



## Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church Sunday School Newsletter

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*Welcome to the winter addition of the GMBC Sunday School Newsletter.*

Last quarter we focused on God's covenant. We discussed the leaders that God chose. And God's offer to enter into community and the people's responses to that invitation. Read the following scriptures at your leisure to learn more about God's covenant community.

**Leaders in a covenant** Joshua 1: 1-11: 16-17 Judges 6: 1-3, 7-14 Ezra 9:5-11, 15 Nehemiah 2:5, 11-20

**An open invitation to Covenant Living** Mark 1: 35-45 Mark 5: 1-13, 18-20 Mark 7: 24-30 Mark 10: 17-31

**The New Covenant Community** 1 Peter 1: 13-25 1 Peter 2: 1-10 1 Peter 4: 12-19 2 Peter 3:15 2 Peter 3: 1-13

**The Wonder Foretold Comes to Earth** Developing a Sunday school Christmas program is an exciting task. The Christmas program can be one of the best parts of the Sunday school year. Preparing for the birth of a new baby is something that interests many children and adults alike. Wondering whether Mary and Joseph will be able to find somewhere to stay in Bethlehem, what the angels have to tell the shepherds and what gifts the three kings will bring adds additional excitement to the story.

By using as many Sunday school members as possible, Elisabeth (Plum) Summers produced Goodwin's Christmas play, *The Wonder Foretold Comes to Earth*. Unfortunately, due to bad weather on the day, we had to cancel. But the good news is we get to perform a version of this play in Black History month, so look out for this wonderful performance due to take place in February 2010.



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## ***Reverend Tom Keys Trains the Sunday School Teachers!***



*2 Timothy 2:15*

*On October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 Rev. Tom Keys conducted the 2009 teachers training. Rev. Keys covered the purpose of Sunday School, Effective Teaching and Communications, Qualifications Required to be a Teacher, Importance of In-service Training, Teacher Evaluation and Teaching Tips and Resources'.*

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The primary task of a Sunday School teacher is to systematically teach the Word of God, specifically for changed lives. To reach that objective the teacher needs to be the kind of teacher who will make a difference, maintain the right goals, teach the way students learn best, and rely on the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Teachers role is to

- ***Assist children and adults in their personal growth with Christ***
- ***Equip believers of all ages with a thorough knowledge of the bible***
- ***Promote unity and fellowship between the believers and their families***

When students sense that the teacher cares about them and that their needs are being met, they will want to keep coming back and they will want to bring others to share in it.



***SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF ADVISORS:***

Goodwin Memorial Board of Advisors are a group of people who get together periodically to offer advice and direction for the Sunday School curriculum. Our members have to be dedicated in supporting and developing new and exciting programs for the church.

***Introducing our Board of Advisors!***

Sis. Myre Barnes  
Deaconess Geri Brown  
Bro. Walter Howard  
Sis. Lisa Jackson  
Sis. Sandra James- Goodrum  
Rev. Tom Keys  
Sis. Ruth Moore  
Sis. Lina Penn  
Sis. Twilah Shipley  
Sis. Elizabeth Summers  
Deaconess Eula Webster



***CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMILLE N. GEARY!***

**JAMILLE GRADUATED FROM VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY-  
DECEMBER 2009! SHE RECEIVED A BS DEGREE IN HEALTH  
SCIENCES!**



***A Family that Prays.....***

What do the **Fitzgerald, Nelson, and Bostic** families have in common?? They all belong to the same family...four generations of **Faithful Church Goers, Sunday School Students , and Ministry Members** and they all belong to the Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church!

***Sister Delores Fitzgerald*** has attended Goodwin for many years. Her daughter Charlotte was raised in Goodwin and has always been a part of Goodwin's Music Ministry. After a few years away; Charlotte and her husband, Al, returned to Goodwin and have served diligently in various ministries! And then there are the grandchildren - Dara and her sisters, Jami and Kacy (Gambles) were born and raised in Goodwin where they served on the Buds Choir, Youth Choir, BTU, Junior Ushers; and of course, SUNDAY SCHOOL. Also after a few years away, Dara returned bringing her husband, Eric, and the Great Grandchildren Daizah and Isaiah! Between them they make up a total of over 60 years at Goodwin. And their years have been spent committing themselves to the uplifting of God's Kingdom through service. You can always find them at their various posts as members of the Choirs, Security, Audio/Visual, Transportation, Nurses, and Youth Fellowship; serving in those ministries as President of the Mass Choir, Treasurer for the Senior Saints, Advisor in the Youth Choir, Chaplin of the Women's Choir, and Chaplin of Youth Fellowship. *And in addition to all of this, still find time to attend Sunday School!* What a blessing they are! .....continued.....



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..Continued ..... Although Jami and Kacy no longer live in the area, they are lifelong members of Goodwin and often visit when they return home. Jami and her husband, Andre, live in Maryland and are blessed with two sons; Andre, Jr. and Andrew. Kacy is currently studying at the "Indian School of Business" in Hyderabad, India and will graduate with her MBA from Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth in June.

Asking the family what do they enjoy most about attending Sunday School they said "being able to have an open discussion about the word of God and getting other believers feedback and understanding of the biblical passages".

**Truly a family that prays!**

## GOODWIN'S LITTLE ANGELS!



## ALL ABOARD!!

*God took some clay from the ground and made the shape of a man. God called him Adam.*

*The Lord made a beautiful garden for him to live in. The garden, called Eden, was full of many wonderful things. But God felt sorry for Adam. "he needs someone to share his life. Someone who cares for him and who he can care for."*

*That night, God took a rib from Adam's side and made a woman. God told the man and woman that it was their job to take care of their new home. God blessed them, saying, "All this is for you. Help yourself to anything you like. But never touch the tree in the middle of the Garden. That tree gives knowledge of good and evil. The day you eat its fruit, you will die."*

*God did not mean that Adam and Eve would drop down dead the moment they ate the fruit from the tree. He meant that in time they would die without His Spirit dwelling in them. ....continued.....*

....continued .....And so the story goes on! 17 very well behave children from CHILDREN'S CHURCH got on board the Goodwin bus; and experienced this awesome production *The story of Adam & Eve* at the Sight and Sound theatre last October!

**Keep an eye out for our next wondrous adventure!**

M.I.T Keith Moore- Director Children's Church



Sunday School Ministry starts at 9.30am  
with Devotional Period in the Sanctuary  
**Remember!**

Come out to Sunday School and  
fellowship with your church family.

Bring a friend.

We will help you find a class suited to  
your needs!

No transportation??

No problem.

Call the GMBC office during the week,  
or before 6.30am Sunday morning.

Leave your contact details. The  
Transportation Ministry will call you  
back.

**717 238- 4400**



Sunday School  
Teachers and BOA  
Meetings:

BOA Meeting:  
Thursday January  
28<sup>st</sup> 6pm- Fellowship  
Hall



**Sunday School Administrative Staff**

Rev. Dr. James D. Jackson- Senior Pastor

Deaconess Virginia Mickens- Superintendent

Sis. Ruth Moore- Assistant Superintendent