



The Spirit

Pastors: James E. Whedbee, Donald R. Hanshew Jr., Melissa R. Smith

Fundraising Lunch

August 30, Following 11 a.m. Worship

Baked spaghetti, salad, brownie and ice cream! What a great way to eat with friends and enjoy supporting a team from our congregation attending a leadership event in October! Make plans now to attend this fundraising lunch next week!

Got Annual Conference?

In order to equalize the number of lay and clergy members of the Holston Annual Conference, which will meet June 13-16, 2010, members-at-large will be elected to represent the Knoxville district. If you would like to serve in this way or have any questions, please contact one of the pastors no later than September 1. Members will be elected at the Knoxville District Conference on September 13. Annual Conference is a great week of worship, Bible study, doing Conference business and enjoying good United Methodist fellowship. Those from our church who attended this year are: Brennan Smith, Carol Lytle, Brenda Gratz, Mary Frances Tucker, Carrie Carter, Ed Carter, Dan Kelly, Alta Huskey, Jay Garrison and the pastors.

Street Entrance for Church Directory Pictures

The entrance for Directory pictures is on Fountain Road behind the church. Directory pictures are being taken in Susanna Wesley room behind the sanctuary. You may park right next to the entrance and walk right in. For security reasons, most other doors except for the set of four doors next to the church office will be locked when pictures are being taken. Please call the office for handicapped access. Smile pretty!

Looking for a new Sunday School class?

Come join us for a new class starting August 30th - LiveFaith in room 138. We seek to grow our relationship with God as we challenge each other to live our faith as we study social, current and world events. We will be studying the Adam Hamilton's series Christianity's Family Tree as we discover what other Christians believe and why.

Parents of College Students

Please help us keep in contact with your college student by providing the church with their school mailing address, cell phone number, and email address. You can call the church office with this information (689-5175) or email the information to msmith@fountaincityumc.org. Thanks for your help!

Worship With Us!

August 30, 2009

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

"It's All About the Heart"
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

**the
Journey**

"Don't Freak Out!"
Luke 19:1-10
Sermon by Melissa Smith

Wednesday Fellowship

September 2, 2009

Fellowship Meal Menu (5:30)

Bacon-wrapped Chicken Breast
with Monterey Jack Cheese,
Summertime Rice Pilaf, Roll,
Mandarin Orange Spinach Salad,
Peach Cobbler

Light Side: Baked Chicken Breast
Steamed Vegetable Medley

Kid's Menu: Chicken Nuggets,
French Fries, Fresh Fruit & Veggies,
Yogurt, Cupcakes

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Adults \$6, Children (5th grade and
under) \$3; Families of 3 or more
\$16, Seniors (65+) \$5

Make your reservations on the
worship attendance card, or call
the church office before noon on
Tuesday, September 1.

THE PASTOR CORNERED

You have been very kind and generous in your comments regarding my Pastor Cornered from last week and my sermon this past Sunday. Now, let me let you in on a little secret and then make a suggestion.

The Pastor Cornered was written while Judy and I were on the cruise, and most of the sermon was also written at sea. Perhaps there was just something about the cool Alaskan air and being away from the “hectivity” of home and church that allowed God to get through to me a little more easily than usual. That said, I would certainly be open to returning to that same venue. Having already seen most of that part of God’s beautiful world, I would just pretty much stay in my room and on the balcony – except for occasional visits to the dining areas. In seven days, I could knock out at least three Pastor Cornereds and sermons. No more visits to the laundromat to play the machines.

If the church would like to pay my way and allow me to be gone for another couple of weeks, I would try my best to figure out a way to do that. Of course, I would want Judy there with me. So someone would need to contact South College and see if they will let her be away again. They probably would not cover her salary for that period, so the church would need to take up that expense also.

Please contact Carol Sewell, Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair, and let her know of your desire to see this happen. Not only would you benefit through better work from me, but think how much happier the rest of the staff would be to have me gone again. And by the way, they are great actors. They really acted like they were glad to have me back.

Okay, let me get my tongue out of my cheek long enough to repeat part of my sermon from yesterday.

“I want to tell you something here and now that I hope you already know, and that is that my relationship with God through Christ continues stronger than ever because, as a branch, I am connected to the vine. I receive my nourishment from the vine In union with Christ, I strive daily to bear fruit and to bring glory to God. Help me do that. Help me stay responsible as we stay in relationship with God and with one another.”

I’m serious about that – more so, certainly, than I am about my first request in this Pastor Cornered. I do ask for your help in helping me stay responsible in my relationship with God. Only as I grow in that relationship can I best grow in relationship with you and in my opportunities as one of your pastors. I hope we will all be responsible to each other and help each other in this journey of faith. We are in this together – or we’re not in it at all.

In an email I received this morning, the writer said: “I wanted to come to the altar and say, me too . . . I want to love God more, abide in Him more, and glorify Him with my life. Your words reminded me of His desire for us just to be closer to Him.”

I wish we would feel more comfortable about doing that, about coming to the altar, about letting one another know of our spiritual hopes and dreams so we can help one another. At least, let us speak to one another and seek each other’s guidance as we, first of all, seek God’s.

Okay, I don’t believe the second cruise idea will fly, I mean sail. I do believe, however, that my last request might just work! Think about it. Pray about it.

- Jim

PRAYER FOCUS



Matthew 7:8: “Everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Lord, you encourage us to ask and to be persistent in our asking. You and You alone know our needs and the timing in which You will meet those needs. I pray that each of us would learn in our waiting that Your way is always on time and exactly what we need. In the name of Jesus, amen.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

This Could Change Your Life

As a church we offer many opportunities for you to grow in faith and service to God with your gifts. But there is one opportunity we don't want you to miss. Our most comprehensive and intensive Bible study offered at the church is Disciple. This fall we will be offering both a short term (8-12 week) and long term (34 week) Disciple class. In these studies you will meet with 12 to 16 other Christians weekly for an intensive time of study and reflection on scripture. You'll learn the historical background, the geography of the Bible, its major themes, and how this helps you grow your faith.

As pastors we find that those people who have taken Disciple have a deeper knowledge of the scriptures, read the Bible with greater understanding, and find it has a significant positive effect on their lives. In addition they build significant friendships with others. As pastors we believe this study is important, and would be helpful for you if you desire to embrace other leadership in the church and community. Child care is available for all sessions. If you have an interest in participating in a Disciple class, come to an information session or contact Don Hanshew, ext 110. Groups will be forming in the next few weeks.

Net News

The Net is off to a great start with eleven participants. **Many thanks** to those who have contributed both financially and as volunteers / substitutes this past year. It takes a village to raise a child. I call upon your many talents to contribute in whatever way you enjoy. If you can lead a woodworking class one day, creative art, cooking, story-telling, magic, kite making, or any other gift, I invite you to share. We also need volunteers to develop the on-going positive adult relationships these young people need. I can be reached at jevans@fountaincityumc.org, 865-548-8855 cell, or 689-5175 ext. 119.

Janice Evans, Director of the Net

The next **Stephen Ministry** meeting will be September 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 136.

Melton Scholarship Awarded

The 2009 Melton Scholarship has been awarded to Christina Burroughs and Maggie Williams. Christina attends UT and Maggie is a student at Maryville College. Both young ladies have been quite visible this summer while serving as Children's Interns. Congratulations!

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Melton Scholarship Fund. This scholarship was established to honor Dr. William Melton for his many years of service as a church choir director and choral music director for Knox County Schools.

Discerning the Voice of God

How to Recognize When God Speaks

This will be a six week study on Sunday nights beginning Sunday, September 13 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Room 106. If you would like to join in this study, please contact Carol Lytle at 687-3328 (e-mail clytle7725@comcast.net) in order to have a workbook available for you.

Maintenance Requests

As always, there are a few maintenance issues in the church building. Since the facilities staff does not know about a problem, please do not assume that anyone knows about it. If you know of any maintenance issue, please pick up a house phone and dial ext 202. Black house phones are located all through the building. The facilities staff will take the information and react appropriately. If you do not reach a live person at extension 202, please dial the facilities office at extension 113 and leave a message. Please be as specific as you can. This information is incredibly helpful. Unfortunately, telling someone in the hallway is probably not a good idea.

If there is an emergency, please contact the church office immediately. This will help the facilities staff greatly.

CHURCH CALENDAR - 8/28 - 9/5

Friday, August 28

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, August 29

10:00 AM Basketball (Gencay) (Gym)

Sunday, August 30

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)+
12:30 PM Continuing Education Lunch Fundraiser (Gym)
5:00 PM *OffeRing* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
6:00 PM Nichols Bible Study (Room 137)
Tween Team Studio (Choir Room)
Youth Growth Groups (Youth Room)*
7:15 PM College-Age Bible Study (Offsite)

Monday, August 31

8:30 AM Preschool (M-F) (Preschool Hallway)
9:00 AM Aerobics (Gym) (M-W-F)
Esther Bible Study (Location TBD)
3:30 PM The Net (M-F) (The Net Room)
5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
6:00 PM Permanent Endowment Committee (Room 137)
6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Meetings (Various Rooms)
MOPS Steering Team (Room 136)*
7:00 PM "The Shack" Study (Wesley Hall)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 137)
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 208)
10:00 AM Bridge (Room 135)
4:00 PM *OffeRing II* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Room 117)
7:00 PM The Net Ministry Team (Room 137)*

Wednesday, September 2

4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 PM *Genesis* Children's Handchimes (Handbell Room)
5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)
6:30 PM Middle & High School Bible Study
Tollers Adult Handbells (Bell Room)+
Wednesday Night Live (Children's Choirs)
Parenting Partners (Room 201)+
Understanding Poverty (Room 138)+
Pastors' Bible Study (Room 137)+
The Bible & Prayer (Room 117)+

Wednesday, continued...

6:30 PM Caregivers (Room 204)+
Prayer Ministry (Room 102)+
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
7:45 PM *The Journey* Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Thursday, September 3

8:00 AM Building Sub-Committee (Room 136)
9:00 AM GED Discussion (Room 137)
Poverty Discussion (Room 138)
7:00 PM Co-Ed Softball (Offsite)
7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

Friday, September 4

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, September 5

10:00 AM Basketball (Gencay) (Gym)

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

Calling All Kids!

Wednesday Night Live (6:30-7:30) is a great place to have fun with your friends and an exciting way to learn about Jesus.

Sprouts (3 year olds) meet from 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm for a music and movement class. The **Wiggle Worms** (4 & 5 year-olds) and **Cross Trainers** (1st and 2nd graders) rotate between music & movement, and arts & crafts. **Tween Team** (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders) is an energetic group that plays games, has Bible studies, and works on service projects together (Tween Team Studio also meets on Sunday nights to learn drama skits, music, and media production).

Call Andrew Duncan at ext. 108 or Sherri Smith at ext. 117 for more information!

Emergency On Call - August 28-30

Melissa Smith

August Drivers

Morning: Brent Eldridge

After Church: Craig Holtzclaw

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

CHURCH BAZAAR



What's your Passion?

Dine, shop, bake, donate, create, support, pray...

Whatever your passion, the Bazaar needs **you!**

Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the church gym.

Lunch -11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in *The Bistro* (Wesley Hall)

(*Soup, Sandwich, Salad, Dessert and Drink*)

If everyone in our church donates just one item to the Bazaar, the gym will be packed for Saturday. **Sign-up** on the "Interactive/Working" Bulletin Board in the hallway next to Wesley Hall.

Donations Needed

Do you have: books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, or games you are ready to pass on, toys that your children don't use anymore? Antiques & collectibles that need a new home, unique or eclectic items /glassware which are not necessarily antiques? Christmas items in good shape that you won't be using anymore? New items you were given but have never been opened?

Are you talented in: baking, canning, stitchery, knitting, crochet, needlepoint or cross-stitch? Wood working, painting, charcoal sketches, or photography? Jewelry making, silk arrangements, crafts of any type, or donating to the Silent Auction?

If you said "yes" to any of the above...**We need your donations for the Church-Wide Bazaar!** Pick up a Green Flyer with all the details of items you may donate to each booth.

The sky is the limit, and anything that you contribute will find a booth home. The bazaar is our Church Fall Festival. If you have an idea, please share it. Our church has so many talents....**so what is your passion?**

The 2005 Bazaar raised \$8,520 and the 2007 Bazaar raised \$7,800, all for missions. If you have items you need to store, want to work a booth at the Bazaar or have questions please contact Julie Knoefel (405-7251).

IN MEMORY AND HONOR



Choir Fund: In Memory Of:
Gwen Sprouse by Bob & Anne Nichols



Fountain City Ministry Center:
In Memory Of: *Patsy Adkins, Doug Condry*
by Tom Harrington
In Honor Of: *Charlie Potts, Bob Temple* by the Christian Fellowship Class

 **The Net: In Memory Of:** *Bob Nine* by Myra Nine

MEMORIAM

Douglas "Doug" Condry, Aug. 16, 2009
Our sympathy is extended to Katy and Zach, and other family members and friends.

Youth Ocoee River Rafting

September 13, 11 am – 10 pm - \$35

Registration ends this Sunday, August 30!

Youth Growth Groups

We want every youth at FCUMC to feel connected to Christian friends and caring Christian adults. Growth Groups are a great way for this to happen. Growth Groups are groups of 8-10 youth and 2-3 adults helping encourage each other in their Christian journey. There are Growth Groups for high school guys, high school girls, middle school guys and middle school girls. Fall Growth Groups start this Sunday at 6:00 pm in the youth room. Come join us.

The Spirit Bible Question

Question: Where were the apostles first called Christians?

Know the answer? Email your answer to aduncan@fountaincityumc.org.

Last Week's Answer: The priest thought that Hannah was *drunk* when he saw her praying (Samuel 1:12-13)

Congratulations to Bob Nichols, Jay Garrison, & Evelyn Carter!

THE SPIRIT

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OUR PRAYERS

Members in the Hospital as of August 25, 2009
(removed for privacy)

Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital
(removed for privacy)

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, August 23, 2009

Sunday School	441
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	206
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	319
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	111
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	60
Total Morning Worship	696

OUR GIFTS

Received 8/17-8/23	\$13,126.23
Year to Date	\$853,790.17
Expenses to Date	\$880,298.49
Difference	(-\$26,508.32)
Salt & Light (August)	\$108.00

OUR SERVICE

August 8:30 Ushers: Charles & Celia Thompson, Head Ushers; Troy Lawson, David & Debbie Vandergriff, Rogan Oliver

August 11:00 Ushers: Gary & Mark Hillard, Head Ushers; Jason Hillard, Frank & Nancy Faulkner, Buzzy Freeman, Teresa Hillard, Nicole & Brent Eldridge, Perry Benshoof, Gary McMahon

August Journey Ushers: Richard & Sonja Bock

August Greeters: Sue Bricchetto, Jackie Benshoof, Lynn Osborne, Erma Prather, Virginia Frye

Upcoming Youth Events

- Aug. 30, 6 pm: Fall Growth Groups Start
- **Aug. 30: White Water rafting registration due**
- Sep. 9: Middle School Retreat Early Registration Ends
- Sep. 13: White Water Rafting 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (\$35)
- Oct. 2-4: Middle School Fall Retreat
- Oct. 14: High School Retreat Early Registration Ends
- Oct. 18: Virginia Creeper Bike Trail Trip (\$20)
- Nov. 13-15: High School Fall Retreat