

# The Calling

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For the past 11 years, Beloit College has released the Beloit College Mindset List. It provides a look at the cultural touchstones that shape the lives of students entering college. What mindset or worldview will most influence and shape your life in the new year?

- Students entering college for the first time this year were generally born in 1990.
- For these students, Sammy Davis Jr., Jim Henson, Ryan White, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Freddy Krueger have always been dead.
- They have always been looking for Carmen Sandiego.
- GPS satellite navigation systems have always been available.
- Coke and Pepsi have always used recycled plastic bottles.
- Gas stations have never fixed flats, but most serve cappuccino.
- Electronic filing of tax returns has always been an option.
- All have had a relative--or known about a friend's relative--who died comfortably at home with Hospice.
- Haagen-Dazs ice cream has always come in quarts.
- WWW has never stood for World Wide Wrestling.
- Films have never been X rated, only NC-17.
- Clarence Thomas has always sat on the Supreme Court.
- Schools have always been concerned about multiculturalism.
- We have always known that "All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten."
- IBM has never made typewriters.
- McDonald's and Burger King have always used vegetable oil for cooking french fries.
- The Tonight Show has always been hosted by Jay Leno and started at 11:35 EST.
- Lenin's name has never been on a major city in Russia.
- Employers have always been able to do credit checks on employees.
- Caller ID has always been available on phones.
- Living wills have always been asked for at hospital check-ins.
- They never heard an attendant ask "Want me to check under the hood?"
- Iced tea has always come in cans and bottles.
- Soft drink refills have always been free.
- They have never known life without Seinfeld references from a show about "nothing."
- Windows 3.0 operating system made IBM PCs user-friendly the year they were born.
- Muscovites have always been able to buy Big Macs.
- The Hubble Space Telescope has always been eavesdropping on the heavens.

Blessing in the New year, *Darrell*

Televised at 10:55am  
 Cable One, Channel 7

Broadcast at 11:00am  
 KVSQ AM 1240

**8:30 AM**  
**McClure Chapel**

**10:55 AM**  
**Sanctuary**

**11:00 AM**  
**Colvert Ministry Center**

## Welcome, New Members!



We welcome Jeremy & April Harkins to our fellowship. Jeremy transferred from another church in the area, while

April joined by restoration of faith on Sunday, December 21 in the EPIC worship service. Jeremy works in sales for Cunningham Carpets. April works in sales and customer service for Arbuckle Communications. They have a son Kasson (age 3). The Harkins' have attended the Alpha Course and the Walk to Emmaus. Their sponsors are Shawn & Lori Harkins.

Welcome, folks!

**DIVORCE** *Care*

Begins on January 15th  
 at 6:30pm in the  
 Colvert Ministry Center

## UMM



Sunday, January 18th  
 6:00pm  
 Colvert Ministry Center

## *Girl's Night Out*

Sunday, January 18th  
 6:00pm  
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*If YOU know who the President is this month PLEASE call the church office 223-5390.*

## The Lectionary Readings for January 11th

Genesis 1:1-5  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 19:1-7  
 Mark 1:4-11

## Sunday's Music

This Sunday is **The First Sunday after The Epiphany.**

In both 8:30 and 10:55 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "**A Time for New Beginnings**" by Lani Smith.

In the 8:30 worship service I will sing "**Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You**" by Jay Althouse. The text is a prayer of Charles Wesley (stanza 1) and Mr. Althouse. It is copyright © 1992 by Hope Publishing Company.

In the 10:55 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**" with Becca Glaser, as the soloist. This *a cappella* anthem, a Traditional Spiritual adapted and arranged with added new material by Jay Althouse, is copyright © 2008 by Alfred Publishing Company. .

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.  
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?

Lord, I give my soul to you. I seek your care and love.  
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.  
And Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

Oh, children, don't get weary till your work is done.

Oh, sister, don't stop praying;  
sisters and brothers, brothers and sisters;  
keep on praying till the work is done!

Shalom, *Bab*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, Jan 11

- 8:30 am Worship / McClure Chapel
- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:55 am Worship / Sanctuary
- 11:00 am EPIC / CMC
- 12:00 pm Center Point
- 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth

### Monday, Jan 12

- 7:45 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Invitation Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Praying Woman Bible Study

### Tuesday, Jan 13

- 7:45 am Preschool
- 10:30 am Moms Praying
- 4:30 pm Trustees

### Wednesday, Jan 14

- 7:45 am Intercessory Prayer
- 7:45 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
- 5:00 pm Stephen Ministry
- 5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
- 6:15 pm Worship / Colvert Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Jan 15

- 7:45 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
- 1:00 pm XYZ Mah Jongg
- 6:30 pm DivorceCare
- 7:00 pm Alpha

### Friday, Jan 16

- 7:45 am Preschool
- 10:30 am Friendly Neighbors

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### Dates to Remember:

- Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day / Church Closed
- Feb 7 Local Church Leaders Workshop
- Feb 22 Chili Cook-Off
- Feb 25 Ash Wednesday
- March 1-3 Festival of Faith (Wade Paschal)
- March 6-8 Mid-Winter Youth Retreat
- March 8 Center Point
- March 16-20 Spring Break

## 2008 Faith Promise Review

During 2008 we had a banner year with faith promise. Through this extraordinary tool we expended \$133,420 for over 70 different mission projects or missionary outreaches.

The Mission Ministry Team likes to maintain a 30/30/30/10 ratio with expenditures for mission trips/local and international outreach/missionary salaries/discretionary.

We funded scholarships for our missions, as well as medical and construction supplies, for 11 different missions in the amount of \$34,980.

We funded 8 local mission outreaches for \$8,500. We supported 7 state outreaches for \$8,825. And, we financed 20 international outreach projects for \$21,665. The sum total for local, state, and international mission projects was \$38,990.

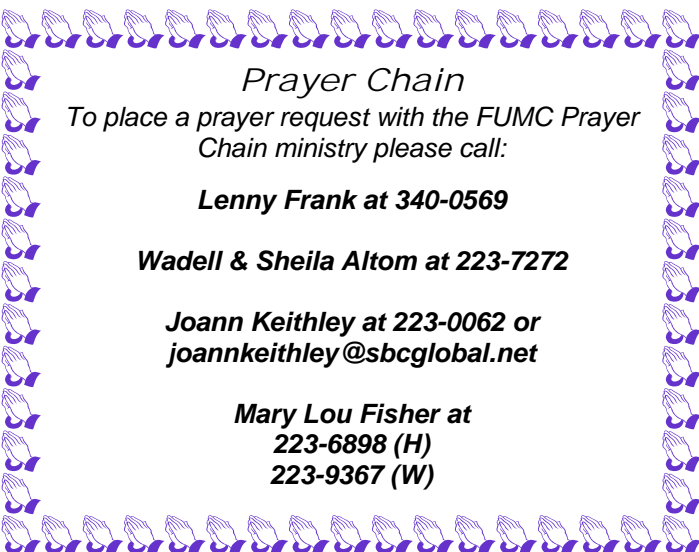
We funded 11 missionaries, a Global Mission Partner, 6 seminary students, and 1 high school student for \$40,150.

By way of discretionary spending, we provided \$8,900 for the local emergency fund (used entirely in Ardmore) and our United Methodist special day offerings.

And, we were able to provide \$10,400 for two signature mission projects: the Manos Juntas Ministry in Rio Bravo, Mexico and the Oklahoma/Bolivia Partnership.

During the coming weeks we will highlight in the **CALLING** each one of these missions and missionaries. It will show where our faith promise dollars are going. It will enable us to realize that we have an "Acts 1:8" mission ministry with money going to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth."

Our "hands-on" mission dollars have healed the sick, saved lives, won people to Christ, sent people into the mission field, equipped leaders to share the Gospel, fed the hungry, and built homes for the homeless. Thank you for your Faith Promise gifts.



**Prayer Chain**  
To place a prayer request with the FUMC Prayer Chain ministry please call:

**Lenny Frank at 340-0569**

**Wadell & Sheila Altom at 223-7272**

**Joann Keithley at 223-0062 or  
joannkeithley@sbcglobal.net**

**Mary Lou Fisher at  
223-6898 (H)  
223-9367 (W)**

## FOCUS ON FOLKS

### In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Travis Billingsley  
Waylan Morris

### Sunday School Greeters for January:

Main Building - **FRIENDS** class  
Colvert Ministry Center - **HOPE** class

**Loaves & Fishes for January:** Tuna 6-1/8 ounce can

### New Arrivals:

Don and Lauren Duncan would like to announce the birth of their daughter, **Lydia Elise Duncan**, on December 21st. She weighed 6lbs-8oz and was 18¾ inches long. Lydia's grandparents are John and Merla Mourer.

Joe and Julie McDonald would like to announce the birth of their daughter, **Zoey Mikal McDonald**. She weighed 7lbs-11oz and was 19½ inches long. She joins big sister Rylie Jo and big brother Creed.

### Memorials:

In memory of **Don Cude** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:  
Don and Betty Kidd

In honor of **Dale and Adolphine Holt** a contribution to the Loaves and Fishes Fund has been received from:  
Lynn McCarthy

In memory of **Leo Roberts** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:  
Ben and Debbie Roberts



**Getaway with God**  
"**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**"  
January 23rd & 24th / Colvert Ministry Center

*A special time of worship, prayer,  
Bible teaching, food and fellowship*

*Featured Speaker: Karen Chaffin  
Worship Leader: Toni Ruffino*

Friday 6:30pm-9:30pm / Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm  
Cost \$35

*For more information contact Debbi Rison at 223-0842 or  
Barbara Shields at 223-5390 ext. 320*

## January 14, 2009 Prayer Ambassadors

1. Our Jerusalem—Ardmore
  - All Worship services –Pray we focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
  - Get Away with God Women's Retreat, Colvert Ministry Center of FUMC—Jan. 23-24—"Intercessory Prayer"
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Divorce Care Ministry
2. Our Judea—Oklahoma
  - DERT—Disaster Emergency Relief Teams
  - Campus Ministries—Campus ministers, students, faculty and staff
3. Our Samaria—North America
  - Glenn and Darla Rowley—UM mission interpreters for the Western Jurisdiction of the UMC
  - Pray for our country, our President, leaders and that we will humble ourselves before God and learn and practice righteousness in all our ways.
4. To the Ends of the Earth
  - West Africa Theological Seminary
  - Mar Elias Educational Institute Schools—Billin, Israel—providing Christian education for students of all backgrounds.
5. Persecuted Church
  - Mexico—many are constantly threatened for their Christian witness

**The Church will be Closed  
Monday, January 19th  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr Day**

### Temporary Office Help Needed

We need someone to fill in for Tami in the office for approximately 2 weeks beginning January 20th. If you are interested please call 223-5390 and speak to Tami (ext 301) or Pat (ext 303).



Loaves &  
Fishes

January

Tuna

6-1/8 ounce

Or you may donate money  
to the emergency fund

## Stephen Ministry

**Are You Experiencing a "Winter" in Your Life?  
Our Stephen Ministers Can Help!**

The winter weather we've had recently can be symbolic of what can sometimes happen in life. A crisis hits and we feel like we're buried beneath a drift of snow. Relationships can become "icy," or we can feel "frozen" by life circumstances. Little difficulties build up like "slush," making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. Life seems dreary, and we begin to doubt if spring will ever come. We can wonder, "Is God even there?"

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care, giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through a "winter" in your life. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact Rev. Dan Patman (223-5390, ext 308), or Louise Daniels (226-5524). Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



## *Friendly Neighbors*

an X Y Z Ministry

*Fun & Fellowship*

*All Seniors Welcome*

10:30am

January 16th

Colvert Ministry Center

*Catered Lunch - Bring a Dessert*

10:30am Fun, Games & Fellowship

12:00pm Invocation and Lunch

12:30pm Program

1:00pm Adjournment



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