

## Pastor's Notes

**WOW!!** This is the word that comes to my mind as I sit down to write this month's article for the Bits and Blessings. I think of **WOW** for three reasons: 1. **WOW** - because we are entering my favorite month of the year (my birthday month). 2. **WOW**- because it just seems like a couple of days ago it was New Year's Day and now a whole month is gone! 3. **WOW** – because of all of the exciting things that we experienced at church this past month. It was a really great month! Let me tell you about a few of those exciting times:

**January 13th**, we had a chili cook - off and ministry fair. The array of different kinds of chili was not only incredible but down right delicious. Everyone enjoyed the food and the fellowship. Yet most importantly, many of our members signed up for the various committees, teams, and ministry opportunities that were available for this church year.

**January 17th**, our Adult Ministry went to the Southern Eatery in Holly Springs, MS for lunch. We always enjoy our time there! If you have not been on one of these outings, then you are missing a wonderful fun-filled time of fellowship plus great bus prizes!

**January 26th**, we had our first Hands on Mission Service Project. We worked to make "plarn" out of used plastic grocery bags. We will be giving the "plarn" to the ladies' ministry of 2nd Baptist Church in Union City who will take the "plarn" and crochet them into mats to be given to the homeless in Memphis. We had about 15 people who came and worked on this project and we would love to have even more next time. We closed the month out with special guest speaker Joe Wakabi, who is trying to develop a Christian school in his native country of Uganda. The Levites Academy will serve to give those in that area a Christ centered education while also teaching them the skills they need to successful start and run their own businesses upon graduation which is something that is desperately needed in Uganda. It was a delight to hear this brother's vision about the work they hope to accomplish there.

So, with such an exciting month of January behind us, we are looking forward to a Fantastic February! There are several things taking place in February that I hope you will be a part of.

**February 10th** - we will have a Pancake Breakfast before Sunday School at 9 a.m. Some of the best pancake makers I know will be on-hand to deliver an outstanding breakfast of pancakes, sausage,

and bacon. So there is no reason not to be in Sunday School that Sunday - you don't have to worry about fixing breakfast, you just have to make sure to get here!

**February 11th** - starting on the 11th, we will once again sponsor the Sausage and Biscuits for the National Bird Dog Championship out at the Ames Plantation. This will be our third year doing this. Bobby and I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of people through this effort along with sharing gospel tracts and information about our church.

**February 23rd** - We will have our second Hands on Mission Service Project at 8:30 a.m. We will continue to work on making more "plarn" to be used for the homeless ministry. There is something for each person to do so come and enjoy a fun time of serving our Lord through this ministry project.

May your February be Fantastic,  
Bro. Troy

### Attention All Veteran's

If you are a veteran of any military branch and your name is not listed on the Veteran's Plaque located in the Fellowship Hall, please contact Earl Smith (731)-658-0552 so we can update our veteran's plaque.

*Jesus*  
loves me yes I know, for the  
*Bible*  
tells me so.

#### December Report

Average Attendance in Sunday School	58
Average Offering	\$5,968.00