

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter

The SLD Newsletter this month provides information on upcoming classes on Wednesday nights. You're invited to join us in our studies!

On Thursday night, January 4th, another Men's Leadership Challenge began with 8 men taking on The Challenge.

Also, our Daily Bible Reading small ministry group continues into a second year. You're invited to be a part of the DBR ministry!

Glenn

"... he who leads; with diligence..."
Romans 12:8

The Challenge

The Challenge was accepted by 8 men! These men have committed to spend time and effort in leadership development. Over a 10 week period these men will be challenged to grow spiritually on an individual basis. During the next few weeks please pray for these men as they complete 10 challenges in the Men's Leadership Challenge.

Barry Chapman	Paul Hayes
Tom Dickson	Shawn Lillie
Jim Embry	Barre Thrasher
Al Gabriel	Joseph Wilder

Wednesday Night Class

On Wednesday night, January 10th, we completed our study of "How We Got the Bible." Our class decided that we would like to study a couple of areas in the coming months.

World Religions

Beginning next Wednesday night, January 17th, we will begin a study of world religions for the next 7 weeks. We will have an overview and discuss the following religions:

- Christianity
- Buddhism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Hinduism
- New Age Movement

Survey of the Old Testament

Beginning Wednesday, March 7th, we will survey the OT:

- See the theme and message within each book.
- See the Bible as one book with one message.
- See God's revelation to man in the Old Testament.
- See God's purpose and plan for man's redemption.

Come join us in Room 123 on Wednesday nights!

Daily Bible Reading

Members of the DBR small ministry group met on Sunday afternoon, December 31st, to read Genesis 1-2 and Matthew 1. What a wonderful way to end one year and begin a new year!

The goal of the DBR is for each person to be a daily Bible reader. By reading God's word we can draw closer to God and better equip ourselves for service as God's people.

Daily Bible reading schedules can be found on a table in the south hallway. Track 1 is to read the New Testament in 2007 and Track 2 is to read the Old Testament and New Testament during 2007 and 2008; or you can use another schedule of your choice.

Be a Daily Bible Reader in 2007!

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for the members of the Germantown church of Christ as we lead by being Christian servants.

This month PAGE 2 looks at serving as a member in the Lord's body. Also, we have our first article in the re-instated Family Focus; learn more about one of our new families! A special thanks to Latina Brumfield and Cathy Donaldson for interviewing the families and preparing the Family Focus articles. .

Serving as:

A Member . . .

within the Body

Each of us is an individual with unique characteristics. As Christians we are also unique; each individual member of the church possesses certain abilities. To fulfill our responsibilities and roles as members we should:

- ◆ **Know Ourselves.** *Take an honest assessment of ourselves. Understand what we can and cannot do based on our uniqueness. What are our natural strengths? What do we enjoy doing? Where would we best fit into the work of the Lord's church? Find an area of Christian service that matches your uniqueness - be an encourager, teacher or helper in that specific area.*
- ◆ **Accept Ourselves.** *Take the talents we have been given and realize we possess those talents. Don't regret that we do not possess other talents. All members are not given the same gifts and, therefore, do not perform the same functions in the same manner. Accept the certain talents God gave us. We should not think too highly of ourselves, but at the same time we should not sell ourselves short on working in the Lord's church.*

Collectively, the individual members constitute one body in Christ. The members equip themselves to serve within the body. To better equip the whole body we, as members of the body, should:

- ◆ **Develop Our Talents.** *Take our God-given talents and grow them. Gradually expand our abilities through a sacrifice of time and effort to focus on how we can better serve others. Read God's word, pray for help in our development and make close friends with Christians who can help us sharpen our talents. Try working in new areas and challenge ourselves to be the best we can be.*
- ◆ **Use Our Talents.** *Take the God-given talents we have developed and use them in the Lord's work. Make a greater contribution for the common good of the body by using our individual, unique gifts to serve God and our fellow man in a Christian manner.*

Read Romans 12:1-8
Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Family

Focus

The
Blake
Family



Family Focus would like to introduce to you the Blake family. Kent and Jennifer, along with their children Drew and Kelly, placed membership at Germantown in July of 2006. They moved here from Hartford, Connecticut.

Kent is the oldest son of our own Fred and Betty Blake. The Blake family lived in some pretty exciting places during Kent's childhood. Dad's employment with Holiday Inn took the family to places like Mexico City and Belgium. During Kent's high school years the family moved back to the Memphis area. Kent went to college at Ole Miss. He is currently employed by an independently owned firm that specializes in video conferencing equipment.

Jennifer grew up immersed in church activities. Jennifer's father was a minister in Oklahoma until shortly before Jennifer's birth. The family moved to Hartford, Connecticut to begin a new work and welcome their 5th daughter. Jennifer's parents made Connecticut their home and have since retired.

After attending college at Oklahoma State Jennifer returned to Connecticut. Kent and a group of friends moved to Connecticut to start a church. At the prompting of a friend Kent asked Jennifer out and the rest as they say is history. Jennifer worked as a human resources consultant and since the move has been able to continue her work from home. They will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary this year.

When time permits, Kent likes to golf and fish. Jennifer has rediscovered her love of reading and hopes to find the time to scrapbook more this next year. Drew enjoys sports, particularly baseball and basketball. He is currently taking Judo lessons. Kelly has tried her hand at several things but is currently studying Tae Kwon Do.

The Blake family didn't waste any time getting involved at Germantown. Since placing membership just 6 months ago Kent and Jennifer have taken on teaching roles. Kent teaches in the PEARLS class for Lads to Leaders and Jennifer is teaching the 5th and 6th grade class on Wednesday nights. Drew and Kelly are involved in several Lads to Leaders events. Both are competing in the Art Says It category as well as Bible Bowl.

Get to know this great family. We are very glad they chose Germantown as their church home.

- Latina Brumfield -