

## Welcome to Southminster

*Christ's love is here for YOU!*

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### Prayer Requests:

Edie and O. B. Chaffee, Mildred Cunard, Dot Dodgen, Golda Fuller, Dennis Grimm, Helen James, Mike Kerns, Bill and Lottie Kershaw, the Kibaara family, Beverly Larsen, Chris LaVine, Pete Logan, Florence Mandi, Bill Pearce, Eugene Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Ricky Tanner, Patrick Wiley, and Becky Willingham and the new elders elect Helen James, Bill Kershaw, Fred Kinye, Beverly Larsen, David Markle

### Cherokee Presbytery Prayer Calendar, January 13—

**Acworth Presbyterian Church**, located near downtown Acworth at 4561 Church Street, was organized in 1870 as a mission of the Mars Hill Church. Craig Custance is Clerk of Session. Active membership is 113. They recently opened a Christian Learning Center to serve the community.

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### This Week's Calendar:

Today	Jan. 13	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:15 p.m.	Lunch Bunch @ Bay Breeze
Monday	Jan. 14	6:30 p.m.	P. W. Evening Circle & light supper
Tuesday	Jan. 15	7:30 p.m.	Link Council Meeting
Wednesday	Jan. 16	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Thursday	Jan. 17	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	Jan. 19	7:30 a.m.	Men's Group breakfast & Bible study
Sunday	Jan. 20	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Ordination and Installation of Elders

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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 12 NOON – SPC ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

**CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION** - Immediately following worship on Sunday, January 27, we will gather in the fellowship hall for lunch and to receive the reports of the session, the four ministry councils, all church programs, the proposed budget for 2008 and the session's vision for 2008. Lunch will be provided so be sure to mark your calendars for this very important time in the life and future mission of Southminster in this community and beyond into the world. May God be glorified!

TODAY'S NURSERY ATTENDANT – Gail Draper

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# Southminster Presbyterian Church

January 13, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – Baptism of the Lord

## Gathering

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Please use the time before the service begins to review the announcements in the bulletin and to quietly prepare your heart for the worship of God.*

### STRIKING OF THE HOUR

### GREETINGS, WELCOME, AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

**\*HYMN No. 404** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah

Leader: Seek the Lord while He may be found.

**People: Call upon Him while He is near.**

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way,

**People: And the unrighteous man his thoughts;**

Leader: Let him return to the Lord,

**All: And He will have mercy on him; and be our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

**\*HYMN No. 242** “By the Waters of Babylon”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently...**

*(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.) Amen*

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE Isaiah 1:18-19

Leader: Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:

**People: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.**

Leader: If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. Believe that gospel and go forth to live in peace.

**\*GLORIA PATRI (unison)** Hymn 579

### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Numbers 6:26

Leader: The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Please exchange greetings of peace with those near you.

## The Word

**\*HYMN No. 383**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

*Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Sunday school.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:1-10

Pew Bible, page 803

ANTHEM

“Every Time I Feel The Spirit”

Choir

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible, page 3

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Shepherds, Promises and Humility”

Elder Charles K. Nyaga

## Response to the Word

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.122)

Leader: Whosoever taketh an oath ought duly to consider the weightiness of so solemn an act, and therein to avouch nothing but what he is fully persuaded is the truth. Neither may any man bind himself by oath to anything but what is good and just, and what he believeth so to be, and what he is able and resolved to perform.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

“He”

Kaye Schuler

**\*DOXOLOGY** (unison)

Hymn 592

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CALL TO PRAYER SONG**

*All your anxiety, all your care, Bring to the Mercy Seat and leave it there,  
Never a burden He doth not bear, Never a friend like Jesus.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**LORD’S PRAYER (traditional)**

Hymnal page 16

## Sending

**\*HYMN No. 333 (Vs. 1)**

“Seek Ye First”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**Hymn 333 (Vs. 2)**

POSTLUDE

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Assisting in Worship: Pam Hudson – Church Musician; Charlie Allen – Pulpit Assistant  
Betty Cheek – Children’s Time; Dave Markle – Song Leader

\*All who are able, please stand.