



# The Spirit



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## Confirmation Sunday is May 16!

Nineteen sixth-graders of FCUMC have participated in this year's Confirmation Class. These youth have spent the last nine months being challenged to claim the name of Jesus, and their experiences have included: attending a Confirmation kick-off party here at the church; weekly Sunday school classes taught by Robert Smiddy, Sharon Wise, Mary Bolton, Joyce Sterling, Andrew Duncan, Coop and the pastors; worshipping with the congregation of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; attending Confirmation Mega weekend at Lake Junaluska; being prayed for by a "secret" prayer partner; participating in youth group activities; and meeting individually with one of the pastors.

Many of these youth will be baptized, confirmed, and join the church on Sunday, May 16, at 5:00 p.m. during a special Confirmation service in the sanctuary. Please plan to be present as we reaffirm our faith and welcome these new members of Christ's Holy Church and FCUMC.

The 2009-2010 confirmands are: Kayla Arnsdorf, Matthew Bales, Julian Ball, Hannah Bell, Daniel Benson, Joshua Callaway, Blakely Griffin, Bonnie Hensley, Abbey McConkey, Ashton Moore, Laura Phillips, Carson Pilant, Taylor Pritchett, Elizabeth Smiddy, Hannah Valentine, Holly Valentine, Alex Webster, Kendal Whittaker, and Emily Wise.

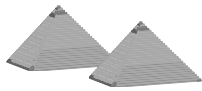
## Coming soon: VBS 2010

EGYPT: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

VBS kickoff in the park - June 20

VBS daily - June 21 - June 24

Register online!



In just a few weeks, we're taking a journey back to ancient Egypt.....without leaving the church! Find out what happened to Joseph as he went from Pharaoh's prison to the palace. Become part of living history by leading a grade level group called an Egyptian family or by helping a shopkeeper in the marketplace. Signup sheets for area leaders, area helpers, class shepherds, registration and support teams, and youth volunteers are posted in the main church hallway.

Register for VBS online this year! Go to our church website and check out the VBS article for a link to register. All participants, including volunteers, must be registered. For assistance or to register at church, come to our Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, May 9 - June 20.

Get ready to spend a while on the Nile! Music CD's (\$6) and t-shirt order forms are available in the church office and at the Welcome Center on Sundays. Be sure to place your t-shirt order soon!

## Worship With Us!

"Who Is Jesus?" Series

**May 9, 2010**

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

"I Am the True Vine "

John 15:1-5

Sermon by Don Hanshew

Contemporary Service (11:00)

"I Am the True Vine "

John 15:1-5

Sermon by Melissa Smith

**May 16, 2010**

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

"I Am the Light of the World "

John 8:12, John 9:1-15

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

"I Am the Light of the World "

John 8:12, John 9:1-15

Sermon by Melissa Smith

*Next print publication of the Spirit will be May 19. Please email your articles to [spirit@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:spirit@fountaincityumc.org) by noon on May 17.*

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

*May 12 is the last week for the meal. Please check the church website or call the church office for this week's menu.*

## PASTOR CORNERED

Last weekend I was push-mowing around the parsonage yard while reminiscing about all the fun it has been to play in such a big green space with the kids. Brushing sweat from my brow as I finished the last swath I began pulling the mower back to the shed. Just as I was about to push it back in its place I looked out of the corner of my eye and could see a patch of grass I missed, something that happens from time to time when I mow without the aid of my glasses. Whirr-whirr-whirr. I fired up the mower and ambled back down to get that last persistent itty-bitty section. Just as I began to chop down the remaining green stuff a black thing shot out from under my mower! A two foot snake!

Let's stop here for a moment. What would your reaction be?

As you ponder this you need to know I love the outdoors and all things creepy, crawly, feathered, finned, and furred. As a matter of fact as a child I really wanted to grow up to become a herpetologist, that is until I entered 6th grade. It was then that I realized studying snakes, frogs, and other creatures of the like did not parallel well with meeting girls. Sports and other "normal" things began to occupy my attention, but I never lost the love and surprise of finding a creature to study and hold.

Back to the question at hand, "What did I do when I saw the snake?" You guessed it. I killed the mower and leapt on the snake. With writhing prize in hand I felt a little silly walking up the back steps to get Carol's attention. Yes, her reaction was much like other "normal" people. To her credit, by the time the kids came around she again had her "Mom Face" on and expressed cautious interest.

The Hanshew family is now the proud but temporary stewards of a beautiful, but slightly mower-nicked, black king snake that goes by the startlingly

obvious name of "Snaky." If you have been on Carol's Facebook page recently you probably have seen that both kids are eager to hold and carry the snake around the house, yard, and anywhere else they go. The dormant herpetologist in me was proud when I heard the kids fussing over who got to hold the snake next, especially when you consider my daughter will not even pet a puppy! Our house rule is we can keep Snaky for two weeks while he or she recovers from the minor mower nick and then we will re-introduce him or her to the wild in a place far from people.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once noted that the aim of her often messy and challenging work with dying and forgotten persons was simply to do "something beautiful for God." Allowing a strange and shoulderless piece of creation to recover in a safe environment laughingly pales in comparison to the amazing work that Mother Teresa embraced in India. The compassion of the Hanshew Hotel providing temporary safe haven is not even a drop in the bucket of compassion and grace that will be required as our country begins to understand what 12 million gallons of oil covering nearly 2,000 square miles of surface water will do to the Gulf of Mexico. (For comparison, all of Knox County covers 526 square miles.) Yet for me the question persists, "What can we do to bring beauty to God, our families, our congregation, creation, and ourselves?" I bring up the ridiculous comparison because it strikes at the root of what it means to be a Christian.

Over the next three Sundays we will continue in the sermon series taking an in-depth look at who Jesus is as we look at some of his "I Am" sayings. We hope you will come for the more we are like Jesus, the more beautiful the world will become.

— Don

### Reminders

*(please see the website for more information)*

**May 9:** Muffins for Missions Bake Sale

**May 12:** Last Wednesday night fellowship meal

**May 15:** Purses N Pearls, An Afternoon Tea with Judy Gardner, 4:00 p.m.

**May 16:** Safe Sanctuary Training

**May 26-30:** Young Adult Mission Trip

### May Drivers

Morning: Harry McLeod  
After Church: Joe Eldridge

### Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

### Emergency On Call

May 7-9: Don Hanshew  
May 14-16: Melissa Smith

**Medical Transportation:** Jean Payne

**Stephen Ministry:** Gail Clift

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## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### Special Needs Committee Update

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.,  
Room 137**

There is a special needs committee in place here at FCUMC to help your child in whatever way he/she needs to feel comfortable joining in children's programming. If you are in need of any extra help, please stop by the Children's Welcome Center on Sunday morning. Contact Cathy Shockley at 865-688-6443 or [cshockley01@comcast.net](mailto:cshockley01@comcast.net).

### Don't Miss the Mission Trip Bus!

If you are interested in going on either the Young Adult mission trip (May 17-23) or the Adult mission trip (May 26-30), this is your last chance to make the trip. Both trips are to north Georgia and are construction-oriented. The cost is \$75. Contact Melissa Smith, [msmith@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:msmith@fountaincityumc.org) or ext. 116, to reserve your space on the bus!



### A Walk In The Park

**Take a walk barefoot so someone else doesn't have to!**

Be sure to look for the FCUMC tent at Honor Fountain City Day in the Park on May 31. We will be guiding barefoot walks in the park that will help raise money for the Nicaragua Mission Team to buy flip-flops to give to those in need. Contact Kelley Flatford (660-5868, [kflatford@gmail.com](mailto:kflatford@gmail.com)) for more information.

### Blessings of \$3,771

On Saturday, May 1, our church rummage sale raised \$3,771 for missions. Praise be to God! Mission friends also gathered clothing items to be hand delivered to the children of Ukraine, books to be taken to Honduras, and great treasures for the upcoming "Strength for the Journey" rummage sale. Our preschool teachers also shopped for new items for their classrooms.

Many lives were touched this weekend in our church. Thanks to every single person who prayed, donated, set up, worked, broke down and purchased treasures for this incredible yearly project. God is good! Praise be to God!

Many thanks,  
Julie Knoefel

## Upcoming Women's Events Summer 2010

### Purses 'n' Pearls

**An Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show with  
Judy Gardner  
May 15, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Ladies and girls of all ages are invited to join us for great snacks and door prizes! Childcare will be available for children under age 3. Tickets are \$5 per adult (children are free) and can be purchased in advance in the church office or at the event. Proceeds go to the Fountain City Ministry Center and to construct wells in Sudan. For more information, call the church office or check out the church website.

### UMW General Meeting

**Mission Study led by Reverend Jim and  
Betty Dougherty**

Each meeting is held on the second Tuesday of June, July and August, 10:30 a.m., Wesley Hall. Lunch will be served at noon for a cost of \$5.

### Mugs and Muffins

**Casual conversations about Christian life**

Bring your coffee mug and enjoy a muffin on Fridays, July 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall.

### Women's Summer Bible Study

Women! Come join us this summer as we study "Believing God" by Beth Moore. We will meet Monday nights starting June 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Wesley Hall. Please contact Leanne Ballinger at 660-9473 with questions or to register for the study.

Childcare is available for all of these events if arranged prior to the event. Please register your childcare needs by contacting Becca Pendergrass, ext. 115 or [rpendergrass@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:rpendergrass@fountaincityumc.org)

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## IN MEMORY AND HONOR



**Capital Campaign: In Memory of: *Ed Black*** by Janie and Randy Broussard; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Black; Mahan and Laura Archer; Liz and Zeno Brown; Gordon and Cynthia Smith; Art and Sue Clancy



**Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of: *Catherine Todd*** by Martha Carlstrom;  
***Rose Jenkins*** by Tom Harrington



**General Fund: In Memory Of: *Marie Livesay*** by Melanie Lindgren



**Melton Scholarship Fund: In Memory Of: *Rose Jenkins*** by Vince Griffin and Family; Caregivers Group of FCUMC; Thelma Bianco; Andrea Leininger; Liz and Zeno Brown; Robert and Kathy Farrell; Jan and Gilbert Babb; Pat Satterfield; Mark Biagi; Pat Prator; Bob and Anne Nichols; Gene and Ethel Carden; Ron and Carol Werker; Jennifer Baker; Singing Seniors at John T. O'Connor Center; Bobby and Brenda Gratz



**Scholarship Fund: In Memory of: *Johnnie Courtney*** by John Sliger

## WE REJOICE



We are happy to announce the birth of **Joseph Tillman Iglehart** on April 22, 2010. Congratulations to the parents, Jake and Susan, and the grandparents, Lee and Susan Iglehart.

## Janice Evans Stepping Down as Director of the NET ministry

Janice has served as Director of the NET after-school ministry for this past school year, and is resigning from that position. The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and the NET ministry team will be working together to search for a new Director. SPRC and the NET ministry would like to thank Janice for her service and passion with this ministry. We wish her all God's best.

### Upcoming Youth Events

- May 16:** Confirmation Service and Banquet
- May 19, 5:00-6:30 p.m.:** End of School Blowout
- May 23, 6:00 p.m.:** Youth Parents Meeting
- June 1-6:** Youth Choir Tour
- June 13-19:** High School Mission Trip
- July 11-15:** Middle School Mission Trip

## High School Graduates

### Alcoa High School

***Amber Lovett***, daughter of Jennifer and Adam Lovett

### Anderson County High School

***Drew Hicks***, son of Cindi and Phil Hicks

### Central High School

***Blair Brabson***, daughter of Mary and Ron Brabson

***Chad Brooks***, son of Laina and Chuck Brooks

***Logan Dickinson***, son of Nan and Paul Dickinson

***Zach Harbison***, son of Sandra and John Harbison

***Michael Lambert***, son of Dave Lambert

***Steven Lay***, son of Nancy and Clyde Lay

***Mary Trotter***, daughter of Ellie and Roby Trotter

***Leslie Woody***, daughter of Leigh and Rick Woody

### Halls High School

***Hunter Jensen***, son of Jeanette and Tom Jensen

***Leslie Payne***, daughter of Nancy Payne and Rob Payne

### Laurel High School

***Winton Burst***, son of Carolyn Perry-Burst and Joe Burst

## Calling all College Graduates

If you are graduating from college or graduate school, we want to celebrate with you! Please send Melissa Smith the name, degree, and the school from which you are graduating so that we can publish a list of this information in the next edition of The Spirit. Email [msmith@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:msmith@fountaincityumc.org) to get in on the fun!

## Safe Sanctuary Training

If you would like to serve with our children and youth and have not received Safe Sanctuary training, please attend the training session on Sunday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 137. Please bring addresses and phone numbers for three references. The training takes about an hour, and childcare is provided. If you have any questions, contact John Patterson at ext. 109.

### Upcoming Children's Events

- May 31:** A Walk in the Park
- June 9:** Wesley Woods Day Trip
- June 10:** Family Pool Party

## CHURCH CALENDAR - MAY 7 - MAY 22

### Regular Weekly Activities

#### Sundays

- 8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages (Church-wide)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)+  
*The Journey* Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
- 4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study (208)\*
- 5:00 PM OfferRing Handbells (Bell Room)
- 6:00 PM Youth Growth Group (Various Rooms)\*  
Sunday Night Bible Study (102)
- 7:15 PM College Bible Study (Panera)

#### Mondays

- 8:30 AM Preschool (M-F)
- 9:00 AM Aerobics (M,W,F)
- 3:00 PM The NET (M-F)
- 4:30 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)  
Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
- 5:30 PM GED Classes (137)\*  
Basic Music Reading Skills (Bell Room)
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (Offsite)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (M,W,Th,F, Sa)
- 8:30 PM Men's 40-plus Basketball

#### Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (137)
- 4:00 PM OfferRing II Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:00 PM Dance For Joy (Fellowship Hall)

#### Wednesdays

- 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 PM Genesis Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)  
GED Classes (137, 208)\*
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Live Children's Activities:  
activities provided for children from birth  
through 5th grade Sunday School  
Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)  
High School Youth Group (Net Room)  
Caregivers (112)  
Parenting Partners (201)  
Personally Experiencing Prayer (106)  
Experiencing the Power of Pentecost (Wesley Hall)  
Tollers Handbells (Bell Room)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)\*
- 7:45 PM *The Journey* Rehearsal (136)\*

#### Thursdays

- 2:00 PM Basic Music Reading Skills (Bell Room)
- 4:30 PM Yoga - Children (Gym)
- 5:30 PM Yoga - Adults (Gym)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

### Scheduled Activities

#### Friday, May 7

- 10:00 AM MOPS Planning Meeting (137)
- 5:00 PM Witsoe/Lambert Wedding Rehearsal

#### Saturday, May 8

- 9:30 AM Holston UM Renewal Fellowship
- 6:00 PM Witsoe/Lambert Wedding

#### Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day

- UMW Muffins for Missions Bake Sale
- Disciple I and Growth Groups will not meet

#### Monday, May 10

- 6:30 PM MOPS (Wesley Hall)\*  
NET Ministry Team Meeting (138)\*
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Gutter Regatta (Gym)  
Children's Ministry Team (Litton's)

#### Tuesday, May 11

- 10:00 AM UMW (Wesley Hall)
- 7:00 PM UMW Circle 10 (138)  
UMW Circle 11 (Wesley Hall)  
Scroggie Committee (137)  
Thinking Positively (Choir Room)
- 9:00 PM Softball (Caswell Park)

#### Wednesday, May 12

*Last Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal*

#### Thursday, May 13

- 7:00 PM Circle 6 (Wesley Hall)\*

#### Saturday, May 15

- 4:00 PM Purses N Pearls, Afternoon Tea (Gym)\*

#### Sunday, May 16

- 5:00 PM Confirmation Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 PM Safe Sanctuary Training (137)\*  
Confirmation Banquet (Gym)

#### Monday, May 17

- Young Adult Mission Trip leaves*
- 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting (Wesley Hall)

#### Tuesday, May 18

- 10:00 AM Bridge (135)
- 6:00 PM Softball (Caswell Park)
- 6:30 PM Special Needs Ministry (137)\*

#### Wednesday, May 19

- 5:00 PM Youth End of School Bash (Gym)

#### Thursday, May 20

- 6:30 PM Bariatric Support Group (Choir Room)
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting (137, 138)

#### Saturday, May 22

- Young Adult Mission Trip Continues*
- 5:30 PM Open Door Meal (Wesley Hall)

### Coming soon!

Your opportunity to feed families in Zimbabwe.  
More information in the next edition of The Spirit.

\* Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade if previously arranged

+ Activities provided for children from birth through 3-year-old Sunday school

## THE SPIRIT

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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### OUR PRAYERS

#### Church Family in the Hospital as of May 4:

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#### Recently Discharged from the Hospital:

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### OUR PRESENCE

#### **Sunday, April 25, 2010**

Sunday School	446
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	184
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	289
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	107
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	56
Youth Retreat	31
Total Morning Worship	667
Wednesday Night Meal	144

#### **Sunday, May 2, 2010**

Sunday School	509
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	184
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	309
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	140
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	43
Total Morning Worship	676
Wednesday Night Meal	141

### OUR GIFTS

#### Weekly Offerings (General Fund)

April 19-25	\$18,345
April 26-May 2	\$32,809
YTD Receipts	\$478,661
YTD Expenses	\$450,207
Difference	\$28,454
Salt & Light (May- MTD)	\$35

### OUR SERVICE

**May 8:30 Ushers:** Barry & Louanne Clabough, Liz Brown, Sharon Smith, David Smith

**May 11:00 Ushers:** Claude Johnson, John Mays, Head Usher; Anna Mays, Chad & Janelle Browning, Steve & Joni Coker, Carol Johnson, Bob Bryan, Jeff & Carol Rudolph

**May Journey Ushers:** Michael & Becky Swanger, Van, Pam, Alyssa, & Kelsey Stewart

**May Greeters:** Robert and Diane Greve, Doug and Anne Dalton, LeRoy and Sandra Hatcher, Dottie McComas, Ron and Roz Irwin