

THE MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church
210 Hickory Street SE
Hartselle, AL 35640
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February 7, 2010

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE DINNER

February 10, 2010

5:30 p.m. • Ministry Center

Menu: Caesar Salad, Lasagna, Buttered Corn,
Garlic Bread, Cheesecake

Cost: Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, Families
\$16.00 max, Take Out \$5.00

Alternate Meal: Hot Dogs, Chips and Cookie

Our reservation list will be starting over for 2010. We will take reservations on a weekly basis or you may sign up for standing reservations. **Please make or cancel your reservation each Wednesday by noon by calling the church office 773-6952.**

NEW BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Morning Bible Study

“In Depth Bible Study”

Beginning, Feb. 7th • 10:00 a.m. • Room 115

Led by Rob Lamb with reference—
God Sightings, The One Year Bible

Thursday Night Men’s Bible Study

“The Book of Revelation”

Beginning, Feb 18th • 7:00 p.m. • Room 207

Led by Ray Russell (773-2606)

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 17, 2010 • 7:45 p.m. • Sanctuary

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

February 12-14, 2010

Please **PRAY** that Discovery will transform the lives of the participants and leaders as well as the life of the church. **Pray** for our youth and the youth of our community daily!

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL

March—April

The Upper Room Daily Devotional is now available in the Narthex and Bobby Martin Welcome Center.

MEN’S CONFERENCE

Theme: The Call of God

February 19—20, 2010

Ministry Center

Hosted by No Compromise Ministries,
Rob Cain, Founder

Go to www.NoCompMinistries.com for more information

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

January 31, 2010 • By Other Transfer

Rob Lamb

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 **JANUARY: Cleaning Supplies and Diapers**

VISITORS

Bruce & Maria Garrison, Nicholas & Martha Mulligan, Charles & Annette Hall, Nathan Fobes, Mike & Erin Helmick, Meg Wilbanks, Karen Schulte, Marty, Joy, Hannah, Sarah Hand, Patrick & Stephanie Jeff, Deanna, Haley, Wesley Summerford, Maranda & Shawn Gray, Shelia Chatham, Lawton Allen, Franklin Turney, Scott & Megan Burton, Jessica Scott

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ATTENDANCE

Worship total..... 568
 Sunday School.....431
 Children.....75
 Youth.....80
 Adults.....276

FINANCES

BUDGET

Budget for 2010.....\$823,880.00
 Rec'd 01-31.....\$18,339.10
 Total received.....\$74,114.40

CAPITAL FUND

Rec'd 01-31.....\$4,748.67
 Total received.....\$16,217.34

OTHER FUNDS

Rec'd 01-31.....\$1,650.00
 Total received.....\$11,837.97

“...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

J P Cain, Alice Roberts, Barbara Turner, Steve Turney, Jane Johnston

Prayer Concerns for Family and Friends

Rosalie Shipp //// (Cousin of Ann Sims and Nancy Stoner), Dorothy Parker //// (Mary Edith Stewart’s sister), Sharri Millican /// (Brenda Stout’s friend), Bobby Webber /// (Friend of the Halbrooks), Helen Pratt // (Mother of Peggy Finch), Roylean Lewis // (Mother of Mickey Swanner), Joan Kearse / (Friend of Joann Welch)

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

Billy Ruwe, David Johnston, Linnell Orr, Mary Paul Hendry, Flora Weeks, Linda Hodgen, Alvin Abercrombie

NURSERY WORKERS GREETERS, USHERS & SOUND

9:00 Worship Nursery	Nursery Worker, Baile Hubbard
11:00 Worship Nursery	Patrick Carlisle
8:45 Greeter & Coffee Time:	Randy & Lynn Garrison
9:00 Greeters:	Jim Garber, Bill & Frankie Burdette
9:00 Set-up:	Kerry Hill, Bart Mayfield, Stan Fields, Mike Gentle
11:00 February Ushers	Ray Russell (Chair), Bob Speake (Co-chair), Larry Murphree, Billy Hardin
11:00 Greeters	Harold Thompson, Mickey Swanner
11:00 Sound	Alton Armistead

Joy Keeps Popping Up

I was reading a Psalm this morning, Psalm 32, which includes:

*“¹ Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.*

*² Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.”*

That became my focus (since I usually cannot keep the whole Psalm in my mind) and began praying over that verse. I am blessed to be forgiven. I pray to be blessed as someone who has no deceit and who is blameless before God. As I finished the Psalm, however, I began to focus on the end of the Psalm:

*“... he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”*

Realize, if we are blessed the end result is gladness, rejoicing, shouts of joy! Joy keeps popping up when we are blessed by God. I am seeing it everywhere now that I am looking.

A popular preacher is always talking about getting blessed by God. I have always thought, well, is that the purpose of faith? Or is the purpose our service to HIM? This is my tradition-- what have you done for God and others today—not asking what he is giving to you. But, the truth is, when we are faithful, God does bless us! God blesses with forgiveness, and when you feel forgiven you are blessed, and that brings the joy. That is the message of the Psalm, start with forgiveness, live a life of righteousness, be blessed, and find Joy.

Have you gone through a tough time, a grief or disappointment or worry, and then when you come through it, it seems that you are just a little happier than before the trouble? Have you ever noticed the point where the stuff of life, the real just everyday junk that goes on and get you down, lifts off of your soul and you begin to walk with a little more spring in your step? Have you noticed the first emotion when you feel that God has truly forgiven you, and His love is with you, that you feel blessed and joyful?

It is not just Psalm 32—so many psalms point this out to us. Psalm 23 speaks about walking through the valley of the shadow of death, then the Lord anointing his head with oil, his cup overflowing. Notice that after the valley comes anointing and an overflowing cup of God’s blessing. Psalm 31 begins with “In you, Lord, I have taken refuge” also says near the end, “Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the wonders of his love”. Read some other psalms with this in mind—they take you through a struggle to a new day of Joy!

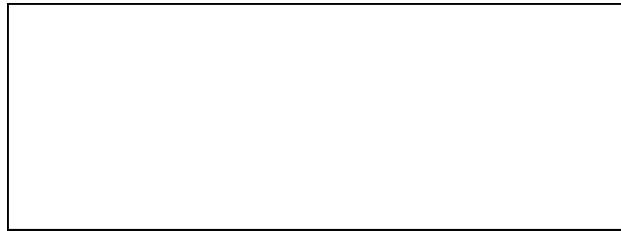
If you have gone through a tough time, don’t forget what it is to be blessed and joyful. Look up! The forgiveness of God has already come, the blessings of the Christian life are on the way! “Shout for Joy, all you upright in heart”.

Robert

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THANK YOU

As Gracie and I begin 2010 we want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for making 2009 a blessed year. With your generosity and faithful prayers you allowed us to be the body of Christ in Honduras and you helped us end the year with blessing over 1,400 children this Christmas. You also helped us spread the love of Jesus Christ to no telling how many people throughout the past year. You also helped us begin the foundation and move to almost finishing Phase I of our construction project. As we end the old year we are only lacking doors, windows, electric and bathroom fixtures / septic tank to complete this phase. Then we will move on to Phase II, Lord willing.

Thank you again for your daily prayers and allowing us to do what we love the most in life and that is serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Lee & Gracie Murphree

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Wes and Haley Sandefer in the birth of their son, Wesley Blake, January 21, 2010. Blake weighed 4 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 16 inches long. Blake's big sister is Sydney, Grandmother is Ginny Carden and Great Grandmother is Lib Newton.

...to Russell and Stephanie Lee in the birth of their son, Jaxon Russell Lee, January 27, 2010. Jaxon weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Jaxon's big sister is Kelsey.

...to Bob and Sandy Hughes in the birth of their grandson, Samuel Thomas, January 28, 2010. Samuel weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Parents are Mike and Layla Hughes and big brother is Conner.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

8:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

MONDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
7:55 a.m.
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.
1:45 p.m.

4:45 p.m.—5:15 p.m.
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:

6:30 a.m.
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

February 7—Celebration Sunday

Recreational Ministry Center Closed
Early Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Contemporary Worship Service (Gym)
Sunday School
Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Adult Discovery Training (F. Hall)
ANA—Jr. High Small Groups
(2nd & 3rd floor)
Instrumental Ensemble (Sanctuary)

February 8

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise (208)
Preschool
Staff Meeting (Library)
Haverim Bible Study
(At the home of Mary Frances McCall)
Youth Band Practice (F. Hall)
Girl Scouts (F. Hall)
Basketball—Palmer (Gym)
NO Cub Scouts (3rd floor)
UMW Draper Circle (209)
Finance (207)
Quartet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Girl Scouts, 1st & 3rd Monday (306)
Boy Scouts (3rd floor)

February 9

Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast (113)
Walking Track Hours
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
Preschool
Heritage Choir (Sanctuary)
Good Vibrations (Handbell room)
Basketball—Haraway (Gym)
Handbell Quartet (Handbell room)
Basketball—King (Gym)
Carillon Choir (Handbell room)
Trustees (114)
Boy Scouts (3rd floor)

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
7:55 a.m.
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
9:45 a.m.
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.—6:50 p.m.
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.—7:40 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:50 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

6:50 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7:55 a.m.
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.—11:59 p.m.

SATURDAY:

12:00 a.m.—11:59 p.m.
7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

February 10

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise (208)
Preschool
Falkville Healthcare Sing-A-Long
Notations (Handbell room)
Wednesday Night Alive Dinner (Gym)
Children's Interest Classes (3rd floor)
The Jesus I Never Knew by Phillip Yancey
Leader: Robert Sparkman (211)
The Life You've Always Wanted
by John Ortberg Leader: Anne Burleson (208)
Jr. High PowerHouse (F. Hall)
The Patriarches by Beth Moore
Women's Bible Study (209)
Young Women's Bible Study (202)
God Built: Forged by God by Steve Farrar
Men's Bible Study (205)
Copper Clappers (Handbell room)
Choir Practice (Choir room)
Children's Choir (308)
Children's Bible Study (302)
Sr. High PowerHouse (F. Hall)

February 11

Walking Track Hours
Women's Bible Study (209)
Praying God's Will for Your Life
Preschool
Youth Decorate Gym for Discovery
Basketball—Raley (Gym)

February 12

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise
Preschool
Newly Revised *Breaking Free* by Beth Moore
Women's Bible Study (207)
Hospice of the Valley (Welcome Center)
Discovery Weekend Begins

February 13

Discovery Weekend continues
Men's Reunion Group (Faith House)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

North West District

Spiritual Enrichment Brunch and Program

April 17, 2010

8:30 a.m.—Noon

SYMPATHY

The minister, staff and membership of FUMC wish to extend sincere Christian sympathy to Lori Legg Kyker in the death of her grandmother, Opal Legg, January 28, 2010.

MEMORIALS

CHOIR FUND

In memory of Bill Camp by Bill & Jane Padgett.

GOOD SAMARITAN

In memory of Bill Camp and Dwayne Smith by Margaret Dahlgren.

In memory of Bill Camp by Art & Anne Glasgow.

In memory of Bill Camp and Fred Bennett by Harry & Pat Houston.

In memory of Bill Camp by Jim & Kim Peck.

In memory of Bill Camp by David & Amy Robinson.

In memory of Jim McKelvy and Bill Camp by Bill & Clyde Whatley.

In memory of Opal Legg by Anonymous.

In memory of Bill Camp by Derwin & Bonnie Teichmiller.

In memory of Bill Camp by Danny & Linda Vest.

In memory of Bill Camp by Anonymous.

In memory of Bill Camp by Darrell & Kathleen Coddling.

In memory of Bill Camp by Billy Joe & Martha Dodd.

In memory of Bill Camp by Fred & Sandra Smith.

In memory of Bill Camp by Mary Ann Waldrep Goodwin.

CAPITAL

In memory of Jim McKelvy by Dwight & Mary Morrow.

In memory of Fred Bennett, Dwight Smith and Jim McKelvy by Jim & Kim Peck.

In memory of Bill Camp by Will & Meg Lipsey.

In memory of Fred Bennett by Anonymous.

BUDGET

In memory of Bill Camp and Nancy Tanksley by Edith Sandlin, Jody and Pat.

In honor of Lara Wallace by Edith Sandlin, Jody and Pat.



IT'S TEDDY BEAR TIME AGAIN!

To my BEARY best friends,

Between now and February 28th we will be collecting bears as well as baby supplies for Morgan County Department of Children and Families. Place NEW bears or other stuffed animals and baby supplies in the **boxes** provided in the boxes provided. Remember if you are busy or just forget, you can make a cash donation and items will be purchased for you. Just mark "bears" in the memo line on you check.

**The "Blessing of the Bears" will be
February 28th this year.**