

The Bouldercrest News

The Newsletter of Bouldercrest Baptist Church

A Monthly look at the Ministry of Bouldercrest Baptist Church

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Ed Galbreath, Pastor - Rick Gattoni, Music Director - Alma Hollis Secretary

What new thing will God do in 2007?

*“Behold, I will do a new thing; now
it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?
I will even make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.”*

Isaiah 43: 19

The words from the prophets ring in our ears in the 21st century. We look around in astonishment and amazement at the many ways our God continues to touch our world and make impressions upon our lives. We are in transition from the year behind us to the New Year before us. The past year has had a toll upon each of us in so many ways. We have stood together at the graveside to bid farewell to friends and family, to celebrate life that has been precious to us, and to cherish good memories that will always be with us. We are now turning a new page in our lives. It is a page that we hope will be filled with new hope, new joy, and new energy for the living of these days.

Everyday can be a new growing experience for us in our life and faith. What new thing will God do in our lives in this New Year? Our church has been looking at the possibility of a merger with Faith Baptist Church. Merger is no small thing and it takes personal reflection, prayer, and vision. 2007 will be the year when as a church we decide either to merge or not to merge. We seek God’s direction both in our personal lives and within our church.

We are embracing a new season in the church year called the season of “Epiphany.” Although the season of Epiphany may be new to many people today, it has historical roots that are long and deep in the tradition of the church. The word “Epiphany” means “manifestation.” We celebrate the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. Epiphany begins on January 6th and ends the day before Lent. During these days, we are called to examine now our relationship to God. How is God made real in our daily lives?

I invite you to join us in worship in these coming days. These can be days of nurture and growth. We will begin a new time in our worship designed for children. We will invite the children to come for the “Children’s Sermon.”

We celebrate the larger body of Jesus Christ and the giftedness of God’s people. I stand amazed at the spiritual gifts alive and well at the church we call Bouldercrest. Let us look deep within ourselves to see what gifts we possess for the service of Christ during these days. Gifts are not just for Christmas. We bring the gift of ourselves to Christ who can use each of us in a mighty way during these days. What kind of gifts will we offer to God in 2007?

Ed Galbreath

Gifts for the work of the Stewart Center!

The Stewart Center is in need of the following items. Please share any of these items that you can with them so that their ministry will flourish.

Needed: Boxed drinks, individually wrapped snacks (salty preferred), cleaning supplies, very large trash bags, computer games (for learning).

Our Women on Mission will be collecting these items and they will take them to the Stewart Center on January 12th. Thanks for your help!

Baptist Men’s Day

Our Baptist Men’s Day will be Sunday, January 21st. We will begin the day with light breakfast items for everyone as we arrive on Sunday Morning. The men of our church will speak and lead our worship on that day. Don’t miss this wonderful service in our church! Curvin Fowler is our Baptist Men’s Director.

Just a reminder to all of our men that our next Men’s breakfast is Saturday, January 13th at 8:30 a.m. at Golden Corral Restaurant in McDonough.

Thanks!

Just saying “thanks” may not always express how deeply we feel and how appreciative we are for the many things others do for us. I would like to say “thanks” for the financial Christmas gift given by the church. It is deeply appreciated. I would like to say “thanks” for many other gifts that various individuals have shared with our family during the Christmas season. We appreciate each of them and their uniqueness.

Most of all, we appreciate the giftedness that we feel by all at Bouldercrest. We thank God for you!

Ed Galbreath

Thank you for the “love gift” you gave me at Christmas. I love all of you for what you do for the church and the Lord. It shows each time we greet each other with a smile or a hug. Thanks again,

Alma Hollis

Thank you for the Christmas gift. You have been so kind and thoughtful during this season. Bouldercrest church and our people are my ministry.

Betty Cochran

Thanks for the cards, flowers, and most of all your prayers.

Donald & Frances Quinn and family

Dear Bouldercrest Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generosity this time of year and always. We appreciate all you do. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Andrew P. Stewart Center Staff

Ushers

Jan 7 – Hank Fargason, Julius Smallwood	Jan 21 – Curvin Fowler, Harold Segrest
Jan 14 – Mike Tallant, Donald Quinn	Jan 28 - Hank Fargason, Julius Smallwood

Prayer Update

Hazel Lee

Garrison Personal Care Home, Room 164
519 Perkins Road, Palmetto, GA 30268

Edith McWaters

Jonesboro Assisted Living, 2620 Hwy 138,
Jonesboro
(770) 603-9939

Ronnie McCranie (Son of Gladys McCranie)
Home

Other Prayer Concerns

Gladys McCranie
Dakota Rodgers

Our Christian Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Donald & Frances Quinn, Raymond Hickox, and family upon the recent death of Violet Hickox. Violet passed away on December 2nd. Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 4th in Decatur.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Mike and Kay Tallant upon the death of Kay’s Aunt, Ruby Riner Rowell who passed away on December 24th. Funeral Services were held in Memphis, Tennessee.

Giving Valentines

Our Women on Mission will bag Valentines for our shut-ins again this year. During January, the bags will be placed on the board in the upstairs hall. You can place your valentines in the bags. Our Shut-ins really like it!!!

Betty Cochran

Sunday School Update

	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24
Main	23	27	31	22
Tapes	--	--	--	2
Total	23	27	31	24

Financial Update

	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24
Hilarious	125.31	350.00	2150.00	225.00
Lottie Moon	295.00	150.00	250.00	35.00
NCMC- Rent	----	700.00	----	----
Poinsettias	105.00	5.00	----	----
Love (Staff)	----	----	200.00	----
Memory – Bo Cochran	----	45.00	----	----
Totals	\$ 1774.31	\$ 2115.00	\$ 3137.00	\$ 730.00

Deacon on Call

January – Mike Tallant

Sunday Schedule:
 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship

The Bouldercrest Calendar

January, 2007

Wednesday Schedule:
 7:00 p.m. Wednesday nights at Bouldercrest
 (except Conference night)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 Wednesday at Bouldercrest 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Baptism of our Lord 9:15 a.m. Deacons Meeting 11:50 a.m. Church Conference 12:00 noon Church Luncheon	8	9 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission	10 Wednesday at Bouldercrest 7:00 p.m.	11 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group	12	13 8:30 a.m. Baptist Men's Breakfast, Golden Corral, (McDonough)
14 2 nd Sun after Epiphany The Celebration of the Lord's Supper	15 M.L. King Jr. Holiday	16	17 Wednesday at Bouldercrest 7:00 p.m.	18 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group	19	20
21 3 rd Sun after Epiphany Baptist Men's Day - light breakfast - Men leading our Worship at 11 am 5:30 p.m. Merger Task Force Meeting	22	23 Merger Task Force Meeting, Time: TBA	24 Wednesday at Bouldercrest 7:00 p.m.	25 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group	26	27
28 4 th Sun after Epiphany	29	30	31 Wednesday at Bouldercrest 7:00 p.m.	Happy Birthday!! 3 – Frances Quinn, Laura Douthit 7 – Julie Smallwood 15 – Margaret Gilbert 23 – Gerald Baker 24 – Mary Frazier 26 – Donald Gilbert 29 – Elizabeth Smith		Happy Anniversary!! 15 – Tom & Margaret Gilbert