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*January 2012*

## Message from Pastor Gus

Our Charting the Course process is coming to a close. Our team that includes Jane Lamb, Dottie and Jerry Leach, Alma Ruth Michael, Steve Moore, Jennifer Rabalais, R.C. Owen and I has nearly concluded its work. We are now in the final stage to submit our recommendations for approval to committees like the finance committee and our church council. I would have thought when we started this process that, at this point, we would have a longer list of things we would dream our congregation accomplishing; however, we believe led to focus on fewer objectives but do those objectives well. It's the old adage that sometimes less is really more.

One recommendation is for our people to participate in a spiritual assessment. No doctor will prescribe medication or surgery until they have first made careful examination. Construction doesn't begin for a building until the ground on which the building will stand is tested for appropriate drainage and other necessary qualities. We believe for our church's spiritual health a spiritual assessment is crucial. We believe that each person, whether member or a person who regularly worships here, needs to participate in the assessment. The purpose of a spiritual assessment is to help each person have a better understanding of their strengths and weaknesses in their relationship with God and the church. Sometimes we either overestimate or underestimate our strengths and weaknesses. The assessment might provide insights we miss. Through this assessment, we can also better plan future ministries that can strengthen our people's faith. Scripture says, 1 Thess. 5:22 "Test all things and hold fast to that which is good." We believe the time has come to make a closer examination of our relationship with God so we can better pursue his purpose and leading among us.

Pastor Gus

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

*John 21:25 (NKJV)*

## NFUMC Services

### Sunday

Adult Sunday School: 9:45 am  
**Worship Service: 11:00 am**  
 Nursery and Children's Worship  
 (Pre K to Grade 3): 11:00 am

### Wednesday

Adult Groups & A.C.T.S. Youth  
 Program (K-12): 7:00 pm  
*(Fellowship meal 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
 beginning at 6:30pm)*

## Mount Carmel UMC

### Sunday Services

**Worship Service: 9:30 am**  
 Sunday School: 10:30 am

2200 Grills Road  
 Newbern, TN 38059

Mailing address:  
 Mt. Carmel UMC  
 % Pamela Hassell  
 187 Loys Johnson Road  
 Newbern, TN 38059

Thank you to everyone who donated time and/or money for this year's Christmas Float!!



Janie Austin  
 John E. & Eddie Bryant  
 Darrell Carnell  
 Amy Davis  
 Jane Edwards  
 Judy Gregory  
 Paul Hamblin  
 Singer Jagers  
 J.D. Jagers  
 Mark Lamb  
 Jerry & Dottie Leach  
 Gus Lohrum  
 Roy and Gail Mann  
 Steve Moore  
 Jack Pate  
 Jennifer Rabalais  
 Brad Rogers  
 Joe Rogers  
 Dan and Nell Smith  
 Hunter Smith  
 Nathan Smith  
 Zack & Wendy Smith  
 Jarrell & Billye Thornton  
 Gerald & Patsy Tidwell  
 Amy Jane Utendaal  
 John Utendaal  
 Patrick Williams  
 Steve & Pattye Williams  
 Jane Yarbrow  
 Betty Young  
 John Young

Happy Birthday!

January

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|----|---|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Joe Rogers<br>Adam Thornton                     | 15 | Drac Cooper Smith        |
| 2  | Billye Thornton                                 | 16 | Gail Mann<br>Jayna Young |
| 5  | Viola Denton<br>Hunter Rice                     | 17 | William Taylor Rushing   |
| 8  | Rylee Brooke Smith                              | 18 | Carlie Troutt            |
| 10 | Nicole Jones Whitt<br>Eddie Bryant<br>Lisa Doop | 19 | James Wilkerson          |
| 11 | Kim Holland                                     | 22 | Joan Jones               |
| 13 | Jean Forrester                                  | 23 | Amy Jane Utendaal        |
| 14 | Smilee Lamb                                     | 25 | Dana Sexton Rushing      |
|    |   | 30 | Amber Thornton Sharp     |
|    |   | 31 | Adam Earl Utendaal       |

Please notify Michele Gammill of any birthdays that need to be added or removed from the birthday list ... for this month or any other.

**Our prayers of sympathy**

to the family and friends of Athlyne Flowers who died December 15  
 to the family of Delmer McNeil, Jr., who died December 19

**New Concerns:**

Beasley Westfall, uncle of Jennifer Rabalais, suffering a setback following heart surgery in July

**Pray for restored health, comfort and peace for:**

Sharon Sparks was able to start stem cell process this week  
Mike Chilcutt, lung cancer, Main Street, Newbern  
Brandi Box, recent surgery, Cohen Bell, infant son of Jenny & Jonathan Bell  
Tripp Mc Neil  
John Dycus  
Ralph Balthrop  
Richard Ross  
Bill Thrasher

The family of Austin Seratt  
Baby of Whitney and Kevin Hill  
Jarrell Thornton  
Judy Bibbs Brewer  
Jean Palmer  
David Sawyer  
Brian Peevyhouse  
James Wilkerson  
Mildred Williams  
David French  
Jean Palmer  
Mattie Poteet

**Please continue to pray for our friends /family, homebound, in rehabilitation, assisted living or nursing homes;**

Paulette Campion - Dyersburg Manor

Marjorie Lindley- Room 219, The Highlands

Jean Forrester - Dyersburg Manor, 1900 Parr Ave., Dyersburg 38024

Betty Holland- Elmcroft of Jackson, Apt#A106, 911 Old Humboldt Rd., Jackson, TN38305

Mary Helen Ladd- Covington Manor, Hwy 51 S., Covington, TN.38019

Herman Rabalais- Room 14A, Oakwood Community Living Center, 1636 Woodlawn Ave., Dyersburg 38024

Dorothy Enochs- Canterbury Place, 900 Hwy 51 Bypass N., Dyersburg,



# DCHS Calendar

## GENERAL

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - christmas break
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1st day of spring semester classes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - counselor learn blocks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - report cards
- 11<sup>th</sup> - financial aid seminar (6pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> - act sign up deadline
- 16<sup>th</sup> - mlk day - no school



## BOYS BASKETBALL

January 6	Brighton*	Away
January 10	Sheffield	Home
January 13	Jackson Northside*	Away
January 16	MLK Classic	Fed Ex Forum
January 20	Munford*	Home
January 21	Penny Hardaway Classic	Whit Station
January 24	Memphis University School	Away
January 27	Hardin County*	Away
January 31	Sheffield	Away

## Joys and Congratulations

Jacob Stewart and Rylee Smith were voted the "Most Friendly" students at Northview Middle School's Class Favorites selections. These honors are given in the Eighth Grade.

Jacob is the son of Jason and Amy Stewart, and Brother of Josh

Rylee is the daughter of Zach and Wendy Smith, and sister of Jack and Edie Kate.

Proud Grandmother:  
Judy Gregory.



The Esther and Dorcas Circles are still collecting recipes for the

cookbook which they will be publishing next year. We will need all the recipes turned in by **January 23, 2012.**

When turning in a recipe (or recipes) make sure your name is on the recipe and if you know how old the recipe might be add that information, too.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 6	Brighton*	Away
January 10	Sheffield	Home
January 13	Jackson Northside*	Away
January 20	Munford*	Home
January 24	Westwood	Away
January 27	Hardin County*	Away
January 31	Sheffield	Away



# January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 7:00 pm – Choir Practice	4 7:00 pm - ACTS/ABS	5	6	7
Dyer County Schools on Christmas Break						
8	9 5:30pm – Trustees 6:30pm – Finance 7:00pm – Council	10 7:00 pm – Choir Practice	11 6:30 pm – Fellowship Meal/ ACTS/ ABS	12	13	14
15	16 1:30 pm – Dorcas Circle	17 7:00 pm – Choir Practice	18 11:30 am – Ladies Dominoes 7:00 pm - ACTS/ABS	19	20	21
22	23 7:00 pm – Esther Circle  Recipes are Due	24 7:00 pm – Choir Practice	25 7:00 pm - ACTS/ABS	26 Noon – Deadline for Newsletter materials	27	28
29	30	31 7:00 pm – Choir Practice				

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**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

Worship and fellowship are available every Sunday as we open our doors and hearts to every visitor. Your attendance and participation mean a great deal to our Church Family. We ask every visitor to complete the visitor information card and place it in the offering plate. If you do not have a church home, please consider worshipping with us every Sunday

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