

**January  
2009**

# In Stream

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## Pastor's Page

Welcome to 2009! We have just emerged from an incredible Christmas season and I want to thank you all for being the faithful body of Christ that you are! 2008 was full of accomplishments for our church as together we courageously answered the call of God to be the church in the world.

2009 promises to be no different. Your leadership will be busy this month setting goals and agendas for what's to come later this year. Worship will be more powerful than ever as we launch our new series, *Organic* Jesus and explore together the unfiltered words of our Lord. Our children's ministry continues to expand and is enjoying the larger rooms provided by Phase I construction. Our youth are planning service opportunities and a trip to Glen Lake Camp. Additionally, this Easter will bring a special surprise that promises to ignite the hearts and imaginations of all who participate.

As you set your resolutions this year, I invite you to consider adding spirituality to your list. Every day that passes gives us the opportunity to grow in our faith, deepen our understanding of God, and live life in a more powerful and meaningful way. Each year brings its own set of challenges, opportunities, set-backs, and successes. How we respond to those events says a lot about our understanding of God and determines the direction our life will take. Proper perspective, patience, understanding and a healthy sense of gratitude enable us to be hopeful through disappointment and humble in our success.

As you prepare for what is ahead, remember these words of Jesus: 25"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life[[b](#)]? He continues, "33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

May you find assurance and hope this new year in the promises of our loving God.

See You Sunday,

Jason

# Prayer List, Attendance, Giving, Memorials

## PRAYER LIST

### JOYS

- The Glory of Christ

### CONCERNS

- Lois Foust, Bob's mother
- Bailey Smith, 16 yr. old in car accident
- Melissa Hamilton's Family, Aunt passed away suddenly
- Al & Nancy Blohm
- Ferd Baruch, cancer
- Carl Curtis, triple bi-pass
- Del Franks, heart trouble
- LaVerne Frazier
- Vaughn & Van Davis, 7 yr. old twins w/cancer
- Bill Payne, cancer
- The Holms Family
- Theresa McPherson
- Udewell Stark

### ON GOING CONCERNS

- Military
- Country's Leaders
- Darla Pickering, brain tumor
- Wendy Sardella, Cancer
- Margaret Gwin
- Lexie Hatchett
- Clifton Johnston, Cancer
- Dee & Dorothy Ridgway
- Tom Wilson
- The Machado Family
- David Stark
- Sam Monroe
- Margaret Wright

## Our Giving

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Special</u>
December 21	\$3,856.05	\$128.00	\$228.00
December 24	\$1,055.33	\$ 90.00	
December 28	\$1,148.90	\$425.00	\$1,330.00

## Attendance Report

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Total Worship Attendance</u>
December 21	30	245
December 24	na	221
December 28	21	100

## Parent's Corner

Our sixth word that parents need to say according to David Staal in *Words Kids Need to Hear* is “no.” It is our responsibility as parents to not be wishy-washy. We need to speak that one, unambiguous word—“no.”

We want our children to be able to say no to many things—drugs, alcohol, sex, the bad influence of peers and any temptations that might draw them away from God. In order for them to be able to do this, we need to give them “consistent deposits of definitive no’s that start early and continue as long as they live at home.” (p. 87)

Staal gives an example of a father whose child reached into a fountain to get a coin and throw it back in. The father told her no. She did it again. He told her no again. The scene was repeated two more times. The fourth time, the little girl reaches in and swings her hand through the water and splashes it all over her father’s back. She took his hand and they walked off. Even though Dad said, “No,” the little girl know compliance was optional. She needed to hear no and for her father to mean no in order to resist her own urges and temptations.

Staal gives us three reasonable responsibilities. The first is to **be the adult; care too much**. Kids do not typically enjoy the limitations that come their way, their existence will help them feel secure. They want someone who cares for them and stands committed to their well-being. In other words, “I care too much to let you go.”

Responsibility two: **Be willing to do something**. Testing limits is normal for any child. Ignoring a parent’s clear, negative response, though, can mean trouble. They are communicating that they don’t believe you really care about them or are willing to do anything about it. You must have consequences to follow such action. They need to occur with speed and certainty.

Responsibility three: **Know how to resist**. We as parents need to use discernment about whether a child exhibits headstrong defiance or feels genuine dejection. The former calls for action; the latter necessitates empathy—without changing the answer. Staal uses this example. A child suddenly realizes that selling his home means he must move away from his friends. He had a melt-down wanting to stay. His parents wrapped their arms around him and said gently, “No, we can’t stay. We’re moving.” They empathized with their son how hard it was to have his request denied. They stuck to the truth—something parents sometimes avoid because they are afraid their child will stop liking them.

Ask yourself this question: Is my “no” respected and effective? When a child can hear and obey “no” from mom and dad, that child is likely to be able to do the same with God—who demonstrates his love by clearly articulating what we should not do. (p. 97)

## Upcoming events

We are honoring the following people through the dedication of stained glass windows in the sanctuary during the month of February:

Lela Cherry  
Gladys Gilley  
Waymon Wright  
The Shields Family  
Larry Cotten  
The Tucker Family



These windows will be dedicated in the honor of these people who so selflessly offered their time among us in service of Christ and His Church. We are honored to have them as part of our history and pray that you will celebrate with us as we remember their years of faithfulness to Silver Creek United Methodist Church. A special service of dedication will be held in February after the windows have been installed.

**Ladies Circle**  
We will be going to Rail-head BBQ in Willow Park, on January 18th at 6pm.



**SAY CHEESE!**

New Directory Pictures will be taken on February 20th & 21st. A sign up list will be available in the foyer during January. The Directory Committee will be contacting everyone soon.

## Church Family News



### *January Birthdays*

2 Cheyenne Flynn  
2 Peggie Muir  
4 Austin Chaille  
6 Gwen Thompson  
7 Sean Tamjidi  
8 Missy Cashion  
8 Nancy Davis  
9 Linda Snipes  
10 Jeri Bradford  
11 Donna Cashion  
11 Dena Hall  
11 Clint Hall  
15 Janet Merck  
15 Karen McClendon  
15 Meagan Wood  
20 Cindy Flynn  
23 Don Wright  
24 Cassidy Pate  
28 Luke Holian

### *January Anniversaries*

2 Dan & Theresa Holian  
6 Sean & Angie Romer

**2008 Contribution Statements** can be found in the foyer by the front doors. If you feel there has been an error in recording, please kindly contact the office and we will try our best to resolve any discrepancies.

### *Thank You Notes*

The entire staff would like to say thank you to all of those who contributed to our Christmas bonuses. Thank you for your kind and generous hearts.

Blessings in the New Year,  
*Your Silver Creek Staff*

# January 2008

## *Silver Creek United Methodist Church*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u><b>Regular Sunday Activities:</b></u> <i>Synergy Service 9 am</i> <i>Sunday School 10 am</i> <i>Food Pantry 10am-12pm</i> <i>Traditional Service 11am</i> <i>Youth Group 4 pm</i>				1  OFFICE CLOSED	2  OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 COMMUN- ION	5 Synergy Practice 7pm	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Synergy Practice 7pm	13	14 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Adult Bible Study, Kid & Youth Activities 7:30pm Choir Prac- tice	15	16	17 Council Re- treat
18 Ladies Circle 6pm Rail-head BBQ	19 Synergy Practice 7pm	20	21 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Adult Bible Study, Kid & Youth Activities 7:30pm Choir Prac- tice	22	23	24 UMM B'fast & Workday
25	26 Synergy Practice 7pm	27	28 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Adult Bible Study, Kid & Youth Activities 7:30pm Choir Prac- tice NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	29	30	31

You can get the latest updates at [www.silvercreekumc.org](http://www.silvercreekumc.org) under Community Life, calendar.

**Deadline for February Newsletter in Wednesday January 28th - Noon.**

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