



The Spirit

Pastors: James E. Whedbee, Melissa R. Smith, Daniel M. Ogle

Special Edition!

Welcome Daniel and Erin



Worship With Us!

June 27, 2010

Blended Traditional &
Contemporary Services

(8:30 & 11:00)

(in the sanctuary)

"Make Sure Your Shoe Fits"

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Sermon by Jim Whedbee
and Melissa Smith

*Next print publication of the
Spirit will be June 30. Please
email your articles to
spirit@fountaincityumc.org by
noon on June 28.*

Hello, Fountain City United Methodist Church. My name is Daniel Ogle and I'm the new associate pastor here as of June 23. My wife, Erin, and I are so excited to be a stone's throw from Fountain City Lake, walking distance from Litton's, and serving and worshiping God with you here at FCUMC!

I was born and raised in Sevierville (yes, I'm one of those Ogles, but no, I didn't own the water park), and am a graduate of Wake Forest University and the Candler School of Theology. Prior to coming to Fountain City, I have been serving as the pastor of three churches that comprise the Greystone Circuit in Greeneville. I have also served churches in various roles in Oak Ridge and Atlanta.

Before attending seminary, I was a sportswriter for several newspapers in the Southeast, covering both high school and college sports. Had I not received the call to ministry, I am fairly confident I would be the starting first baseman for the Chicago Cubs.

When I'm not fielding phone calls from Jim or Melissa, I am enjoying being a newlywed. Erin and I were married in Atlanta on May 15. She is from Chicago (you'll notice her funny accent) and is the Resource Development Director for Habitat for Humanity of Anderson County. We love watching sports, reading books, and drinking coffee, not always in that order. We are both very excited to be in Fountain City and look forward to meeting all of you soon.

PASTOR CORNERED

My ears are still ringing from the noise in the “palace” this morning. Several thousand children (well, maybe it was just a few hundred) gathered for the “sandstorm” in the sanctuary as they concluded the first day of Bible School. If you have been around the church at all recently, you know that our Bible School theme this year is “Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace.” If Joseph had done any journaling, can you imagine what he might have written each day during all those transitions in his life? It would be quite interesting to read what he had to say about everything that happened to him and how he responded.

Transitions are always times of challenge that, quite often, reveal who we really are deep down inside. And if that is true, FCUMC is being revealed for who we really are in these topsy-turvy weeks. As usually happens when the school year ends, we lose some faithful families who find it necessary to move away. Summertime brings different schedules to almost everyone. And this year we are faced with some staff changes that we haven’t encountered in a while.

We have already offered our farewells to Don and his family. Now we are blessed to welcome Daniel Ogle, our new pastor, and his wife of about six weeks, Erin Horeni-Ogle. They moved into the parsonage at 2930 Brabson Drive on Wednesday of this week, and we look forward to welcoming them and working with them in the name of Christ. It has been a blessing of mine to become acquainted with them, having first met them in mid-March. I have had

several opportunities to be with them since then and am delighted that they are coming to be a part of our church family. Please continue to be in prayer for them.

You have read or heard of Andrew Duncan’s resignation as Director of Music Ministries, effective July 31. We are very sorry to receive this news from him and pray God’s blessings on him and his family. Your Staff-Parish Relations Committee is at work to begin the process of hiring a new director.

I am very pleased to be starting my ninth year with you! I took quite a bit of teasing at Annual Conference last week about being the “Brett Favre” of Holston Conference. In fact, in the clergy session when the names of all transitioning clergy (ordinations, leaves of absence, retirements, etc.) are read and approved, my name was listed with the retirees as “James Whedbee – oops, never mind!” I am glad it is a “never mind” and am blessed to be able to continue as one of your pastors.

Your prayers for these transitions and for our church are greatly appreciated. Perhaps we need to be journaling during these days to check back later to see how we have grown in faith. Let us pray that we might be attuned to God’s guidance and wisdom for us.

-- Jim

Reminders

See last week’s Spirit or on-line for the current calendar

July 1, 6:00 p.m.: Project Serve, get involved with hands-on projects

July 5: Church office will be closed due to the July 4 holiday

July 9: Retirees’ outing to Melton Hill Lake

July 22: Braves vs Padres, tickets are going fast

June Drivers

Morning: Tim McComas

After Church: Rachael Hedgepeth

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

Emergency On Call

June 25-27: Jim Whedbee

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

IN MEMORY AND HONOR

Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of:

Amy Lenora Goodman by Betty Wildman
In Honor Of: ***Melissa Smith*** by Pete & Liz Brown

Lost Sheep Ministry: In Memory Of: *Mary Lewis*
by Barbara & Marsha Hall

Staff Parish Announcement

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has accepted the resignation of Andrew Duncan as Director of Music Ministries and Web Designer.

Andrew has accepted a position with First United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge. His last day at FCUMC will be July 31st.

We wish to thank Andrew Duncan for his seven years of direction and creativity in the music ministry of our church. Please pray for Andrew, Rachel, Natalie and Matthew as they make this change and for SPRC as we begin the search for a new music director.

Carol Sewell
Staff Parish Relations Chair

Dear FCUMC,

Rachel and I would like to thank you for your love and support of our family and the music ministry here. I am grateful that this church gave me a chance to learn and grow into the position of Director of Music, as well as the many ways you have loved our children and helped them to grow in their faith.

We are sad to leave this church, but we are also confident that God has great things in store for the music ministry of Fountain City. Your prayers for our family and FCUMC are greatly appreciated.

Andrew and Rachel Duncan

Youth Events

- June 30, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie
- July 1, 12:00 p.m.: Second Harvest
- July 7, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie
- July 8, 10:00 a.m.: Laser Quest
- July 11-16: Middle School Mission Trip
- July 21, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie
- July 22, 9:00 a.m.: Splash County
- July 26, 12:00 p.m.: Fountain City Ministry Center
- July 28, 6:00 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie
- July 30, 6:00 p.m.: Smokies Baseball

GED Graduation Cards

IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Our four graduates had a lovely ceremony and we need to shower them with well wishes and congratulations. I know that many of you would like to show your support to these special people and encourage them in their future success. Let's show them the love of Christ that is evident in our support. Graduating students are Nathan, Brandi, Kerra, and Christi; please leave all cards in the church office. Thank you to all who have helped with this ministry and we are planning to begin again August 16. More news is to come later.

Thank you,
Jeanette Jensen

Retirees' Outing

July 9, Melton Hill Lake

Melton Hill Lake has 173 miles of beautiful shoreline and boasts an international rowing course. It is among the best flatwater rowing courses in the nation: hence the name of the restaurant on its shoreline. The Flatwater Grill is the retirees' destination for a luncheon outing on July 9. It is a lovely place to sit in the cool and enjoy the beauty of the lake and excellent food. The menu features hot lunches, fresh salads, and sandwiches.

Departure time is 10:45 a.m. from the church parking lot. Transportation is \$2.00 per person. Please call Jean Payne, 688-4165, for a reservation.

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OUR PRAYERS

Recently Discharged from the Hospital:
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OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Sunday School	469
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	164
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	294
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	93
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	51
Total Morning Worship	602

OUR GIFTS

Weekly Offerings (General Fund)

June 14-30	\$14,674
YTD Receipts	\$643,735
YTD Expenses	\$626,150
Difference	\$17,585
Salt & Light (June– MTD)	\$35

OUR SERVICE

June 8:30 Ushers: Charles & Celia Thompson,
Head Ushers; Eddie & Nancy Nolen, Dan & Allison
Lore

June 11:00 Ushers: Al DeBusk, John Shipman,
Head Ushers; Melissa Shipman, Paul & Michele
Koontz, Neal Cook, John McTeer, Rachael
Hedgepeth, Bob Chandler, Bill Reseigh, Tyler Slack,
Jimmy Villarreal

June Journey Ushers: Mark & Karmen Sharpe,
Missy Adams & Kelsi

June Greeters: Mary Simpson, Ann Marie & Maria
Hurst, Jerry & Joan Griffey, Betty Hicks, Lili Holbert,
Brandon & Cindy Callaway

Mission Collections

Sharing & Building Hope

Don't forget to bring flip-flops, nails
and paintbrushes on Sunday for VBS
missions!