

THE MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church
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July 11, 2010

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY REMINDER:

We encourage everyone to participate in our Directory project thru Olan Mills. 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 this Sunday, July 11th or July 18th 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 138 families participating, but we'd like to have 100% participation...so make your appointment as soon as possible!

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!

United Methodist Women ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 12, 2010 • 6:30 p.m. • Room 113

All women are invited! This is an open invitation to all women interested in finding out more information about United Methodist Women and the ministries they support.

SR. HIGH MYSTERY MISSION TRIP

July 10—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

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

Cody McCormick, Justin Linderman, Marty, Joy, Hannah and Sarah Hand, Thaxter Atchley, Troy McAbee, Jeff Hyche, Bennie Aulback, Jordan Hartsell, David Johnston, Carol Ann Turney, Amanda, Blake and Preston Lovett, Deanna, Haley and Wesley Summerford, Tim and Travis Thompson, Fran and Mike Elam, Susan and Skip Lamb, Zachary Lamb, Linda Parker

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
ATTENDANCE	
Worship total.....	512
Sunday School.....	303
Children.....	51
Youth.....	35
Adults.....	217
FINANCES	
BUDGET	
Budget for 2010.....	\$823,880.00
Rec'd 07-04.....	\$18,466.50
Total received.....	\$419,748.07
CAPITAL FUND	
Rec'd 07-04.....	\$4,614.67
Total received.....	\$ 113,606.61
OTHER FUNDS	
Rec'd 07-04.....	\$1,030.00
Total received.....	\$108,793.26

“...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, Joe Allen

Prayer Concerns for Family and Friends
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 // (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

NURSERY WORKERS GREETERS, USHERS & SOUND

9:00 Worship Nursery	Nursery Worker
11:00 Worship Nursery	Margie Adams
8:45 Greeter & Coffee Time:	Elmo & Byrd Kerr
9:00 Greeters:	Dawn Green, Jan Cross
9:00 Set-up:	Keith Corder, Bill Swann, Jim Watts, Charlie Oden, Charles Edde, Tom McHugh
11:00 July Ushers	Charles Ray (Chair), John Bennett (Co-chair), Hal Moore, Daniel Engle
11:00 Greeters	Charles & Mary Nell Smith
11:00 Sound	Alton Armistead

Theme for August 15- September 28

Relationship with Jesus:

Establishing and practicing our relationship
with our Lord and Savior

Look forward to it!!!!

The Gift of Helping

I started thinking about my Daddy today, when I broadened my definition of the gift of helping.

On Sunday I preached about the gift of helping and considered mostly the people who help around the church—we depend on you, the people who bring doughnuts, set up chairs, practice with the choir, plant flowers in the shrub beds, dig drainage ditches, greet, usher, answer phones, and a million other things—you just take a task and help the church with it. Your gift of helping is the bedrock of the Body of Christ.

Then today an office helper, Margaret Sittason, was telling us about the funeral of a friend up on Sand Mountain who was remembered as a helper of anyone and everyone. That was a big part of his funeral eulogy—that he was a helper of everyone. He cut her grass when she had a death in the family, and would go to someone's house to help with anything. He was definitely a helper, and it sounds like he had the spiritual gift.

That makes me realize that I had been thinking too narrowly. A gift of helping will show itself in the church, but in the neighborhood and on the streets as well. It will show itself as a willingness to make things keep going and help people when they need it. And when we do it in the name of Jesus, as a gift from the Holy Spirit, it is a reflection of the love of God for people.

Which brings me back to my father. Daddy would stop and help anyone who was in need. He had a delivery route in East Mississippi for a while, and we boys would go with him. I remember those gravel roads over there in the early 1960's, far away from anywhere, rough washboard roads which were tough on cars. Big oak branches would cross over the top of the roads, making a canopy as we drove along. People were working in fields, and wildlife was often seen. There were old country stores selling bologna, and artesian wells with the sweetest water you ever tasted.

Anytime we saw anyone stopped, Daddy would stop and help people with a flat tire or road trouble. He was a helper in those days. And then, when he had tire trouble, which was often in his old green Mercury, people would stop and help him. He died when he was younger than I am now, but those good memories live on, and make me want to be a helper, too.

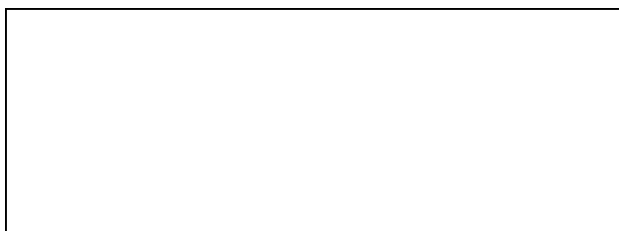
The big thing then, when someone helped someone else, was to say, "Much obliged". Daddy said it often. So, to all you *HELPERS* out there, *BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH: MUCH OBLIGED!*

Robert

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MEMORIALS

GOOD SAMARITAN

In memory of Matthew Engle
by Chris and Anita Bennett.

In memory of Howard Robinson
by Lynn and Randy Garrison.

In memory of Joe Floyd by Joe and Joy Groover.

In memory of Matthew Engle on the occasion of
his 27th birthday, July 11th
by Hal and Barbara Moore.

CAPITAL

In memory of Les Marquart
by Mary Frances McCall.

In honor of Captain Patrick and Kim Buckelew
by Scott and Marguerite Stone

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 what 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.

GOSPEL SINGING

July 25, 2010 • 6:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

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

July 11

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.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

July 12

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise (208)
Staff Meeting (Library)
UMW Ice Cream Social (Gym)
Quartet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY:

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

July 13

Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast (113)
Walking Track Hours
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)
Trustees (114)

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 14

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise (208)
Wacky Wednesdays (Gym)
Falkville Healthcare Sing-A-Long
NO Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY:

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

July 15

Walking Track Hours
Violin Lessons (308)

FRIDAY:

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7:55 a.m.

July 16

Walking Track Hours
Firm Up Exercise

SATURDAY:

7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

July 17

Men's Emmaus Reunion Group
(Faith House)