

In Loving Memory of



LILLIE MARSH

On Wednesday, November 11th, Sister Lillie, released her bonds to earth and woke up at the feet of her Savior Jesus Christ. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Mike & Darla Cornell Concert



**Sunday, December 20th
6:00 p.m.**

Invite your friends and family to come join us for a night of music and worship.

Mike and Darla's desire is to help, God's people and those who do not know Him yet, to draw closer to Him and have a deeper walk and passion for Christ that is more than just a fleeting experience, but a life changing alteration that will last forever. Darla also ministers to those women who have or are suffering from issues of stress, anxiety and depression, she speaks encouragement to those in need. Their hope is that through the ministry God has entrusted them with, by using the talent God has placed in them, that through their music lives will be changed.

Harvest Festival

Did you miss the Harvest Festival? Well, if you did you missed a great time. We had a fun time, great fellowship and great food. We played games and had a baking contest.

We had Hot Dogs, finger food and dessert from our baking contest. As usual there was plenty of food.

Our contest winners this year were: "Name the Spider" won by Cindyann Lucas. The baking contest won by Diane Varady. Best Costume won by Don & Eldora Walton who were Ma & Pa Kettle.

If you missed this fun time you have another chance. Our church Christmas party is on Saturday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m. Mark Your Calendar and come join us.

Parables of Jesus

Pastor Chris will be finishing "the Parables of Jesus" on Sunday morning December 13th.

~ December 6 ~

Parable of the Ten Talents
[Matthew 25:14-30]

~ December 13 ~

Parable of the Sheep & Goats
[Matthew 25:31-46]

Special Christmas Sermon

Sunday, December 20th

Pastor Chris will focus on the Five Christmas prayers as presented in Luke's Gospel. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior along with the Lord's Supper.

Upcoming Message

~ December 27 ~ His Father's Business
[Luke 2:41-49]

Kim's Corner

A Lady, not a Woman

We lost a dear church family member unexpectedly. Lillian Marsh went to sleep on the evening of November eleven right next to Al, her husband of 69 years. But on the next morning she woke up in heaven.

I saw her on the previous Sunday morning just before Sunday School. As usual she walked into the social hall with a gentle and warm smile. She was impeccably dressed. Lillian gave me a hug, and then sat down at her usual table.

Exactly seven days later while looking at exactly the same table, Mable Miller said, "I can't believe Lillian is not going to be here today. I couldn't go to sleep, just thinking about her. She was a lady, not a woman. In heaven, I wonder if there are different seats for ladies. She was a really lady." At her funeral, people were celebrating her life. Again, people said of Lillian "she was a real lady" and "she was a grand lady". That label seems to be the best descriptor of her person. I looked up the word "lady" and found:

1. a woman who is refined, polite, and well-spoken
2. a woman of high social position or economic class:
3. any woman; female (sometimes used in combination):

When Mabel used the word "lady" to describe Lillian, I'm sure she meant meaning number one. I'd like to add to the list of lady-like qualities. Beyond "refined, polite and well-spoken", Lillian demonstrated: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." According to the Apostle Paul, these are the fruit of the Spirit [Galatians 5:22-23]. Lillian was a lady for sure, but surely she was a godly lady.



The Center of God's Will

Several years ago, I was struggling. I had graduated from the Baptist Seminary, but I had not yet found a position that fit the person God created me to be. I was reading in the Psalms of David and my soul was resonating with his words. I wrote my own psalm and called it "Psalm of the Doors". I offer it to all who are trying to discern God's will for their life.

How do you place yourself at the center of God's will? I've heard that there are doors that open and close which lead to the center of His Will.

I see a door wide-open leading to Africa, but upon examining the fingerprints on the doorknob I wonder: Are they God's or my own?

I struggle with a closed door that refuses to yield. Whose prints are on the latch? Did the grace of God close this door for my sake? Or did my own lack of faith seal it shut?

God, I want to be useful to your Kingdom. I long to Glorify You on the earth. I desire to be at the center of Your Will.

Lord, I'm a simple creature. Leave me a bread-crum trail. Sound the alarm bell when I arrive at the center of Your Will.



Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm



Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship
5:00 p.m.

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

Mike Brown – Son-In-Law of Al & Jane Thornell
Branch – Marines **Rank** – Master Sergeant
Assignment – Stationed in Japan through August

Todd Shaw - Son of Bob & Caryl Shaw
Branch - Army **Rank** - Staff Sergeant
Assignment - Stationed in Kentucky

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch - Navy **Rank** - Petty Officer 3rd class
Assignment - Overseas

December Calendar

1st-6th - Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
2nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
5th - Church Christmas Party - 4:00 p.m.
6th - Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
7th - Christmas Caroling - 6:00 p.m.
9th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
13th - Christmas Cantata - 6:00 p.m.
14th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
16th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
19th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
20th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
 - Concert - 6:00 p.m.
21st - 25th - Office Closed
23rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - Cancelled
24th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
25th - Christmas Day
28th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
30th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.



3rd - Clarence Silva
18th - Roberta King
19th - Holly Hickman
24th - Holly Brewer
 - Chris Foreman
 - Mabrie Huff
25th - Cathy Garaventa
26th - Jervance Moses
27th - Jean Johnson
30th - J.J. Blazin
 - Lisa Villafuerte



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Three December Christmas Events at First Southern

Church Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5th
4:00 p.m.

We are having a Christmas Party. This party will include a special "Christmas food" potluck. Bring along a small portion of whatever it is that you like to eat during the Christmas season, but sneak your food into the fellowship hall inside a brown paper bag. We will have fun sharing and guessing who brought what. We are also having a gift exchange. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift priced at \$10 or less. There will be games, singing, and fun.

Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 7th
6:00 p.m.

We will be going Christmas Caroling and you are invited to come along. We will meet at the church and travel as a group. Typically we visit about a dozen homes and sing a few songs in front of each house. It's a great way to spread cheer during this Christmas season. Afterwards, we warm up by sharing cookies, hot pastries, and beverages.



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You're Invited to Our Christmas Cantata

"Child of Wonder"

Sunday, December 13, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Come and invite your friends and family to this musical Celebration of Jesus Christ. Just after the cantata join in our candlelight procession to commemorate this light that came into this world. Refreshments will follow.

