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The Messenger

January Birthdays

6 Jack Koller
9 Kathy McVey
10 David Patton
21 Kelly Martin

Be sure and check the list on the back bulletin board for Sunday School Officers and Church Officers for 2009

Light Dinner & Movie Night

January 9th at 6:30pm

Make plans to join us!

Invite a friend!

Pleasant View General Baptist Church

A Challenge For The New Year

January marks the beginning of 2009 and a new year for us to serve our Lord. It promises to be a challenge and yet the rewards are more than we can even imagine. We have new leaders elected to lead our country. Instead of pouting over losing or rejoicing over our candidates winning, we need to be praying for

our leaders. We need to pray for them to look to God for guidance. We need to ask God to protect them and to continue to watch over all our troops who stand in the gap and protect us. This New Year starts with our nation in a financial crisis, our leadership in a major turnover and some are worried about what will happen next. I don't

have an answer to all the questions, but, I do have the only ANSWER to all our struggles and His name is Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord, for the greatest gift ever given.



Preparing For A New Year

Pleasant View General Baptist Church has been a vibrant part of this community for over 60 years. I feel we are a very friendly group of God's people with sincere Christian love for one another and a spirit of acceptance to everyone.

Our emphasis has been to reach our community for Christ. I believe we must be consistent in our message to our community that we love children and want to

provide a safe and exciting learning environment for them. We also need to provide a blended style of worship that seeks to help each person who worships with us to have a genuine spiritual experience.

As pastor, I would love to challenge you as we embark on a new year to seek out ways you can help our church reach our community. Many of

the people of this community are not familiar with our ministry and it is each of our responsibilities to share with them what our church can do for them and their families.

I hope you will take the opportunities God opens up for you, let those around our neighborhood know of our desire to serve them.

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The Missionary Society will be having a fundraiser on Saturday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a freewill donation as we did with our last fundraiser. Menu will consist of chili, dessert and drinks. We invite everyone to come and help support

our society with our monthly mission commitments. We realize this is fairly close to our last one but someone suggested to us to have a chili supper and so what better time to have one than in the winter. If you would like to invite

someone to come feel free to do so but please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board so we will know how many to fix for.



Christian Cadet Club

Our Christian Cadet Club is still growing strong and we need the support of the entire Church. If you don't believe in what we are doing then I understand your lack of concern.

We have seen some great things accomplished this past year and we look for a very fruitful year next year.

If you believe in what we are doing I want to ask for your support in a couple of ways. First we need some candy bars for prizes. The past few months they have been donated by our workers. Second we would like to provide something each week for the kids to eat that is more nutritious and if you can help in that area please see Kelly.

We have been having a good group of kids that we have been ministering to. More than anything I want to have an impact on their lives. If we can say or do something that will affect their future then we have done something worth while.

Sometimes we rate success by the number of kids we recruit to attend our Sunday School and I do hope that we can reach some for our Church. What is more important than that is what kind of impact we are having on their lives. I hope you will keep this in mind as you consider helping the kids who attend our Christian Cadet Club.

Reasonable Doubt

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom."

He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But, you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.

"But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt. I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied, "Oh, we looked - but your client didn't."