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**Pastor Birthdays**

**Dec. 12th – John Windings,**

**Associate Pastor/Music & Worship**

**Metropolis 1st**

**Dec. 17th – Ben Hottel**

**Hillerman Missionary Baptist**

**Jan. 3rd – Terry Mathis,**

**Director of Missions, UBA**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

**Dec. 24th – Jerry & Elaine Jackson, Mt. Zion**

**Pastor Church Anniversary**

**Dec. – David “Buck” Siere**

**Brookport 1st, 2003**

**Dec. – Frank Forthman, Jr.**

**New Hope Baptist, 2005**

**Jan. – Terry Mathis, D.O.M., 1997**

**Jan. – David Wright, Joppa Missionary,**

**2001**

**Jan. – David Atwell, Waldo Baptist**

**Admin. Pastor/Worship Minister, 2001**

A word from our Director of Missions:

 Sunday, November 17th around 2:20pm, a lot of lives were changed in the city of Brookport and outside in the Unionville area. An F-3 tornado with winds of 140 mph ripped through the area. I was there about an hour after it happened and what I saw was amazing in the midst of it all. Even though Brookport First Baptist had been damaged, it was open and the people were all coming there. Bro. David Siere, Pastor, did a great job in opening the church and their new ministry building.

 I have a lot of people to send thanks to. First of all to Joe Konemann, one of our Disaster Relief Directors, who worked by my side every day assisting in coordination of the chainsaw teams. Thank you to the seven workers who came on Monday and went around assessing the jobs for chainsaw crews. Thanks to the chainsaw crews from Williamson Co., Dongola, Harrisburg, Eldorado, and some of our own from Metropolis who worked hard, yet ministered to the hurting families as well. Thanks to all those who worked around the Brookport Church and in the Ministry Building collecting and giving out needed supplies. Also, a big thank you to Metropolis First Baptist for being the collection center at first, cooking meals and cleaning up for the Red Cross.

 I was overjoyed to see the response of our area as donations flooded in and hundreds of volunteers came and helped out. It makes me proud to be a part of this community, but more so in seeing my Christian brothers and sisters of all denominations coming together to serve the hurting!

 There is a long way to go with recovery and rebuilding and I pray that we, as individuals and churches, will help assist wherever possible in the days ahead. In the meantime, continue to pray for Brookport First Baptist as it ministers to its community. Pray that souls will be saved and lives drawn closer to Christ as a result of this tragedy. *“Let them rise and help you, And be your refuge. Now see that I, even I, am He, And there is no God besides Me” Deuteronomy 32:38-39*

Serving the Lord together,

Terry Mathis

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and pray that 2014 will bring you many blessings as we serve the Lord together!**

**Our office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year’s Holidays December 23rd – January 2nd.**

**Compassion**

***“Moved to Move”***

***Matthew 9:35-38***

***Church Contributions for Budget***

***(rec’d & deposited in October)***

Brookport First $ 920.60

County Line $ 200.00

Cypress First $ 0.00

Dixon Springs $ 329.00

Hillerman $ 454.72

Immanuel $ 252.98

Joppa Missionary $ 901.73

Karnak First $ 623.12

Life Church Eastland $ 306.00

Metropolis First $ 2,396.05

Mt. Zion $ 335.71

New Beginnings $ 0.00

New Hope $ 2,269.30

New Salem $ 30.00

Oak Grove $ 42.70

Seven Mile $ 0.00

Simpson $ 208.00

Vienna First $ 433.33

Waldo $ 466.67

Weaver Creek $ 25.00

**Secretary’s office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

***If you have information that you would like to have included in our monthly newsletter, please call or email the UBA office by the 20th of the month. We would be happy to promote any special events (revival, singing group, special programs/ministries, etc.)***

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