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**STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 19, 2007:**

Presiding	Scott Monroe
Invocation	Lou Fellwock
Guest Slips	Jerry Tomlin
50/50 Tickets	Buddy Acoach and Claude Legris
50/50 Winner	Ruth Pitts

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

--- Membership stands at 129

--- Golden Deeds Banquet tickets will remain on sale through Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Join us for an exquisite evening on Feb 2, 07 at Fianna Hills Country Club at 6:30pm. There will be no luncheon meeting that day.

--- John Clark of the Federal Marshals Service, will be in Fort Smith on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a "Welcome Home Fish Fry" held at the Holiday Inn at lunch time that day. Plan on attending that event, as it should prove to be lots of fun!

**PROGRAM:**

The program was presented by Don Young, the president of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children). Don gave a brief summary of what CASA does: Fills the immediate needs of children who are in the court system. These children are victims. They are in the system because their parents or guardians have gotten into trouble and removed from the home. Immediate needs may be as simple as a meal or clothes to doctor's appointments and counseling. They are appointed by a judge and report back to the judge on each case. CASA Representatives are all volunteers.

One million kids a year are victims of child abuse or neglect. The CASA volunteers offer stability and comfort to these kids. Unfortunately, only about half the children in our area are receiving help. The children stay in the court system until they are adopted, placed in foster care or reunited with their families.

The program is partially funded by a small federal grant to the state. To make up the budget shortfall, funds are raised through the Playhouse Project. These playhouses are 8x8 custom projects, provided by various home builders and construction suppliers. All but one is auctioned off. The one remaining playhouse is raffled off. Raffle tickets were available at the meeting.

**HUMOR:**

--- A note in the church bulletin: Pastor is on vacation. MASSAGES can be given to the church secretary.

(That won't happen in this bulletin!)

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

1/26 Alysia Cover, Director of Fitness, UAFA  
2/2 Golden Deeds Banquet...no lunch meeting

**THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
BOOK OF GOLDEN DEEDS BANQUET  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007  
6:30 PM  
FIANNA HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**