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

ANNIVERSARIES

Mert & Juanita Carter	11 th
David & Darlene Hay	14 th
Jonathon & Beverly Lee	25 th



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 15th
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 23rd

Amye Megee & Sherry Hudson

January 30th

David & Michelle Lemoine

Baby Nursery Schedule

January 1st

Jessi Humphrey

January 8th

Shelbie Ponder

January 15th

Wanda Kent

January 22nd

Peggy Grice

January 30th

Darlene Hay