



# The Spirit

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## Refreshing/Renewing the Bulletin

Over the next few months we will be experimenting with the format of the Sunday worship bulletin of the traditional services. Our goal is to better communicate who we are as a church, how to get connected in faith and fellowship, and to update the overall look and usefulness of the Sunday bulletin.

We are specifically seeking a small group of church members who are trained either in print design, communication, or marketing to help assist in this project. We will need to meet three times over the next six weeks to help us achieve this goal. Interested individuals should contact Don Hanshew at ext. 108 or at [dhanshew@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:dhanshew@fountaincityumc.org).

## Continuing Education Opportunity Ahead for Program Staff

Those from our church who were privileged to attend Annual Conference in June came home excited about the Conference, including what they heard from Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The church has grown from four people in 1990 to its current membership of 12,000 under his pastoral leadership. It is a church that is serving Christ in many exciting ways, and we feel we have something we can learn from their vision and faithfulness. We don't want to be another Church of the Resurrection in Fountain City. We do want to be a stronger Fountain City United Methodist Church serving Christ in Fountain City and even around the world.

The Church of the Resurrection sponsors a leadership institute each fall that attracts folks from many denominations and from non-denominational churches. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee has agreed to a vision of sending 12 people (the three pastors, full time program staff and six other lay people) with the goal of continuing to develop outstanding leaders and improving the quality of our ministry, preaching and worship. The event is scheduled for October 8-11, including the opportunity to worship at the church.

Expenses for this trip will run about \$7,500. We, obviously, do not have this kind of cash flow but feel it is important for our church to be well represented in this learning opportunity. We are asking for folks to make voluntary contributions to this effort, over and above your regular giving to the church. If you would like to support this financially, please mark your check or envelope "continuing education." We also ask for everyone's prayers for this effort.

If you have access to the Internet and would like to know about this continuing education opportunity, visit the Institute's website at [www.cor.org/li2009](http://www.cor.org/li2009). You will find what you want there and more!

We are grateful for our staff's willingness and eagerness to continue to grow in their leadership skills.

**Visit the updated website at [www.fountaincityumc.org](http://www.fountaincityumc.org) and let us know what you think!**

## Worship With Us!

**July 19, 2009**

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

"It Wasn't Easy Then.

It's Not Easy Now"

Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

**the  
Journey**

"A Song of Trust"

Psalm 27

Sermon by Melissa Smith  
& Don Hanshew

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## THE PASTOR CORNERED

As I read the newspaper this past Saturday, I found myself scratching my head over a couple of items related to sports and entertainment. In most economic times, I would have just thought, "Wow, that's a lot of money for . . ." However, given our nation's current economic situation, I had to wonder about what on earth is going on when I read articles like these.

The first has to do with the very-close-to-home world of sports, particularly the University of Tennessee. I don't know why I am ever surprised to read about the \$\$ pumped into the athletic program. And, yes, I know. I know. The money spent comes from income from the athletic program. The most recent bit of news that jolted me is that "The (athletic) department is . . . engaged in major facility upgrades, including a \$200 million master plan for Neyland Stadium." They can do it because "donations to the athletic department have risen from \$19.5 million in 2003 to \$42 million in 2008 . . ." They work hard to make it happen, and they give something back to the people.

The more heart-shaking bit of news comes out of North Carolina. Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel is engaged in a \$633 million project that will transform the property into the largest hotel in the state with more than 1,100 rooms, including 78 new suites. The casino will almost double in size to 150,000 square feet, which is more than twice the size of our church building. The number of games will increase from 3,400 to more than 5,000. A second parking garage (eight stories) is in the works. Hmmm. I wonder where the money is coming from for this project. Be sure that the Cherokee Casino and Hotel has not received even one penny of my money.

My head-scratching comes in when I am reminded of the huge impact that sports and

entertainment have on our society. I enjoy both, to a certain extent. I'll have to admit that I was over the deaths of Michael Jackson and Steve McNair much sooner than the press has seemed to be, although I'll admit I know those are big news items. And I am sorry that both happened.

All this to say, I am still having a difficult time figuring out how, in this down economic condition in which we find ourselves, income to sports and entertainment (especially gambling) steps up and income to churches and other non-profit, charitable institutions slows down. There, obviously, is still money out there in people's pockets. Most of my pastor friends are lamenting the impact that slowed-down giving is having on their churches' ministry. I am sure that psychologists and like-minded folks have it all figured out. Whatever the reasoning behind it, I still grieve over it.

Regarding the casino aspect, I guess people are always looking "for something for nothing" and are willing to spend huge amounts of money to find that "something." Regarding the faith aspect of giving, we all know we cannot buy our faith. We have already received "something for nothing" (at least "nothing" on our part). However, I still marvel that we as a people of faith, worldwide, have not yet caught on to the biblical vision and teaching of giving back to God's work in gratitude for what God has done for us so that the proclamation of the Good News can continue to spread.

I'm still scratching my head. Maybe that is what has happened to all my hair.



- Jim

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## PRAYER FOCUS



Luke 19:9-10: "Jesus said to him [Zacchaeus], 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.'"

*Lord Jesus, your purpose is stated in the passage and we all were once the lost. I pray that I never forget that you have saved me for the same purpose to seek the lost. Since you are the only one who knows each person's heart, I ask you to give me boldness to tell the persons you place in my life of your redeeming love. For the building of your church, Amen.*

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## FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

### Parents - Would You Like a Night Out?

Consider joining the FCUMC Parent Night Out Cooperative Ministry! Our fall session begins in September and we would love for you to become a member of our parent team! You will agree to “work” one night taking care of the kids and enjoy three nights out without the kids! Our fall session dates are September 11, October 23, November 13, and December 11. Our evenings run 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm. The kids love it and the parents usually find something fun to do around town. You must be Safe Sanctuary trained to participate. We care for infant children through 5th grade. Cost is \$10 per child (pays for all dinners, snacks, etc. for the four nights). Single parents are welcome! Spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call Caroline O’Hara, 384-5873, to register.

### Let’s Go Square Dancing and Line Dancing

Plan now to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we visit the Knoxville Squares at the Square Dance Center, for an evening of Line and Square Dancing. Some of their regular members have invited FCUMC to bring a group and “circle up” or “line up” with them on Tuesday, July 28, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. No experience is needed, and instructions are easy to follow. The environment is very family friendly (children 10 and over). Singles are welcome and no partner is required. Cost is \$4 per person and includes refreshments. Please call LeRoy Hatcher at 689-5175, ext 111 if you have any questions, or to make arrangements to travel as a group.

### Family Swim Party

Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, August 4, from 6:00 to 8:30 at Inskip Pool. Drinks, hot dogs, and snacks are available for \$3.50 per person, or \$10.00 per family. Extra dogs and “dopes” (drinks) are available for 50 cents each.

This is an excellent opportunity for families, Sunday School classes, church groups, and folks of all ages to gather around the pool for a social evening of “elegant” dining, fun, and fellowship.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please welcome Cristi, Brett, and Brayden Johnson who joined our church at the 11:00 traditional worship service on Sunday, July 12, 2009. Brett joined by transfer from another denomination. Cristi was received by baptism and profession of faith. Brayden was baptised and is now a preparatory member of our congregation. Their phone number is 335-7799, and their fellowship friends are David and Misty Brown.

### The Spirit Bible Question

**Question:** What did the three branches represent in the dream that Joseph interpreted for the Pharaoh's cupbearer?

**Know the answer?** Email your answer to [aduncan@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:aduncan@fountaincityumc.org).

**Last Week's Answer:** Judge *Ehud* was left-handed. (Judges 3:15)  
Congratulations to Jay Garrison (watch out folks, he's back!)

### Second Chance!

Jim & Melissa's sermon on their vision for the church (preached on June 28) can be seen on our website. Go to “Resources,” then click “Sermon Archive” to view, print, download, share, or whatever you choose to do with it!

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

### Blogging from Nicaragua

Very early on the morning of July 11, 13 team members from Fountain City United Methodist Church boarded a plane and headed out to El Ayudante, a ministry that works to support the poor and underserved of Nicaragua. As a way to help share the work of the Nicaragua team, you can track the progress of the team on their blog. Go to the church website and look for the Nicaragua Mission Team link on the right.

**Attention VBS kids!** Remember the crafts and salvation bracelets that you all made? There is a picture on the blog of the kids in Nicaragua receiving those very same bracelets!

*Some highlights from the blog...*



*Yes, that's Melissa on the left... hard at work as usual. (On the way to La Majada)*



*VBS team mixing snacks*

*Hanging out at the orphanage*



### Upcoming Youth Events

- July 22, 5:30 pm: Wednesday Youth Group (bring \$5 for supper)
- July 23, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm: Mission Project: Wesley House
- July 26-31: Middle School Mission trip to Marion, VA
- August 2: Confirmation Orientation during Sunday School
- August 14: Lock-In at St. Mary's Health & Fitness

### Youth Handbell Placement

Fountain City UMC offers two handbell ensembles for youth - an advanced group that rehearses on Sunday evening, and a beginning/intermediate group that rehearses on Tuesday afternoons.

If you or your youth is interested in being a part of one of these groups and you have not rung in a handbell group before, please contact Andrew Duncan for information about how you can get involved.

Andrew Duncan - ext. 108; [aduncan@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:aduncan@fountaincityumc.org)

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## CHURCH CALENDAR - JULY 17-25

### Friday, July 17

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

### Saturday, July 18 - Nicaragua Mission Returns

- 10:00 AM Basketball (Gencay) (Gym)

### Sunday, July 19

- 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)+  
3:00 PM GriefShare (Susanna Wesley)\*  
6:00 PM Youth Growth Groups (Various Rooms)\*  
7:00 PM College-Age Bible Study (Offsite)

### Monday, July 20

- 9:00 AM Aerobics (Gym)  
10:00 AM Singles Lunch at Flatwater Grill (Offsite)  
5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)  
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

### Tuesday, July 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 137)  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 208)  
10:00 AM Bridge (Youth Room)

### Wednesday, July 22

- 9:00 AM Aerobics (Gym)  
5:30 PM Youth Group (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, July 23

- 6:45 AM Leisure Ministry Trip to Braves Game (Offsite)  
11:00 AM Youth Mission Project - Wesley House (Offsite)  
7:00 PM Volleyball (Gym)\*  
Journey Worship Planning (Susanna Wesley)\*  
9:00 PM Basketball (Gym)

### Friday, July 24

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

### Saturday, July 25

- 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.

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### Emergency On Call - July 17-19

Don Hanshew

### July Drivers

Morning: Chuck Brooks  
After Church: Chuck Johnston

## IN MEMORY AND HONOR



**Capital Campaign: In Memory Of: Alma Painter** by Pamela White; **Edna Moseley** by Dot Avers; Jean Fleenor; Physicians & Employees at Norwood Family Practice; Ethel & Gene Carden; Cecil & Polly Kelly; John & Anna Mays; **Margaret Harrison** by Troy & June Lawson; John & Anna Mays; **Faye Gadd** by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians Class; Ethel & Gene Carden; Cecil & Polly Kelly; Phil & Dixie Bopp; Pat & Warren Prator; Tom & Lili Holbert; Gary & Teresa Hillard; John & Anna Mays; Charles Harrington; **Alice "Babe" Porter** by Cecil & Polly Kelly; John & Anna Mays; **Bob Tadlock** by Phil & Dixie Bopp; Paul & Irene Tarver  
**In Honor Of: FCUMC** by MOPS of Fountain City; **Charlotte Musgraves, Helen Smith, Gwen Sprouse, Dot Stuart, Virginia Frye** by Chloe Harrington



**Flower Fund: In Honor Of: Pastors, Director of Music, our Choir, our Organist, & our Pianist** by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians Class



**Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of: Faye Gadd** by Pete & Liz Brown; Bobbie Searcy; Sam & Becky Johnston; Tom Harrington; **Edna Moseley** by Mac & Bill English



**General Fund: In Memory Of: Faye Gadd** by D.J. & Jean Moore; Ralph & Ruth Latham; **Edna Moseley** by Mary Emma Scott; Faye Conner  
**In Honor Of: Wesley Scott Coble, Mary Emma Scott, Jerry & Joan Griffey, Rev. Dan Kelly** by Lula Mae Winegar



**Scholarship Fund: In Memory Of: Faye Gadd** by Evelyn T. Carter

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## MEMORIAM



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Margaret Evans**, on her death on July 13, 2009.

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**Medical Transportation:** Jean Payne

**Stephen Ministry:** Gail Clift

**Intercessory Prayer**

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

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## THE SPIRIT

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### OUR PRAYERS

#### Members in the Hospital as of July 14, 2009

(removed for privacy)

#### Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital

(removed for privacy)

### OUR PRESENCE

#### Sunday, July 12, 2009

Sunday School	427
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	153
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	313
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	83
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	62
Nicaragua Mission Team	13
Total Morning Worship	<b>624</b>

### OUR GIFTS

Received 7/6-7/12	\$26,037.79
Year to Date	\$725,359.97
Expenses to Date	\$725,470.53
Difference	(\$110.56)
Salt & Light (July)	\$170.00

### OUR SERVICE

**July 8:30 Ushers:** Barry & Louanne Clabough,  
Head Ushers; Jack Ridenour, Sharon Smith

**July 11:00 Ushers:** John Bolton & Gary Bentley,  
Head Ushers; Mike Rogers, Sherman & Elizabeth  
Morton, Angela & Ken Lett, Charlie Durham,  
Anne & Bob Nichols, Reuben & Lou Ann Holland

**July Journey Ushers:** Gene & Mandy Patton

**July Greeters:** Cheryl Bible, Susy Gray, Phil &  
Dixie Bopp, LeRoy Hatcher, Wanda Majors,  
Susan Norton, Sherry Van Meter

### July Salt & Light Focus

The July focus for the special missions giving is the Fountain City Ministry Center. FCMC is a joint effort of 11 churches in the Fountain City area. The Ministry Center operates a food pantry which offers emergency food to the needy. A clothing closet is available for infants and young children. Our Salt & Light gifts will enable the Ministry Center to reach out to more families that need assistance. Please join in supporting this important ministry that helps our local community in so many ways!