

From Where I Sit . . .

“Year In Preview”

We have an exciting year of work planned for 2005 at Broad Street. Here are a few highlights:

Special India Disaster Relief: The elders have committed \$1000 from our treasury in addition to any other amounts given on Sunday, **January 16** to be used for assisting over 100,000 families in Southern India who are ministered to by preachers and students from 5 schools of preaching in that region. The funds will be paired with that of many other churches and administered by the Banner Elk, North Carolina church.

Elder-Deacon-Minister Retreat: This will be the third year now that our leadership has gone to the mountains for a weekend of planning, praying, and discussing the work. This time has proven most beneficial not only in evaluating needs of the church, but of motivating each of us to be better servants of the Lord's church. We're set for **February 4-5**.

Young At Hearts Banquet: Annually youth sponsors and our young people host a banquet honoring our 60 and over population. The event is set for **February 19**. See details inside this issue of the Broad Street Banner.

Georgia Christian Chorus Visit: My brother, Marty Broome, is chorus director for the GCS Chorus in Dasher, Georgia. They've contacted us about stopping by while on tour and presenting a concert after the evening worship services on **February 27**. Their young men and Marty will lead us during the worship hour in songs and messages. Several of their young singers are active in Lads to Leaders. We will host them in the youth center for finger foods and recreation to follow. Families are needed to take these students (approximately 26) and their 4 adult hosts home for the night.

Lads and Leaderettes National Convention: Currently we have 22 adults and 31 students registered to go with us to the 36th Anniversary National Convention in Nashville. Actually 4 adults and 4 students are visiting with us from a North Carolina church so our numbers are 18 and 27 from here. Dates are **March 24-27**.

Belize Mission Trip: March 27 - April 2; Romania Mission Trip to be scheduled; and an outreach and mission revival to **Jackson, Kentucky** in **October or November**.

Summer Youth Series: Jim has planned an exciting Summer Series for our young people to coincide with the adult Summer Series we've come to enjoy annually.

Vacation Bible School: Tentatively, the dates are **June 20 - 24** for this year's VBS. During the past two years we've broken many records in attendance. If you can schedule your vacation away from these dates and plan to be here.

There will be **MUCH** more: Ladies Day, Summer Fish Fry, Russells' Farm Day, Widow's Luncheon and others. But don't forget that we have an ongoing program of study worship and work here every week. Bible Classes, Children's Bible Hour, Worship Services, Care Group gatherings, Classics Meetings, Weekly youth gatherings by differing ages, and an active ongoing benevolent outreach to our community. The church at work is a wonderful thing. God bless us to have a wonderful Year 2005 in His service!

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