

Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

IN JANUARY:

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- January 3rd
Christmas Cantata
- January 10th
Deacon Council
& Deacon Board
Meet
- January 10th
Sunday Evening
Schedule resumes
- January 11th
Bible Drill resumes
- January 13th
Wednesday
suppers resume
- January 31st
Covered Dish
Supper
&
Quarterly Business
Meeting

From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

It's hard to believe it has been 10 years since the beginning of the 21st Century . By the way, do you remember all of the worry over Y2K?

Since the last decade seemed to pass by so quickly, it may be easy to feel as if we haven't reached many, if any of our goals. God's people may particularly feel as if we haven't made a dent in the lostness of our community, not to mention the world.

I have to admit, those of us called as pastors often highlight the unaccomplished work God has given to us. But I think we need a reminder that the Lord has been at work all around us. Though we have met all of *our* goals, I believe He's led Ash Avenue Church to focus on His agenda.

Looking back on 2009, I think our church should be encouraged that we've joined where God has invited us to work with Him.

The church still faces challenges, but recognizing the fingerprints of Christ on our lives bears proof

that God is using us and that His Spirit is present , too. He never calls us to do His will without Him.

God's fingerprints have been all over Ash Avenue this past year as we've seen the development of the *Church 2 Church Ministry*. Already, the team has received two applications from congregations needing assistance and who may be interested in forming a covenant partnership to spread the good news of Christ.

Feed My Lambs Food Ministry was formed when folks realized that others in our church family had emergency needs. *Feed My Lambs* and AABC's *Day Old Bread Distribution Ministry* has been used to serve many in Jesus' name. Also, from these food ministries, God gave an open door to assist families with *food bags* distributed through South Boston Elementary School.

In July, 16 members took part in serving with Clintwood Baptist Church in Dickenson County. As the team lead *Backyard Bible Clubs* away from home, workers began to see similar needs right around our community when they

returned. The Lord has given opportunities to share His love with others both near and far.

As we face the challenges for a new year, the old one teaches us that we can remain confident in the leadership and power of our Master. His work in the past calls us to continued trust and awareness to wherever and whatever He calls us to do.

It's important to remember, however, that as Jesus uses us to do His work, He desires more than just our obedient labor. Letting Him work through you develops your relationship with Him. That relationship inspires a trust and love for Him. It influences us to love and serve others. It teaches us that He is utterly dependable and loves us unconditionally.

Ash Avenue, we face a new decade. We'll face both familiar and unfamiliar challenges. But we'll succeed with the same Lord who promises He will never change (**Hebrews 13:8**) and that He will always be with us (**Hebrews 13:4**)

Happy New Year

Church 2 Church Ministry's New Logo

Ash Avenue's *Church 2 Church Ministry* has a new logo. The C2C *Team* had contracted graphic designer, Meghan Wirt, who is employed by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, to create a design that would capture the heart of this new ministry.

Church 2 Church provides financial assistance to approved churches in the hope of helping congregations fulfill their unique missions calling by God.



Along with receiving grants, churches may request that Ash Avenue become a hands-on

partner with them. The C2C team views partnership as a *two-way street*. Each church has unique gifts and abilities that may help the other fulfill its unique ministry.

More information on the C2C *Ministry* may be found on Ash Avenue's website by going online to www.aabc900.org and clicking on the link to "Missions". An application is available to download, also.



JANUARY

- 1/3 Don Williams
Gene Comer
Don Gainey
Mike Harris
- 1/10 Jim Chandler
Jerry Crenshaw
Fred Flinn
Randy Hupp
- 1/17 Randy Guill
Wes Bosiger
Tom Hahn
Daniel Wilborn
- 1/24 Dennis Stewart
Jimmy Allen
Rick Brogden
Victor Crump
- 1/31 Don Williams
Gene Comer
Don Gainey
Mike Harris



ABC Offering Report

as of: 12/27/09:

Budget offering

received...

\$194,180.62

Budget offering

needed...

\$206,270.00

Budget deficit:

(12,089.38)

**In the event of bad weather you
can check our
Schedule by calling church office
(572-2006);**

**go to our website:
www.aabc900.org;**

or listen to WHLF 95.3 FM

**Any cancellations or delays will
appear
in one of these places.**



WMU News

**10:30am-Saturday,
January 2nd
Devotions at Woodview**

**2:00pm -Monday, January 4th
Nonie Gravitt Meeting**

**10:00am -Tuesday, January 5th
Eva Saunders Meeting**

**7:00pm -Thursday, January
14th Sisters Serving Christ**



**Our Wednesday Night Suppers will
resume on January 13th, at 6PM.
Yellow "reservation" cards will
be placed in each pew,
beginning January 10th.**

**If you prefer to be
on the Permanent List,
please indicate this
on the card.**

**Thank you for remembering
to complete a card. This enables
our Hospitality Committee
to properly plan
for the meal each week.**

**We will resume our regular
Sunday evening activities
on January 10th .**

**At 5:30 on the 10th we will have
Children's Missions Night
which includes G.A.'s, R.A.'s,
and PreK TeamKid classes,
as well as Youth A.C.T.S.**

**Evening Praise & Worship
resumes at 6:30 that night.**

**Please check bulletin
and website each week
for additional information.**

During Worship in January

- 1/3 - Cora Cliborne & Tyler Patterson
- 1/10 - John Bosiger & Ella Evans
- 1/17 - Jay & Cynthia Camp
- 1/24 - Faye Beck & Connie Murray
- 1/31 - Isis Woody & Deborah Rudder

Judy Meeler is the Nursery Coordinator for Worship.
Please contact her for any changes.



During Sunday School in January

- 1/3 - Faye Beck & Faye Gaaney
- 1/10 - Sharon Brogden & Isis Woody
- 1/17 - Roger & Sheila Henderson
- 1/24 - Andrea & Allyson Sizemore
- 1/31 - Cynthia Camp & Jessica Snead

If you find that you will not be able to be in the Sunday School Nursery on your scheduled date please call Cora Cliborne—575-8100

Our Christmas Cantata, previously scheduled for December 20th, will be performed during Morning Worship January 3rd.

**The choir will present:
“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year”
by Sue C. Smith
& Russell Mauldin**



Worship that day will begin at 10:45.

**Covered Dish Supper & Quarterly Business Meeting Sunday, January 31st.
Supper begins at 5:30pm**



**Business Meeting at 6:30pm
A quorum of 40 is required for the meeting.**

Bible Drill resumes at 6PM on Monday, January 11th.



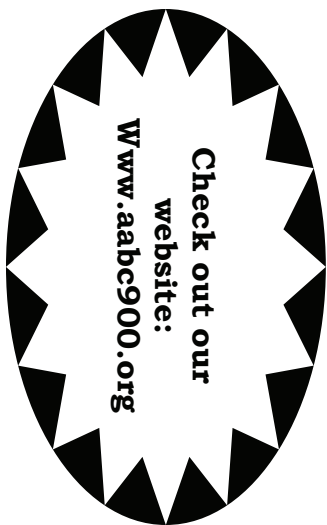
Church Office closes at Noon December 31st and closed all day January 1st.



**Properties Contacts for January
are John Bosiger & Jerry Crenshaw**

**Deacons of the Month for January
are Fred Flinn & John Lewandowski**

**Need to use the church van this month?
If so, contact Ed Cliborne for availability.**



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