

News of Our Members

Birthdays this Week:

Apr. 8: Larry Pugh, Trish Perry; **Apr. 9:** Ben Churcher, Donald Parker; **Apr. 10:** Bruce Dean, Linda Foster, Judy Youmans, Ryan Youmans; **Apr. 11:** Michael Meeks; **Apr. 12:** Sadie Hatfield, Junyth Meeks

In the Hospital:

Houston Healthcare: Bill Scott
Coliseum Hospital: Judy Hatton

Assisted Living, Nursing Home Residents & Homebound Members:

Church Home for the Aged: Gladys Godwin, Velma Martin
W. R. Nursing & Rehab: Doris Jarrell, Evelyn Tucker
Summer's Landing: Jackie White, Lou Muha
Antebellum Grove: Martha Keadle
Mount Pleasant, SC: Forest Berry
Peach Valley Villas, Centerville: Anne Hubble
Summerhill: Margie Saddler, Dody Orth, Dot Orillion, LeeRoy & Natalie Claxton
Elberta Road Nursing & Rehabilitation: Gloria Lynn
Peachbelt: Carolyn Reeves
Brevard, NC: Shannon Gray
Flowery Branch: John & Louise Griscom

Servicemen Deployed: Chris Ferrell, Patrick Ginn, Jerry Hirak, Chacan Bernard Jones, Schyler West, Christopher Kohert

Christian Sympathy is extended to Anna Flanders and her family with the loss of her mother, Janie B. Heath who passed away recently.

Sunday Servants

TV Crew: Producer: David Jones; Camera 1: Terry Landreth; Camera 2: Bill Meeks; TV Sound: Ellen Reynolds; Sanctuary Sound: 8:30 & 10:50: Mickey Meeks; Character Generator: Steve Strader; Power Point: 8:30: Jerry Beasley & 10:50: Tracey Landreth

Ushers: Head Usher: Homer Childs, Captain: Richard Brusckke; Gene Hardin, Delmar Langley, Bill Meilinger, Bill Parker, Ray Parsons, Dave Stafford, Jeff White, John Williams

Acolytes: Caroline Freeman & Jimmy Asbell

Children's Church: Bonnie Westray, Ken & Carrie McCall, Charity Lucas

Nursery Workers: Kristy & Jason Yarbrough

Greeters: Joyce Adcock; Linda Meade-Webb, John Williams, Jason & Kristy Yarbrough, Allen & Angela Freeman

Flowers in the Sanctuary are placed by Claire Thompson, her children and grandchildren to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles E. Thompson, Sr., in honor of his birthday and 57th wedding anniversary.

WE NEED YOUR FLEAS! As you tackle your Spring cleaning, bring those gently used and still working items to the church. If you have large items or so much you can't bring it to the church, call Dottie and make arrangements to have it picked up. The Spring Flea Market will be **Saturday, May 8th** from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH begins a new Bible study **Wednesday, April 7th** at 11:00 am. You may contact Patrice Strader at 953-2241 for more information.

Keenagers

922-8024

Coordinator: Marie Nelson

nelson1013@cox.net

Keenager Meeting Happy Easter! Get ready to "boogie" at our meeting on **Tuesday, April 20th**. Joanne Maguire and her dancers will entertain us and maybe even teach us some new steps! Games & BINGO begin at 10:30 am, program at 11:30 with lunch at 12:00. Tickets are \$6. See Marie Nelson or Junyth Meeks for reservations.

Cheerful Cherubs

922-8448

Director: Vickie Murray

cheerfulcherubs@bellsouth.net

In honor of the upcoming 60th anniversary of Cheerful Cherubs Preschool, we will have a Dinner/Auction and Gala to be held **September 25th**. This will be a fun and exciting event for our church and community. Anyone interested in helping should contact Vickie Murray.

United Methodist Men President: Joe Wunderlin

953-8144

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South Georgia Conference United Methodist Men's Retreat at Epworth, **April 16-18, 2010**. Men with a mission! Featured speakers include Bishop James R. King, Jr. and "Big Daddy" Rick Lanford. For the golf enthusiast, there's a tournament at Coastal Pines Golf Club, **Friday, April 16th**. Pick up a brochure from the UMM bulletin board in the education building today.

2010 Best of The Best Any of you that subscribe to the Macon Telegraph — be sure to complete your Best of the Best ballot. Last year, we were listed under Best Church. Let's make sure we are again. Cast your vote this week.

Paint Crew This **Saturday, April 10th** at 8:00 am, we will paint the 206 house. The construction team has been hard at work and they are ready to hand off to the paint crew. We will paint the entire inside on Saturday. To do that, we will need many painters. This house has turned out so nice. It is going to be a great addition to the ministries of the church. Lots of people have had a hand in getting us to this point. Can you lend a hand to help us finish?

Wednesday Night Supper

6:00 pm, **April 14th** in Carter Hall

Program: *Spring Mini-Mester*

Hosted by: Team Mark; Captain: Jim Sehorn

Adult & Child's Meal: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread & Strawberry Cake

Adults \$5.25/Children (3-12) \$3.25 /Toddlers under 3 - Free (Family max. of \$20).

Reservations must be made/cancelled by 4:30 pm, Monday by completing the form located in the pew on Sunday morning or calling the church office at 923-3737. If you do not cancel your reservation, you are responsible for payment.

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Making A Difference — Here & Around the World!

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40-DWJ

This Sunday we begin a new series *Forty Days with Jesus: A Spiritual Adventure* or **40DwJ**. In the book of Acts it says that, "After Jesus' resurrection He presented Himself alive to His followers and taught them many things concerning the Kingdom of God over a period of 40 days." (1:3) From now until Pentecost, we will focus on the great teachings in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Why now? Why this series, at this time you may wonder. Our 6th grade confirmation class is in the middle of their journey towards church membership. Much more important than membership, they are growing in their relationship with God. They are learning more about what it means to be a follower of Christ. In my thinking, we are never so far into our faith journey that it doesn't help to cover the basics. Even those of us who have been disciples of Jesus for decades can benefit from careful consideration of the fundamentals. Isn't that the whole premise of spring training? You look at little league fields, high school fields, college fields and professional stadiums and they are working on the same things - catching, throwing, running, and hitting. For some among us this may be brand new and for others it will be review; but like spring training, there is value in covering the basics.

I hope that you will be here Sunday. And I hope that you will invite friends, neighbors, family members, and co-workers to come with you. Let me also ask you to pray for our series. Pray that believers, new and old alike, will grow closer to God as a result of our time together. Pray that people who don't know God will be here and begin to develop a relationship with the loving God we serve. Pray particularly for the confirmation class as they consider what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of our community of faith.

See you on Sunday!

Peace,

Jimmy



8:30 & 10:50

This Sunday:
The High Cost of Following Jesus Dr. Jimmy R. Asbell, Jr.

Youth Ministry Director of Student Ministries: Charlie Judd
923-3737 ext. 111 youth@fumcwrge.org

- Join us Sunday at 5:00 pm for UMYF, as we start a new series on “Fear”. There will be food, fellowship and fun for all! We will be finished at 7:00 pm
- Be on the lookout for the summer calendars in the mail. If you don't receive one, see Charlie and he will give you one.
- The sign up sheet for BigStuf 2010 is in the youth room, so be sure to sign up!
- I hope everyone had an incredible spring break!
- If you have any questions on activities, please see Charlie.

“For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”
-- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Music Notes Director of Music: Vince Evans
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Thank you to all who made the success of the Living Lord's Supper this past Thursday a reality! Thank you to the choir, Norma Hunt, and our other musicians for their dedication. Many thanks to Gene Hardin and Bill Parker for the stage construction; Peggy and Lewis Parker for work on our backdrop; Linda Meade-Webb and Shirley Lowery for stage and props set up; Gene Youmans, Gene Hardin, Linda Meade-Webb, Richard Moore, and Jon Tallet for helping with the windows; David Jones for lighting, Gene Youmans for sound, Skip Blumenthal for stage direction and many thanks to all of our actors. Special thanks to our staff for work done on the script, program, PowerPoint, and narration.

All Music Ministry groups are now back on their regular schedule following the Spring Break.

Children's Ministry Director: Tracey Landreth
923-3737 ext. 107 tlandreth@bellsouth.net

WOW!! What a great turn-out!! Lunch with the Easter Bunny was wonderful! We had a great crowd of people join us to hunt eggs and eat hotdogs. We raised *over* \$1,000.00 for Relay for Life! Many thanks to all the people who invited friends and family, came early to decorate, cook, serve food, and clean up.

Spring Fling is Coming! Make plans now to enjoy an afternoon of fun at the Annual Spring Fling on **Sunday, April 25th**, beginning at 3:00 pm. There will be a variety of games including the big blow-up slide and everyone's favorite — the joust! Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

Confirmation Class — Don't forget: This Sunday we'll have our regular class at 3:00 pm in the Conference room. On **Wednesday, April 14th** we'll meet after dinner (6:30 pm) in the Conference room to begin making our stoles. Supper reservations are required by **Monday, April 12th** if you plan to eat at the church. Please call me if you have any questions.

Parent's Night Out — **Friday, April 16th**, 6:00 - 9:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per child (\$20.00 family max.) Forms on the Preschool hallway. (Register by April 11th)

RELAY FOR LIFE Stop by the Relay for Life table and pick up a registration form for cancer survivors, fill out a form for luminaries in honor or memory of someone, return your water bottle filled with dimes. Contact Jo at 396-9893 or Maura at 975-0327 for more info.

Prayer List

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| Bill & Audrey Adams | Sue Landers (sis. of Doris Meeks) |
| Kelly Allen (niece of Doris Meeks) | Cathy LeBrescu |
| Mary Arrington (mother of Emily Dennis) | Gloria Lynn |
| Dana Baker (fr. Dana Rollins) | Erv Manning |
| Jerry Bass (friend of Kevin Bartoe) | Betty Massey (mother - Sharon Tallet) |
| Sandra Bishop (Sis-in-L. of A. Phillips) | David McCormick (fr. of Peggy Parker) |
| B.J. Bjornsen (Blumenthal family) | Allison McMurry (19 mo. Cancer) |
| Richard Bruschke | Alan & Elaine Miller (Youmans) |
| Charlotte Butler (5 mos. fr. of V. Ford) | Richard Moody (rel. of Lin Taylor) |
| Creed Campbell (fr. of M. Blumenthal) | *Richard Moore & Family |
| LeeRoy & Natalie Claxton | Christy Perkins (g.dau. of Lanier's) |
| Ruth Clements | Lee Reynolds (David Jones' cousin) |
| Teresa Cohen | Wallace Riley (fr. of Jo Sehorn) |
| Billie Cox | Bob Rushing (son of Margie McDowell) |
| Andrew Creacy (nephew of Whitakers) | Marcie & Al Rutledge (fam. of P. Hartley) |
| Patti Deck (fr. of Bill & Tina Scott) | Mark Salley (bro-in-law, Joann Watts) |
| Olive Duncan | *Bill Scott |
| Carol Flanagan (fr. of Nancy Cater) | Kathleen Shadinger (Martha Osburn) |
| Ken Hall | Julian Shearouse (Joann Watt's father) |
| Bill Handy (fr. of Lowe's) | Isabella Simmons (fr. of Carrie McAllister) |
| Keith Harmon (fr. of Hattaway's) | Pauline Sims (sis. of Marie Nelson) |
| Leeann Harrell (relative of Scott's) | Bill Smith (fr. of Mack Meeks) |
| Danny Harris (father-Mary Norton) | Ben Spinks |
| Chuck Hattaway (fr. of C. James) | Lois Stamps |
| Warren Hatfield (fr. of Jere Cater) | *Joshua (baby w/the Straders) |
| Jimmy Hendrix (br. of Betty Lowe) | Evelyn Tucker |
| Glenna Holbrook (cou. of Tallets) | Dorseal Tyson (fr. of Doris Meeks) |
| Holden Horton (g-son of Charlotte Horton) | James van Dyke (uncle- Kevin Bartoe) |
| Tim Hudson & Fam. (fr. Davidson's) | Jane Wallace (fr. of Bill Fardy) |
| Joe Horton (son of Charlotte Horton) | Shawn Warren (grandson of Warren's) |
| Nell Isgate (mother-M. Blumenthal) | Tom Whittington (fr. of Asbell's) |
| Doris Jarrell | Clarence Wisse (Bro. of Bill Wisse) |
| AC & Evelyn Jones | Opal Wright (Vickie Murray's mom) |
| Faye Knopf (fr. of Hardins) | Merry Yates (fr. of Asbell's) |
| Doris Knowles (fr. of Blanche Bounds) | |
| Betty LaJudice (mother - Rebecca Hughes) | |

*Asterisk denotes added this week
Bold denotes person with prayer pager

ROAD TO RECOVERY If you are interested in being a volunteer to drive cancer patients to their treatments, please call Joyce Phillips at 333-3389. This is a wonderful opportunity to help people who desperately need our help.

MISSION TRIP TO COSTA RICA Join us **June 26th - July 3rd** for another exciting mission trip to Costa Rica. Space is limited so don't delay in signing up. For more information, email Jimmy at pastor@fumcwrge.org.

In Case of Emergency

In the event of an emergency after hours, you may call the church at 923-3737 and press 5 during the greeting. Follow the instructions to leave a message. The phone system will notify the pastors. You may also call them at home.

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| Prayer Chain: | Prayer Pager: |
| Marilyn Williams 953-4143 | 749-2200 |
| Windy Smith 922-4923 | |

Happenings This Week

- Sunday, April 11:**
- 8:00 AM Morning Song Rehearsal
 - 8:30 AM Early Worship Service
 - 9:45 AM Sunday School
 - 10:20 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:50 AM Morning Worship Service
 - 2:00 PM Hispanic Worship Service
 - 3:00 PM Confirmation Class
 - 5:00 PM UMYF

- Monday, April 12:**
- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, Fidelity SS Room
 - 12:30 PM "The Kitchen"
 - 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal
 - 7:00 PM Finance Team

- Tuesday, April 13:**
- 10:30 AM Joy Circle
 - 1:30 PM Faith Circle
 - 2-4:00 PM Food Pantry
 - 6:30 PM Girls' Night Out Circle

- Wednesday, April 14:**
- 6:30 AM Wed. Prayer Breakfast-HMC
 - 11:00 AM *First Place*
 - 4:15 PM Men's Bible Study
 - 5:15 PM Cherub Choir
 - 5:15 PM Little Angels Choir (Music Preparatory)
 - 5:15 PM Praise Kids
 - 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
 - 6:30 PM Solid Rock Ringers
 - 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

- Thursday, April 15:**
- 9:30 AM Yoga Class - Carter Hall
 - 10:00 AM TLC - Library
 - 12:00 PM Theological Chat
 - 2-4:00 PM Food Pantry
 - 7:00 PM Hispanic Music Rehearsal

- Friday, April 16:**
- 12:30 PM "The Kitchen"
 - 6:00 PM Parent's Night Out

Our Faithfulness

Attendance: April 4th	Our Tithes and Offerings:
Early Worship 76	Needed monthly for budget in 2010 \$ 70,709.09
Sunday School 158	Received in April. 2010 \$ N/A
Morning Worship 402	Hispanic Ministry received April 4 \$ 339.85
Hispanic Worship 75	Hispanic Ministry received in Mar. \$ 339.85

Wednesday Night Reservations

Name: _____ Permanent? ___Y___N
 Adults \$5.25___ Children (3-12) \$3.25___ Toddlers (under 3) Free ___
 (\$20 max. per family). If you have a permanent reservation and will **NOT** be at supper, you **must** cancel by **4:30 pm on Monday or you will be responsible for payment.** *First time visitors are free. Please make reservations.*