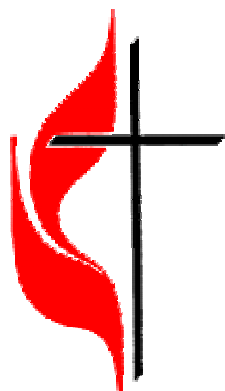


# The Good Views

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## **New Year, New Beginning, New Opportunity**

With the start of a New Year comes the opportunity for changes in our lives. While many of us make New Year resolutions often those good intentions quickly fall by the way. There is a myriad of self-help books devoted to making lasting change in our lives and I don't need to reiterate or compete with them. I would, however, like to share a Biblical example of change for your consideration—Paul.

We know the story of Saul the persecutor of Christians becoming Paul the greatest evangelist of the faith (if not read Acts 9:1-30). What more radical change could one make than Paul did? Think about his example for how we might make the changes we desire. Paul changed his name, his purpose in life, his associates, and his daily activities. Originally he was Saul, his purpose was to

destroy those who followed Jesus, his associates were the Jewish leaders and those who represented them, and his activities were focused on finding and arresting Christians. Paul's change came about primarily because he took on a new identity—God intervened and that made all the difference. He then became Paul, his purpose became serving Jesus, his associates were the apostles and other believers, and his activities focused on introducing gentiles to Jesus.

If change is to become lasting for us we should follow Paul's example by adopting a new identity as well. Not necessarily changing our names but maybe changing the names we are known by. Instead of a floundering, unreliable, or non-committed, or overweight, or addicted, or out-of-shape individual we need to

begin to see ourselves as God sees us and as we want to be seen—purposeful, reliable, committed, healthy, non-addicted, in control. These changes often are made permanent when we alter or focus our purpose in life toward doing what God wants rather than what we want, when we change our associates to those who love and honor Christ rather than those who are self centered, and when we alter our daily activities to lift up Jesus through our work, our relationships, and the use of our time and money.

This year, why not follow Paul's example and make the changes you desire permanent in your life.

Grace and peace,  
Ed Britt

## 94% of Apportionments Paid for 2007

Thanks to the generous and faithful support of our church members over the past year we were able to pay \$33,980 of our \$35,902 goal for Apportionment Giving in 2007. Apportionments are the fair share amount each local church contributes to support the work and ministry of the general United Methodist Church. By pooling our resources for world wide ministry United

Methodists are able to do much more together than any individual local church could accomplish on its own. The specific amount of these connectional ministry funds is determined by a formula based on the local church's expenditure for programs and ministries through its own budget and averaged over a two year period. Our goal amount for 2008 is \$34,869 which should be reachable

with everyone's continued support and participation.

If you have not made a financial commitment to Westview for 2008 please fill out an Estimate of Giving Card found on the table in the foyer and place it in the collection plate. Thanks to everyone who financially support the work and ministry of our congregation!

## Leader Installation and Officer Training on Sunday, January 20

Our church leaders for 2008 will be officially installed on Sunday, January 20, as part of our morning worship services. All those who agreed to serve on committees and in leadership positions for this year are urged to be present at either of the services to participate in this recognition of your ministry. Both those

continuing in positions and on committees and those who are new are asked to be present for this blessing of your commitment to service in the local church.

That afternoon a workshop for church leaders will be held in Columbia at Riverside United Methodist Church from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The

workshops to be offered and the times are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We will take the church van and ride as a group so plan to be at the church and ready to leave by 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Dr. Britt at 799-0250 or his cell at 944-6291.

## Christian Bell to Speak At Worship on Sunday, January 27

One of our church members, Christian Bell, will speak at both morning worship services on January 27 in Dr. Britt's absence. Christian is a Certified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church and an active leader in our

congregation. Presently he serves as Chairperson of the Radical Hospitality Ministry, as a member of the Committee on Lay Leadership, and as Sunday School teacher for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. Christian is

married to Kim Bell and they have four children, Aidan, Tate, Caroline and Nora. He fills in for Dr. Britt who will be away helping lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

**COLUMBIA DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT**  
**JANUARY 20, 2008, RIVERSIDE UMC, COLUMBIA, TN**  
 1:30-3:30  
 RIVERSIDE UMC, 313 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbia, TN

1:30 Gathering Time  
 1:45 Workshops  
 2:30 Fellowship Time  
 2:45 Workshops



**WORKSHOPS:**

**1:45 only**

**Administrative/Church Council**—Understand ways to organize the role and function of the church's executive branch (**Chapel 2nd floor**)

**Lay Leadership Development ("Formerly the Nominating committee")**—Organizing the laity in the most effective way within the committee structure (**Conference Room 2nd floor**)

**Martin Methodist Representatives**—The role of the Martin Methodist College representative in the local church (**Amazing Grace classroom 1st floor**)

**Local Church Youth Programs**—Idea sharing on successful youth activities and programs (**Youth classroom 2nd floor**)

**1:45 and repeated at 2:45**

**Stewardship**—Planning the role of stewardship in making disciples for Christ (**Hewgley classroom 1st floor**)

**Ministry Assessment (SPRC/PPR committee)**—Holding support and accountability together and the steps in the ministry assessment process. Target group-SPRC/PPR chairs and members (**Fellowship Hall 1st floor**)

**Congregational Development ("Formerly New Church Development & Congregational revitalization")**—How do we win people to Christ and how, when, and where do we plant new churches (**Computer lab 2nd floor**)

**Restoring Methodism**—A video presentation on ways to revitalize the foundations of our church (**Sanctuary 2nd floor**)

**2:45 only**

**Parish Nursing/Health & Welfare**—Programs that extend wellness information to churches and community (**Youth classroom 2nd floor**)

**Financial Benefits Structure**—Understanding the conference benefits structure. Target group-clergy spouses (**Amazing Grace classroom 1st floor**)

**Living in Full Effectiveness**—L.I.F.E. for Older Adult Ministry in the UMC (**Conference room 2nd floor**)

**Connectional Structure**—Investigating the ties that link the local and general church (**Chapel 2nd floor**)

## Helpers Needed for 3-4-5th Grade Sunday School Class—NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

I teach the 3-4-5th grade Sunday school class every other month. Between 10-14 children are in class on any given Sunday. I am looking for 1 volunteer to help the

following days:

- Feb 10,24
- April 6, 13, 20, 27
- June 1, 8,15, 22, 29

I will be passing sign-up sheets during worship

services 1/13, 20, and 27. If you miss the sign up sheet and are interested or would like more information please call Gail Bock at 799-8761.

## Coming in February

### Confirmation Day with Bishop Wills—February 2.

Youth participating in the Confirmation Experience this Spring will travel to Nashville to join other youth from around our area in learning about the United Methodist Church. Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by 1:45 p.m.

### Tentative Planning Day for Church Leaders—February 9.

With the approval of the Administrative Council our church leaders will gather at the church from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. to plan the church calendar for 2008.

### Men's Bible Study

Our men will begin meeting again every other Thursday evening for Bible Study on February 14. All interested men are invited to the Church at 7:00 p.m. each second and fourth Thursdays.

## Bowling League

After the fun we had on the Westview softball team. Several people expressed interest in joining a bowling league. There will be a

Mixed League starting on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 6:00 pm at Thunder Alley in Dickson. This will be a 16 week league (Jan 22-May). Costs will run \$12-15 per night. Four person teams can have a mix of male/female

(3+1, 2+2). Contact Debbie Leek at home, 931-670-6574—cell 615-604-1320 to sign up or if you have questions. Lets see how many teams Westview can put together.

## A Thank You Note From The Burkett Family

My Church Family means a lot to me. I have felt your love and support.—And your prayers. Please don't stop praying for me. This is a hard time as some of you know.

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers.

*During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relative really mean to us... your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.*

Love, The Burkett Family



**Very Much!**

## January Birthdays

2-Jan Lillian Moore  
 5-Jan Shelby Carroll  
 5-Jan Shelby Stephens  
 6-Jan Jason Renner  
 6-Jan Wyatt Moore  
 6-Jan Nicole Britt  
 7-Jan Wardie Lewis  
 10-Jan John Bowser  
 11-Jan Ira Bourgoyne  
 11-Jan Alex Handy  
 13-Jan Dorothy Newman  
 14-Jan Carter Bock  
 16-Jan Nathaniel Britt  
 18-Jan Matthew Stevens  
 18-Jan W.T. Mangrum  
 20-Jan Kim Bell



23-Jan Cameron Chappell  
 25-Jan Kim Mangrum  
 26-Jan Winnie Decker  
 27-Jan Irene Givens  
 29-Jan Jerrie Havens  
 31-Jan Jeff Stevens



## January Anniversaries

1/14—Kevin & Patti Carroll

## December Report on Our Faithfulness

### Worship Attendance

December 2nd	8:30 am	<b>34</b>	10:30 am	<b>123</b>	Total:	<b>157</b>
December 9th	8:30 am	<b>43</b>	10:30 am	<b>103</b>	Total	<b>146</b>
December 16th	8:30 am	<b>49</b>	10:30 am	<b>151</b>	Total	<b>200</b>
December 23rd	8:30 am	<b>46</b>	10:30 am	<b>116</b>	Total	<b>162</b>
December 24th	6:00 pm	<b>133</b>	11:00 pm	<b>35</b>	Total	<b>188</b>
December 30th	8:30 am	<b>37</b>	10:30 am	<b>125</b>	Total	<b>162</b>
<b>Average</b>		<b>42</b>		<b>112</b>		<b>166</b>

### December Giving

AA	20.00	Angel Tree	150.00
Apportionments	465.00	Brent Burkett Memorial	150.00
Connectional Ministries	270.00	Fellowship Meal	200.00
General Fund	14,083.94	Graceworks	109.00
Parsonage Payoff	450.00	Men's Group	7.50
Outreach	50.00	Poinsettias	64.00
Preschool Tuition	3,209.00	Sprouts Caroling	45.00
Staff Christmas Fund	487.00	Sunday School	108.58
Thanksgiving Auction	271.75	Youth	260.00

**Total Giving: \$ 20,388,77**

## Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

**OS3 York, Evett M.  
OI Division**

USS Chancellorsville  
CG62  
FPO AP 9662-1182  
San Diego, CA 92136  
Serving in the United States Navy.  
He is still stationed in San Diego, he goes out sea on training exercises and expects to be deployed to Iraq in May.

**PVT Jessica Spivey**  
L.R.M.C.  
C-MROT Box 2003  
APO AE 09180

**Brittain Mangrum**

Serving in the US Army, finishing Boot Camp and then he will begin his job specialization training.

**AM3 Decker, Thomas E.**

HSC-22  
1029 Bellinger Blvd.  
Norfolk, VA 23511-222  
Serving in the United States Navy

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Katherine Kuster**

Still serving but moving often.  
Keep her in your prayers.  
Serving in the US Air Force

**PVT2 Fold, Eric**

C Co. 3-75 Box 29  
Fort Benning GA 31905  
Deployed to Iraq  
Serving in the US Army

**PCF Brison, Michael R.**

7114 Boone Street  
Fairview, TN 37062  
Serving in the Marine Reserve

**PFC, Leek, Joshua J.**

1566 Bruce Drive  
Bon Aqua, TN 37025-1901  
Serving in the US Marine Reserve

As we start the new year, please keep our service men and women in your prayers. Please remember our military friends and send them a special note, care package, or thank you this month. Most of them are far away from their families and need all our support and prayers!

## Lectionary Readings for January

**January 1, 2008**

**New Year**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46

**January 6, 2008**

**Epiphany of the Lord/  
Epiphany Sunday**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

**January 13, 2008**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

**January 20, 2008**

**Second Sunday After the  
Epiphany**

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11 (UMH 774)  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

**January 27, 2008**

**Third Sunday After the  
Epiphany**

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (UMH 758)  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23



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Methodist Church as a place that equips disciples to  
change lives."***

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**Sunday Activities**

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

**Wednesday Activities**

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Fellowship

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday Activities**

7:00-8:00 PM WUMC Men's' Group