

# Air Line Messenger



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### From the Pastor

God said it - SUFFERING -and we can live by it. I Peter 3:14 says: "But if you suffer for righteousness sake, happy are you: And be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled."

We Christians are not promised a bed of roses. The first followers of Christ were hauled into court for their profession of faith, dragged before pagan judges and sometimes put to death in the arena for the entertainment of the crowds. Often they were jailed for their witness, and frequently they were ridiculed. Some of them, like Stephen and Atipas joyfully followed their Lord all

the way to martyrdom. When Stephen made his defense in front of the Jewish Counsel, all who observed him saw that his face was like the face of an angel. There was a radiant happiness about Stephen that made a deep impression on his enemies.

Peter's first letter was written to Christians who were about to face hard times, probably under the Emperor Nero. In A. D. 64, Nero set fire to much of Rome and placed the blame on Christians as the scapegoat. Peter was writing to remind his Christian friends that suffering may lie ahead of them, but the Lord will help them to be victorious if they look to Him, Jesus, in their time of need.

We tend to read this apostolic advice as if it were ancient history, forgetting the fact that there

have been thousands of martyrs who have suffered and died for their loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, even in the 21st century. None of us has any guarantee that we, ourselves, will escape some form of suffering or pain. In fact, our Lord and His apostles clearly taught that persecution and suffering were to be expected in one way or another. Jesus said, "In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Our suffering will not be cheap, but costly. Our suffering offers us a real opportunity to rejoice as we show our love for God and our faith in Jesus Christ. When we remain true in spite of undeserved suffering. We can bear beautiful witness to the saving power of the Lord Jesus in our lives.

See you in church,  
Brother Clack



**Air Line Baptist Adult Choir & Orchestra Christmas Drama "Come Make A Place" Sun., Dec. 20th 11AM & 4PM**



**New Year's Eve Communion Service**  
Thur., Dec. 31 at 6:00pm

*Please welcome our new members since September 2009:*

**By Letter:**

Jeremy & Kristen Wallace  
Ken, Lisa, James & Alex Stoudenmire  
Dea Loggins George White  
Jonathan & Candice Sosebee  
Nelson & Elaine Elrod

**By Baptism:**

Tommy White Billy McClure  
Rosemary Blevins

**By Statement:** Craig Smith



Student Ministry trip to Xtreme Winter Conference In Gatlinburg Dec. 27-29 See Clint Fair for info!

## A Note from Bradley



We all should be thankful for all that the Lord has provided for us. He is great and loves us with an everlasting love. What are we thankful for: His love and mercy, our church, my family, friends, and the fellowship that we are able to have with others.

It will not be long till we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. May we live every day of the year as if it was Christmas. The spirit that is real at Christmas should be real all year. Spend time with your family and be grateful for them. The greatest gift that you can give another is the gift of introducing them to Christ. This is the most important gift of all.

Lottie Moon offering is coming up. The church goal is \$15,000. Pray and ask God what you should give. This money goes to help our foreign missionaries. So give freely and without reservation. God will bless you for that. Go ahead and give you will not miss it. I know that you think you can not give but you can just seek God's leadership. I would like all of you to start pray-

ing for revival. Across Georgia revival will be coming up in April and May of 2010. Will you please that the Spirit of God will sweep all over Air Line, the community, the county, state and the nation. Thanks.  
Merry Christ and Happy New year from my family to your family.

In His service,  
Bradley



## Music Notes 🎵🎵🎵

Dear Church Family,

Have you noticed how there are those who never acknowledge God any other time, get all wrapped up in the Christmas season? Those who sadly never have time for God will spend lots of time and money decorating and buying gifts for the season. Radio stations who play worldly, secular music all year will dedicate the entire schedule to Christmas music. You'll hear songs like O Holy Night and Hark the Herald Angels Sing for a little while. TV stations who go to great lengths to censor out any hint of Jesus or Christianity from the regular programming will show all manner of Christian oriented shows. I was

moved the other evening as I watched Charlie Brown read the Christmas story from the Bible on network TV. This day and age...it's sad but rare. Even retailers, who try to be politically correct and remove Christ from Christmas with phrases like, "Happy Holidays" or "Seasons Greetings", will admit that their very existence depends on everyone having a Merry Christmas. At one place in particular, you can find over 25 manger scenes in all sizes and styles during the Christmas season; they don't carry the rest of the year. Do they not believe or do they?

People who go through Christmas without acknowledging Christ is like

a man walking around I 285 with ear muffs and a blind fold on. Christ is all around them, how can they not see it?

As believers, let's make an extra special effort to tell people what Christmas is really about. The truth is all around them, the time is never better and hearts are never softer than they are during Christmas. It's all about Jesus. It is the night of our dear Saviors birth. Tell somebody.

Janice and I want to wish all of you and your families a very special and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Mike



## ALU

Object lessons are my favorite, I teach preschoolers so naturally they do best with something to look at while I am teaching. This week I took a wrapped Christmas present and a strand of Christmas lights. I wish you could have seen the look in their precious little eyes when I turned out the lights and all that was lighting up the room were the Christmas lights- it was priceless. I told them that when they look at the lights on the Christmas tree this year or the lights that adorn all the homes they pass in their neighborhood that I wanted them to remember that we put out lights at Christmas to represent Jesus because He is the light of the world. The message was very simple, but very

true and to be honest I think all of us adults in the room learned from this object lesson as well. Jesus is the light of the world and as we see the shiny lights all around us at this time of year may we remember that and may we remember that we too are to let our lights shine not only at Christmas but every day of the year.

As the year is winding down we only have a couple of ALU classes being offered and I appreciate the teachers and the individuals taking these classes. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

We have a wonderful treat coming up in January. We will have a special addition ALU class that will be offered at 7:00 on Wednesday nights in the sanc-

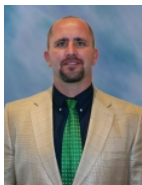
tuary taught by Chip Smith. It is all about "Going Fishing" please plan to be present every Wednesday night in January for this exciting class. We will also have the Winter Bible Study that will be held on Sunday nights at 5:45, be on the look out for more details. We will also resume our Wednesday classes in the morning and at 6:00 when the New Year gets here. Just be on the look out for all the exciting things to come.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and don't forget: Let those lights shine for Jesus.

Sheila Adams, ALU director



# From the Student Ministry



I hope everyone is doing well as we take the time to share a few of our thoughts this month with you good people here at Air Line. I don't know about you, but I truly love this time of the year. I

know that we've all just ate way too much for Thanksgiving (at least I did), and we are all busy with all the things going on in the month of December. However, I challenge you to take time to look back over the last year and see what all has transpired. When we do that, I know that it can be difficult to think of some of the things that have happened this past year in our lives. I know some of us have lost loved ones, lost jobs, lost money, and lost a lot of other things that we count as important. I also know that we don't always

understand why things went as they went, but God does. And He is faithful. Next, I also challenge you to look beyond the down times and look at how God has blessed you this year. You may say that isn't possible as you look at your last year, but I promise you that it is. I do realize that the things lost are important, but if you are a child of God, you have something you will never ever lose (John 10:28-29). Eternal life in heaven with Christ Jesus! It is all possible because of God's love for us (John 3:16). As Christmas approaches and we celebrate Christ Jesus' birth we should be and can be so thankful. God gave and still gives the ultimate gift to those who will accept it. I pray, as you look at your life, you realize and rejoice in knowing you are blessed if you've accepted God's son Jesus as your savior. If you haven't asked

Jesus in to your heart, my prayer is that you do that now. What better time than now as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this month of December.

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. I also want you to know that I feel very blessed to know my family is a part of the Air Line Baptist Church Family. Thank you all for thoughts and prayers and making us feel loved the way you do.

Please take the time and pray for the young people of our church. We have a lot of things going on this month with trips, concerts, and Christmas parties. They will hear the gospel presented many times, and we need to pray for and encourage them as they continue their journey and walk with Christ.

Until next month,  
Clint



**Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
Mon., Dec. 7th 7:00am

## Church Conference Wed., Dec. 9th at 7:00pm

**Adult Fellowship Christmas Tour**

If your name is on our trip list we will meet our tour bus on Sat., Dec. 12 at 8:00AM. at the office entrance of the church. Our trip includes a tour of "The Atlanta Christmas House." lunch at The Swan House Restaurant & a Christmas tour of the governor's mansion. Please let me know if you can not attend. We have a waiting list of people wanting to go. Looking forward to our fellowship, Brenda Williamson 770-532-6549 or Brenda3943@aol.com

Anyone interested in delivering fruit baskets to our elderly and shut-ins please meet at Rabbit-town Café on Sat., Dec. 19th at 8:00AM.

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the Awana year. We have had a great year so far and I am anxiously waiting to see what the New Year brings. I want to say a special thank you to all of our directors; Michelle Fair-Puggles, Renee Boutwell-Cubbies, Jennifer Davis-Sparks, Diane Odell-TNT, Amy Cooper-Trek, and Chris Turpin-Journey. You guys do a great job of providing leadership for each of our age divisions. We are planning a wonderful Christmas Celebration at the Stuart's on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all that helped with this big event. As we approach the New Year we are in the process of planning a snow tubing trip for Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. TNT Bible Quiz will be Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Clubbers keep up your awesome work. Make sure you are coming to club prepared for the night with your handbook that you have studied and in uniform. Have a Merry Christmas!!!

**Because Children Matter to God,  
David Salyers, Awana Commander**

- \*December 6<sup>th</sup> – AWANA Christmas Party at the Stuart's.
- \*December 13<sup>th</sup> – AWANA - Store Night
- \*December 20<sup>th</sup> – No AWANA – Trek to Lanier Islands 4:45PM - Adult Christmas Musical
- \*December 27<sup>th</sup> – No AWANA



## Memory Maker's December Activities

**Memory Maker's Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon** at noon in the Fellowship Hall on Tues., Dec. 8. **Please bring 2 empty gift bags per person. We will fill the bags with gifts already collected.** We will deliver these to the nursing home at 10:00am on Tues., Dec. 15. If you have a loved one in the nursing home who would like a gift, please let Athaleen or Dathan Mitchell know. Program by: Mike & Janice Welborn. Table decorations: Beverly Brinson & Elaine Reynolds.

**Lottie Moon Goal \$15,000.00**

**There will be no Wednesday Fellowship Meals on Dec. 16, 23, & 30th. There will be no Wednesday night services on Dec. 23 & 30.**

**Builder's in Christ Meeting on Mon., Dec. 14th at 7:00pm at Judy Adams' home. All ladies invited! Don't forget your \$10 or less gift for the gift exchange.**

*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*  
Luke 2:8-11

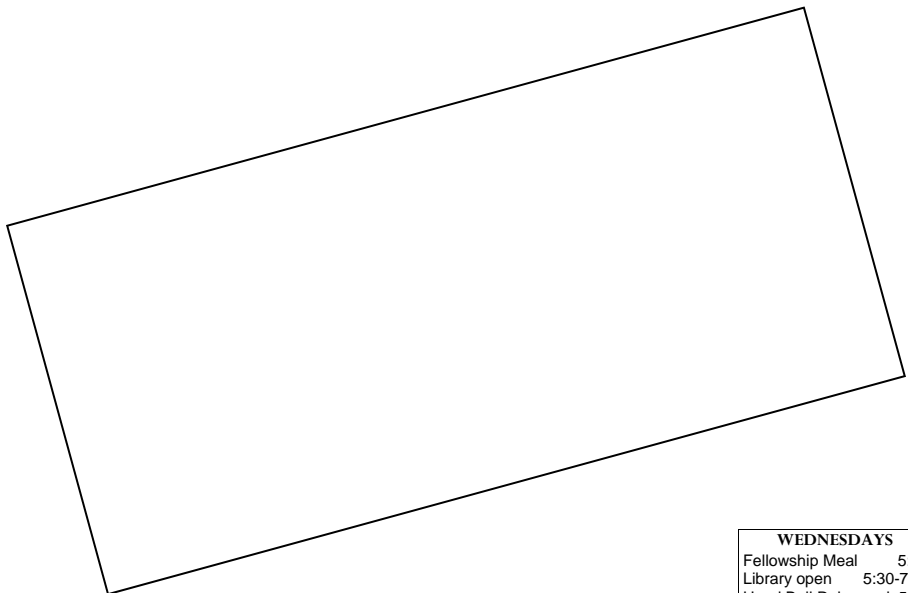




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SUNDAYS	
Orchestra Rehearsal	8:30
Sunday School	9:45
Worship	11:00
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00
ALU & AWANA	5:45
Evening Worship	7:00

WEDNESDAYS	
Fellowship Meal	5:15
Library open	5:30-7:00
Hand Bell Rehearsal	5:45
Children & Preschool Choir	6:00
Youth Praise & Worship	7:00
Mid-Week Worship	7:00

DECEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Deacon's Meeting 8:00pm	3 Hand Bell Practice & Luncheon 9:00-2:00pm	4	5 Faithful Worker's SS Christmas Party in FH
<b>Week of Prayer for International Missions</b>						
6 AWANA Barn Party 5:30 at the Stuart's  Evening Worship Service 7:00pm	7 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 7:00AM  EHHS Football Banquet in FLC 7:00pm	8 Memory Maker's luncheon in FH 12:00 noon	9 CONFERENCE 7:00pm  Student Ministry Christmas Party 6-8:30pm	10 ADVANCE Graduation 9:00AM Lunch in FLC	11	12 Adult Fellowship Christmas Tour  Couples for Christ SS Party at Farm Bureau
13	14 Builder's in Christ Meeting at Judy Adams' home 7:00pm	15 Adult Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal	16 No Fellowship Meal	17	18 Adult Choir & Orchestra Dress Rehearsal	19 Deliver Christmas Fruit Baskets 8am Meet at Rabbittown Café
20 Adult Choir Christmas Musical / Drama "Come Make a Place" 11AM & 4PM	21	22	23 NO WED. SERVICES CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED No Fellowship Meal	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25 CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 Student Min. Xtreme Winter Gatlinburg	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30 NO WED. SERVICES CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED No Fellowship Meal	31 NEW YEARS EVE Lord's Supper 6PM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		