

Solidarity....

Jude 3:3 “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

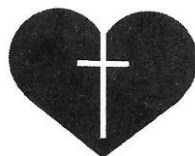
– Jude’s original intention was to write a letter to the believers encouraging them in the salvation they all shared in common, but there was a more pressing issue at hand that Jude felt needed his immediate attention. Dr. Warren Wiersbe said, “Jude had started to write a quiet devotional letter about salvation, but the Holy Spirit led him to put down his harp and sound the trumpet!” Notice Jude didn’t say we should waste our time contending or defending our denominational beliefs. He said, “Ye should earnestly contend for the faith.” If there has ever been a time in modern history for the Church to sound the trumpet of war against Satan it is the time in which we live. We can no longer be satisfied with being passive. Christians, we must now awake from our sleep and become proactive Christians ready and eager to defend the cause for Christ. **Proverbs 28:4** “They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.”

– Jude’s urgent message to the Churches is as current today as it was back then. Jude’s call was a call for unity and solidarity among those who claim the Name of Christ. As the Apostle Paul stated (**Ephesians 4:3-6**), “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” When a common threat is discovered by those that are separated by ideologies and philosophies these opposing groups must come together in unity in order to eliminate the threat. A good illustration of that type of unity occurred during World War II as the United States joined forces with other nations to create the Allied Forces. The Allied Forces put together a powerful army that defeated the evils of Nazi Germany.

– As we enter this New Year, there is one thing that is certain there will be a more intensified attack upon the Church. As believers we must unite together in our efforts to fight against our common enemy. As it was in World War II, we must align ourselves with those who share our common salvation; those who wear the emblem of the Cross upon their hearts. **Luke 9:49** “And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. **50** And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.”

Love and prayers....

Pastor Randy J. Skeens



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Special Prayer Requests

Pastor Randy & Sharon Skeens, Rev. Glenn White, Orville Bradley, Anita Curry, Kim Greer, Carrie Mullins, Esta Burgess, Woody Adams, Tommy Wellman, Jo Ann Scaggs, Faye Wiley, Ira White, Opal Runyon, Kathy Bradley, Larry Hardesty, Tommy Robinette, Speedy Frye, Margie Baisden, Olive Skeens, Betty Young, the family of Loretta Thomas, Barbara Workman, Carol & Jim Moore, Terri Rodighiero, Anna Ellis, Isabella Propst, Charles Wellman, Pam Queen, Julia Crum, Betty Kitchen, Cecil & Imogene Davis, Stacy Moore, Edith Notchie, Barbara Brewster Cook, Louie & Teresa Hensley, C. David Morrison, Mavis Collins, Paul Wellman, Jr., Pete Wiley, Laurel Browning, Ann Hatcher, Betty Napier, Betty Lambert, Mary Padgett, Phyllis Maynard Janet Healey, Jeff Dingess, Bill Browning, Jim & Donna Trogdon, Artsel Browning, Lucille Adkins, Sharron Adams, Jean Bannister, Belva Burke, Betty Whitman, Alvin & Lois Farmer, Bill & Patty Mowery, Marlene Justice, Lillian Grake, Melody Adkins, Anna Markham, Linda Markham, Bob & Viola Meade, Sis Meade, Christi Meade, Howard & Lois Wooten, Jerry Samson, Sharon Samson, Tom & Ann Curry, Zeffie Brogan, John Spence, Mabel Watts, Kitty Jewell, Nola Walsh, Pauline Bokken, Amy Kennedy, Ethel Hensley, Brenda Hensley, Mary Meadows, Carolyn Counts, Kathleen Workman, Kathy O'Bryan, Patsy Kennedy, Skylar Miller, Austin Bryant, Gabe Ferrell, Ben Gillman, Jenna Deskins, Jack Creger, Judy Hicks, David Hale, Jason Bradley, Janet Doss, Geneva Ellis, Myrtle David, Allen David, Jackie Crawford, Larry Brown, Kathy Browning, Shawn Propst, Bobbie Propst, Jason Adkins, Steve Duty, Aaron Davis, Sherry Harrison, Barbara Porter, Parka Nelson, Ron & Peggy McClure, Violet Bryant, Joey Queen, Joann Fortner, Shannon Green, Carol Bias, Easter Dingess, Joe & Ruth Bowery, Mae Evans, Makayla Williams, Roger & Joann Williamson, Geraldine Butler, Vessie & Retha Marcum, Richard David, Betty Wooten, David & Darelene Welch, Glen & Teresa Hager, Diana Foreman, Mildred Brammer, Madge Brammer, Aaron Oliver, Dana & Billie Edmundson, Paula Adkins, David Godby, Bentlee Holbrook, Kathy Guy, Lou Ella Canterbury, Nikki Smith, Nora Burgess, Alexis Perry, Jennifer Adkins, Brad Marcum, Teresa Lemmon, Shantella Workman, Brad Wooten, Family of Ernest Southers, Family of Mildred Taylor, Family of Phyllis Stokley, Family of Rev. Homer Sipple, Family of Opal Tupis, Mark Hatcher, Geraldean Adkins, Ernestine Sutherland, Sydney T. Brown, Jean Maynard, Roger Gertz, Lawrence & Donna Jean Williams, Herman Williams, Lorene Williamson, Carrie Hale, Donsil McCleese, Bennie & Kay Browning, Joe, Sr. & LaVerne Hall, Johnny Counts, Juanita Coster, Tommy Adkins, Janice Cremeans, Sally Webb, Timmy Miller, Coulton Hall, Linda Evans, Bob Skeens, Bill Skeens, Brenda Roberts, Russell Adkins, Susan Justice, Virgie Ollie, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Bill & Betty Bayless, Ben & Mildred Maynard, Sonja Jones, Leah Jones, Eileen Hanks, Charles Ellis, Rev. Bobby Adams, Bruce Shreve, Hobert & Judy Raikes, Ronald & Patty Raikes, Jacob Bibler, Hannah Bibler, Izetta Hannah, Paul & Debbie Evans, Kenny & Polly Evans, Anna Evans, Jim & Susan Brown and sons David & Matthew Brown, Jewell Kazee, Otto Marcum, Carrie Browning, Iris Kammer, Haskell Kazee, Helen Kazee, Jimmy Kazee, Ted Riffe, Braydon Chirico, Clyde & Laverne Dickenson, Herbert Adkins, Benny Adkins, Dick Adkins, Rexford Curry, Julie Propst, Kayla Adams, Greg Elkins, Linda Ashworth, Yvonne Sammons, Verna Pennington, Doug Fields, Barbara Baer, Brianna Adams, Connie Yeager, Cassion Collins, David Dingess, Lovetta Napier, Jay & Tammy Frye, Ryan Roberts, Grace Belcher, Laura Vaughan, Alice Farley, Isabella Mayhorn, Oggie Bryant, Lawrence Homer Vaughan, Billy Bryant, Victor Noe, Lois Thompson, Mike Smith, Sonja Jones, Bess Allen, Nathan Sansom, Lewis Sheppard, Austin Bledsoe, our unsaved loved ones, our church family, patients in the hospitals, residents in the nursing homes, our country and leaders, servicemen and women, our youth and youth leaders, and our college students away at school. Thank You for Your Prayers.



Central Baptist Church has welcomed three new members recently. Leslie Dale and Kayla Nichole Hensley of Chapmanville became members of our Church family on September 14, 2014. Jimmy Sheppard, the husband of Shannon Sheppard, became a member of Central December 7, 2014. The Sheppard Family lives at West Logan. We thank God for adding to our Church family and pray that He will bless their young lives to His service. There is work for all of us to do.

January Church Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Sunday, Jan. 4 - Super Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 5 - Ladies Auxiliary & Men's Fellowship, 7 p.m.

Mondays - Men's Visitation Team - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Prayer Meeting & Youth Group Meeting, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17 - C.C.C. Reserved - Burgess

Ushers for January

- Jan. 4 - Paul Evans, Fred Clark* & Alex Toler
 Jan. 11 - Jamie Ellis, Curtis Workman* & Chuck Small
 Jan. 18 - Garth Hensley, David Adams* & Larry Ramey
 Jan. 25 - Fred Bradley, John Collins & Monroe Tomblin*

Ushers for February

- Feb. 1 - Paul Evans, Fred Clark & Alex Toler*
 Feb. 8 - Jamie Ellis, Curtis Workman & Chuck Small*
 Feb. 15 - Garth Hensley, David Adams & Larry Ramey*
 Feb. 22 - Fred Bradley*, John Collins & Monroe Tomblin
 Head Usher & alternate - Jim Moore
 *Duty at side door

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*The sign read: For Rent—No Children. Answering the door bell, the landlady saw a smiling nine-year-old standing there.*

*“Ma’am, I see your apartment is for rent, and I don’t have any children—just me and my parents.”*

*Behind the engaging lad stood a hopeful young couple. They got the apartment.*  
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Happy January Birthday

- Jan. 1 - Linsey W. Marcum, Joshua Tomblin
 Jan. 2 - Aaron Oliver, Robert Lee Adams, Jr., Dana L. Furrow
 Jan. 3 - Luke Jeffrey, Erin Adams
 Jan. 4 - Linda Markham
 Jan. 5 - Sarah Cox, Emily Cox
 Jan. 6 - Mary Ann Curry, Alisa Bentley
 Jan. 7 - Robin M. Wulf, John Browning, Jr., Tammy Sue Adkins
 Jan. 9 - Timothy David
 Jan. 10 - Jennifer Ellis Roberts
 Jan. 12 - James Allen Brown, Howard Wooten, Deena Toth
 Jan. 13 - Katherine O’Bryan, Tyler McKnight
 Jan. 14 - Robert Padgett, Jr., Virgie Ollie
 Jan. 15 - Bethany Long, Jamie Harrison, Danny Price, Joan Adkins
 Jan. 16 - Jack Creger, Aden Martin, Dorothy Ellis
 Jan. 17 - Lisa Dickenson
 Jan. 18 - Carol Ross, Jason Bradley, Sean Deer
 Jan. 19 - Kenny Allen Jeffrey, Ginger Elkins, Herbert Adkins
 Jan. 20 - Sumer Burnham
 Jan. 21 - Delia Biondi, David Greer, Morgan Hall, Kenny Jeffrey
 Jan. 23 - Mark Adams, Stephanie Herbster
 Jan. 24 - Darry Jewell, Amy Vance
 Jan. 25 - Brian Dingess, Isabella Ellis
 Jan. 26 - Beulah Roy, Erik Wooten, Steven Collins, Grace Belcher
 Jan. 27 - Cathy Dickenson
 Jan. 28 - Scott Hammond, Jason Bowling
 Jan. 29 - Derek Hammond, Lance Adams
 Jan. 30 - John David Brammer, Charles Belcher

My Prayer for the New Year

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know that I am growing older.

Keep me from getting too talkative and thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody’s affairs.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that

I may be mistaken. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy; Thou knowest, Lord, that what I want is a few friends at the end.”

January Anniversaries

- Jan. 3 - Ray & Cynthia Horsman
 Jan. 6 - Rev. Rick & Faye Adkins
 Jan. 12 - Rev. Donnie & Annetta Bannister
 Jan. 23 - Jack & Linda Bailey

Ladies Auxiliary News--The Men's Fellowship and Ladies Auxiliary met on Dec. 1, 2014 in the Central Christian Center for their Annual Christmas Party. Auxiliary President Lana Collins started the meeting by asking Pastor Randy J. Skeens to give the opening prayer and Thanks for the food. The tables were beautifully decorated with Christmas trees. Circle #3, chaired by Sisters Kay Browning and Lana Brammer, served as hostess. After the meal of finger foods and desserts, the Men's Fellowship departed to the Church for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Sister Margaret Small gave the devotion titled, "A Christmas Birthday, What It Means," in which she compared our natural birthday to Jesus' birthday. We as human beings grow old and sometimes like to forget our birthdays; however, with Jesus giving us another year, we actually should be excited that He has extended our life another year to serve Him. She mentioned several items that would be found at a birthday party--a gift, a balloon, cups & plates, a party hat, streamers, goodie bags, and a horn. She then related what each item on her list represents to the Christian: a gift - eternal life; a balloon - the Holy Spirit to lift our hearts; cups & plates - the Word that we feast on daily and provides instruction for our lives; a party hat - our God-given talents; streamers - worth living for the future; goodie bags - the promise of our life and future; and the horn to share the good news. She ended by saying, "Let's Celebrate." It was a wonderful devotion that pointed to Jesus Christ as we celebrate His birthday at Christmas. She sang "Hope Has Hands" which was beautifully done.

Following the devotion, the ladies had their annual ornament exchange, and the door prizes were awarded to Sisters Carol Moore, Karegan Korody, Cynthia Horsman and Mandy Baisden. Sister Mary Ramey led the ladies in playing the Naughty Santa Game which everyone enjoyed. President Collins announced the Auxiliary would be cleaning the Shawver House and decorating the Church on Dec, 2nd. Attending the meeting were Karen Wooten, Carol Moore, Mary Padgett, Barbara Lanthorne, Cathy Duncan, Margaret Small, Betty Lambert, Laura Vaughan, Kay Browning, Karegan Korody, Alera Messer, Rose Mary Bailey, Betty Taylor, Edith Notchie, Zelfhia Williams, Sharron Adams, Freda White, Pat Maynard, Sue Farmer, Debbie Evans, Linda Williamson, Lana Brammer, Wilma Adams, Betty Clark, Judy Hicks, Beulah Williamson, Tresa Lambert, Marlene Justice, Bill Mowery, Joe Bowery, Lindsey Raikes, Addy Raikes, Jenna Raikes, Jo Ann White, Patty Mowery, Mary Ramey, Larry Brammer, Bill Wooten, Wallace Williamson, Garth Hensley, Jim Moore, Ray Horsman, Cynthia Horsman, Amanda Baisden, Justin Baisden, Sadie Baisden, John Collins, Paul Evans, Drema Vance, Lois Farmer, Alvin Farmer, Pastor Randy J. Skeens and Sharon Skeens.

Submitted by Sister Debbie Evans, Sec.

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**Circle for January**--Circle #1, Sharron Adams and Wilma Adams (Circle leaders), Melody Adkins, Julia Crum, Myrtle David, Laverne Dickenson, Irene Furrow, Karen Jeffrey, Barbara Lanthorne, Betty Mullins, Mary Ramey, Shannon Sheppard, Helen Trent, Sally Wall and Freda White.

"Seeking Opportunities to Serve God by Serving Others."

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*☞In Deepest Sympathy☞*

*Our deepest sympathy to the families who have lost a precious loved one in the past weeks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to...*

*...the Family of **Loretta "Sissy" Thomas**, mother of Bill, Liz Cochrane and John (Debra) Thomas; sister of Linda (John) Evans, and aunt of Lisa Egnor.*

*...Jim and Jill Pancake & Trey in the loss of Jim's father, **James Pancake II**.*

*...Betty Wooten in the loss of her brother, **Paul Wellman, Sr.** of Princeton, Kentucky.*



**Definition of the New Year**--the new year of 2015 is a door by which we reach new fields of service for God and our fellowman; a door by which we can explore wide spheres of usefulness to bless our world, and reap the sheaves God's Word of witness yields.

The new year is a task set by the Master of our souls, a little part of our life's work here below; and so we ask holy wisdom which alone controls our labor, teaching what and where to sow, that the year, at its end, may show God's glory and man's obedience blend.

The year of 2015 is a book with many pages, and as yet all white on which to write the history of our thoughts, our deeds, and our words in this new group of days. We pray thee, Lord, as thou shalt look upon our book, when written over, may all be to Thy praise, honor, and glory. Amen.

**Central Baptist Church News**--Our Church continues to flourish with God's blessings. If you enjoy Spirit-filled preaching and teaching, and fellowship with brothers and sisters-in-Christ, come to Sunday School, our Sunday evening service, and Wednesday evening Prayer Service. Youth Group also meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Don't miss these opportunities to worship and be of service to God and the Church. There are many fields of service that need workers. Volunteer! Pastor Skeens, our under-shepherd, like volunteers willing to sing in the choir, join the visitation team, or whatever. A word to our shut-ins and out-of-town people - we wish each of you were able to attend Church with us. Greetings to Mabel Watts, Nola Walsh, Kitty Jewell, Mary Meadows, Phyllis Maynard, and all our special Newsletter friends. **Our thot for the Day:** Have you ever thought about the extravagance of God? More sky than man can see...More sea than he can sail...More sun than he can bear to watch...More stars than he can scale...More breath than he can breathe...More yield than he can reap...More grace than he can comprehend...More love than he can ever know.....Glory! We'll visit again in February!



### Recipe for A Happy New Year

Take twelve whole months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible. Now cut each month into 28, 30, 31 different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. It must be prepared one day at a time out of the listed ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a happy new year!

### **Volunteers Needed for 2015 Easter Program**

*The Central Baptist Church is seeking volunteers—especially the men of the church—to participate in a program we are having to commemorate our Lord's Resurrection this coming Easter. Our first meeting on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> was a great start to our Easter Program.*

*If you would like to volunteer (and we ask that you make your decision prayerfully), please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Sis. Sharron Adams or one of the deacons.*

*Thank you*



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### Some New Year's Resolutions Worth Keeping

In the year of 2015, let each one of us resolve . . .



- . . . to put Christ before my church and my church before all worldly interests.
- . . . to put the spiritual before the material and the eternal before the temporal.
- . . . to put God's Word before men's opinion.
- . . . to put prayer before pleasure. It pleases God to hear from us.
- . . . to walk more by faith and trust, and less by sight and reason.
- . . . to live in order to give rather than to get.
- . . . to strive to be good rather than great.
- . . . to put more of God and less of myself in my work.
- . . .to work hard. (Read II Thessalonians 4:11-12 to learn what the Bible teaches about working).
- . . . to study hard. The more I learn, the more effective my work for Christ and the church becomes.
- . . .to have courage in the time of trouble. A stout heart will carry me through many difficulties.
- . . . to wear a smile. A smile opens the door to the sunshine beyond.
- . . . to be friendly, but a word of caution—it is highly contagious!
- . . . to do my best. If I give to the world the best I have, then I follow my heavenly Father's example—He gave Heaven's Best for me.