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# White Steeple Banner

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Since the 1940s, the Ad Council has been the leading producer of public service announcements. Of the thousands of commercials they have produced, their work for the "Don't Almost Give" campaign has been particularly powerful.

One ad shows a man with crutches struggling to go up a flight of concrete stairs. The narrator says, "This is a man who almost learned to walk at a rehab center that almost got built by people who almost gave money." After a brief pause, the announcer continues: "Almost gave. How good is almost giving? About as good as almost walking."

Another ad shows a homeless man curled up in a ball on a pile of rags. One ratty bed sheet shields him from the cold. The narrator says, "This is Jack Thomas. Today someone almost brought Jack something to eat. Someone almost brought him to a shelter. And someone else almost brought him a warm blanket." After a brief

pause, the narrator continues: "And Jack Thomas? Well, he almost made it through the night."

Another ad shows an older woman sitting alone in a room, staring out a window. The narrator says, "This is Sarah Watkins. A lot of people almost helped her. One almost cooked for her. Another almost drove her to the doctor. Still another almost stopped by to say hello. They almost helped. They almost gave of themselves. But almost giving is the same as not giving at all."

Each ad ends with a simple, direct message: "Don't almost give. Give."

How true that can be for church work as well.

A child almost learned a Bible lesson because someone almost volunteered to teach her class. A toddler was almost cared for during a worship service because someone almost volunteered to

care for him. A senior citizen almost received food assistance because someone almost donated to the food pantry ministry. A worship guest almost decided to return for another visit because a member almost took time to speak to him. A teenager almost trusted Christ as Savior because someone almost witnessed to her.

Fortunately for us, Jesus did not almost go to the cross. He gave Himself for us. We must give ourselves to His service—not almost, but fully, totally, completely and unreservedly.

May your New Year's resolution be a commitment to overcoming the "almost" in your faithful service to Christ and His church. Don't almost give. Give.

Happy New Years!  
Bro. Brian

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Sherry Hudson	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Savannah Merriott	6 <sup>th</sup>
Renee Elston	7 <sup>th</sup>
Bailey Schales	7 <sup>th</sup>
Zachary Dillon	8 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Guthrie	8 <sup>th</sup>
Hope Spaw	10 <sup>th</sup>
Kevin Lott	13 <sup>th</sup>
Kelly Spearman	15 <sup>th</sup>
Randy Farrar	16 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Jessup	16 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Lee	16 <sup>th</sup>
Susan McLean	20 <sup>th</sup>
Beverly Lee	20 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Phipps	21 <sup>st</sup>
Randy Green	26 <sup>th</sup>
Ruby Barnes	28 <sup>th</sup>
Haley Horne	29 <sup>th</sup>
Juanita Carter	31 <sup>st</sup>
Lynda Flowers	31 <sup>st</sup>
Ethan Horne	31 <sup>st</sup>

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Mert & Juanita Carter	11 <sup>th</sup>
David & Darlene Hay	14 <sup>th</sup>
Jonathon & Beverly Lee	25 <sup>th</sup>



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the Praise Choir in 2011. Your commitment and support are such a blessing to me. I would especially like to thank Nancy, Ricky, Elaine, Aaron and Jere for your faithfulness in playing the instruments, working the computer and running the sound each week. We couldn't do it without you!!

We hope you were blessed by the Christmas Eve Service. Thanks to all of you who attended.



**The Allens  
In Concert**

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
During Morning Worship**  
The Allens travel across the United States and Canada in full-time Christian ministry. Todd, Michelle, and their eight children Caleb, Gabrielle, Joshua, Jared, Danielle, Abigail, Zachariah and Christian live in their bus 365 days a year and fill over 275 engagements each year. *(Love Offering will be taken)*

**Senior Adult Fellowship  
Saturday, January 21st  
from 2 to 5 p.m.**

**Fifth Sunday Lunch  
January 29th  
After Morning Worship  
Bring your favorite  
covered dish**



**Come Join Us Every  
Wednesday Night for  
Supper at 5:30 p.m.  
\$5 for Adults  
\$3 for Children  
\$15 for Family**



**Upcoming Meetings**  
  
**Church Council Meeting  
Sunday, January 8th at 4:30**  
  
**Monthly Business Meeting  
Sunday, January 15th= at 7 p.m.**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Fellowship Supper 5:30 p.m.  
Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.  
Youth/Children  
Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.  
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Toddler Nursery Schedule**  
**January 1st**  
Pam Marange & Nancy Lockey  
**January 8th**  
Kayla Fondren & Andrea McAdams  
**January 15th**  
Jessi Humphrey & Peggy Grice  
**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Amye Megee & Sherry Hudson  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
David & Michelle Lemoine

**Baby Nursery Schedule**  
**January 1st**  
Jessi Humphrey  
**January 8th**  
Shelbie Ponder  
**January 15th**  
Wanda Kent  
**January 22nd**  
Peggy Grice  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Darlene Hay