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## Sick

### At Home:

*Georgia Brooks*  
*Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister)*  
*Mary Davis-following surgery*  
*Preslie Slatton (granddaughter of Jim & June Slatton)*  
*Freda Womack*  
*Bill Brown*  
*Larry Flatt*  
*Barrett McGinness*

### In The Hospital:

*Vivian Ferrell - Middle Tennessee Medical Center*  
*with broken hip.*

## Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Ruby Glenn. She passed away on Monday evening and her arrangements are incomplete at this time. Check with High's for the time of her visitation and memorial service.

## Sermons Topics

Sunday AM ..... With A Loyal Heart  
Sunday PM ..... The Little Foxes

## Holiday Fellowship

The annual Holiday Fellowship will be this Sunday evening, December 16, following the services. Please make it your plan to stay and be a part of this time of warm association together.

If your last name begins with **A-L**, please bring one dozen sandwiches or other finger foods that go well with soup.

If your last name begins with **M-Z**, please bring your favorite dessert.

Hope to see you there!

## Fill The Pantry

A special day to "re-fill" the pantry is set aside for January 6. Either by that date or before, please bring any non-perishable item to help re-stock the pantry. This time of year there are numerous requests for food and we don't want any family to go hungry.

Some suggested items:

Tuna  
Mackerel  
Stew  
Oatmeal  
Shortening  
Vegetable Oil  
Mustard  
Mayonnaise  
Spam  
Pancake Mix  
Chicken Soup  
Beanie weenies  
Canned Chicken  
Canned Salmon

## The Radio Program

Approximately 4 years ago, the Sunday morning radio program was moved from WAKI to WCPI after many many years on WAKI. At that time WAKI's owners decided to make it an exclusively "talk radio" station and eliminate all religious programming. Sadly we had to find another location. The same time slot was available on WCPI and so the decision was made to move there. Since that time the number of people who said they listened to the program has dropped significantly. Simply put, people were not listening to WCPI. The elders asked several people in the congregation and it appeared that very few were listening. As a result the elders decided that the Lord's money would be better used in other areas. Thus, the last program will air on December 30. There are some wonderful alternatives. The East End congregation has a 24 hour a day station at WSOJ-LP 102.5 FM. Tune your radio there! You will hear sound preaching and excellent singing.

## Notes From Steve

### YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

On behalf of the youth group, I want to thank the congregation for the generous contributions. Each year you liberally give to help those less fortunate, and this year was no exception.

All who can are asked to be at the church building by 5:00 pm this Wednesday (12/12) to help wrap the gifts bought by our seniors. We may need volunteers to stay after class if we do not finish. Also, do not forget the following service projects still to do:

Dec. 17th River View Terrace Devotional (6:00 pm)  
Dec. 21st NHC (1:30 pm)

Both of these places specifically asked for the BBYG, so make a special effort to participate.

### EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY

E. U. takes place the weekend of January 18 – 20, 2008. The cost for the trip is \$30.00 if you pay by this Wednesday, December 12th (\$40.00 if after this date.) The trip is for High School Christians only. A sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board.

### FAMILY MATTERS RETREAT

We have traveled to this retreat the past few years and it continues to get better. The trip is February 15 – 20 and a sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. For more information go to [www.familymattersretreat.com](http://www.familymattersretreat.com).

### PARENTS MEETING

ALL parents of the BBYG and Pew Packers (and the youth) are encouraged to attend our next meeting to discuss plans for January to May 2008. I especially hope that you will make a concerted effort so I can speak to you on this occasion. We will meet December 30th following our evening worship service.

## Resolutions

It has been said that good resolutions are a pleasant crop to sow—the seed springs up so readily. There is a brave show, especially at first. But between the sowing and the reaping there are the difficulties—difficulties that tend to snuff out the early enthusiasm.

Benjamin Franklin told the story of a man who wanted to buy an ax from a smith. The man agreed to pay the advertised price only on the condition that the smith grind the ax until the entire surface of the head shone as brightly as the cutting edge. The smith accepted, on a condition of his own: that the purchaser power the grinding wheel. The man consented and the work began. After a time the man inquired how the polishing was progressing. Steadily, said the smith. The man turned the wheel some more and inquired again. Steadily, said the smith. Again more turning, again the inquiry. Again: Steadily. Finally, exhausted from his labors, the man said he would take the ax as it was. No, no, said the smith; keep turning and we shall have the whole head like a mirror by and by. So we might, said the man, but I think I like a specked ax best.

We extol the apostle Paul because he was a man who refused to settle for a speckled ax. He, too, encountered his problems, but refused to give up on the resolution he had made to go to Jerusalem. His dogged determination is clearly evident in the following: "and now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, bound in the Spirit, not knowing what shall befall me there; except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:22-24).

Resolutions are worthless without the follow-through. Paul knew this and calls to us across the centuries. "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart."

~ by: John Gipson~