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From The Editors Desk: First, Julie and I wish you all a very *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!* During the holidays, we will be traveling to North Carolina and then to Georgia to spend time with family and take a much needed vacation. I know many of you will be traveling and/or having family travel to visit with you. We will all pray for one another that everyone will have a safe a trouble free Christmas season. † **Major Announcement:** There is an interesting statement made by Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes, *“The end of a matter is better than its beginning”* (**Ecclesiastes 7:8**). For years I struggled to understand exactly what this principle might be saying. Normally we think of endings as only sad. However, there is another way to view this and in a more positive light. The apostle Paul says *“we loved you so much that we were delighted to share with, not only the gospel but our very lives as well”* (**1 Thess. 2:8**). When we first arrived here at Community, I did not know some of you at all, and others I had only been acquainted with. Now, after three years, we have shared many great moments together and you have afforded me numerous opportunities to better myself as a person and in ministry. I’ve had opportunity to assist in various ways and to get to know everyone better than when we started. The “end of a matter is better than the beginning.” I’m a better person as result of my association with you. For that I’m very thankful! Now, a new beginning presents itself and a new “ending” has been reached. † **Changes:** *Next week’s newsletter will be the last one of the year, and the last one with me as editor.* As of December 11th, I will now be preaching each Sunday morning for the *Paducah church of Christ*. We formally placed membership with the congregation and my responsibilities as pulpit minister, Lord willing, will be a long term arrangement. I will be happy to discuss this change with you in person and wish to extend to you an invitation to visit with us anytime you are in Paducah on Sunday mornings. I will do everything I can to assist the Community congregation in finding someone to take up the weekly newsletter and in updating the churches website. † **A Word of Thanks:** I want to thank each of you for the opportunities I’ve had to serve while attending the Community congregation. Thank you for calling on me to occasionally fill the pulpit, teach classes, do the weekly newsletter and create and manage the church’s website. Thank you all for your friendship, words of encouragement and for every expression of kindness. Changes are just a fact of life. Everything changes! In fact, I would argue that the Christian journey is a journey of change. When we embrace Christ as Lord we are changed! We are “translated” from “darkness” into the “kingdom” (reign/rule) of His Son (Col. 1:13). You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers and we solicit yours as well. Thanks again and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! -Tom Atkinson-December 18, 2011.

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Assembly Servants
December 18, 2011

Opening Prayer: *Eddie Cassetty*
Song Leader: *Terry Taylor*
Prayer Requests: *Eddie Cassetty*
Preside at Table: *Jim Robertson*
Assist at Table: Jonathan Ryder, Jay Ryder, Mike Thompson, Sammy Moses

Etheridge House: See Eddie

If unable to serve contact:
Jimmy Belew @ 587-3344

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Bible Quiz

Editors Note. Last week's answers: (1) *give heed/pay attention; have heard* (2) *rest* (3) *elementary teachings/first principles*, (4) *Melchizedek*, (5) *faith*, (6) *angels, spirits, who will inherit salvation*. Those with correct answers: *Julie Atkinson*

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Thanks to everyone who participated in the weekly quiz (those who submitted answers and those who did not, but who told me they worked them). Hopefully it was a small help to you in your studies. I would like to recommend three online resources you can use to further your Biblical studies. (1) <http://www.studylight.org/> is a website that contains commentaries, different versions, etc., (2) Bible Gateway <http://www.biblegateway.com/versions/>, and (3) Scott Harp's <http://www.therestorationmovement.com>. Scott's website is an outstanding resource for researching and learning about the historical aspects of the restoration movement (includes out of print books, historical grave sites, obituaries of restoration leaders, articles and much more.).

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Note about the Sick list: Since I was away preaching for the last two Sunday's, the sick list is most likely not up to date. I've been able to update some of the information from updates found in Exchange Street's bulletin, but not everything.-Tom

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Prayer Request

Health and other concerns: *Jimmy Poe* knee replacement surgery Dec 6, *George Holman* has been moved to Golden Living Center Room S6, *Shirley Posey-Baptist*; Memphis, *Ken Reed*, - *Vandy*- chemo. *Lurline McNeal*, Don Boe's sister-*Betty Haffner*, *Gloria May* is home and did not have to have the radical surgery. , *Ron Winstead* – cancer, *Mike Watson's father*, *Bill Moore*-friend of Mike Thompson, *Tim Connell* – cancer tx, *Trish Dial*(cancer & her son has been deployed), *Cecelia Manning* (Jim Robertson's sister), *Gail Cole* (Kathy Cassetty's sister), *Martha & Charls Hutchisson*, *Lee Parmely* – *throat cancer*, *Larry Farley*, *Percy Thomas*, *Bill Morris*, *Linda Giebelhaus* (Jane Boe's cousin, cancer), also Jane's friend *Vera Ginn* (cancer), *Neil Boe* (Don and Jane's son), *Pam France* (surgery & chemo), *Tiny Ivy* (cancer), *Melanie Robertson*, *Lisa Bunch* (aneurism, cancer), the *Snyders*,), *Robina Poe's father - Ray Barkley*, *Larry Poe* (cancer) - Jimmy's brother, *Teresa Cofield*, *Ronnie Burge* – cancer, *Tina McIntosh* – having hard times, *Mark Staples*, *Christa Simpson*, *Gwen Coble*, *John Massey*, *Allie Robinson*, *Willie & Jimmy Massey* (Alice's family), *Virginia Ryder* (*congestive heart failure*), *Wm. Ryder*, *Naomi Cole*, *Melanie Mitchell's grandfather*, *Jimmy Baggett*- *hospice*, *Agnes Williams* (breast cancer), many in the community currently undergoing cancer treatments. *The Zambia Mission; our congregation, country, military, enemies and the lost*. Remember many of our local *National Guard troops that recently deployed!*

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Birthdays

George Holman-December 19th This is a special birthday for brother George as he will turn 90 on Monday. If you would like to drop him a card his address is c/o Gold living Center Room S6 1105 Sunswept Union City, TN 382614

Terry Taylor-December 25th

Anniversaries

Jimmy and Robina Poe-December 22nd

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