

CHECK YOUR OWN CHIMNEY

A story appeared in the newspapers on January 2nd 1992. It was about a seventy-one-year old man in Evansville, Indiana who had his life saved in a most unusual way. A truck smashed into his house.

It was 2:35 a.m. when a driver lost control of his truck on wet pavement, struck the curb and sailed on to the porch of Lee Roy Book's house. Later, a utility crew sought to restore electricity to Book's home and to check for gas leaks. They discovered that Book's chimney and pipes were plugged with two feet of soot and leaves. The blockage was causing odorless, poisonous carbon monoxide fumes generated from burning natural gas to back up into the house.

For the past two years Book, who lives alone, has been sick with classic flu-like symptoms, including chills, nausea, shakes and headaches. These are also the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. He would black out and couldn't remember doing such things as visiting a friend. "I'd come to when I got in the fresh air," said Book, "but every day it was getting worse and worse. It was awful." Chances are that if the car had not smashed into his house, by now Lee Roy Book would be dead.

The kicker to the story, however, is at the end. Books once worked as a building contractor. He is very much aware of the dangers of improperly vented furnaces. He always warned his customers to check their flues every two or three years to make sure they weren't clogged. "But somehow or another," he said, "it never did dawn on me to check my own chimney."

The point of this illustration to Christians is simple enough, every once in a while we would do well to check our own chimney's.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

2 Corinthians 13:5

In Jesus, Derek

Family News & Notes

- **Bobbie Anderson** suffered a stroke last week. She is in room 533 at Baptist DeSoto.
- **Connor Mobley** will have another MRI in February.
- **Barbara Thompson** will have cancer surgery tomorrow.
- **Charles Surratt** had a pace maker/defibrillator put in Friday.
- **Ann Woodson** is scheduled for hand surgery on Wednesday.
- **Tucker Kuntz** will have surgery for a torn ALC in his knee on Friday.
- **Vickie Eddlemon's** brother, Wyman Chism, had colon cancer surgery this past Friday.
- **Jimmy Eddlemon's** uncle, Tommy Eddlemon, has stage 4 lung cancer, and is not doing well at this time.
- **Jimmy Eddlemon's** dad is in ICU in Dyersburg hospital; will possibly be transferred to Memphis over the weekend.
- **Betty Hill's** daughter-in-law, Ellie, wife of Grant, is donating one of her kidneys to her nephew this week.
- **Joy Shupp's** mother-in-law, Eleanor Shupp, is in Baptist Desoto, not doing well at this time.
- Former member, Linda Weatherford, has been diagnosed with Lymphatic Leukemia.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mabel Anderson, June Brents, Donyell Buckingham, Robert & Nora Coleman, Ruby Davis, Tim Davis, Florence Dixon, Melba Easterwood, Rose Ferrante, Janet Garrett, Irmagene Hall, Jo-Ann Heard, Elizabeth Jessiman, Jesse Jones, Elbert Key, Virginia LaCaze, Donie Lane, Scott Marino, Connor Mobley, Bentley Moore, Rick Murphy, Catherine Parker, Marie Pettit, Gene & Georgia Shocklee, James Smith, Iris Stewart, Lula Thomas, Bernice Warren, Frances Weathers, Garnett West, Fred Whitlock, Ann Woodson

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Jane Stewart** and her family in the passing of her cousin, Pat Simpson, last week.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Tullos family. Bobbie Tullos passed away Thursday in Florida. She is **Amy Tullos's** mother-in-law, **Heather Tullos, Paul Tullos** and **Natalie Jourdan's** grandmother. Visitation and funeral will be in Memphis this week at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Poplar. Address of cards: George Tullos, 12545 Gallagher Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33981-1716.

BAPTISM

Last Sunday, cousins, **Tucker Kuntz**, 504 Ross Road, Olive Branch, MS 38654 and **Elizabeth Kuntz**, 512 Ross Road, Olive Branch, MS 38654 came forward to put on Christ in baptism. Make time to encourage these new young Christians.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for **Elizabeth Williams** has been scheduled for Sunday, January 8th at 3:30 in the lobby. They are registered at Target.

TLC

Tuesday, January 17th breakfast at Hazel's at 8:30am

YOUTH NEWS

On the 15th we will be hosting the Area Wide Devotional at the building. We are anticipating between 125 and 175 youth from the area to attend. There is a food signup sheet on the Information Desk in the Foyer. We also need volunteers to help setup, feed and cleanup afterwards. Please see Mark or Laurie for more information.

The balance of the deposit for Winterfest is due January 29th. Please see Kim Billingsley, Mark or Laurie.



*Join us in celebrating
the wedding of*

Elizabeth Williams

And

Armond Fairley

January 13, 2012

6:30 pm

Goodman Oaks Church of Christ

Reception to follow

NURSERY WORKERS

TODAY

10:00 - Debbie Dean, Rebecca Dean,
Debbie Eubanks

5:00 -

NEXT WEEK

10:00 - Martha Foster, Pam Fowler,
Natalie Jourdan

5:00 - Vickie Eddlemon

