

# Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

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## From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

A few months ago I read a blog written by Shane Ash, pastor of New Beginnings Church in Hot Spring, South Dakota. After serving as the pastor for three years he shared with them the need to "resign". It was not to quit his position or office, but a commitment to stop following an old course of leadership. The four manners of resignation for Pastor Ash were: 1.) to resign the *consumer church* (make me feel good or I'll go elsewhere church); 2.) to resign conquest for power in the church; 3.) to resign from ignoring individualism in the church; and, 4.) to resign being the pastor he once was (no more people-pleasing, self-pity, or tolerance to sinful behavior within the church).

I found Shane Ash's thoughts intriguing as a fellow pastor. However, the whole idea of *resignation* strikes me that this is what we must all do if we're to be followers of Jesus Christ. Resignation means to *relinquish* or *let go*. And then to *submit*.

As 2012 comes upon everyone, many will be thinking of changes each needs to make in their own lives. When we desire to make these changes we often refer to them as *resolutions*- decisions leading to actions that will turn things around in one's life. Such things could include a better devotional life in prayer and Bible study; physical exercise and

dieting; completing unfinished tasks; or other positive pursuit. However, whatever our goal, we must usually initiate something else first. We must first resign from what is holding us back from achieving our goals. For example, if your goal is to spend more time with your family and children, then you must first resign from the things that rob your time with them, such as work, hobbies, etc. Or perhaps resign from the attitude that other things are more important than the precious moments and memories that could be made with your family.

*Repentance* is another word that comes to mind. When we repent of our sins it simply means we've abandoned our current direction in order to follow another way. *To resign* means we are willing to abandon that which would keep us from being what we should be in Christ.

Perhaps you have been thinking of specific New Year's resolutions for 2012. Some resolutions from past years may have turned out to be victories while others didn't work out so well. As you allow God to give you a fresh start in whatever area He reveals, may I suggest that it should first begin with a *New Year's resignation*. Once we let go of the things that keep us from experiencing the peace that Christ has provided for

us, then He will be able to *restore* us not in part, but in whole.

Happy New Year!

[Shane Ash's blog on "I resign"](http://shaneash.com/2011/09/16/i-resign-part-1/)  
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**Our January  
observance  
of The Lord's Supper  
will be  
on Sunday,  
January 8th**

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our Little Church Fund. Through your generosity, several families in our community were able to have heat and food, as well as other financial assistance during this Christmas season. Even with the difficult economic situation we've all faced in recent years, the Ash Avenue Church Family continues to demonstrate their loving and giving spirit. You are all a true blessing!!

One of the exciting new ministries



January

- 1/1 Randy Guill  
Jerry Crenshaw  
Randy Hupp  
Jason Snead
- 1/8 Dennis Stewart  
Jimmy Allen  
Tom Hahn  
Daniel Ivey
- 1/15 Don Williams  
Victor Crump  
Dickie Fallen  
Don Gainey
- 1/22 Ricky Brogden  
Jim Chandler  
Fred Flinn  
Mike Harris
- 1/29 Randy Guill  
Jerry Crenshaw  
Randy Hupp  
Jason Snead



**AABC Offering Report as of 12/28/11**

**Budget offering received...**

**\$ 180,079.28**

**Budget offering needed...**

**\$ 204,503.00**



• **During SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The January Nursery Coordinator:  
**Deborah Rudder**

• **During WORSHIP**

The January Nursery Coordinator:  
**Brenda Hancock**

**Volunteer Assistants:**

January 1st– Kathy Reichel

January 8th– Cynthia Camp

January 15th– Betty Flinn

January 22nd–Beulah Crenshaw

January 29th– Vicky Allen

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• **January Children's Church Leaders:**

**Chris Powell  
& Karen Hupp**

**\*\* Please note:**

Children's Church will be held on just the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month.

**WMU NEWS**

**\*7:00pm Thursday,  
January 12th  
Sisters Serving Christ**

**\*10:30am Saturday,  
January 28th  
Devotions at Berry Hill**

**\*The Eva Saunders  
and Nonie Gravitt Circles  
will not meet  
in January.  
Their meetings  
will resume in February.**

**Full Deacon Council meets  
at 8am Sunday,  
January 8th.**

**A brief meeting  
of the Deacon Board  
will follow.**

**Monday, January 2nd:  
Office Closed**



**Have a safe  
and  
Happy New Year!**



\*\*Thank you all very much for the gift received in the mail. It's been a rough time for Edward and me the last 5 months. We are doing ok and we would like you all to keep us in your prayers. Merry Christmas! God Bless you all.

*Love...Edith Cole*

\*\*I would like to thank those who came to my home and sang Christmas carols on December 18th. Also for the bag of goodies. It really meant a lot to me.

I love you all.

*Jean Powell*

\*\*To Pastor Eure and the members of Ash Avenue Baptist Church:

My aunts Lassie DAVIS, Will Helen Davis and myself, Lynn E. Mayfield wish to express our appreciation of the credit that was applied towards our heating expenses. We greatly appreciate it. Since I have moved in with my aunts Social Services has taken away some of my benefits and my aunts, ages 88 and 81 years old, are not eligible for fuel assistance anymore! Thank you all once again and may God bless you all for assisting us to keep warm this Winter.

Sincerely,

*Lassie, Will Helen, and Lynn*



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND:**

**5:15PM FELLOWSHIP  
SUPPER**

**6:30PM QUARTERLY  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Dan River Association  
Youth Winter Big Event!**

Friday, February 10th  
6:30pm to Midnight  
at Grace Baptist Church

Contact Association Office (572-2608)  
for details.

**Properties Contacts for January**  
**Dickie Fallen & Gilmer Meeler**

**Deacons of the Month for January**  
**John Bosiger & Eric Hudson**

**January van contact**  
**Liz Williams.**



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