

THE MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church
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August 1, 2010

45th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANCTUARY

This Sunday marks the 45th anniversary of the first service held in the Sanctuary, August 1, 1965. On that morning, Dr. R. L. Archibald's sermon was titled, "God's Great Institution." Bill Camp led the choir in "Behold Now, Praise the Lord." The Ushers included Frank Parker, Charles Smith, and Frank Stewart. This milestone reminds us that gifts of the past not only warm our hearts, but strengthen our faith for the future.

Katie Sparkman, FUMC Historian

STARTING POINT

*The First Step in Connecting at
First United Methodist Church*

Beginning August 15, 2010

10:00 a.m. • Room 115 • Ministry Center

Here's an opportunity to meet the pastor, Robert Sparkman, as you learn about this church and its ministries. We'll discuss what Methodists believe, give some brief history on the Methodist movement, and there will be a tour of our facilities. If you want to learn about how to take part in our small groups or how to go about participating in our ministries, we invite you to come on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m., beginning August 15th.

FALL SCHEDULE HANDBELL AND HERITAGE CHOIR

Wednesday, August 18th: Youth Handbell Choirs Resume

5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Notations (Jr. High)

Jr. High ringers can eat early at Wednesday Night Dinners

6:30 p.m.—7:40 p.m. Copper Clappers (Sr. High)

Tuesday, August 31st:

6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Dinner

Tuesday, September 7th:

10:00 a.m. Heritage Choir Resumes

Followed by lunch at All Steak in Cullman

3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Children's Handbell Choirs resume

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Carillon Choir resumes regular rehearsals

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to help set-up chairs on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of every month at the 9:00 Worship Service. If you would like to *use your gift of helping*, please call the church office 773-6952 to sign-up! Thank you for your service!

GOOD SAMARITAN

Good Samaritan is asking for one or two items a month to help meet the needs of families seeking help. These items are not donated to Good Sam on a regular basis.

Item for **AUGUST: School Supplies**

GUESTS

Tommie Hannah, Sarah Beth Crowe, Breanna McDonald, Leah Roberts, Shane, Vicki, Christian & Dakota Youngblood, Joyce & G.W. Faulkenberry, Stella Phillips, Todd Phillips, Paul Beverly, Blake Brown, Barrett & Alisha Holland, Skylar, Spencer & Zain Holland, Tom & Betty Flowe, Jordan Hartsell, Travis & Brennda Manning, Larry & Belinda Smith, Linda Hill, Karen Schulte, Andrew Vest, Elliott Bray, Brooke Gillette, Tommy Fuller, Becky Lowery, Jean Miller, Rev. Bill & June Persons, Carson Speegle, Rose Stansberry

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
ATTENDANCE	
Worship total.....	563
Sunday School.....	360
Children.....	76
Youth.....	30
Adults.....	254
FINANCES	
BUDGET	
Budget for 2010.....	\$823,880.00
Rec'd 07-25.....	\$14,508.91
Total received.....	\$464,674.43
CAPITAL FUND	
Rec'd 07-25.....	\$5,618.00
Total received.....	\$122,299.61
OTHER FUNDS	
Rec'd 07-25.....	\$1,210.00
Total received.....	\$112,938.26

“...We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.” Romans 8:26-27

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family

Lib Newton, Norma Jean Williamson, Ruby Norman, Hazel Atchley, Jenn Shutt

Prayer Concerns for Family and Friends

Rosalie Shipp //// (Cousin of Ann Sims and Nancy Stoner), George Harmon // (Father of Emily Wilbanks), Laura Meek // (Friend of the Halbrooks Family), Jesse Stephens // (Son of Roberta Stephens), Tommy Lowery // (Debbi Sparkman’s brother-in-law), Kim Jones Vernetta // (Friend of the Hardy’s), Betty Yancy // (Charles Hardy’s cousin), R.D. and Lurline Reyer // (Parents of Brenda Halbrooks), Chase Lusk / (Fiance’ of Lizzie Hendrix), Sue Vanlandingham /, Dree Miller / (Charles Hardy’s cousin) , Betty Hampton / (Friend of Mary Edith Stewart),

If you would like to add a name to **“Prayer Concerns for Family and Friends”**, please call the church office — 773-6952. Each name will be listed on a monthly basis.

Continue to Pray for

Alvin Abercrombie, Barbara Turner, Billy Ruwe, Mary Paul Hendry, Flora Weeks, Linda Hodgen, Anne Walker

NURSERY WORKERS GREETERS, USHERS & SOUND

- 9:00 Worship Nursery** Haley Hickman
- 11:00 Worship Nursery** Nursery Worker
- 8:45 Greeter & Coffee Time:** Martha Dobbs, Brenda Outlaw
- 9:00 Greeters:** Greg Douthit, Bill and Frankie Burdette
- 9:00 Set-up:** Kerry Hill, Bart Mayfield, Stan Fields, Mike Gentle
- 11:00 August Ushers** Ron Hodgen (Chair), Jerry Putman (Co-chair), Bill King, Billy Hames
- 11:00 Greeters** Harold Thompson, Mickey Swanner
- 11:00 Sound** David Robinson

Monday night I dreamed that I was covering a punt,

the return man gave one of my teammates a fake, and came flying down the field to his right, toward me near the left sideline. I can remember the feeling that I wanted to tackle him so bad. I kept running as fast as I could, gauging the speed of the runner, and broke down in a crouch, keeping a little momentum, ready to take him on. He broke to my right just as he got to me and I remember thinking, "I've got that son of a gun", lunged to the right, keeping my feet, head up, arms outstretched, *and knocked the lamp and water glass off of my bedside table.* I felt strange as I awoke at 2:00 AM, a middle aged minister, 40 yrs. after my last football game, tackling the lamp beside the bed.

I thought, TIME FOR THE:

Long Awaited Annual Pastor's Famous Football Predictions, with Scriptural Reflections

Both Auburn and Alabama will win National Championships this year! How, you may ask? Auburn will be awarded the 2004 National Championship by the Football Writers Association of America, as they strip the title from USC for violations, and give it to the other undefeated team: Auburn. Alabama will win the 2010 title on the field.

Auburn: Will go 9-3, third in the West, and will win the Cotton Bowl against the resurgent Texas Tech Red Raiders (9-3) under former coach Tommy Tuberville. The Resurgence under Gene Chizik will continue and the boys will play better defense.

"How long, Oh Lord?" (Psalm 13:1)

"My enemies turn back; they stumble and perish before you." (Psalm 9:3) 9-3 Get it?

Alabama: 14-0, National Champions. What else can you say? Florida will go down in the SEC Title Game, which is the de-facto national championship, and Alabama will slaughter any other team in the nation.

"Then I said to them: 'What is this high place you go to?' (It is called Bamah to this day.)" [Ezekiel 20:28-30](#)

Give the Devil his due. Hezekiah 14-0: Don't spend time trying to look this one up.

Hartselle High School: 14-1 and State Champions. I like this team and this coaching staff. I have talked to a couple of the players and they have that look in their eyes. Godsey, Miller, Orr, et. al., have gotten more from their talent than any coaching staff I have ever seen. ALL THE WAY!!

The Lord gives strength to his people; Psalm 29:11

Two other championships: Jacksonville State, UNA.

All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed." [Isaiah 61:8-10](#)

Most over-rated teams: Arkansas, South Carolina; Most under-rated teams: LSU, Georgia; Most likely to upset someone big: Mississippi State.

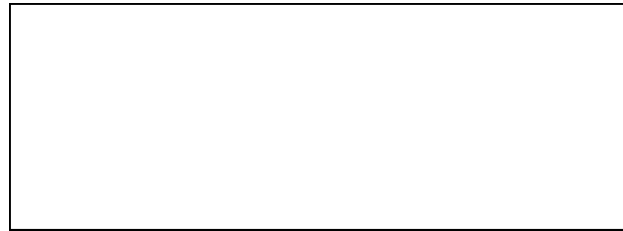
One cautionary note: "They made him jealous with their foreign gods and angered him with their detestable idols." [Deuteronomy 32:15-17](#). Keep it all in perspective with the love of the Lord! God and family come before anything else!

Robert

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the United Methodist Women Bakeless Bake Sale. We can not have success without you. We raised approximately \$1,700 for UWM mission projects. Thank you for all you do.

United Methodist Women

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Did you forget to make an appointment for the **Pictorial Directory**?

While it's too late to sign up online or at church, you may still call Olan Mills directly and make an appointment at **1-800-866-2263**.

Call today! We want your and your family to be included our Directory.

UPCOMING DATES

PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 8, 2010

Consecration of Teachers

Bible Presentation

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE AND POWERHOUSE BEGINS

August 11, 2010

PRAYER SERVICE

August 22, 2010

All services

PRAYER WALK

August 22, 2010

Meet at Earth Park at 6:00 p.m.

Led by Bobby Ray Halbrooks

SHAREHOLDERS DESSERT

August 29, 2010

6:00 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

8:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

MONDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
7:55 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:

6:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
7:55 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7:55 a.m.

SATURDAY:

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

August 1

Recreational Ministry Center Closed
Early Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Contemporary Worship Service (Gym)
Sunday School
Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Instrumental Ensemble (Sanctuary)

August 2

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise (208)
Staff Meeting (Library)
Quartet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

August 3

Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast (113)
Walking Track Hours
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
5th Grade Swim Party
(at the home of Myra Roberts)

August 4

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise (208)
Falkville Healthcare Sing-A-Long
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

August 5

Walking Track Hours

August 6

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise

August 7

Men's Emmaus Reunion Group (Faith House)

GOOD SAMARITAN REPORT

We are happy to report that our food pantry is much better stocked now than it was a month ago. When we made our needs known, you responded with generosity through Sunday School classes and individual effort.

Because of you, we are now better able to assist people in our community who have needs. Thanks so much for caring and for supporting this ministry.

MEMORIALS

GOOD SAMARITAN

In honor of Kim Jones Vernetta and Betty Yancy
by Charles and Jean Hardy.

In honor of Charles Hardy on the occasion of his birthday,
August 1st, by the Hardy Family.

In memory of Pat Lipsey on the occasion of his birthday,
August 8th, by the extended Lipsey Family.

In memory of Frank Bell, Lola Simpson, Joe Floyd and
Les Marquart by Margaret Dahlgren.

In memory of Lola Simpson by Joe & Joy Groover.

In memory of Frank Bell and Linnell Orr
by Bill & Cherie King.

In memory of Frank Bell and Lola Simpson
by Clyde & Bill Whatley.

CAPITAL

In memory of Frank Bell and Lola Simpson
by Billy & Gene Buckelew.

In memory of Frank Bell by Frank & Virginia Stewart.

THANK YOU

To the "Prayer Team" of FUMC,

Jim and I asked for prayer for Ginger in Springfield, MO as she went last Monday for full body scans and blood tests. Her results were total freedom of cancer—(she had a 15% chance of survival when she first went in!)

Your prayers helped keep her in Gods "mind" and she is now well and able to be His hands and feet. May He continue to bless you all in your efforts.

Thank You, Jim & Tucky Carlisle

FUMC Hartselle,

Thanks for all your kind expressions of sympathy during the passing of my mother, Lola Simpson. It is a great comfort to have such a loving and caring church family!

A special thanks to Wesleyan SS class, Heritage Choir, Bro. Bobby Ray, Robert and Harold, and all who prayer for her and loved her. Thanks for your prayers for me, as I continue to fight another battle. God is Great!

Barbara Turner