

# Count Your Many Blessings

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The chorus of a song we sometimes sing titled *When Upon Life's Billows* reads "Count your many blessings, name them one by one. See what God hath done". Things are happening at Karns that should cause all of us to be excited. Let me name a few.

First, Steve and Kim Higginbotham and their children are coming to work with the Karns congregation. They are excited about coming and we are looking forward to the day Steve begins spending time at Karns. Then there is anticipation about who will fill the combined position of the Youth and Family minister. Please pray that a well qualified, faithful man can be found that will fill this vital need in the congregation.

There are other things on the horizon that you will be pleased to know. Some much needed maintenance and repair of our facilities are planned. The carpet in the foyer and hallways is showing wear and the elders have asked Pam McCoy to select new carpet for installation. We also asked Pam to select new carpet for the auditorium to coordinate with the new carpet in the foyer.

The outer doors in the foyer are badly in need of refinishing. This task has been handed to Brad Alsup, the deacon responsible for maintenance, to handle. Repainting of the corridor walls has already begun. An office is needed for the Youth and Family minister. Brad will oversee the renovation of the work/storage room in the office area for an office for the new minister. We believe it is important for Steve and the Youth and Family minister to be close to the church secretaries and each other. And there is more!

For years we have wanted to construct a Karns Church of Christ sign that can be readily seen from the Oak Ridge highway. Specifically, we want a sign where biblical messages and announcements can be easily displayed so those passing by can read about the happenings of the Karns congregation. This is now a distinct possibility. The new intersection being constructed will create a small area between Beaver Ridge Road and Oak Ridge highway in front of the fire station where a sign can be located. We must seek permission of the Metropolitan Planning Commission before we can locate a sign there.

Hopefully, all of these improvements can be accomplished within six months. But we should not be boastful because of these happenings but rather we should count them as some of our many blessings. Furthermore, these will only be beneficial if they are seen as God giving us opportunities and we use them to glorify our Lord in this community.

For the elders,  
Don Denton