

THE MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church
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July 18, 2010

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY REMINDER:

Last day to sign up—July 18th

We encourage everyone to participate in our Directory project thru Olan Mills. **This Sunday, July 18th, is the last day to make your portrait appointment.** This is an opportunity to become familiar with the new faces in our church. As we have mentioned before, Olan Mills guarantees that they will not pressure you to purchase portraits but if you participate, you will receive a free 8 x 10" portrait and a church directory. You may sign up at church or you may go to www.signup.olanmills.com and make your own appointment or you may call the church office and one of our staff will make an appointment for you over the telephone. We already have 178 families participating, but we'd like to have 100% participation...so make your appointment as soon as possible!

You do not have to be a member to participate! If FUMC is your church home, please sign-up!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

July 28, 2010 • 6:00 p.m. • Room 209

We will be meeting in our regular Wednesday Night Alive classroom to discuss our Bible Study options for the fall. Please come. We need your input!

SR. HIGH MYSTERY MISSION TRIP

Returning to Hartselle, July 18, 2010

Please continue to pray for traveling mercies, good attitudes, good weather, good health, and that the love of Christ shine through our mission group to those that are being ministered and may their service be pleasing to the Lord. The mission trip participants are as follows: Tyler Anders, Macon Armistead, Justin Barnes, Tyler Bennett, Tanner Brown, Toby Chastain, Matt Demastus, Greg Douthit, Sam Douthit, Trent Edwards, Thomas Fleischman, Mac Hendrix, Jake Kimbrell, Aaron Lamb, Tyler Phillips, Tommy Raley, John Roberts, Isaac Robinson, Blair Sittason, Sidney Steele, Jake Wallace, B. J. Wilbanks, Mark Yeager, Jessica Barnes, Taylor Claire Bean, Anita Bennett, Courtney Corder, Meagan Deese, Brit Douthit, Elyssa Ferguson, Sloan Godsey, Madeline Golden, Kaylon King, Caty Matthews, Emily McFee, Emily Sandlin, Jennifer Sittason, Raley Sittason, Hayden Watts, Emily Wilbanks

GOSPEL SINGING

July 25, 2010 • 6:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

Featuring: Glory Road Quartet, Chancel Choir and FUMC Quartet.

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

Justin & Faith Fletcher, Kevin, Alana, Lauren and Mallory Temples, Joseph and Tracie McPhillips, Jordan Hartsell, Bennie Aulbach, Joe Tutwiler, Sherri Armstrong, Rachel Beach, Hannah Fuqua, Paul Beverly, Matt, Allyson, Isabella Segars, Paul Lee, Matt, Suzanne & Fisher Nix, Brooke, Landon, Stella & Sam Gillette, Amy Woodhouse, Tom and Suji Mathew, Chase Lusk, Charlotte Malone, Devin Malone, Mark, Johanna, Joseph and Egee McAnally

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
ATTENDANCE	
Worship total.....	526
Sunday School.....	338
Children.....	64
Youth.....	28
Adults.....	246
FINANCES	
BUDGET	
Budget for 2010.....	\$823,880.00
Rec'd 07-11.....	\$16,169.00
Total received.....	\$435,917.07
CAPITAL FUND	
Rec'd 07-11.....	\$1,180.00
Total received.....	\$114,789.61
OTHER FUNDS	
Rec'd 07-11.....	\$2,140.00
Total received.....	\$110,933.26

NURSERY WORKERS GREETERS, USHERS & SOUND

“...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

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Prayer Concerns for Family and Friends

Tommy Lowery //// (Debbi Sparkman’s brother-in-law), Del & Nancy Crosier //// (Contact-Betty Allen), Janice Nations //// (Friend of Carolyn Martin), Chase Lusk /// (Fiance’ of Lizzie Hendrix), Dorothy Pewitt /// (Mother of Shawn Pewitt), R. D. Reyer // (Father of Brenda Halbrooks), Rosalie Shipp // (Cousin of Ann Sims and Nancy Stoner)

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

9:00 Worship Nursery	Kathy Howard
11:00 Worship Nursery	Maggie Akers
8:45 Greeter & Coffee Time:	Elaine Huggins
9:00 Greeters:	Randy & Lynn Garrison, Doug & Jan Turney
9:00 Set-up:	Tom Sparks
	<u>Need Volunteers</u> to help this Sunday and next!
11:00 July Ushers	Charles Ray (Chair), John Bennett (Co-chair), Hal Moore, Daniel Engle
11:00 Greeters	Jerry & Edna Carol Weeks
11:00 Sound	David Robinson

ATTENTIVENESS

Sunday morning, Robert gushed over you all in his message and went on about how great this part of the Body of Christ is at giving and encouraging and meeting the physical needs of people in this community. In my short time here, I too have been impressed with the ministries that are here to help people and how the rest of the congregation contributes to these ministries with material things like food, clothes, school supplies, and Christmas gifts. I believe that meeting the physical needs of others is a vital ministry and is an important way to share the love of Christ with others. Supporting these kinds of important ministries is so easy and everyone can be involved at a variety levels and with varying degrees of commitment. Things like going to another community to help, singing at the nursing home once a week with the residents, or bringing in a few jars of peanut butter for the Good Sam box. Other times it is helping to put together food baskets at Thanksgiving, or giving time and money to buy Christmas gifts for a family other than your own.

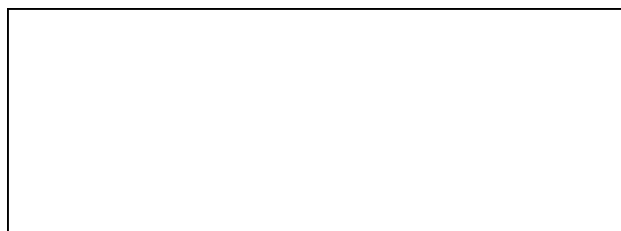
Did you know there is another need that people have that is more difficult to meet but just as important, if not more important, than those physical needs and is a means of sharing the love and grace of Jesus? A book I read for a class last spring called “The Revolutionary Communicator” by Erik Lokkesmoe and Jedd Medefind speaks of this need. The authors ask, “have you ever noticed what happens when an attention-starved face is given the precious air it needs? Eyes spark. Hard faces soften. An irrepressible smile lightens over reddening lips, and a new eagerness buds like springtime.” One thing we can offer someone, inside and outside of the church, is the gift of attentiveness, which could be like oxygen to them. Think of the loneliness of the woman with the issue of blood that reached out to touch the hem of Jesus garment. How lonely she was because of her condition and what that moment of attention from Jesus meant to her. Jesus believed it was worth a delay in his mission to a dying child to provide the oxygen of attentiveness to a woman others had discarded. Jesus paid attention to the details of life, and like Him, we should cultivate attentiveness in our lives because we may have opportunity to give the oxygen of attentiveness to someone in need and in doing so share the love and grace of Jesus. We can thank a manager for a waitress’s efforts; mention a talent we see in a friend; remark about the smile of a cashier; or even ask about the meaning of someone’s tattoo. All we need to do is pay attention and make the effort—which is what Jesus did every where he went.

Becky Lowery

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SYMPATHY

The minister, staff and membership of FUMC wish to extend sincere Christian sympathy to Conrad Bell in the death of his brother, Frank Bell, July 12, 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

July 25, 2010 • 12:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

JULY FOOD DRIVE

We are having a July Food Drive for Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Each Sunday School Class has been assigned an item to bring for the Food Pantry. If you are not in a Sunday School Class and would like to help, you may place your items in the bins located in the Welcome Center and Ministry Center. If you need more information on what to bring, please call Myra at the church office 773-6952.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHAIR SET-UP

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!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

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

July 18

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

MONDAY:

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

July 19

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

TUESDAY:

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

July 20

Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast (113)
Walking Track Hours
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
Finance (207)

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 21

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

THURSDAY:

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

July 22

Walking Track Hours
Violin Lessons (308)

FRIDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7:55 a.m.

July 23

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise

SATURDAY:

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.
3:30 p.m.

July 24

Men's Emmaus Reunion Group (Faith House)
Plainview School Reunion (Gym)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Don and Mickey Swanner in the birth of their grandson, William Caden Swanner, July 6, 2010. William weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Parents are Mark and Kristy Swanner.