

# THE MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church  
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July 4, 2010

## THANK YOU CONNIE!

Thanks to Connie Brechtel for her good years of service as our Kitchen Coordinator. She is leaving this position at the end of June, and we wanted to express our appreciation for all the good food, and the resulting good fellowship, which has been provided. She and her family remain a valued and active part of our congregation. Thank you, Connie!

## WELCOME LISA DEMASTUS

We welcome Lisa DeMastus as the new Kitchen Coordinator. She starts on July 1. She has been an employee here for several years, including keeping the nursery. Many of you also know her work in the pre-school over the years. We look forward to working with you, Lisa!

## MEMORIALS

### GOOD SAMARITAN

In memory of Mimi Puckett and Gurnie Foote  
by Billy & Gene Buckelew.

In memory of James Isbell  
by Joe and Joy Groover.

### CHOIR FUND

In memory of Les Marquart and Howard  
Robinson by Billy & Gene Buckelew.

### CAPITAL

In memory of Evelyn Sivley and Joe Floyd  
by Billy & Gene Buckelew.

In honor of John and Jean Hancock on the  
occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary  
by Robert and Gail Peck.

### BUDGET

In memory of Ralph Summerford  
by Donald & Sarah Morris.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN-UP

We are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks we will be making appointments before and after services at the church. Or you can sign up online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

If you have questions, please contact Anne Burlison at the church office 773-6952.

# 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 *JULY: Peanut Butter and Jelly*

## GUESTS

Dana Stover, Caleb Napier, Gavin Jared, Ron, Laura and Andy Lamb, Sally Butler, Sarah Butler, Paul Beverly, Jenna & Teagan Bailey, Becky Corder, Jenn & Nathan Shutt, Amanda, Blake & Preston Lovett, Tina, Jim, Nathan and Jake Kimbrell, David Johnston, Dan & Mary Kate Culpepper, Brooke, Landon, Stella and Sam Gillette, Marty, Joy, Hannah & Sarah Hand, Linda Hill, Justin & Faith Fletcher, Abby Arias, Mike & Patty Turner, Paul Thompson, Travis & Brenda Manning, Thaxter Atchley, Troy, Walker and Tess McAbee, Erika Howell, Linda Parker, Doug, Leigh, Livy, and Blaine Hoskins, Yvette Hodgen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
Worship total.....	515
Sunday School.....	343
Children.....	66
Youth.....	29
Adults.....	248
<b>FINANCES</b>	
<b>BUDGET</b>	
Budget for 2010.....	\$823,880.00
Rec'd 06-20.....	\$10,603.19
Rec'd 06-27.....	\$14,584.00
Total received.....	\$401,281.57
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>	
Rec'd 06-20.....	\$3,270.00
Rec'd 06-27.....	\$2,318.00
Total received.....	\$108,991.94
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Rec'd 06-20.....	\$625.00
Rec'd 06-27.....	\$1,089.32
Total received.....	\$107,763.26

*“...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**

Anne Walker, Lib Newton, Joe Allen

**Prayer Concerns for Family and Friends**

Joy Cumbaa /// (Alice and Glenn Dobbs’ daughter), Bruce and Rachel Hall ///, Debbie Carden /// (Friend of Jan Morgan), Nick and Jo Glannis /// (Parents of Becky Smith), Chris Martin /// (Recent graduate of Hartselle High School), Tommy Lowery // (Debbi Sparkman’s brother-in-law), Del & Nancy Crosier // (Contact-Betty Allen), Janice Nations // (Friend of Carolyn Martin), Chase Lusk / (Lizzie Hendrix’s fiancé), Dorothy Pewitt / (Shawn Pewitt’s mother)

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

## NURSERY WORKERS GREETERS, USHERS & SOUND

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| <b>9:00 Worship Nursery</b>            | Forrest Anders   |
| <b>11:00 Worship Nursery</b>           | Amy King   |
| <b>8:45 Greeter &amp; Coffee Time:</b> | Bill King  |
| <b>9:00 Greeters:</b>                  | Greg Douthit,<br>Bill & Frankie Burdette                                       |
| <b>9:00 Set-up:</b>                    | Kerry Hill,<br>Bart Mayfield,<br>Stan Fields,<br>Mike Gentle                   |
| <b>11:00 July Ushers</b>               | Charles Ray (Chair),<br>John Bennett (Co-chair),<br>Hal Moore,<br>Daniel Engle |
| <b>11:00 Greeters</b>                  | Harold Thompson,<br>Mickey Swanner   |
| <b>11:00 Sound</b>                     | David Robinson   |

# Independence Day Worship; Special Patriotic Music

## Sermon: “*The Gift of Helping, How It Sets America Apart*”

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### Unfinished About Miracles and Gifts

I had an “incomplete” or “unfinished business” feeling about last Sunday’s sermon, which was on the gifts of miracles and healing. I want to be completely sensitive to people who have questions, and completely faithful to the scriptural witness. Experts and scholars debate gifts, and controversy abounds. Here are some leftover questions and answers which leave me with the unfinished feeling:

Does everyone have a gift? Most scholars think so. We are all gifted in different ways, but I have never met someone who did not have a gift. I believe that everyone can have some of the gifts, such as love (the whole 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of I Corinthians, between the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter teaching about all the gifts and the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter on prophecy and tongues, is about love).

Are some gifts meant for everyone and some meant for only some Christians? Yes, the Holy Spirit gives the gifts according to the will of God.

So does everyone have the gift of miracles and healing, or just a few people? I do not know the answer to this question. Only God knows. If you pray to God and He works in a situation, is that a miracle? If He answers prayer, is that a miracle? If so, then everyone has the gift of miracles, because we pray and God acts. If you mean the dramatic suspension of natural laws, a miraculous act of God, then some people may have been given this gift in a greater measure than others. That is the sense of 1 Corinthians 12, 26-30—that this is a special gift. The sense is that some people with this gift can pray, and God acts in a miraculous way more often than others, when it is in His perfect will.

If you have the gift of miracles or healing, will you always have it? Can you have it one time? This is a big debate. I believe that anyone can be given any of the gifts one time, and then not have it again. I also believe some people are given gifts for their lives.

Who does miracles and who works healing? God. NOT A PERSON. REPEAT AFTER ME. It is God and not a person who works miracles and healing.

So what is the gift of healing and miracles? Some are given the gift of being able to pray and dramatic work of God comes. Some may be healed, a miracle may be worked by God, according to His perfect will.

But most importantly, and most crucially for faith and happiness, why didn’t I get a miracle? What if I had the gift of miracles, would I be able to command the actions of God. No. NO! We do not command the actions of God. His answer to any prayer can be “Yes, No, Wait, or *You have got to be kidding!*” (Thanks to Jimmy Yarbrough for that humor.) We always get an answer, it is always powerful, but the answer is in the perfect will of God, not our prayers or gifts.

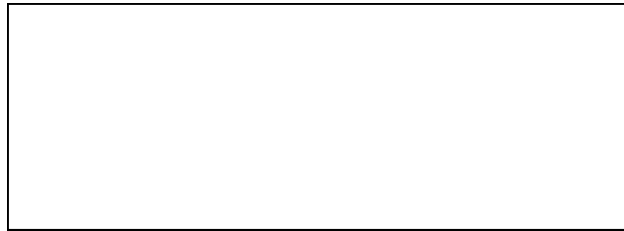
Spiritual things are mysterious; they are not logical and systematic. We do not understand the ways or the mind of God—to expect to completely understand these things is itself unreasonable, given our fallen and limited human nature. However, the scriptures lead us to ask for all the spiritual gifts, even the gifts of healing and miracles.

*Robert*

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

June 20, 2010

*Scott and Megan Burton*

June 27, 2010

*Glenn and Barbara Cocker*

By UMC Transfer

*Doris Southerland*

By Other Transfer

June 29, 2010

*Dory Wallwork*

By Profession of Faith and Baptism

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

...to Jason and Nikki Hooker in the birth of their daughter, Marlee Ruth, June 8, 2010. Marlee weighed 4 lbs. 10 ozs. Great grandmother is Alice Hall.

*Happy 4th of July!*



**GOD BLESS  
AMERICA**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY:

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

### July 4 Independence Day

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

### MONDAY:

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

### July 5 -Office Closed

NO Walking Track Hours  
NO Firm Up Exercise (208)  
NO Staff Meeting (Library)  
NO Quartet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### TUESDAY:

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

### July 6

Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast (113)  
Walking Track Hours  
Staff Meeting  
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)

### 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.  
6:30 p.m.

### July 7

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

### THURSDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
12:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

### July 8

Walking Track Hours  
Girls Scouts (Gym)  
Violin Lessons (308)

### FRIDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
7:55 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

### July 9

Walking Track Hours  
Firm Up Exercise  
Load vans for Sr. High Mystery Mission Trip

### SATURDAY:

TBA  
7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

### July 10

Leave for Sr. High Mystery Mission Trip  
Men's Emmaus Reunion Group  
(Faith House)

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped in Vacation Bible School. We had a great week and we appreciate all of your hard work to make it a successful week!

## WACKY WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday in July • 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Ages: 3 years old thru 5th grade.

***SIGN UP NOW!!!***

## PRAYER REQUEST

The Sr. High Mystery Mission Trip is July 10—18, 2010. Please pray for their traveling mercies, good attitudes, good weather, and that the love of Christ shine through to those who they are ministering and their service will be pleasing to God.