



The Spirit



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Church Directory Sign-Ups

Mark your calendars! The church will be publishing a new pictorial directory through Olan Mills. Photography dates are available from August 18 through September 19. You may reserve your photo time online starting June 22 through July 9 by visiting our website at www.fountaincityumc.org. Just click on the church directory link to choose your time! Each participating household will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 Custom Color Portrait.

Sign-ups will also be offered before and after Sunday church services starting July 12. More information will be provided later. Remember, our pictorial directory won't be complete without you!



Worship With Us!

June 21, 2009

Traditional Service (8:30 & 11:00)

"Joy Cometh in the Morning"
Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12
Sermon by Dan Kelly

Contemporary Service (11:00)



"At The Speed of Life"
I John 4:17-18
Sermon by Andrew Cooper

Welcome Dan Kelly to the Pulpit This Sunday

We are blessed to have Dr. Dan Kelly as our preacher in the traditional services this Sunday, June 21. Dan, a FCUMC son, returned to us in 1992 following his retirement from active ministry in the United Methodist Church. Dan served actively throughout Holston Conference for 40 years, having received his first appointment in 1952. Since his return to FCUMC, he has served in many capacities, including as faithful and dearly loved teacher of the Christian Fellowship Class. Dan has traveled around the world working in various mission causes, most frequently to Liberia, where he has visited 11 times. We look forward to hearing Dan share the faith with us this Sunday.

Children's Ministry Fall Leadership Opportunities – Sign Up to Serve!

We are already rounding up children's ministry leadership for the fall. Everyone knows we need lots of help in order to grow our children in God's love and we want to help you find the best fit for you and your family. As much as we need your help we also want you to be fed in adult Sunday school and worship. Balance is the key and we are better able to achieve it when we share the leadership among many.

All children's ministry leadership opportunities are listed on the bulletin board in the preschool hallway. If you already know where you would like to serve, email or call us and we will save your spot. If you are not sure, stop by and look at all the options and ask questions. Opportunities to serve are in the two year-old Sunday school classes, shepherding the three year-olds through 5th graders, teaching rotation upstairs or downstairs, serving on a WEE Worship team, or serving on a Children's Worship team.

One thing we know for sure is that you will be blessed by your service.

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THE PASTOR CORNERED

I'd never really thought about storms very much. That was until a storm blew through Fountain City last week and leveled trees, power lines, and dropped almost two inches of water within an hour. I was one of the lucky ones! I did not have any of my trees fall, although a neighbor's tree was struck by lightning and came dangerously close to falling on my newly planted garden. As I sat in the dark that night because I did not have any power, I tried to remind myself how fortunate I really was. Yes, I was inconvenienced a little bit but I had weathered the storm fairly well.

I've been thinking a little bit more about the storms that come with the emergence of spring and summer. Some of these storms seem to build suddenly; others can be tracked for days in advance. Some people like storms and marvel at the energy and power contained within this force of nature; others, like my cat, tend to hide away for hours at the first sign of a storm. Unfortunately, there are storms that can bring devastation to many parts of our world; some storms bring much needed rain and refreshment to the earth. But what happens when these storms are not the kind that occur within nature but happen within each of us? What do we do when storms rage within our lives? Where do we turn when things get hard?

These are the questions that have prompted me to do a sermon series this summer in *The Journey* entitled "Lifeline." You see, we pastors have been watching and listening to many members of our congregation who are going through storms in their lives right now. Maybe they are in danger of losing their home due to foreclosure or have jobs that have been terminated because of the slow economy. Some of these storms are due to illnesses either with an individual or with someone they love. We've walked with people who are experiencing grief because of someone they have lost or maybe they are

trying to hold their own as they endure a crisis within their family. Whatever the cause of these personal storms, whether they have come on suddenly or have been building for a while, the question remains: "What do I do now?" Let me offer a few suggestions:

- There is a Lifeline: Regardless of how difficult or frustrating things may be, there is a God who loves you and will walk through these storms with you.
- Hold on: When you are tempted to let go, call one of us pastors or a trusted friend. No matter how heavy the burden, it is always lighter when you have someone to share it with.
- Get back to the basics: Allow your faith in God to be the foundation that will see you through any storm. Come to worship where you can be reminded of God's love for you and be surrounded by a group of people who truly care about you. Be involved in spiritual disciplines like reading the Bible or praying that helps to grow your faith in God.
- Serve someone: Take the time to help someone else. It will not only be good for them, it could remind you how fortunate and blessed you really are.

Storms can be funny things. One moment, the storms are raging outside and threatening to shake the foundations of our world. The next moment, the storms have passed by and the sun comes out again as bright as ever. Our prayer is that you would find your lifeline that would allow you to weather the storms that come. May God give us all the strength and faith to cling closely to the God who loves us and will always be present with us. Praise be to God for his love that withstands all the storms of our lives!

- Melissa

PRAYER FOCUS



Deuteronomy 4:7 - "What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way our God is near whenever we pray to Him?"

Lord God, that was true in the days of Moses but it is even more true today because of Jesus who has given us open access to your presence. I pray we take time in our day to approach your throne of mercy and grace and draw near to you, knowing your promise to come near to us. In loving gratitude, Amen.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Wonderful Gifts from FCUMC

Did you know that many things have happened at our altar?

- This sacred place is a gift from God as we kneel there.
- Babies have been brought there.
- Many have made commitments to follow Jesus there.
- New members have stood there.
- Couples have pledged their undying love there.
- Confirmation classes have been confirmed there.
- Mission teams have been commissioned there.
- Many prayers have been lifted there.
- Many funerals have been held there.
- Many wonderful sermons have been given there.
- Many songs have been sung as we worship there.

The history committee has chosen to recognize the weddings that have taken place here. We have already honored 40 people who have been shown on our wedding bulletin boards, (seen in the hall beside the History Cabinet). Keep looking as the brides keep coming on and on. Did you get married at our altar? You are a special group. We would like to have your pictures for our history scrapbook. Thanks to Mary Lee Keeler who does this project for FCUMC history.

Do Missions while on Vacation!

Travel size toiletry items are needed! In 2010, our church will once again be a Host Church for IHN Guests (Family Promise - Interfaith Hospitality Network). We will need travel size toiletry items as we prepare to make goody bags for each of our guests. While you are traveling this summer, you may work on this mission project by **picking up those complimentary hotel/motel travel size toiletry items** and bringing them to the church. Please drop them in the green box outside Wesley Hall. If you have any questions please call Julie Knoefel.

Be a Part of Our VBS Service Projects!

Project #1: Suds for Service

For one of our service projects during VBS, we're collecting boxes of powdered laundry detergent that will be scooped out into individual loads for folks coming to the Fountain City Ministry Center. We'd appreciate your donation of detergent very much! Look for drop off locations in the children's area at church.

Project #2: Books for the Bayou

We will also be collecting new and gently used children's books that will be donated to women and children's shelters in Louisiana. Clean out those bookshelves at home and see if you have some books you can share to pass on the gift of literature to kids in need. Look for drop-off locations in the children's area.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please welcome Kyla & Kevin Lewis who joined our church at the 11:00 traditional worship service on Sunday, June 14, 2009. Kyla & Kevin were received by transfer from another denomination, and their daughter, Victoria Rose (pictured), received the sacrament of baptism and is added to our preparatory roll.

CHURCH CALENDAR: JUNE 19 - JUNE 27, 2009

Friday, June 19

- 5:30 PM Youth to Smokies Baseball Game (Offsite)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, June 20

(No events scheduled, VBS setup in place)

Sunday, June 21 - VBS begins

- 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 Worship (Sanctuary)+
The Journey Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
- 3:00 PM GriefShare (Susanna Wesley)*
- 5:00 PM VBS Kick-Off (Fountain City Park)
- 7:00 PM College-Age Bible Study (Offsite)

Monday, June 22 - VBS continues

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (VBS) (Various Rooms)
- 5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
- 6:30 PM Financial Peace University (Room 137)*
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, June 23 - VBS continues

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 137)
- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (VBS) (Various Rooms)
Staff Meeting (Room 208)
- 10:00 AM UMW Executive Board (Room 136)
- 6:30 PM Church Directory Meeting (Room 136)
- 7:00 PM "Thinking Positively" Support Group (Choir Rm)

Wednesday, June 24 - VBS continues

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (VBS) (Various Rooms)

Wednesday, continued

- 12:30 PM Youth VBS Workers Lunch at Creamery
- 5:30 PM Youth Dinner and a Movie (Youth Room)
- 6:30 PM The Journey Band Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)*
- 7:00 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Thursday, June 25 - Last day of VBS

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (VBS) (Various Rooms)
- 3:30 PM Fifth-Grade Return from VBS
- 5:00 PM Singles Program (Wesley Hall)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

Friday, June 26

- 9:00 AM Aerobics (Gym)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, June 27

- 5:30 PM Open Door Community Meal (Gym)

* Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade
+ Activities provided for children from birth through 3-year-old Sunday school.

Nicaragua Fundraising Dinner

Looking for a way to support a good cause and get a great meal at the same time? Come to the Nicaragua fundraising meal on Sunday, June 28 at 12:15 p.m. We will have a fabulous meal together and you will be helping to support the Nicaragua mission team at the same time.

Family Swim Party 1 - a "Splash" Hit!

Our first summer swim party was a huge success. Attendance was good and the weather was great! There were kids of all ages swimming and playing together, parents visiting while they watched their children in the pool, teenagers playing beach volleyball, and church members getting to know guests invited by other members. It's hard to beat the FCUMC Gourmet Dawg, served with all the trimmings, even when some are served as burnt offerings.

If you missed the fun, begin making plans with your family, Sunday School class, church group or organization, and invite a friend. **Family Swim Party 2 is scheduled for August 4**, from 6:00 to 8:30, at Inskip Pool. For more information or to make reservations, please call LeRoy Hatcher at ext 111. Hope to see you there!

The Spirit Bible Question

Question: Who was king of Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar??

Know the answer?

Email your answer to aduncan@fountaincityumc.org.

Last Week's Answer: Abraham married his half-sister.
(Genesis 11:29)

Congratulations to Jay Garrison, Bob Nichols, & Carol Sewell

Emergency On Call - June 19-21

Don Hanshew

June Drivers

Morning: Tim McComas

After Church: Rachael Hedgepeth

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

Construction Update

Sanctuary Air Conditioning Update

As many of you have noticed, there is a loud air movement noise as a result of air conditioning renovations in the sanctuary. This air movement has been checked and rechecked by the architect and engineering firm. Several adjustments are being made to reduce the amount of noise. This process is not precise and could potentially take several weeks of adjustments to accomplish. Please bear with us as we all work our way through the construction changes!

Children's Check-In and More

The Children's Check-In area construction is moving along. This area will be used extensively and will soon be a great addition to our facility. You can't help noticing the flooring changes in the Chapel area. Roofing replacement continues. The gym/multipurpose room is currently being painted. The new air conditioning system in the building sure does feel great with the weather that we are having now. We have so much to be thankful for!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are a well-kept secret. We are specially trained to help people who are experiencing difficult life transitions, such as divorce, death of loved one, children leaving home, or other stressful life events. We provide the support of our caring presence, and are willing listeners. We work confidentially with the pastors to provide the needed support.

Do you feel God calling you to use this gift? A new class is forming later this summer, or early fall to train additional Stephen Ministers. If you are interested, or would like more information about Stephen Ministry call Gail Clift or Susan Schumpert.

Upcoming Youth Events

- June 19, 6:30-10:30 pm: Smokies Game, \$10
- June 24, 5:30-8:00 pm: Wednesday Youth Group, bring \$5 for dinner
- June 24, 12:30-2:30: Youth VBS Workers to the Creamery for lunch, bring lunch \$

IN MEMORY AND HONOR



Capital Campaign: In Memory Of:

Bob Tadlock by Jane King; John & Justine McTeer; Romelda King; Mary Ratcliff; Cecil & Polly Kelly; Bob & Ruth Bryan; Brent Trentham; Ray & Pam King; Edmund Tarver; Bill & Lois Goddard; Jeanie Fox; John & Anna Mays; Sherman & Elizabeth Morton; William & Katherine Russell; D.J. & Jean Moore; Betty Adams; Conrad & Wanda Majors; **Morgan Williams** by John & Anna Mays; **Alma Painter** by Cecil & Polly Kelly; **Lucia Fisher** by Cecil & Polly Kelly; D.J. & Jean Moore
In Honor Of: Bruce & Jean Luttrell by Ralph & Ruth Latham



Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of:

Bob Tadlock by Tom Harrington; Mary Burns;
Alma Painter by Tom Harrington



General Fund: In Memory Of: Bob Tadlock by Charles & Kathy Harrington; Faye Conner; Bobbie Searcy



Older Adult Program: In Memory Of: Alma

Painter by Robert & Carol Lumpkin; Cathy & Michael Hileman



Scholarship Fund: In Memory Of: Bob Tadlock by Mark Biagi



Silver Hammers: In Honor Of: Troy Lawson, Sherman Morton by Earnest & Gwen Sprouse

MEMORIAM

Alice "Babe" Porter, June 12, 2009

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Connie Garvey in the loss of her mother, **Phyllis Bunch**, on June 14, 2009.

HOLY BAPTISM

Victoria Rose Lewis

Baptized Sunday, June 14, 2009

We rejoice with Victoria Rose and her parents, Kevin & Kyla.

THE SPIRIT

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OUR PRAYERS

Members in the Hospital as of June 16, 2009

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Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital

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OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Sunday School	450
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	154
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	305
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	87
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	56
Total Morning Worship	602

OUR GIFTS

Received 6/8-6/14	\$24,884.93
Year to Date	\$617,525.30
Expenses to Date	\$608,174.71
Difference	\$9,350.59
Salt & Light (June)	\$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 G. Shipman, Head Ushers; Melissa Shipman, Paul & Michele Koontz, Neal Cook, John McTeer, Rachael Hedgepeth, Bob Chandler, Bill Reseigh, Tyler Slack, Gary Truett

June Journey Ushers: Brent and Nicole Eldridge

June Greeters: Jerry & Joan Griffey, Lili Holbert, Chris, Ann Marie, & Maria Hurst, Mary Simpson, Daniel & Wendy Hammonds, Cindy Callaway



Kickoff June 21, 5:00 in the Park

Register for VBS before next Monday! Registration forms are available on the registration table in the main hallway outside the church office. Thanks!