



Where did 2010 go?

By Ray Smith

Did anyone see it flying by? Were there special events or lasting impressions that were seared into our memory banks? Were there special accomplishments that made us proud or possibly a failure or two that we would like to correct?

In any event, 2010 is gone forever, never to be revisited or relived except in our reveries. But is that such a bad thing?

We are faced with fresh opportunities to show and express God's love in new and exciting

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OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Lawrence Allen, Brian Beckley Jr., Annie Mae Carter, Lynn Celebre, Ashley Draper, Leola Frayser, Thomas Jackson, Jane Gray Kibler, George & Lois Fallows, Betty McKee, Pat Moran, Virginia Moran, Betty & Harvey Roach, Rita Robinson, Benjamin Shannon, Lavelle Sheffield, Steve Sheffield, Carolyn Stone, Gloria Slingerland, Ann Taylor, Johnny Taylor, Mary Walker, Jennifer Yeary

Please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ

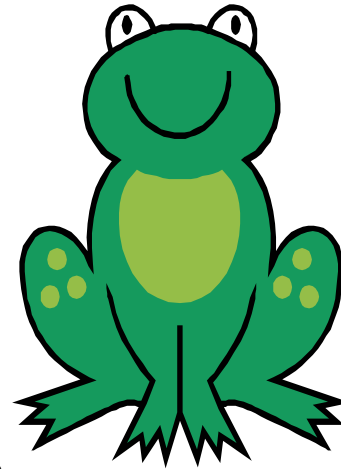


From The Pastor

Greetings in the Name of Christ,

It happened again, a New Year is here even if we are not ready for it. However, it gives us a chance to start the New Year off doing something different.

We have been talking about the importance of prayer over the last few months and with that thought in mind I ask that 2011 be a year that we all make an extra effort to focus on prayer. Jesus spent many an hour in prayer with His heavenly Father and we have the same privilege to spend time in prayer with God.



Let's start 2011 in **PRAYER**.

P – pray for the **P**eople of the church

R – pray for **R**ichmond, the place where we live

A – pray for people **A**ll around the world

Y – pray for **Y**ourself — a stronger faith and the ability to do more for God

E – pray for the **E**conomics of the church

R – pray for **R**ainbows — that everyone will have rainbows in their lives and that we will see the sunshine of God

As we start this new year, let it be one with a purpose of continuing to stay in prayer with God and, with constant communication, grow in our own faith as we become closer to God. Our prayer basket will continue to be placed in our sanctuary every day so that any special prayer request may be written down and placed in the basket.

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Methodist Minute:

Seven Methodist Questions

At our last District council our District Lay Leader handed out the following 7 questions. How many can you answer?

1. What is the mission of the UMC?
2. What is the vision of the Virginia conference?
3. What is the Conference Challenge?
4. What is the strategy for accomplishing the vision of the conference?
5. What are the 4 Focus Areas of the UMC?
6. What are the 3 Simple Rules?
7. What are the 2 forms of holiness in UMC?

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Letter from Our Overseas Missionary

Note: In 2010, Greenwood supported a UMC General Board of Global Ministries missionary in Cambodia, Clara Biswas. Here is her Christmas 2010 letter to her supporting churches. – Ed.

Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Another year has come and gone and we find ourselves once again in the season of Advent. In this time of year we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. As we prepare for this wonderful time in the Christian year we are working with our kids and it is such a blessing. To hear these blessed children of God sing songs of joy and praise warms my heart. This is something that we would like to share with you.



Just as Mary "treasured all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:19), we too here at the Methodist Mission In Cambodia treasure your support of our ministries. In this time of great expectation of the coming of our lord Jesus Christ we want to thank you once again for allowing us to make such an impact of the lives of the people we come in contact with.

We could not do what we do without your help and we thank God for you and your friendship. The staff and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to your continued support in 2011.

Thank you so much and May God Bless you and all that you do. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Ms. Clara Mridula Biswas
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

December Attendance and Offerings

“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce”

— Proverbs 3:9

Date	Sunday School	Worship	Giving
December 5	18	55	\$3,162.95
December 12	20	50	\$1,483.00
December 19	18	65	\$2,282.95
December 26	No Services due to Snow		
<i>December Totals</i>	56	170	\$6,928.90
<i>December Averages:</i>	18.7	56.7	\$2,309.60

\$2,725 offering needed weekly to meet Greenwood's 2010 operating budget of \$141,712. Your generosity is appreciated

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Janet and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all that you have done for us and Greenwood church over the past year and it is our prayer that God will continue to bless the church and each of you this coming year.

I look forward to our time of visioning of the church on January 22, 2011.

1 Chronicles 5:20 He answered their prayers, because they trusted him.”

Shalom

Dean



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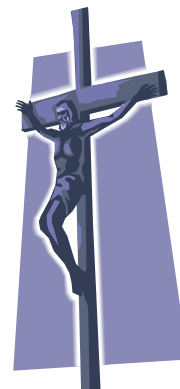
ways that may reveal themselves in this new year. Let us take advantage of every chance that comes our way with renewed vigor to lift up Christ to a lost and dying world.

An anonymous writer penned these words that describe our post-Christmas journey so well :

“The road to Bethlehem does not stop there, but continues on to Calvary. How shallow would our claims to Christian discipleship be if we were only to stop and acknowledge the babe of Bethlehem and not continue on to worship the Christ of the Cross.”

The challenges of a new year lay before us. Let us rise to meet them with renewed strength and confidence.

Amen and Shalom.



FunRaisers

January Fellowship Dinner

Fellowship Dinner – January 12, 6:30 p.m. Menu: chicken pot pie, salad, banana nut sweet bread all for only \$5.00 per plate. Sign up on flyer in church bulletin or call the church office 266-5341.



FUNraisers – take out dinner: January 23 after worship services. Pint of beef stew, homemade oatmeal bread, chocolate pie \$7.00 each. Sign up today in the Narthex or call the church office 266-5341

United Methodist Minute

Seven Questions — Answers

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Answers to the 7 questions:

1. To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
2. We envision faith communities where all God's people are welcome at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.
3. More people: more young people, more diverse people, All for Jesus.
4. All Things New.
5. Global Health, An End to Poverty, Leadership Development, New Faith Communities.
6. Do no Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God.
7. Social Holiness and Personal Holiness.

Bible Study: the Book of Revelation

Greenwood's Just Friends Sunday School class will conduct a 13-week study of the Book of Revelation, beginning January 30. We meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at the church. Won't you join us as we enjoy fellowship and learn more about the words of Scripture? Contact Linda Walker (262-7720 or shumei52@verizon.net) for more info and to get an advance copy of our study guide



Did you Know?

Donate Alter Flowers

Greenwood's altar area is often decorated with flowers donated by someone in the congregation in memory or in honor of a loved one or some event, like a birthday or anniversary.

You can commemorate an important person or event in your life by signing up for altar flowers on the flower chart posted in the hallway outside the choir room and church office, behind the sanctuary. After worship services you can take the arrangement home.

Flower arrangements cost \$20 and should be ordered no later than the Sunday before you want them. You can sign up months in advance.

A new flower chart for 2011 has been posted. Hurry and sign up before the Sunday you want is taken!

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Congratulations to these members of our church family celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Yanni Sotos	5 th
Linda Walker	6 th
Selma Wright	12 th
Jalayah Shuler	26 th
Jayden Shuler	26 th
Harold Yeary	30 th

Anniversaries

Maywood and Catherine Wallace	5 th
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Top 10 Predictions for 2011



1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

"The Word of the Lord endures forever."

— 1 Peter 1:25

January Communion Offering *Pastor's Discretionary Fund*



This is a fund that Rev. Dean uses to help the needy with rent, medical bills, food, etc.