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neurs, elected officials, pastors, teachers, homemakers, and more to participate," Hendrix said.

Tensas Parish was chosen for its high rate of poverty and the significant problems associated with populations living in poverty.

Study Circles, diverse groups of 8-12 people, will meet once a week in two-hour sessions for five weeks, beginning February 1.

They will share their experiences, listen to one another, and build the kind of trust that is necessary for long-term change. The topic for these pilot Stud

y Circles in Turning the Tide on Poverty, which is a common concern facing many rural communities.

The goal of the Study Circles is the development of a clear community action plan that will help address the issue of poverty. All types of volunteers from each community are needed to make the process successful.

For more information about Tensas Parish Study Circles, please contact James Hendrix, LSU AgCenter, 766-3320.



Southern Cooking

Tensas Revitalization Salutes Southern Cooking & Smokehouse for Efforts Toward Progress. Pictured are members of the group who will greet and serve you there: (not in any order) Lavonne Lee and Robert C. Lee, owners, Brieouna Smoot, Kathryn E. Coleman, Shankea Smoot, and Shameka Boxley. Not available for the photo was DaVeshia.

Date set for first Revitalization Alliance general meeting of 2010

The Tensas Revitalization Alliance will hold its first general meeting on January 26, 2010 at the Community Center on Highway 65 at 5:00 p.m.

Speakers will include James Hendrix, LSU AgCenter, who will lead a discussion on recycling.

Dr. Cynthia Pilcher, LSU AgCenter, will speak on

"Turning the Tide on Poverty, Creating a Vibrant Community".

Also, scheduled for parish and updates on St. Joseph, are Jane Netterville,

Vice President of the Tensas Police Jury, and Mayor Edward Brown.

Memberships are still available and everyone is welcome.