to reach me via email at [jgardner71@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jgardner71@sbcglobal.net). Also, beginning in January, I will begin a new online journal/blog chronicling and capture events in our family and our ministry. You can follow us at [thewayofthecross.wordpress.com](http://thewayofthecross.wordpress.com) beginning January 1.

Know this, the friendships we've forged, the memories we've made, and the eternal difference we've together witnessed Jesus work among us are the most treasured of our lives. Regardless of our future residence, Woodward Park and Fresno will forever be home.

I Love You All,  
Jim

## YOUTH EVENTS

**Don't forget the Parent Meeting tonight in room 103 from 4:30-5:00. Plan to be there.**

**Ice Skating: 12/18:** 7pm: Gateway Ice Center, Cost: \$10 per person. Families welcome. Bring your friends!!!

**Devo @ the Knutsen's: 12/20,** 5pm: Guys bring drinks and chips, girls bring desserts. We are going to have a great night of praise in song. Come ready to lead or request your favorite song. Bring a \$5 Gift for the Gift Swap! We will be taking a walk/ride around the Knutsen's neighborhood to take in the lights and decorations, so dress warmly.

**Lunch Bunch: 12/29:** 1-3pm: Meet at the building and bring money for lunch.

**New Years Eve Party: 12/31:** 9-12:30pm: We are going to get together to celebrate the New Year in style with food, bounce house, basketball, volleyball, and games. As midnight strikes we will gather for a devotional to praise God for a great year and ask blessings on the New Year. Bring your friends. You don't want to miss this one!

**Sunday Speakers:** Every Sunday Morning we have a different teen guy give a 3-5 minute devotional to help focus us before class.

**12/13:** Garrett and Grant Lane **12/20:** Chad Davis, Garrett Lee

For more Youth Group info, check out these websites:  
**wpcoc.com:** we will have a coming events PowerPoint link  
**yofrizz.blogspot.com:** Dates and times with youth group updates  
If you are on facebook: Join our group **WPYG** for updates.

**Birth Announcement** Linda Wall's son **Derek** and daughter-in-law, **Katie** gave birth to **Tessa Kate Wall** on Monday, Nov. 30th @ 5:45pm weighing in @ 7lbs. 12oz in and 20 inches long in St. Louis Missouri. Kendall the big sister, joins the happy family. All are well.

Congratulations to **Clayton** and **Stacy Miller** on the birth of their new son, **Wyatt Miller**. He was born on Nov. 29, 2009 and weighing in @ 7lbs. 9oz.

