



# South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

***Anchored to the Rock***

***Relevant to the Times***

***Reaching to the Future!***

January 2009

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## ***Leadership Notes***

*by Lance Campbell*

*"When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the 'northeaster,' swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along."*

*-Acts 27:13-15*

I remember it was an uncharacteristically sunny day for the end of January as I waited in line for the car ferry that would take me across the English Channel from Belgium to England. I was nursing mixed emotions about the forthcoming experience. On one hand, I was excited about crossing the channel for the first time. On the other hand, I had heard many stories about how rough the sea can get. However, the ocean looked calm that morning. So, with a hopeful heart, I drove onto the ferry and began the 68 mile journey.

For the first hour or so the sea was calm and I was enjoying the voyage. "So far, so good," I thought. But in the open sea things can change in a hurry. With growing alarm I felt the ferry begin to pitch up and down as the wind and waves grew in intensity. The next few hours were no fun; I did a lot of praying for smoother sailing. I knew how the Apostle Paul felt during the sailing story he recounted in Acts 27. He did a lot of praying, too. I was the happiest person imaginable when I finally saw the white cliffs of Dover which signaled the end of my journey. But both Paul's story and mine had a happy ending: We both landed safely and were made stronger because of the journey.

A new year is like the beginning of an ocean voyage: You know you are going on a journey, but aren't sure how rough the seas will be. I pray that 2009 will be a year of smooth sailing for you. I also pray that you will enjoy the voyage and grow closer to Jesus Christ, the Captain of the ship. When we put our faith in the Lord we can be assured of two things; you can trust that you will land safely and you will be made stronger because of the journey.

"Come, follow me." Let's see where Jesus leads our church.

Blessings for the New Year,

Lance



## *Honors and Memorials*

### **Building Campaign:**

In Love & Honor of Mary King. Given by Helen Simmons.  
In Love & Honor of Evelyn Crawford. Given by Helen Simmons.  
In Love & Honor of Susan Ifert. Given by Helen Simmons.  
In Love & Honor of Cheryl Spears. Given by Glen & Patricia Nunley.  
In Love & Honor of Cheryl Spears. Given by Ed Spears.  
In Love & Honor of Ed & Cheryl Spears. Given by John & J.K. O'Hare.  
In Love & Honor of Kathy Hughes for Christmas. Given by Kay Gevedon.  
In Love & Honor of Faye DeHart. Given by Skippy Simmerman.  
In Love & Honor of my Mom, Skippy Simmerman. Given by Julie Williamson.  
In Love & Honor of my Mom, Skippy Simmerman. Given by Lori Goll.  
In Love & Honor of Kay Gevedon for Christmas. Given by Kathy Hughes.  
In Loving Memory of Jacqueline West. Given by John & Jil McClanahan.  
In Loving Memory of Steve Klaiber. Given by John & Jil McClanahan.  
In Loving Memory of David McClelland. Given by John & Jil McClanahan.  
In Loving Memory of all our church family who have gone to their reward in  
Given by Skippy Simmerman.

### **Costa Rica Farm:**

In Love & Honor of Marion Woods on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by John & Jil McClanahan.  
In Love & Honor of Conor, Riley & Stella Dunnigan. Given by Granna & Grandad.  
In Love & Honor of Evan White. Given by Greg & Arland White.  
In Love & Honor of our Costa Rica Mission Team. Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins.  
In Love & Honor of Ed Spears. Given by:  
Glen & Patricia Nunley  
Cheryl Spears

In Love & Honor of Ed & Cheryl Spears. Given by:  
Ken & Peg Williams  
Bill & Linda Meyers  
John & J.K. O'Hare  
In Love & Honor of Doug Spears. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.  
In Loving Memory of Ann Spears. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.  
In Loving Memory of Gray Brumfield. Given by Lisa Brumfield.

### **Library:**

In Love & Honor of Skippy Simmerman on her birthday. Given by Charlene Cooper.

### **Missions:**

In Love & Honor of Lance & Janis Campbell. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.  
In Love & Honor of Michael McAlister. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.  
In Loving Memory of Steve & Linda Klaiber. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.

### **Music Fund:**

In Loving Memory of Ernest Watson. Given by Sam & Dody Greening.

### **Pital Church in Costa Rica:**

In Love & Honor of our children and grandsons. Given by Sam & Dody Greening.  
In Love & Honor of Joyce Neill. Given by Mike & Suzan Chapman.  
In Loving Memory of Ella Mae Skaggs. Given by Bill & Martha Rice.  
In Loving Memory of Douglas Cooper. Given by Larry, Teresa & Luke Kirkpatrick and Kristian Cooper.  
In Loving Memory of John Andrew Baldock. Given by Kim, Katie & Jacob.  
In Loving Memory of John Thom. Given by Bonnie Thom.  
In Loving Memory of Leslie A. Crawford. Given by Evelyn Crawford.  
In Loving Memory of George Lenning. Given by Jr. &

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Anita Fitzpatrick.

In Loving Memory of Mr. Gale Armstrong. Given by  
Jim & Lynne Wagenaar.

In Loving Memory of Mr. Jake Wagenaar. Given by  
Jim & Lynne Wagenaar.

**Puppets:**

In Loving Memory of Jacqueline West. Given by  
Harold & Jared Watson.

In Loving Memory of Ernest Watson. Given by:  
Kay Gevedon  
John & Jil McClanahan  
Tony & Rose Grossl  
Joe & Carla Skaggs  
Bill & Ernestine Blanton

**Deaths**

Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:



- Tony & Rose Grossl and family in the death of her mother, Jacqueline West.
- The family and friends of Steve Klaiber.
- Harry & Phyllis Wurts and family in the death of their son-in-law, David McClelland.
- Harold Watson and family in the death of his father, Ernest Watson.

**Costa Rica Mission Update**

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gifts for the Costa Rica and Pital Church mission efforts. At the time I am writing this, you have given over \$2,700.00. This is a true blessing from God. I called Marion Woods to tell him how much had been given and all he could do for at least 5 minutes was cry and say, "Thanks be to God." When he finally composed himself Marion told me they needed at least \$2,500.00 and South Ashland was their Christmas angel giving them a gift of a little more than they needed at this moment. He went on to say the extra \$200.00 would allow them to purchase some Christmas gifts of food and clothing for very needy children. Of course as Marion was crying and telling me this story I was crying and thanking God for you all. I always receive such a blessing and wish you all could hear his voice when we speak of things like this.

I would also like to thank those of you who helped support the two youth from our church who will, thanks to your generosity, be going on the 2009 mission trip. These trips are life changing and for two young people who could not afford to make this trip, you all have given them a wonderful Christmas present.

I ask that you keep the team in prayer as we travel and work there. The trip will take place January 30 thru February 8, 2009. Please pray that all we do is pleasing to God and that He will guide and lead us during this time.

The mission has a need for any used light weight clothing you may have, especially children or baby items. There is also a need for school supplies. Any thing you would like to donate may be taken to church or call me at 325-1414 and I will pick it up and the team will transport the items to Costa Rica.

May God continue to bless our church as we reach out beyond our walls; just as Marion, Mary and Wilbur are doing in Costa Rica.

IN HIS LOVE AND SERVICE  
EDUARDO  
VIA CON DIOS

# Children's

# CHOIR



I love Wintertime, especially when it gets cold. I love to wear all the sweaters and other winter garb that makes for some interesting combinations. Each day is a new challenge to get the right combination for our Winter. You know how it is...one day warm, one day wet, one day wet and windy, one day "0" cold, one day dreary and gray, one day bright and sunny...yeah, that's our Winter. Ministry to children is much the same as our Winter. Each event, each child, each need—expressed or hidden, gives a different combination of "spiritual clothes" that must be "put on". Our Lord reminds us to put on spiritual clothes and full spiritual armor. He teaches us to watch and pray. He asks us to remember we are in a battle. We are commissioned to teach our children to "put on" spiritual clothes and armor for growth and fellowship.



All of the programs we offer are for every child from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I urge you to involve your child/children in the programs/events which best serves their spiritual growth and fellowship with the Church. We want to make the Church irresistible to our children. Some of our children have great support from home and others have limited support. Don't be afraid parents, guardians, influential adults in a child's life, to insist on a child's participation in an event or program that you know will benefit your child.



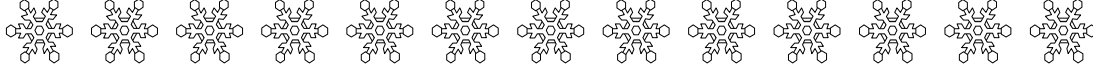
I recently did this with a little girl when we began our children's choir, the "Voices of Praise". This little girl protested adamantly that she was not participating in choir. But I knew, and her mother knew, she has a wonderful singing voice. With the help of one of the older girls that was an experienced singer, this little girl reluctantly and fearfully participated in our first choir presentation. The older girl provided support and strength on her own to help the younger one overcome her fear of performance. By the time of the Christmas Eve performance, the little girl, on her own, volunteered to sing a duet with another girl.



Choir may not be right for your child, but something is. You know your child. Help your child "put on" the spiritual clothes which fit. And remember...children often grow quickly. What fits today, may not fit tomorrow.

**Sincerely,  
Joe Elam, Director**

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**South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report November 2008**

<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Budget Items</b>	<b>Specials</b>	<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 6,041.35	\$ 33,472.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 39,513.41
Receipts	41,782.92	30,518.14	1,881.00	74,182.06
Disbursements	(40,449.10)	(18,783.85)	( 812.31)	(60,045.26)
Transfer	1,049.95	0.00	0.00	1,049.95
Closing Balance	\$ 8,425.12	\$ 45,206.35	\$ 1,068.69	\$ 54,700.16
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/07	\$ 53,867.95	\$87,838.99	\$ 0.00	\$141,706.94
Receipts	427,455.40	218,644.34	19,735.00	665,834.74
Disbursements	( 476,536.55)	(172,211.32)	(18,666.31)	(667,411.18)
Transfer	3,638.32	( 89,065.66)	0.00	( 85,427.34)
Closing Balance	\$ 8,425.12	\$ 45,206.35	\$ 1,068.69	\$ 54,700.16