

# THE CENTER POINT

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## THOMAS' TIDINGS

### ENTERING THE NEW YEAR

Proverbs 4:23 — "Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." This was the key verse in my New Year's sermon.

In this message I mentioned three things we need to guard our heart against...

- (1.) Guard your heart against drifting.
- (2.) Guard your heart against dryness.
- (3.) Guard your heart against discouragement.

Every believer faces these perils at some time. Satan is out to pull us away from following the Lord closely.

The Bible says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." Oh, how we need to guard our heart and pray daily for God to strengthen us so we can resist the attacks and lies of Satan.

Beloved, by the grace of God... let's move into the New Year trusting God fully and following Him obediently.

### REACHING THE LOST...

Will you join me in prayer that we will have a greater burden to reach out to the unsaved? We all know someone who is without Christ — it may be a family member or a close friend. Pray earnestly for them and ask God to lead you to share Jesus with them. God will strengthen you. Make 2025 a great year to reach the lost!

### CANVASSING OUR COMMUNITIES

This is something I believe the Lord will bless — as we go in His name, He will bless. In the next few weeks I hope to share more information on how we can do this. Get ready... this is a challenge for us to reach out to the unchurched. Pray about this outreach!

Beloved, I am praying for you and your family. As we enter 2025 let's pray more, read our Bibles, attend Bible study and worship, and share Jesus with the unsaved. What a blessing to serve with you in our Lord's blessed work.

Victory in Jesus,  
Bro. Herb

## CAIN'S CORNER

**Bible Study is BACK!** All College & Young Adults are encouraged to attend Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:00 PM. We meet in the C'wood House (at the end of the large church parking lot). *Join us as we go deeper in God's Word!*

**Looking Ahead:** Mark your calendars for our annual Super Bowl Fellowship on Sunday, February 9, at 5:30 PM. The event will take place at our house (1145 Brookhill Road) and will feature an assortment of soup & chili! *This is a great time to invite a friend...*

**Ecuador Mission Trip:** This is the last call for anyone interested in attending the mission trip to Ibarra, Ecuador on June 7-13, 2025. Because airline tickets must be purchased, let me know this week if you desire to go!

Blessings, Rob

## FROM DONNA'S DESK

This week we will resume our normal children's activity schedule! I am very excited about the spring semester and the many activities and learning opportunities we have planned. Over the next few months our kiddos will enjoy new music in Children's Chorus and Petite Praisers! Exciting mission studies in Mission Friends, R.A.'s and G.A.'s, and a new Bible series in Children's Church! I hope you will make plans to bring your awesome kiddos each time we meet! Planting God's Word in the heart of a child has eternal rewards!

### Children's Class Schedule (Sundays)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children's Church	10:30 a.m.

### Children's Class Schedule (Wednesdays)

Petite Praisers	5:30 p.m.
Children's Chorus	5:30 p.m.
Mission Classes	6:20 p.m.

Joyfully, Donna

Please remember me in your prayers this week as I travel to Orlando, Florida to attend the 2025 National Children's Ministers Conference. I am looking forward to this awesome gathering of Children's Ministers from around the country for a time of training and worship.

## WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is shared with:

- Rebecca Somers and family in the death of her sister, Susan Rylee
- Judy Colburn and family in the death of her husband, Doc Colburn
- Millie Shepherd and family in the death of her husband, Alston Shepherd

### RECORD—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

Budget Offering.....	\$10,051.36
Building For The Future.....	\$5,375.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$50.00
Benevolence Fund.....	\$1,179.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	\$1,075.00

### RECORD—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

Budget Offering.....	\$26,758.77
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$1,000.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	\$1,240.77

### RECORD—SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Budget Offering.....	\$21,514.06
Building For The Future.....	\$100.00
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$100.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.....	\$195.00

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal = \$15,000.00**

**Amount Received to Date = \$14,820.77**

## THANK YOU

Thank you cards were received from Melanie Spencer, Laura Fields, Sue Davis, and Inez Bullock's family and are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

## IN MEMORY OF

Gifts for Operation Christmas Child were received in memory of Louise Green, Jeanette Gibson, and Inez Bullock from Linda and Jimmy Herring.

A gift for Operation Christmas Child was received in memory of Louise Green from James and Linda Shirley.

A gift for the Building Fund was received in memory of Louise Green from Jason, Amy, and Ella Williams.

A gift for the Building Fund was received in memory of Louise Green from Hall-Taylor Construction Co., Inc.

A gift for the Building Fund was received in memory of Jeanette Gibson from Yvonne Walters.

Gifts for the Building Fund were received in memory of Jack Gibson, Jeanette Gibson, Louise Green, and Inez Bullock from Gerald and Lydia Poellnitz.

## BRIDAL TEA

honoring  
**JENNY WILLIAMS**

**Bride-Elect of Grayson Thomas**  
*(Son of Darren and Tina Thomas)*  
*(Grandson of Herb and Virginia Thomas)*

**This Sunday, January 12, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



**Circlewood Baptist Church Green Room**

**Registered at:  
Belk and Target**

## NELSON'S NEWS

Happy New Year, y'all!

I am excited for all that is going on in 2025! Our Student Ministry is starting the year out with a trip to Strength to Stand in Pigeon Forge, TN over MLK weekend. Please begin praying for the students and adults who are planning on attending! We will have a brief meeting after the morning service this Sunday (January 12). Pickleball will be starting soon and we are also kicking off our SEVENTH season of Upward Soccer! There is so much in store and I hope that you all will be involved in as much as you can be!

In Christ, Steven