

The Southwest Spirit



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Southwest and Missions

Sometime after the first of the year our mission residence will again be occupied. Our temporary residents though are not missionaries. Marcus and Summer Norden will be residing in our residence for approximately three months.

The Nordens home is Bernie, Missouri where 32 year old Marcus is employed by Ames True Temper. In July of this year Marcus was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML). His first round of treatments for the illness was unsuccessful. A second round of chemo threw his cancer into remission. A recent bone marrow transplant hopefully will provide a knock-out blow to his AML. The transplant procedure requires that Marcus remain in our area for several months.

Marcus and Summer are the parents of three children, 12 year old Brennen, 9 year old Blakely and 2 year old Aiden. We welcome the Nordens and are delighted we can be of help to them.

In March 2007, Dee Wiecher and Dan Tumminello will be traveling to Deeyor, Nigeria where they will represent our church at the dedication of the water well we dug for the Shepherd Baptist Church. Dee and Dan will also enter into discussion with the Shepherd Baptist Church elders on the possibility of our entering into a three to five year partnership with the Deeyor church in hopes of increasing their witness in their area.

January 2007 marks the beginning of our sponsorship of the Southtown Family Mission. Rev. Jim Bender, who grew up at Southwest, will serve the mission as its pastor.

And please, let's not forget gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Our Goal is \$5,000.

Pastor Pulido



Look for our new church logo in the coming year!

From the Children's Director

Dear Southwest Family, It is hard to believe that we are facing once again the beginning of a new year! The holiday season is a time of reflecting on God's rich blessings in our lives and the gift of His son. Now it is time to look to the year ahead and think of the kingdom work to be done. 2007 will provide many new and exciting opportunities. We have already begun to plan our spring and summer activities and programs for children. I ask for your continued prayers for our staff as we seek God's will for the future of our church. Apart from Him we can do nothing, but through Him ALL things are possible. Our prayer is to "grow" our ministry reaching children and their families. Please consider where God is calling you to serve Him by working with God's children. There are many opportunities available throughout our department and we would love to share this special blessing with you. May God richly bless you all in the new year ahead.

Ramona Davis
Director of Children's Ministries

From the Finance Committee...

For the past several years, Southwest has split its Convention Ministries budget between the two state conventions, the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Missouri. In January we will once again ask our members to vote where this money will be sent. The budgeted money will be split according to the percentage of votes for each convention. This opportunity to vote will last for the month of January. Please be sure to cast your vote by marking the appropriate box on your bulletin insert. If you have any question about this process, please contact a member of our church staff, or a member of the Finance Committee.

The church is also still looking for two or more people to take on loans for our Building For the Future program. The loans would be made to the church for \$2,500, for a term of 3 years, and would earn a rate of 5%. Please contact me if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

Thank you,
Bob Bender
Chairman
2006 Finance Committee



A Christmas Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who went beyond a second mile to see that several families in our area had a wonderful Christmas Day.

Don't Forget...

To find information on cancellations regarding worship services, CDC hours, and other activities during bad weather, go to our website:

www.southwestbaptistchurch.org

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- **Rev. James Hill, Jr.**, Associate Pastor
- **Paula Bittle**, Interim Minister of Music
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