



# Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

January 2, 2008

### Sermon This Sunday

**8:30 & 11:00**

Rev. Diane Christianson  
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

**10:50**

Rev. Albert Shuler  
"What Gifts We Bring"  
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

The new year of 2008 is upon us. Are we expecting great things or dreading the unknown future? Are we anticipating wonderful discoveries and changes or working hard to hang on to the familiar past?

The Christian faith is about something new. Jesus talked about new wine, new wine-skins, a new commandment, and a new covenant. The Epistles are filled with images of the old passing away and II Corinthians 5:11 reminds us that all things are being made new and that we are to become new creations in Christ.

As another year begins, we have a choice. We can embrace change. We can look for the new light that Christ brings, or we can cling to what has been comfortable and is another year older and worn.

You see, new life and the hope of a new day are not found in the old but in the new. Revelation 21 casts a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. We are not to wait until eternity to experience the gift of that which is new. I wonder if our unwillingness to try change in this life will find us struggling with the changes of the next one.

Perhaps the reason only a few shepherds and magi found the Christ child in Bethlehem was because the rest of those gathered were caught in the human temptation to focus on the routine and ordinary. But for those who allowed their lives to be interrupted and altered, a new gift and revelation was experienced.

Friends, 2008 is here. Enjoy the new, not just the year. And as we begin again, may we ask God to help us to embrace and appreciate the new as it enters into our lives.

Happy New Year!

Albert Shuler

### Attendance

**December 23, 2007**

Children's Pageant - 325  
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8:30 Worship - 130

11:00 Worship - 472

No Communion (12/25 or  
01/01)

5:30 Christmas Eve - 630

8:00 Christmas Eve - 550

Total - 1,782

**December 30, 2007**

Sunday School - 133  
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8:30 Worship - 86

10:50 - 128

11:00 Worship - 290

Total - 504

## Communion all services Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008

### Prayer Families

*We ask your prayers this week for these members of our church family: Rose Mary Stocks, Calvin and Ann Stokes, Jessica Stokes, Chuck and Kim Stokes, Jim and Kaye Stott, Al and Peggie Stox, Bruce Strickland, and Grady Strickland.*

*Please also pray for the Family Life/Fellowship Feasts Committee.*

## United Methodist Men's Morning Group

**will meet this Sun., January 6, 2008  
7:00 a.m. - Taft Christian Life Center**

**Program: Larry Hagler will share about the Shepherd's Helper Ministry at Jarvis Memorial and some of its on-going projects.**

***Please join us!***

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## "Good Grief"

Please remember that the Jarvis group, "Good Grief," will meet in the Parlor on Wednesday night, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. Dress is casual and refreshments will be served.

Dan Earnhardt

## Tuesday Night Men

**Begins January 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Taft CLC**

We are a discussion and prayer group for men who love the Lord. And, yes, there will be football, basketball, hockey, and soccer. (Okay, there won't actually be any soccer discussions.)

For more information, call Jarvis Memorial UMC or email Timm Hackett at [jarvis-ace@earthlink.net](mailto:jarvis-ace@earthlink.net).

**JOY Club**  
**Monday, January 7**  
**12:15 p.m. (\$5)**  
**Taft Christian Life**  
**Center**  
**Program by Dick**  
**Douglas**

**Small Group: Financial Peace**  
**University starts Sun., Jan. 6,**  
**2008, 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor.**  
**Questions, please contact Phil**  
**Trull at 321-3900.**

### Sympathy

*Our prayers and sympathy are with:*

*Greg and Sarah Needham and family upon the death of her father, Vernon Presley Mangum of Goldsboro, on December 31.*

*Knott and Lib Proctor and family upon the death of her sister, Frances Kittrell Fritchman of Dallas, Georgia, on December 20.*

*Bobby Kittrell and Knott and Lib Proctor and their families upon the death of their mother and sister-in-law, Betty Kittrell on December 24.*

*Andy and Sharon Culpepper and family upon the death of his father, Wilbur A. Culpepper of Elizabeth City, on December 22.*

### Rosebud

*The rosebud on the altar this Sunday, January 6, is in celebration of the birth of Thomas Alexander Brown, son of Mitchell and Shannon Brown of Raleigh, on December 19. Grandparents are Nicki and David Brown.*

### Congratulations

*Our congratulations to Dave Miller and Annmarie Carter upon their marriage in the Sanctuary on December 29, 2007.*

### Fellowship Feast

**Wed., Jan. 9**

**Serving at 5:30 in Taft CLC.**

**Menu:** Country-style steak, creamed potatoes, garden peas, rolls, dessert



**Cost:** adults - \$6.00 & children - \$2

**Please make reservation by email:**

[jarvisumc@earthlink.net](mailto:jarvisumc@earthlink.net); calling the church office, 752-3101, or card in pew pad on Sundays.

**The Fellowship Feast Committee** is offering a meal plan at significant savings. A 10 meal plan can be purchased at \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Price at the door will remain \$6.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Maximum cost for a family remains \$20.00. Call Patty Marr at 757-1883 to purchase a meal plan.

### Thank You

*We extend a special thank you to Beth Griffin for creating the children's stick puppets for the 5:30pm Christmas Eve worship service. The children enjoyed her handiwork!*

### Many Thanks

*We would like to thank everyone for their many expressions of love during our recent loss. Your concern provided strength and comfort to our family during a very difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Tim and Noelle Dismukes*

## Be a Part of Music Ministry At Jarvis!



**Children's Choirs** begin rehearsing

Sunday, January 20, at 6:30 pm! Just come to the

Music Suite! **Jarvis Ringers**, January 20 at 7:30 p.m.

**Chancel Choir**, Wednesdays, beginning January 2 at 7 pm

**Sanctuary Choir**, every Sunday at 7:50 am

**Instrumentalists and Bell Ringers**, call Stan at 752-3101, ext 120, to find out about playing and ringing opportunities!

**LONGING for...Laughter, Community, Joy, Unity - This new series starts this Sunday at Step 24. Join us from 9:40 – 10:40 at the Youth Room.**

**JSM Ski Retreat** — Deadline to register is January 6<sup>th</sup>! Ski Location: Wintergreen, VA, Dates: January 19-21, Grades: 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Go to [www.jarvisism.com](http://www.jarvisism.com) for ski packets.

**Mark Your Calendars!** January 4 - Confirmation 6-8PM January 6-The Current 7:30-8:45PM  
January 13 - PLUNGE 6-8PM January 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> - Ski Retreat  
January 27- The Current

**Jarvis Student Ministries**  
[www.jarvisism.com](http://www.jarvisism.com)

**Week of January 6, 2008**

**Children's Church** - (11:00) 4's & 5's – Kristal Kypson; 6's & 7's - Anissa Potter; (10:50) 4's-2nd grade - Beth Griffin  
**Nursery Parents:** Paul & Beth Gallup  
**Acolytes:** (8:30) Amanda Cannon, (11:00) Molly Horton  
**11:00 Greeters: UMW**

**Altar Flowers**



A word of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Miller for providing the flowers on December 30, 2007.

**Contributions to the Ministries at Jarvis Memorial for:**

<u>Operating</u>	<u>Revenue -</u>	<u>Budget =</u>	<u>**Difference</u>
Sun., Dec. 30, 2007	\$ 112,888	\$ 28,846	\$ 84,042
Month to Date	\$ 225,868	\$ 144,231	\$ 81,637
YTD - Operating	\$ 1,333,161	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -166,839
<u>Capital</u>	<u>Revenue -</u>	<u>Budget =</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sun., Dec. 30, 2007	\$ 570	\$ 2,507	\$ -1,937
Year to Date	\$ 34,756	\$ 130,375	\$ -95,619
Remaining TCLC Debt = \$349,894		Revenue - Budget = Difference	
Remaining Bus Debt = \$18,508			

Contributions Totals by FUND for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 2007 are as follows: Preliminary Totals  
Operating Fund = \$ 1,330,487 (includes operations, missions, & apportionment)  
Misc./Missions Fund = \$ 56,910 (Local & NC Conf. Special needs; misc. mission trips)  
Youth Missions = \$ 400 (Mission Trip, etc.)  
Organ/Preservation = \$ 135 (Preservation of Church Property)  
Capital (Debt Red. TCLC) = \$ 35,536 (Reduction of Debt on TCLC)  
Capital (Taft Property) = \$ 130,230 (Taft Furniture Property Purchase)  
Relief (Cookie Jar) = \$ 20,775 (Relief to local community)  
Pastor's Benevolence = \$ 8,685 (Benevolence in local community)  
Special Funds/Scholarships = \$ 1,000 (Scholarships, etc.)  
Temporary Restricted Gifts = \$ 42,270 (Library, Music, JAS, Youth, Bus, etc.)  
Total 2007 Contributions = \$ 1,626,428 All Funds

**The Stephen Ministers of Jarvis UMC will meet for support and training on January 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please call the office, 752-3101, if you will be unable to attend.**



**Music and Worship News** by Dr. Stan McDaniel



*Lord, make me what You will. I put myself fully in Your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for You or laid aside for You, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.*

**Talk about your "New Year's Resolutions"! Wowie! The above quote is from John Wesley's "Covenant Service", an order of worship he introduced to his followers to bring in the New Year by renewing their commitment to Christ. (Some will recognize it as we incorporate this prayer often into services at Jarvis around this time of year.) Have you ever read a better statement of commitment to ministry and servanthood? And so typical of Wesley to take a "methodical" approach: he knew the only way to keep commitments strong was to regularly revisit and renew them!**

As a church musician, it seems natural to paraphrase Wesley's words: "Lord, use our music as you will. Let us put it fully in Your hands. Give us the strength and commitment to be your servants through voice and instrument: prepared to sacrifice our time, energy, and talent to give You pleasure and share Your love according always to Your will for us. We give it ALL to You, Lord, freely and with a willing heart, to Your pleasure and to Your disposal."

With the new year comes new plans for music ministry. Our Palm Sunday cantata will once again feature soloists and orchestra, and the brass at Easter will be truly memorable – a fitting accompaniment as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection. I can hardly wait to see all of the choirs and instrumental groups as rehearsals begin anew. But before that first anthem or hymn is sung, let us all commit ourselves, heart, mind – and music—to God's service, subservient to God's will... God will take care of the rest.

**Re-keying of Church Entrance/Rear glass doors:** The cylinder locks for the front and rear entrance to the Education Bldg. have been changed. Old keys will not work in the new locks. A replacement key can be picked up at the church office.



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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS:**

**Amazing Journey Sunday School**

Here are the current openings for teachers and shepherds for the **Parables of Jesus** rotation. If you can volunteer for any of these positions, please contact Beth Griffin at [Ncgriff2@aol.com](mailto:Ncgriff2@aol.com) or 756-1226.

**Shepherd openings:**

Kindergarten - Jan. 13th and 27th  
 2nd Grade - Feb. 3rd  
 4th & 5th Grades - Jan. 27th and Feb. 3rd

**Teacher openings:**

Storytelling - Jan. 20th (2nd Grade)  
 Music & Movement - Jan 20th (1st Grade) and Feb. 3rd (3rd Grade)  
 Computer Lab - Jan. 20th (3rd Grade), Jan. 27th (4th & 5th Grades), and Feb. 3rd (Kindergarten)

**New Beginnings Preschool Sunday School**

We still have Sundays open for January and February. Please contact Patty Marr or Beth Griffin if you would like to teach one (or more) Sundays. The New Beginnings curriculum will be used starting this Sunday.

**Teachers for this Sunday:**

3 Year Olds: Meredith Bonnette; 4 Year Olds: Patty Marr

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**Calendar of Events**

Sunday, January 6, 2008

7:00 a.m. - UM Men - TCLC  
 7:50 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir Warm-up  
 8:30 a.m. - Morning Worship w/Communion  
 9:15 a.m. - noon - Hooker Library open  
 9:40-10:40 a.m. - Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship w/Communion - Sanctuary  
 Prayer Comm. meets weekly to Pray after worship - Chapel  
 4:30 p.m. - Financial Peace University Small Group - Parlor  
 7:30-8:45 p.m. - The Current - TCLC

Monday, January 7, 2008

12:15 p.m. - JOY Club - TCLC  
 7:00 p.m. - Building Committee - Parlor  
 7:00 p.m. - UMW Ex. Board - CR  
 7:00 p.m. - Missions - College Class, TCLC  
 7:15 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

12 noon Tuesday Communion - "Open to all" - Chapel  
 5:15 p.m. - Staff Parish - CR  
 5:30 p.m. - Evangelism - Parlor  
 6:30 p.m. - NAMI - FH  
 7:00 p.m. - Tuesday Night Men - TCLC  
 7:00 p.m. - Church & Society - Parlor

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

9:30-12 noon - Hooker Library open  
 9:45 a.m. - Intercessory Prayer Group - Rm. 201  
 4:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministers - CR  
 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Feast - TCLC  
 5:30 p.m. - Praise Team Rehearsal - TCLC  
 6:00 p.m. - Needlework for Missions Group - CR  
 6:30 p.m. - "Good Grief" Group - Parlor  
 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Praise Team practice - TCLC  
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 10, 2008

9:30 a.m. - Disciple II - CR  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Praise Team practice - TCLC  
 7-9 p.m. - Men's Basketball - TCLC, Gym

Friday, January 11, 2008

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - K & W Cafeteria  
**11:00 service is broadcast live over WAGO-FM, 88.7 & 91.1.**

**Fellowship First**  
 every Sunday morning -  
 coffee, doughnuts, hot  
 chocolate, etc. available  
 from 9:15-11:15 by the  
 Parlor and in the TCLC.

For Sale: Church Parsonage, 107  
 Williamsburg Dr. (Lynndale area)  
 Call Dennis Leanhardt, Bus. Mgr.,  
 752-3101.

