

The Jamieson Journal

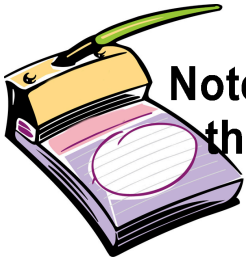
December 2010



According to legend, three trees grew near Jesus' manger: an olive tree, a palm tree and the fir. The olive offered its fruit to the newborn king, and the palm tree gave its dates.

The poor fir, having nothing to give but worship, raised its boughs in adoration, and the angels hung stars on its branches. So the fir became the first Christmas tree.

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Note from the Pastor

Since arriving as pastor of Jamieson Memorial on July 1, 2010, the bulk of my time and energy in ministry has been spent on the following areas of pastoral ministry:

In the area of pastoral visitation, I have made 42 in home visits with members of the congregation in an attempt to establish a relationship with them as their new pastor. In addition to these visits, I have made several calls in the homes of shut-in members and friends of Jamieson who have special needs for recurring pastoral care. My hospital visitation has been attentive, however infrequent, as we have enjoyed a season of relative health with only three hospitalizations during my tenure.

Much of the guidance given since July 1st has been provided by the insightful leadership of the church who have guided me through the process of understanding what is important to them and this church. This has been especially true during the process of nominations this fall as well as in bringing me on board with the hopes and goals established through an intense study of *The Five Practices of Fruitful Ministry* prior to my arrival.

Development of lay leadership is an on-going challenge but it is one that is taken seriously at Jamieson. A program of intentional transition for church leaders has been developed among key leaders and discussions are occurring as to how we might develop a plan for compiling a pool of disciples willing to serve presently with an eye toward leadership in the future.

A good bit of time has been devoted to the work of administration in preparation for this Charge Conference and in working with the leadership to establish a new leadership structure for 2011 which will be streamlined and more effective. Time has also been devoted to the hiring of a new Director of Music following the draft of a job description and in beginning the process of writing current descriptions of other staff positions. We have just completed the Consecration Sunday stewardship program which shows a promise of renewed financial support and was successful in part due to exceptional lay leadership.

This past year I have gone on a spiritual retreat twice for a time renewal and attended Minister's Week at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas in February. My future plans include continuing this pattern in 2011. I have also begun meeting with the local clergy for self-care and spiritual connection in a covenant group on a weekly basis. One of my self-care goals in coming to a new community was to reclaim my health and physical fitness. I have begun a program of regular exercise at the local YMCA and plan to carry that program further in 2011.

No pastor's report would be complete without a comment about the most important component of any congregation, the spiritual vitality of the church. Jamieson has many wonderful, spirit-filled members who go about serving God diligently through missions, UMM, UMW, UMYF, missions, bible study and host of other ways. Their devotion and service are inspiring to me as their pastor and I look forward to the coming months wherein we will serve and take the next steps in fruitful ministry.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Robert Overstreet	12/05	Benjamin Langford	12/07
MaryLinda Davis	12/12	Kevin Bagbey	12/18
Warren Halstead	12/20	Richard Pulliam	12/22
Joyce Thompson	12/23	Greg Carkhuff	12/28
Charles & Dorothy Redmond	12/18	Ron & Billie Spilter	12/18
Jesse & Harriette Overstreet	12/23	Keith & Besty Chappell	12/26



Nursery	December 5	December 12
Lay Reader	Nancy Lipscomb	Ken & Sally Morgan
Altar Flowers	Myrna Howerton	Lynn Harvell
Acolyte	Communion	Worship Committee
Children's Church	Cortney Puryear	Taylor Moore
	Heather Harvell	Betty Miller

Nursery	December 19	December 26
Lay Reader	Scotti & Taylor Moore	Mary Parker
Altar Flowers	Priscilla Gilbert	Worship Committee
Acolyte	Worship Committee	Savannah McKee
Children's Church	Logan Powell	Taylor Moore
	Scotti Moore	

Thank you to all our Ministry Assistants your participation enriches

DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 PM <u>Ecumenical Advent Service At St. Timothy's</u> 6:00 PM Mission 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3	4 7:00 PM <u>Christmas Parade</u>
5 9:00 AM <u>Worship</u> 10:00 AM <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 AM <u>Worship</u>	6 9:00 AM <u>Project Care - For</u> 6:00 PM <u>Daisy Troop (Sarah M - 586-337-1628)</u> 6:30 PM <u>Disciple Class</u> 7:00 PM <u>Bell Choir</u>	7 6:15 PM <u>Trustee Meeting</u> 7:30 PM <u>Jeanne Hinson Circle</u> 7:00 SPRC	8 12:00 PM <u>Ecumenical Advent Service At Clarksville Baptist</u> 7:00 PM <u>Choir Practice</u>	9 7:00 PM <u>Administrative Council</u>	10	11
12 8:00 AM <u>UMM Men's Breakfast</u> 9:00 AM <u>Worship</u> 10:00 AM <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 AM <u>Worship</u>	13 9:00 AM <u>Project Care - For</u> 6:00 PM <u>Daisy Troop (Sarah M - 586-337-1628)</u> 6:30 PM <u>Disciple Class</u> 7:00 PM <u>Bell Choir</u>	14 10:15 AM <u>Elizabeth McLean Crowder Circle</u> 12:00 PM <u>New Lunch group</u>	15 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 12:00 PM <u>Ecumenical Advent Service at Jamieson</u> 7:00 PM <u>Choir Practice</u>	16	17	18
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Clarksville Blood Drive

Sponsored by: Jamieson Memorial United Methodist Church
 Monday, November 29th 1pm – 6pm
 Clarksville Community Center

Decorating the Church

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Dec. 4th at 9AM. Everyone is invited to come and help.