



Ashton Chapel Newsletter

*The Little Country Church
God is Blessing in a Big Way!*

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2001 in Review?

There's no time to look back

BY PAM HINSHAW

I realize that many, especially the news media, spend time looking back at the year just ended, analyzing the events of the past year. Personally, I am glad the year is over and I don't want to relive or even think about 2001. Certainly this has been an eventful year for the world and our family, but I don't want to waste my time on the past, I'm ready to get on with the present and especially, the future.

Our household is always like that. First thing in the morning on December 26 we always begin taking down the Christmas tree and all the other decorations. Our living room is quite small and we can tolerate the overcrowding through Christmas Day. But once it's over, we get all that holiday junk packed away fast. We strip the room bare, like a blank page, ready for a change. We are energized and filled with enthusiasm for new projects. Will it be new blinds or curtains? Shall we start on the built-in bookshelves? Is it time to repaint? We feel like the entire year is before us, filled with possibilities and we are eager to set to work.

Here at Ashton, too, we're beginning a new year. Are we prepared for a fresh start? Are we ready to get energized and get busy on all the projects, small and large, which lay before us in 2002?

Ashton is blessed with an enthusiastic and loyal congregation. Despite the loss of Pastor Hinshaw and all the uncertainty, our church services have remained well attended. There seems to be an abundance of good will, a strong sense of community and, above all, faith. Let's not let this opportunity pass by. We should, each one of us, harness these feelings and pitch in with fervor to do the many things necessary to help Ashton Chapel grow.

What possibilities for Ashton can become realities if we begin planning and working together now? Are there tasks that didn't get done last year that we can move to the "finished" column this year? Which of us are willing to devote some time and effort to make sure that Ashton Chapel is "Still Growing" in 2002? There's no time like the present!

Today at Ashton

- ***Tom Burns,***
guest speaker at
Worship Service

Guest speakers scheduled for Worship Service in the coming weeks:

January 13 – Tom Burns

January 20 – Phil Butler

January 27 – Larry Doherty

February 3 – Ross Anderson

February 10 – Rhonda PenQuite

New Baby Arrives

Darrell and Sondra Kenney of Mingo welcomed their new baby girl, Rachel, into their home. May the Lord bless and protect their young family.

Ashton Events Calendar

**Regular Ashton
Board Meeting**

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m.
at Ashton Chapel

Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 27, 6:00 p.m.
at Ashton Chapel

Finding strength and motivation in scripture

BY TENNY L. HINSHAW

Romans 5:8: *But God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:9: *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

Romans 5:10: *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

Have you ever thought that someday when you finally get good enough, then you will turn your life over to Jesus? God tells us not to wait, we will never be good enough on our own. God proved His love for us, while we were yet sinners, by sending His son to die on our behalf, that through His death, we could be saved.

Update your information in the Church Directory

The Ashton Chapel Directory is being updated for publication soon. Please contact a board member if you have any name, address, phone or email address changes for your household.



Joann Maxwell and her eager students are shown here (see photo above) in Sunday School class recently. Joann began teaching Sunday School in 2001 and is doing a fantastic job.

Marge Maxwell's preschool class (see photo below) gives our youngest members a good start in their religious training.

Ashton's Sunday School program is going strong thanks to the contributions of the teachers, substitutes and the Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.



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