

LAST WEEKS' RECORD	
Sunday School Attendance	204
Weekly Budget	\$10,112.00
General Receipts	\$17,601.00
Designated Receipts	\$1,096.80
New Growth Project	\$623.50
Lottie Moon – to date	\$7,987.30

### Serving this Week at Portside

**Deacons on Call: December 23 – December 29, 2007**

Mike Grubb, Dennis Hall, Jody Huggins

**Ushers** – Stewart Ott, cpt., Brian Gainey, Marco Villegas,  
Ric Shuffler - Alternate

**Sound System** – Craig Pagels, Keith Kimble, Ashley  
O’Neal

## THIS WEEK

“Christmas in Isaiah – Child”

Isaiah 9:6-7

### Nursery/Preschool/Children’s Workers Schedule

**Sunday Morning** – Debbie Sylvester, Ann Weatherford,  
Kay Ott

**Sunday Evening** – Nina Weeks

**Children's Sermon** – Sean Kennedy

**Children's Helper** – Chris Sergent

**Wednesday Evening** - Nina Weeks

**DECEMBER TELLERS: Dennis & Susan Hall**

**December 26, 2007**

**NO EVENING SERVICES – NO MEAL**



December 23	Chesley Hall
December 25	JESUS, John Blackmon, Christina Serna
December 26	Michael Giles
December 27	Vivian Cone, Marion Padgett, Chris Sargent
December 28	Evelyn Willis



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Office Hours  
Mon., Wed., Thurs.  
8:00-4:00  
Tuesday -  
7:30-3:00  
Friday  
7:30-3:30

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# Portside Baptist Church Fellowship News

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*The staff at Portside wishes you all a very Merry Christmas.*

*A Fellowship of Caring*

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## From the Pastor

The recent church shootings in Colorado should have alarmed all churches. We are living in an age of unbelievable violence, and we must come to the conclusion that many people loathe Christianity. Every Sunday, all churches are vulnerable to crime. We are an easy target.

Recently I met with several committees in our church, and we discussed the prudent steps that we should take. We agreed to do several things:

1. Form a committee called the "security committee" to oversee this aspect of our responsibility
2. Install blinds in the fellowship hall. This has already been completed.
3. Install doors that can be locked on the outside but can be opened on the inside – similar to the doors in the office building.
4. Post sentinels at doorways during times of worship.
5. Install a comprehensive alarm system that will protect all of our buildings – and lower our insurance premium.

These and other steps are needed for us to be good stewards of the safety of our people. We feel these steps are necessary and prudent. We welcome any further suggestions from our members. We, as a church, must do everything possible to protect our people and give them a secure environment in which to worship.

## From Pastor David

I know December is not over and there are activities that have not taken place, however, I would like to thank everyone that has participated in the different events throughout the month. It has been awesome!

I made the statement yesterday that this has been the best December I can remember here at Portside. From handballs, Cantata, solos, children's musical, etc. - everything has been great. But to truly appreciate what we have all witnessed is to understand the many hours of work and prayer that went on long before we saw or heard the actual programs. For this I say "Thank You".

I pray that we as a church take this month of December and use it as a model for the next year. Allowing God to lead and all of us serving with a willing and cooperative heart, we can only pray and work to meet God's plans for us and exceed our own expectations. This truly takes cooperation from all and understanding that not everyone can have a solo, a leading part, and that sometimes you might never be seen. However, together we can bring glory to God in 2008.

Think about it... The solos were good, but they became great with the support of the choirs, leading parts are nice as long as you have a supporting cast, and all of it is complimented with people doing the lighting and sound. These are people there who are hardly ever recognized or seen. Just think how good the programs would have been if you could not see them or hear them; would you still think it was great? Working for God is never about you, but it is all about Him and His Kingdom.

## Through the Bible this Year

December 23	1 Peter 5: 2 Peter 1-3
December 24	1 John 1-5
December 25	2 John; 3 John; Jude
December 26	Revelation 1-3
December 27	Revelation 4-8
December 28	Revelation 9-12
December 29	Revelation 13-16

## Opportunities at Portside

### Sunday, December 23rd

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am – Morning Worship Service

6:00pm – "The Nativity" – Youth House

### Monday, December 24th

6:00pm – Christmas Eve Candle-light Service

Lord's Supper – Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> the church office will be closed, and there are no evening services.**

## Calendar of Events for December

Dec. 23	<b>6:00pm</b>	"The Nativity" movie in Youth House
Dec. 24	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Service Church Sanctuary

## JUST 4 YOUTH!

### Upcoming Events

**Ski Retreat** - Jan. 1-4, 2008; Canaan Valley Resort, West Virginia

**VBS**-June 8-12 – 6:30-8:30pm

**Mission Trip** – July 27 – August 4, 2008 – Franklin, Tennessee

### Upcoming Events

**RA's** – January 12, 2008 – Free Style Motorcross



**VBS** – June 8-12, 2008 – 6:30-8:30pm

**Children's Camp** – June 16-20, 2008 – St. Simons Island, GA

**Kids Camp** – August 11-13 – 9:00am – Noon

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## Royal Ambassador News

### Upcoming R.A. Events

Jan. 12, 2008

Freestyle Motorcross - N. Chas.

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The wMu Ladies Mission Salad Supper will be held Thursday, January 17 at 6:00pm at Highland Park Baptist Church. The guest speakers are Wesley and Beth Gestring, Missionaries to Africa.

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