



Horizons

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New Year's Message FROM THE PASTOR

Woosh!

That, my dear family in Christ, is the sound of the year 2009 zooming past. I know it's said almost every year, but I can't believe how quickly this year has disappeared and don't even talk to me about the decade!!!

As quickly as it has gone by it has been a memorable year. On January 1 of 2009 I had no idea that by December 31 my life would be so radically altered. Radically altered sounds rather dramatic doesn't it, but in truth that is what has happened. I began the year as a Chaplain in a Nursing home and I end the year Pastor of a church.

It was quite a journey and I look back with delight at what the Lord has done, all of it unexpected and all of it a blessing. I am including the hard parts in that statement. Change is a challenge and my life has obviously changed a great deal. But I am reminded of something that I heard, "If you aren't changing, check your pulse." As hard as change is if our lives are not being renewed, changed, in some way something is very wrong.

In my own life the hard things have made me stronger. They have also brought me closer to God. I have learned, and am still learning, that in the midst of all the changes the one thing that is a constant in my life, is God. Scripture tells us that, God is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

As we enter into this New Year, my prayer is that we will grow together into a deeper understanding of God's constancy in our lives as the body of Christ. That our trust in God will allow us to make the changes necessary to fulfill the unique call we've been given to be His hands and feet in our world. My prayer is when we begin next year, 2011, we will be able to look back in wonder at what and where God has led us. That we will see His finger prints on the growth and changes that we have encountered.

May God's great joy and peace fill your hearts and minds as we enter into this New Year!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Teresa

Happy New Year ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*

Community Ministries

TASK is proud to announce...

that for the fifth time, TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen) has earned a **4-star rating from Charity Navigator**, the leading independent evaluator of charitable organizations in the United States. Only 4% of the charities they evaluate “have received at least 5 consecutive 4-star evaluations.” This “exceptional” designation from Charity Navigator differentiates TASK from its peers and demonstrates that we are worthy of trust.

Reminder from the Community Ministries Committee:

A group of members visit the **Trenton Area Soup Kitchen the first Tuesday of every month at 3:00 pm.** Since their meeting place changes periodically due to weather, check with **Charlotte Harrison 587-4292 or Harry Bittner 298-9873 first.**

If you are interested in joining us for a day or on a regular basis, we would love for you to come along.

Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care committee would like to remind members that they are available throughout the year to those in need of a ride to Doctor’s appointments, the bank, or to a local grocery store.

If in need, please call one of the members listed below.

Emma Stype, Chair
Grace Gazsi
Shirley Adams
Janet Kendall

American Baptist Women Calendar of Events

2010 LOVE GIFT LUNCHEON – February 13th - -location to be announced.

2010 SPRING RALLY– April 24th - location to be announced

2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – NOTE NEW DATES - THURSDAY THROUGH FRIDAY,
JUNE 3, 4 and 5 at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Center, LBI.

Happy New Year ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Upcoming events

In January, the committee will begin planning our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast as well as planning for and scheduling VBS. Look for more information in February's Newsletter.

Sunday School

Our One Room Sunday School continues to be quite a hit, especially with our younger children. We are so happy to see all the smiling faces at the beginning of service and then back in the Sunday school room each Sunday morning! We are seeing many faces every Sunday that we had only seen once in a while and all of the youth seem as excited as we are about the new program! We are currently exploring additional options for our High School aged youth

to offer them an even more substantial program.

For everyone's convenience, the Children's Sunday School Leaders are listed in the bulletin each week for that day and for the Coming Sunday as well. We would love to have you join our Sunday School Leader Teams! You don't need to be a teacher to join us, only a love for the Lord and for sharing his word! Remember, God doesn't call the

equipped, he equips the called!

The Adult Sunday School continues to meet on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 in the ABC-NJ Conference room. All are welcome to join this wonderful program!

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he equips the called!*

Hanging of the Greens

Thank you to all of the Adults and Children that participated in the Children's portion of the program.

It was so enjoyable to watch and listen as the Adult/Child pairs each read their part and light a candle with Jennifer's help

Youth Group

Youth Group has been having lots of fun exploring the book of John so far this year. Through Games, activities and scripture, we have been having loads of fun and enjoying a few new members so far this year!

Our participation in the annual MWA Youth Event is coming up quickly. This year's theme is **InSight** based on 1 Samuel 16:7 *"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the*

Lord looks at the heart." and the Theme song chosen by the MWA Steering Committee is *"Give Me Your Eyes"* by Brandon Heath. Our Youth Group will be attending our MWA event on the weekend of **January 22 through 24**. That weekend will be led by the Stockton Christian Fellowship team of Richard Stockton College in Pomona, NJ.

We are still exploring options for a Mission

Trip this summer as well as possibilities for Local Mission work and community service. Watch for more details in the near future.

Youth from 5th grade through Post Grad (about 10 to 18) are encouraged to come join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

For more information contact:
Scott Johnson (609-888-3919, sjohn261@optonline.net) or
Jackie Littleton (609-320-5096, sixlittles@yahoo.com).



THE SHACK BY William P. Young

“If God is all powerful and full of love, why doesn’t He do something about the pain and evil in our world? This book answers that age old question with startling creativity and staggering clarity. By far one of the best books I have ever read.”

James Ryle, Author *Hippo in the Garden*

An Invitation...

I began reading **The Shack** less than whole heartedly. I don’t often find Christian novels to be terribly interesting and rarely ever challenging. I rapidly found that **The Shack** shattered my preconceived ideas of its value to my spiritual growth. I know I’m not the only one who has found this book to be intriguing and perhaps even a bit challenging.

I invite you to join me in the Burke Lounge, Mondays (January 18 & 25, February 1 & 8) from 2-3:30 for a deeper look at this very fascinating book.

Pastor Teresa

If you are interested in learning more about **The Shack** but can’t join us during the day, let me know, and we’ll schedule an evening study as well!



THE YEAR 2010
MARKS *THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY*
OF YEARS OF SERVICE
FOR THE HAMILTON SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH

LOOK FOR UPCOMING EVENTS
TO MARK THIS OCCASION

Newsletter Deadline

January 20.

Happy New Year ♪ *Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year*

Dear HSBC family,

Thank you so much for the card and the incredibly generous gift! I am deeply touched that so many people are reaching out to me during this tricky time. When I opened the envelope and saw the first bit of messages, I was overcome with gratefulness and awe - God has a way of telling us that things will be OK and that we are loved at exactly the right moment, doesn't He? My day is 1000x better now and I cannot wait to return home, ailment free! Thank you again; words can't describe how much this gesture means to me.

Love, Cheryl Glitz



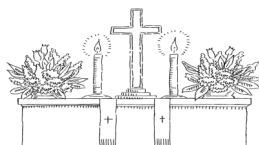
To all who offered their condolences either in prayers, visits during the services, cards of comfort, or tender expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mother, Roberta Nix, I offer my deepest and sincere gratitude.

Your outpouring of support has truly touched my heart and the hearts of my family.

Thank You, Rosanne Meister and Family

*Thank You to all of the Members of Hamilton Square Baptist Church for your most generous and thoughtful Christmas gift. I appreciate it so very much!
It is my most honored privilege to serve you as your secretary.*

Rosanne Meister, secretary



Pulpit Flowers

To order Flowers

Call Gary Hogentogler at 838-0555.
Leave your Name & phone number.

The HSBC American Baptist Women would like to thank everyone for their donations of Poinsettias to decorate for Christmas

Thanks A Bunch

To: The Hanging of the Greens dinner and program organizers and workers - Phew!

For: Beautiful decorations, warm and cozy from basement to sanctuary. Massive blessings of the real meaning of Christmas were pouring out of HSBC this night. Thank You everyone for all your loving efforts to make such a special night for all.

To: Everyone who participated & helped with Hanging of the Greens
For: a great dinner and wonderful program!!! A Great Night!!





To activate the prayer chain,
 please call Emma Bates at 587-5185
 or email Anna Venettone
 at bcae-1@verizon.net

Birthdays & Anniversaries

MaryAnn Sliwa and her
 mother MaryLou Rosina,
 Todd Stuller & Family,
 Dot Reichard,
 Margaret Trout,
 Scott DelPrato,
 Ian McQuigg,
 Gloria McCarty ,
 Doris Rockel,
 Warren Dunlap
 (Mark Dunlap's Dad),
 Viola Humphrey,
 Bill Guest,
 Karen Schenck,
 Olivia (Nancy Glitz's
 friends daughter),
 Al Fullman,
 The Berg, Soto, Harrison, &
 Scott Families,
 Maggie Hoxie,
 Bette Dobronte,
 Bill & Pat Losey,
 Jim Gafgen,

Sharon Zeiter
 (Nancy Glitz's sister),
 Devon Gamble.
*May we also pray for our
 home Baptists:*
 Verna Carlidge
 and her sister Dorothy,
 Viola Humphrey,
 Betty Bretz,
 Dick Swan,
 Ruth Tantum
 and Margaret Jones
 (Sister & friend of Mildred
 Smallwood),
 Dot Reichard,
 Arleine Meyer,
 Bea Stadler.
 Kyle McGonigal (Walter's
 grandson in Afghanistan),
 All troops serving in Iraq
 and Afghanistan,
 Those seeking employment.

- 4 Ed Adams
- 6 Mrs. Donald Kale
- 7 Dan Walter
- 8 Donald Black
- 11 Jeff Shropshire
- 12 Stephen Wassum
- 13 Patricia Seaman
- 18 Verna Carlidge
- 18 Betty Hutchinson
- 20 Rikki Bonatz
- 20 Christian Elley
- 21 Austin Urbany
- 21 Taylor Urbany
- 24 L. Ellis Cardaneo

Anniversaries

- 14 Ed and Shirley Adams
- 25 Dick and Fran Walter

Church Directory Updates

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Serving Us

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Lay Leader: ABCNJ
Greeter: Betsy Fling
Communion Setup: Arlene Smalley
Servers: Arlene Smalley, Harry Bittner,
 Sonny & Nancy Losey

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Lay Leader: Julie Fanella
Greeter: Bud Woodward

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Lay Leader: Jeff Shropshire
Greeters: Al & Beverly Fullman

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Lay Leader: Fran Walter
Greeter: Harry Bittner

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Lay Leader: Lois Newhart
Greeters: Dave & Carolyn Everett

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 9:30 am - Adult Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship Service (Sunday school during worship service)					1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2
3 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i> <i>ABCNJ Thank You Sunday</i> Communion 7pm - Youth Group	4 5 pm - Childrens Choir Practice 6 pm - Taking down decoration	5 3:30 pm - Soup Kitchen 6 pm - Taking down decoration 7pm - Prayer at Ed Newhart's	6 <i>The Epiphany</i> 2 pm - ABW Circle Meeting Burke Lounge 7:30 - Admin. Comm. Mtg.	7 6:30pm - Choir Practice	8	9
10 7pm - Youth Group	11 1 pm - Pastoral Care in-Burke 5 pm - Childrens Choir Practice 7pm - Worship Comm.	12 7 pm - Property Comm. 7pm - Prayer at Ed Newhart's	13	14 6:30 pm - Choir Practice <i>7 pm - Executive Board Mtg.</i>	15	16
17 <i>Christian Unity Sunday</i> 7pm - Youth Group	18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <i>Week of Prayer</i> 2:00 pm - <i>The Shack</i> - Burke 5 pm - Childrens Choir Practice	19 <i>Week of Prayer</i> 7pm - Prayer at Ed Newhart's	20 <i>Week of Prayer</i>	21 <i>Week of Prayer</i> 6:30pm - Choir Practice	22 <i>Week of Prayer</i> <i>Youth Mid-Winter Advance</i>	23 <i>Week of Prayer</i> <i>Youth Mid-Winter Advance</i>
24 <i>Week of Prayer Congregational Business Mtg.</i> <i>Youth Mid-Winter Advance</i>	25 <i>Week of Prayer</i> 2:00 pm - <i>The Shack</i> - Burke 5 pm - Childrens Choir Practice	26 7 pm - Prayer at Ed Newhart's	27 7pm - Sunshine Circle	28 6:30pm - Choir Practice	29	30
31 7pm - Youth Group						

Congregational Business Meeting

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Following Worship Service



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