

Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

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From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

Time marches on! It seems like only yesterday we began the year 2010.

For many, 2010 can be recorded as a year of new and exciting experiences. Families have enjoyed new children, new jobs, graduation and college, travel to new places. Church members have seen the Lord at work and have met new people through missions and ministry. We've seen the church increase due to His goodness.

Last year has brought its challenges and pain, too. Job loss and inability to find new jobs has been a great frustration to many. On top of that add troubled families which included: troubled spouses, troubled kids, troubled parents, and major life-changing decisions (like remarriage or placing parents in nursing care). Some dealt with more physical challenges as they faced illness or death of a loved one.

In December, the Ash Avenue church family found itself in the midst of mourning and miracles through the events that occurred in the Smith household.

What should we expect in 2011 and how do we prepare?

Life will continue to bring both blessings and burdens. Hopefully, we'll never have to deal with the circumstances of murder and abduction again; however, the unusual may happen. "How do we prepare for such things?", you may ask. The same way we always should at all times and through all things... **place your faith in the Lord and follow Him!**

Let me set the story from **John 6:66-69**. Jesus had preached to the crowds. Many followed Him until He began to preach hard. They misunderstood what He said and they began to leave Him. Jesus asked His disciples if they would leave, also. Now

the disciple Simon Peter often opened his mouth in order to insert his foot; this time He spoke an insightful truth. Peter responded, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God."

Scripture records Jesus saying we would always have trouble, but to take heart that He has overcome the world. As we face 2011, I encourage you to face it *with* Jesus, rather than *without* Him. In times of turbulence, His strength will hold you steady. And in moments of celebration, the Lord will increase your joy beyond any earthly understanding.

I pray you will have a Joyful New Year as you experience the depth of the Jesus' love in your life.





January

- 1/2 Ricky Brogden
Jim Chandler
Fred Flinn
Mike Harris
- 1/9 Randy Guill
Jeff Cox
Randy Hupp
Jason Snead
- 1/16 Jimmy Allen
Gene Comer
Jerry Crenshaw
Daniel Wilborn
- 1/23 Dennis Stewart
Wes Bosiger
Tom Hahn
Mike Sizemore
- 1/30 Don Williams
Victor Crump
Dickie Fallen
Don Gainey



AABC Offering Report

as of: 12/23 /10:

Budget offering
received...

\$184,847.55

Budget offering
needed...

\$209,818.08

Budget deficit:

(24,970.53)



NURSERY WORKERS

- During SUNDAY SCHOOL

The January Nursery Coordinator:
Deborah Rudder.

Please contact her one week prior
to your assigned date if you are
unable to assist.

Volunteer Assistant:
To be announced

- During WORSHIP

The January Nursery Coordinator
is Liz Williams. If you are unable to assist
on your assigned date, please contact Liz
one week prior to that date.

Volunteer Assistants:
January 2nd- Connie Murray
January 9th-Betty Redd
January 16th-Jay & Cynthia Camp
January 23rd-Beulah Crenshaw
January 30th-Jimmy & Vicky Allen

- January Children's Church Leader:
Joyce Guill



**Mandatory Nursery Leaders Meeting
& Lunch, Sunday, January 9th,
after Worship**

The Good Samaritan
needs winter items.

Winter coats, white tube
socks (all sizes),
and underwear are needed.
Items may be dropped off
at the Good Samaritan
Monday-Friday,
10am to Noon.

In addition, dry milk is
needed in their Food Closet.
Contact Worth Hudson,
585-2479, for more
information on food needs.

WMU News

2pm Monday,
January 3rd-
Nonie Gravitt meeting

10am Tuesday,
January 4th-
Eva Saunders meeting

7pm Thursday,
January 13th-
Sisters Serving Christ

WMU Focus Week
February 13-20



Dear Friends,
 I would like to thank you for all prayers & good wishes you have given me in my move to Richmond. The *Ruby Wade Day* was such a nice way to visit! My prayers will continue to be with all of you.

Love,
 -Ruby Wade

To Ash Avenue Baptist Church..
 Thank you so much for all you did to help Mom make her move to Richmond with us. She will miss you all but will think of you daily. There are too many things to mention but all was such a help. Thank you!

-Eleanor & Preston Owen

The family of *Jeff Hudson* acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you to everyone that came to support the Youth. The dinner was a great success. We would like to say a special thank you to Jeff & Annette Cox for helping. And to Joy Eure and Sylvia & Ernest Morris for the wonderful desserts.

Thank you,
 Steve, Jami, & the Youth

Pastor John & Friends from Ash Avenue Baptist Church.....

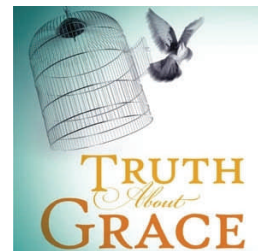
Thank you for your prayers, visits, food and cards and the phone calls at the sudden passing of Charles.

We know he is at peace and in a better place.

Love in Christ,
 Lois Hatcher

Children-Youth News

- After School program 3:00-4:30, resumes January 5th
- Acts & Snacks & Youth Group 5:00-7:15 resumes January 9th
 - *KidZone* 7:00-8:00 (Watch bulletin for dates)
- Every third Friday will be designated Youth Skate Night at the World of Sports, coordinated by Shane Foushee of the Worship Center.
 Youth from all churches are invited to attend. Admission will be \$5.00 which includes skating and rentals. There will be a time of devotion and music. Hours: from 6pm to 9pm.
 - Children's storytelling 3:00 Saturday, January 29th



Winter Bible Study begins in January. This 8-week study, "Truth About Grace", will focus on Galatians.

We hope to have small group studies in private homes as well as a daytime study for Senior Adults.

Anyone interested in hosting a small group in your home, please sign up in Welcome Center, or see Pastor.

Through your generosity we were able to assist five families through our Little Church Fund. Thank you and God Bless You!

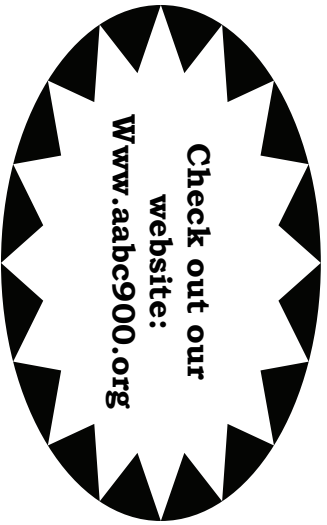


**Properties Contacts for January
are**

John Bosiger & Jerry Crenshaw

**Deacons of the Month for January
are John Bosiger & Ernest Morris**

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



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www.aabc900.org**

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