



# Clowerdale Family News



Cloverdale Church of Christ ♣ Searcy, Ark. ♣ January 17, 2010

*Welcome! Guests, please take a few moments to fill out one of the visitor cards. All, please note any special need or prayer request that you or your family may have.*

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." ~ John 10:11*

## Order of Worship

**PREACHING:** *Karl McLarty*

**SONG LEADER:** *Mike Brauer*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Jim Carr*

Song # 63 ..... I Will Call Upon the Lord  
 Song # 42 ..... How Majestic Is Your Name  
 Song # 789 ..... Father

### PRAYER

*Cameron Froud*

Song # 126 ..... The Lord My Shepherd Is  
 Song # 641 ..... The Ninety and Nine

**COMMUNION:** *Jim Hoffmann*

**OFFERING:** *Ben Bruner*

Song # 391 ..... Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
 Song # 845 ..... Gentle Shepherd

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *Eric Smith*

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:** *"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"*

Song # 930 ..... Jesus, the Loving Shepherd

**SHEPHERDING and PRAYER:** *Shawn Daggett*

Closing Song # 134..... The Lord's My Shepherd

- ♣ An **attended nursery** for children birth to 12 months is located in room 104; ages 12-24 months in room 109.
- ♣ A **nursing mothers room** is located in room 107.
- ♣ **CDs of today's message are available to our guests at no charge.**
- ♣ **Members** may order, pay for, and pick up **CDs of today's message** in the library.

**All items for the bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon Thursdays and should be placed in Carol's tray in the library or e-mailed to: [cjsmith1983@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cjsmith1983@sbcglobal.net) or [cloverdale@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cloverdale@sbcglobal.net).**

# Family Matters

## Serving Today - -

### Serving at the Lord's Table in January

Dylan Treadwell	Bobby Swindle
Jared Mayes	Lee Flieg
David Reese	Bobby Winner
Byron McKean	Jon Holman

## Activities Today - -

♣ A **baby shower** honoring **Ashlee Beauchamp** will be held at 2 p.m. today in the annex. She is registered at Target and Walmart. It's a girl!

♣ **Shawn Daggett** will begin a new class for university students this morning in room 129. The class will use a video series entitled "Love, Sex, Marriage and Romance."

## Future Activities - -

♣ **Catie Holman** will be honored with a **baby shower** from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the home of Amy Cox. Catie is registered at Target and Everett. It's a boy!

♣ **All ladies involved in the secret sister ministry:** The secret sister **reveal** will be held at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in the annex. Please bring a little homemade "something" to give your secret sister when you reveal yourself. Anyone interested in participating in secret sisters for February through July may come also to fill out a form. See Kim Cooper or April Butler if you have questions.

♣ **"South of the Border":** The quarterly fellowship for January has a new theme. Please bring Mexican-type meals and desserts to the annex on Sunday, January 31, after evening services. Drinks will be provided.

♣ Anyone desiring counseling with **Dr. Don Birmingham** should call the church office or contact one of the elders to arrange a Friday-morning appointment.

♣ The **Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team** is accepting donations to help with earthquake relief in Haiti. Visit their website at [www.churchesofchristdrt.org](http://www.churchesofchristdrt.org) or send donations to 810 Hollywood Blvd., West Melbourne, FL 32904. Please remember all of the earthquake victims and their families in prayer.

## NURSERY WORKERS

**Today** Infants: **Stacie Smith/Krista Springfield**  
Toddlers: **Rachel Myhan/April Sivia**

**Next** Infants: **Spiker family**

**Week** Toddlers: **Stanley family**

## The Ministers' Corner

### Time

Have you ever thought about time? Just consider all of the phrases we use that have to do with time. Phrases like "I don't have time," "Time slipped away," "It wasn't the right time," "What time is it?" or "How many times do I have to tell you...?"

We are a people who are consumed by time. We set alarm clocks; we have deadlines and appointments; we have places, events, and people to meet. Even on Sunday mornings, during worship "time," we have a set time to begin and end, and if we don't start and end on time, we get annoyed, don't we?

Do you ever wish you had more time? Ever find there are not enough hours in the day? Ever said this phrase: "I wish I had more free time"?

In his book called *God's Blog: Insight from His Site*, Lanny Donoho writes what he thinks God would blog about and says this about "free time"— "Here's a note: There's no such thing as 'free time'! This will sound a bit weird, but 'time' is a gift I made for you so you could give it back to Me. The reason it isn't free is because for every second and minute and hour you use, you have to give something up. You are trading time for something else. Most of you wouldn't trade a thousand dollars for a dollar. Yet you trade time with your family for overtime at the office. You give up time to learn and grow and be with Me for time on your computers and your TV. You are sacrificing things that last forever for things that disappear quickly."

A few sentences later, Donoho writes, "Every second counts. Every day matters. So every action, reaction, and transaction [is] of utmost importance because all transactions are final. You can't go back in time."

The fact is we are people who are controlled by time and waste a lot of it doing things that just don't matter and won't last forever. If Donoho is correct in saying time isn't free and every second counts, then we ought to make sure we use our time wisely, doing, saying, and acting in ways that are of utmost importance.

Time is a gift. Let's not waste it because we are running out of it.

~ *Brian Williams*

## From Here & There

### Local Area Meetings and Activities:

**“Who Is Your Pilot?”** is the theme of the WINGS 2010 conference, scheduled for February 26-27 at the Heritage Center on the Harding campus. Cost is \$20, which includes babysitting, printed materials, Friday night coffee house, beverages on Saturday morning, and a luncheon on Saturday. See the office board for more details.

### “Thank You” Notes - -

Thank you to our Cloverdale family for the extra money that you sent us this Christmas season. We are grateful to have so many strong, faithful Christians praying for us and thinking of us each week. It is our hope that we will have a chance to once again visit with you this summer. We love and appreciate all of you.

**Carl, Alicia, Zoe & Elle Williamson ~**

Dear family,

Words cannot express how much your prayers, cards, wonderful food, and uplifting visits have meant to our family. This has been a slow process, and I would still appreciate your prayers very much. Our Christian family at Cloverdale has truly been a blessing. Thank you for allowing people to see Jesus through you.

In Him,

**Wanda and Donald Adams and Susie Parker ~**

### Building Christian Families

Joe Brumfield, Harding counselor and Bible professor, has begun a series of classes on Wednesday nights in the auditorium on marriage, parenting, and purity in the home. **This week’s topic:** Decoding your spouse’s communication. Come and invite your friends to join us for this series, which runs through April 7.

## Birthdays

**1/17**  
John Boone  
James Wilhite

**1/18**  
Lance Carr  
Anna Crouch

**1/20**  
Nancy Choate  
Peyton Fisher (12)  
Caleb Lowe (11)  
Ben Morgan  
Karl Tankersley (17)

**1/22**  
Chad Froud  
Margaret Ann Gregersen  
Megan Hill  
Jon David Mills (8)

**1/23**  
Danny Baird  
Franklin Franks  
Caitlin Winner (19)

**1/24**  
Kristen Celsor  
Alexis Lee (3)



## Prayer Concerns

### Our Nation, Our Leaders, Our Armed Forces Personnel, and Our Enemies

- ♣ **Sick:** **Chris and Tricia Kauffman’s** foster baby, C.E., is still hospitalized in Amarillo, Texas, but is improving.
- ♣ **At Home:** **Mary Ann Youngblood** was in WCMC overnight last week but is now home and doing fine. **Brenda Peebles** is home after being hospitalized with bronchitis.
- ♣ **Sympathy:** Tracy Nickleson, father of **Annette Hartsell** and grandfather of **Nicole Hall** and **Scott Rose**, passed away last Monday. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Brinkley Church of Christ.
- ♣ **Extended Care:** **Faye Housley, Temple Jordan & Lillian Robertson** (Byrd Haven); **Frank Younger** (Searcy Healthcare)
- ♣ **It’s a Boy!** **Phil and Kandi Tobin** are proud to announce the birth of their first grandson, Kayden Nicholas Perez, born January 1 to Roberto and Ashley (Tobin) Perez. Kayden weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.
- ♣ **It’s a Girl!** **Chad and Beverly Froud** are the proud parents of Lauren Rebekah, born January 13. Lauren weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Winston and Margaret Froud** and great-grandparents are **Howard and Lula Bell Froud**.
- ♣ **Missions:** Please see the display in the breezeway for the latest updates from our missionaries. Also, please remember Manly Gilpin in your prayers, as he is in India on a mission trip.

### Cloverdale Missions Connections

Jeff & Tia Brauer	Jim & Grace Scudder
Tony & Lucy Console	Steve & Deborah Stamatis
David & Linda Gregersen	Brian & Tammie Wallace
Virgil & Jackie Jackson	Charles & Pam White
Eddie & Pam Mosby	

### Continue in Prayer for ...

Denise Mosby Agin	Dale & Alene Martin
Mildred Alexander	James Milner
Myrtle Lee Barker	Gifford & Earline Myhan
Worley & Ruth Ferguson	James Spaulding
Temple Jordan	Aubrey Dean Wilson

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Please help fill the pantry!

Items Needed:

fruit cups

powdered milk

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

### Our Records

#### Attendance Last Week

Sunday Morning	536
Bible Class	482
Sunday Evening	375
Wednesday Evening	453

#### Contribution Last Week

Contribution Last Week	11,995.00
Weekly Budget	12,482.00
Total Contribution Through December	612,715.00
Expenditures Through December	659,758.00



*(Events listed here are for students in grades 7-12)*

⇒ **CLIMB:** We are now meeting on **Thursday nights** at the home of the McLartys from 6:30-8 p.m. Bring: Bibles, snacks and friends.

⇒ **Area-Wide Youth Weekend:** Here are the *tentative* plans for the youth weekend on **February 5-7. Friday night**—skate night & IHOP. Cost is \$14, plus money for IHOP. Sign-up ends and money is due on Wednesday, February 3. **Saturday night**—movie night at West Side. **Sunday night**—“Souper Bowl” party at the Downtown Church. Time is 4:30 p.m. until the game is over. Everyone should bring two canned good items.

⇒ **CHRISTEens:** Dates—February 26-28. Cost is \$25, but if you want a T-shirt (\$12), the cost is \$37. Sign-up ends with money due on Sunday, February 7. No exceptions, because we need to reserve our housing. This event is for those in grades 9-12 only, per CHRISTEens.

### *Let's Get Involved!*

We live in such a cynical environment today. With our economy, politics, communities, and even our families, we have grown suspicious and hard. It's difficult to see the wonder and genuineness in most all things as they come into our lives. Honestly, I see it as a commentary on weak faith. I know that I struggle with it at times.

There is a refrain that sounds out from Scripture in such times. Mary, the mother of Jesus, expressed wonder at the angel's declaration that she was to give birth. Knowing that she remained a virgin, how could this be? The angel answered with this statement of confidence: “For nothing is impossible with God” (Luke 1:37).

Paul recounts the faith of Abraham on being told that his wife Sarah would give him a son. Abraham was 99 and Sarah was 90. It didn't make sense! It wasn't natural! Yet “against all hope, Abraham in hope believed...” for he was “...fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised” (Romans 4:18, 21).

I find it interesting that both examples had to do with birth and the renewal of life in seemingly impossible situations. Our God always demonstrates His might and power by making the possible emerge from the impossible.

The greatest challenge for the people of faith in these unsettling days is to focus on remaining the people of faith. “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful” (Heb. 10:23).

~ *Larry Moran*