

Comfort zones are areas from which we seldom stray. Some of us have social comfort zones and have little contact with anyone outside their own socioeconomic level. Some have church comfort zones where they stay within their own little groups. We all have our comfort zones no matter who we are. It is easy to get comfortable and never venture out of a comfort zone. As a result, comfort zones take the cutting edge out of many of our lives.

As 2010 draws to a close I want to challenge us in this area of our lives. As we march toward 2011 there are going to be many opportunities to leave our comfort zones behind. In the New Year, we are going to be challenged to be very aggressive and bold in our efforts to reach our community for Christ. By bold, I mean going to the people of our community and inviting them to come to church with us. We are going to be challenged to leave our comfort zone in the area of worship as we attempt to be more creative in our preaching and presentation of the Gospel. In the area of missions, we are going to be challenged to leave our comfort zone and go and work in Michigan and possibly the Balkan countries, as well as in our own community.

Jesus continually called men and women to leave their comfort zones and follow Him. That is what He is asking us to do today. I want to challenge you to make a commitment to get involved in the ongoing life and ministry of 12th Street. Don't be a spectator, be a participant.

Right now we have an opportunity to support those whom God has called to leave their comfort zones and become full time missionaries in a strange land. Our goal this year for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is **\$35,000.00**. I realize this is the most aggressive goal in our church's history. But never has the time been more urgent to get the gospel to the world. I want to challenge you to be a part of helping us reach this historic goal. We will begin our ingathering on Sunday, December 5th. Our prayer is for us to reach our goal in one Sunday. Some of you say this is impossible. But I say to you, "With God, all things are possible." God is moving at TSBC and blessing us beyond measure. Let's do our part to support our missionaries as they are on the frontlines for the sake of the gospel.

Thank you for your generous gift for Pastor Appreciation Day. Thank you for the love support and encouragement you give me and my family every day of the year. We love you so much. Tammy, Jordan and I want to wish each of you a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We are excited about the future and what God is going to do through 12th Street in 2011.

Bro. Craig



A WORD OF THANKS TO ALL

who prepared SHOEBOXES for Operation Christmas Child, especially Linda, Karen and our Children in Action and the WMU Holy Comforter Group, and Leader Pearl Thompson.

Each Adult and Youth Sunday School Teacher will be receiving lesson plans to teach "RADICAL" during our Sunday morning Bible Study January 2nd through February 27th. Children and Preschool will continue with their regular winter quarter material.

Debbie and I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas Season. Remember: Jesus Is the Reason for the Season.



FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS, loving wishes for a blessed Christmas!

We hope you will be a part of our **Christmas Celebrations at 12th Street**, bring your family, friends and neighbors to our special Sunday evenings in December as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

- Ronnie



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*** WEEKEND OF JANUARY 16, 2011, 12th Street HOMECOMING & Chapel Choir Reunion ***

Saturday, January 15th, 10:00 AM - Brunch (bring photos) CC Rehearsal following

Saturday, January 15th, 5 PM, Chapel Choir Supper, Fellowship Hall or Gym

Sunday, January 16th, 10:30 AM - Meet in Music Suite & Sing for Worship



**Zac Clay
Student
Minister**

One of the things I love to do during December is to take time to reflect on what God did during that year. As I look back at 2010, a lot of great memories come to mind as I reflect on the **Generation Next Student Ministry**. What I am thinking about is tons of fun and tons of blessings. The theme of the year that we adopted back last January was "No Excuses". Many of you took that very seriously this year as we tried to serve and be obedient without any of the excuses that people come with as to why they can't serve our Lord. It was very challenging to everyone including myself. We all have times where it would just be easier to come up with an excuse and not be obedient. We stressed this year that following God means living a life of devotion and discipline.

Some of the great memories of 2010 include a fun **ski trip to West Virginia**, an awesome **Disciple Now weekend**, some great Wednesday night services, a great **summer beach trip** to Ft. Walton Beach, a crazy lock in outreach, a great **Saw You At The Pole** rally in which we led, and of course an unforgettable **Judgement House**. Many of you have really grown this year both physically and spiritually. I pray that 2011 will be even more exciting and fruitful as we continue to seek and serve our Lord. Special thanks goes to Todd Albert, Rita King, Philip Hall, Daniel Roberts, and Brandon Ford. Thanks for your leadership! From the Clay's to you, we wish you a very warm and Merry Christmas. May you experience the peace of Christ during this Holiday season.

We love you, Zac, Rachel, Austin, Becca, and Chapman

A LIFT CHAIR (RECLINER) IS MISSING FROM THE CHURCH. Please call the church office 256-546-0471 if you can help.



a few chips from

Hopkins Chapel Mission

Two Horses (author unknown)

Just up the road from my home is a field, in which are two horses. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen NOT to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing. If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know here she is, so he can follow her. As you stand watch these two

friends, you will see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems and challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see.

Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Bro. Wallace



Books still available in church office . . . free copies

of Dr. Troy L. Morrison's Book

"A Miracle of God"

**12th Street Kids Brunch Bunch
December Sundays 9:00-9:45 AM**

During the month of December our children will be raising money to send a farm animal to a needy family through Samaritan's Purse. We will be selling Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Pastries in the Fellowship Hall.

COLLECTION CONTINUES

Please bring warm clothing and blankets for the Annual Give-Away.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

No Activities on Wednesdays, Dec 22nd & 29th
Office Closed, December 23, 24, and 31st



\$8.00 each

Order deadline
Monday,
December 6th

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by:

POINSETTIA SERVICE DECEMBER 12th, 11 AM
You may pick up your poinsettias at the close of the Candlelight Service, December 19th.

DEACONS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday, December 7th, 6:00 PM
at Top O' River



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th
8 AM in Fellowship Hall

All Men Are Invited to Attend