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HAPPY New Year

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...

PSALM 90:17a

Blessings

Micaiah, Brian and Sheri



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

New 2016 Worship Leader, Flower Calendar and Youth Food Sign-Up Sheets are posted. Please Sign up to Help.

**Regular Sunday School and Youth will start back
Sunday January 3rd**

Food is needed for the Youth!

Please see sign up sheet to volunteer, Thanks.

Prayers of the People:

Tim Allen, Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Strobby Stewart; Erica Scott; Bill Beigay; David Patrick; Julie Merwin; Des Noble; Jim Holmes; Judy Hood, Christine Miller, Andy and June Vaughn, Rex Parris, Mike Lee, Michael Boring, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, Ivy Bridges, Reese McPhail, Cindy Rice's Father-Don Falk, Tammy Holcomb, Angie Feldwich, June Stripling, Alison McCracken, The Passing of Mary Virginia Loyd-Susan Bells Mother, Marie Edwards and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, December 27th.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list please use the Christian pads in the pews and drop it in the offering plate Sunday morning. You may also email them to: scottsbocpc@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars:

Room In the Inn

Volunteers needed!

**For more information contact Lil Noble at 256-574-1495, 256-609-8864
or by email at lillynoble3@yahoo.com**

CONVO2016: This year we have four youth and a pair of chaperones attending Convocation—a retreat for 6th-12th graders hosted in Gatlinburg, TN. There will be worship, a speaker, and a great chance to meet new Cumberland Presbyterian friends!

We will be there from January 15th through the 18th, and would appreciate your prayers for safe travels, spiritual renewal, and fun!

**Deacon Meeting
Sunday January 10th
Immediately following
Worship Services**



**Session Meeting
January 19th
5PM**



Guatemala Mission Trip

July 9th-16th, 2016

Applications available in the church office



Building Plan

Fundraiser Information Coming Soon



For those of you who are curious about the trip to Guatemala next summer, but don't know what to expect, let me give you a few more details about the trip.

First, you DO NOT need to know how to speak Spanish. English will do just fine.

Second, a little bit about what we will be doing: If you are a medical professional, we will put you to work checking on the kids' teeth, eyes, etc.

If you are not, we need team members who are willing to help cook the lunch for the Hot Lunch Program, members to make crafts and do activities with the kids throughout the afternoon, members who will coordinate and play games with the kids, and members who would be willing to help teach Bible stories to the kids in creative ways. *A lot of the "curriculum" that we will use with the kids will be further developed once we have a team that is ready to go. We will put together lessons and activities that we can do without having to speak much Spanish. I will also be there to translate when needed. The idea is basically to run a type of VBS program for the kids in the afternoon while medical professionals pull a few kids out at a time for their exams.*

EVERYONE will be put to work on the team. Nobody will be standing around doing nothing

Finally, a note about mission work and our perspective on it: We, as Cumberland Presbyterians, are a part of a global denomination. As such, we have CP churches around the world. Several years ago, the CP denomination decided that their next target area for expansion of the CP church is Central America. Due to connections we already had, Guatemala was the smartest place to start. There now exists a Council of churches in Guatemala that practically functions like a presbytery, but it is not officially CP, yet. All to say, several churches in Guatemala are interested in being CP. One of their ministries is the Hot Lunch Program, which is directed by Anay Ortega, a CP missionary from Colombia. Mission work can be done poorly, as many churches seek to colonize and "save" people who are not like us. We don't seek to do that. One of the main purposes of this trip is for our church here in Scottsboro to be able to build relationships with churches in Guatemala who are also seeking to become CP. It is always Biblically sound for groups of Christians to gather together and worship. We learn from each other and from different cultures when we do. It also is a good reminder that God is working in different corners of the world. So, part of our trip will be to acquaint ourselves with Guatemala. We will worship with the churches there, and we will attend any Bible studies or services we may be invited to.

AND, we will work. We will serve, we will teach, we will play games, and we will pour into the lives of children who otherwise don't get much attention. We will be culturally sensitive to their background, but we will proclaim the Good News of God's love through our work and through the things we say.

If you have any further questions about this trip, about Guatemala in general, or about our theology of missions in the CP Church, don't hesitate to call or email me.



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP 2016



July 9th - 16th, 2016

WHAT: A Trip to Guatemala City to work with the Hot Lunch Program (where we sent the Loaves and Fishes money).

A trip like this will help us build a relationship with Cumberland Presbyterians in Guatemala, to learn from them, love on them, be tourists (and who hasn't wanted to worship in Spanish?!)

WHO: 8-10 adults. We could use both medical professionals AND other adults. Medical professionals would work with the kids doing health checks in relation to their specialty. Any other adults would work with the kids, teaching Bible Lessons, cooking meals, and playing games.

WHEN: We would be flying out on Saturday, July 9th, and returning on Saturday, July 16th.

COST: \$1000-\$1200/person (depending on plane tickets) IF you are interested in going on this trip, contact Pastor Micaiah by email. Also fill out an application, and start saving your money.

DEADLINE: In order to reserve lodging and buy plane tickets, we need commitments by JANUARY 31st, with a \$200 deposit and an application. Another \$450 will be due March 1st. The remaining balance will be due May 15th.

*If you want to HELP but can't join us—you can help pay someone else's way!—make donations out to Scottsboro CPC with Guatemala Mission Trip as the subject line.

2015

General Fund

December 27th offering: \$4,327.00

YTD Offering: \$ 319,577.17

Budget Requirements

Budget Requires per Sunday: \$6,533.67

YTD Budget Requires: \$ 313,616.16

**Attendance for
Christmas Eve Service 12/24/15**

Worship: 185

Sunday 12/27/15

Worship: 81

Worship Aids for Sunday

Head Usher: Rodney Bell

Pastor: Brian Tanck

Worship Leader : Micaiah Tanck

Greeter: Bill and Thomas Gibson

If you cannot serve, please find someone who will replace you.

If you need something please call the Church office If no answer please call Micaiah, (205) 478-5985; Brian (630) 730-1577 . Your concerns and needs are important to us.

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