



The Spirit

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New Three-Part Sermon Series Starting September 13

From time to time we all forget some of the basics that make us who we are as Christians. Starting September 13 we will begin a three-part sermon series in all three worship services: Why do we need Jesus? Why do we need this church? Why does the world need us?

Consecration Service Scheduled

In thanksgiving to God for the blessings we are enjoying through our recent building project, we will gather on Sunday, September 20, to offer the renovations and additions to the glory of God. This service of consecration will take place on the front lawn of the church at 10:35 a.m. (In the event of rain, we will gather in the sanctuary.) All Sunday school classes (except age 3 and under) will adjourn at 10:30; all other children will need to be picked up at that time. Limited seating will be available for those who need it.

We look forward to this time of worship. Immediately following this service, we will proceed to our usual places of 11:00 worship.

Sunday School Room Usage

In recent months, if you found your Sunday school room looking differently than the last Sunday, it meant that there was construction and renovation happening throughout the building.

Now, with construction almost complete, Sunday school rooms are used throughout the week for different functions including boy scouts, cub scouts, Dance for Joy, church meetings, staff meetings, Wednesday Night Live groups, directory photography and so on. There are just a few rooms in the building that don't get used during the week.

After rooms are used, each space is returned as close as possible to prior to usage. Since rooms are used often during the week, feel free to rearrange as you wish on Sunday mornings.

Keep in mind that the continual usage of Sunday school rooms indicates a vibrant growing church. Your class should be proud to be a part of this growth.

Worship With Us!

September 13, 2009

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

"Why" Sermon Series - #1

"It's All About Jesus"

Matthew 16:13-15

II Corinthians 5:16-19

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

**the
Journey**

"Why Do We Need Jesus?"

John 14:4-11

Sermon by Don Hanshaw

Wednesday Fellowship

September 16, 2009

Fellowship Meal Menu (5:30)

Chicken d'Iberville, Mixed

Vegetable Medley, Rolls,

Cole Slaw, Apple Pie

Light Side: Baked Chicken Breast

Mixed Vegetable Medley

Kid's Menu: Hot Dogs, Chips,

Fresh Fruit & Veggies, Yogurt,

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Adults \$6, Children (5th grade and

under) \$3; Families of 3 or more

\$16, Seniors (65+) \$5

Make your reservations **online (new!)**, on the worship attendance card, or call the church office before noon on Tuesday, September 15.

Get the Spirit online! Register at the bottom of our website.

THE PASTOR CORNERED

I need your help, my friends, in a very important task. I need your help so that I might love Don Hanshew once again. Don and I have known each other for over seven years. We have worked with each other for over seven years, and I thought I knew Don. I thought I knew the real Don, but last week he shattered my grand view of who he is. Until then, I had known him to be a standard bearer of humility and relationship, heart and servanthood. I thought he had actually been listening to my sermons the past few weeks. However, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, he – in my opinion – took off the garment of humility and wrapped himself with an eagerness to win at all costs, even perhaps at the possible cost of a long-time friendship.

As you know and are probably tired of hearing about, Judy and I took a cruise a few weeks ago in Alaska. I mentioned in a Pastor Cornered article that I had won a silver medal on the cruise but, in my humility, never told you what it was for. Well, I must tell you now that it was in a ping-pong tournament with representatives of other nations. And, no, it was not a seniors' tournament, as many have suggested. I beat a young child, a teenager, a young adult, and a middle-aged person. The gold medal champion was probably about 10 years younger than I am.

So anyway, Don and I decided last Wednesday afternoon to finish off a two-hour meeting with a ping pong match. For seven years I have beat Don in every match of ping-pong we have played. (He says he won one before my cruise.) Oh, he would occasionally beat me in one game but never two out of three. Wednesday he did. I am having a hard time continuing to love Don.

I probably should have played with my medal around my neck as a reminder to him of how good I am. That would have intimidated him, no doubt; and I would have won. But humble as I am, I just couldn't bring myself to do that. I finally have to admit that Don has gotten much, much better. And it humbles me to think that, but I'm here to serve notice to Don that his victory was a fluke.

Now, Melissa is another story (in more ways than one). We alternate wins. Each of us will get on a streak from time to time, so I expect her to win occasionally. Don has set a new standard for ping-pong playing, and I am going to have to try to measure up.

I say all this to remind us, as I did in my sermon this past Sunday, that we all have standards; but our real standard is Jesus. And this coming Sunday, in all our worship services, we are going to be asking the question, "Why Jesus?" Who is he? What does he mean to us?

Okay, I've decided I can't blame Don. He worked at it, and he has succeeded. I'll still love him, but if he beats me again. . . . Well, I'll keep on loving him. Jesus tells me I need to. Unlike this scenario in which I'm just trying to get your attention, sometimes it really is hard to love, and that's just one of the reasons I need Jesus. And quite often the problem is with the one trying to love, so I guess

Why Jesus? We need him!

- Jim

PRAYER FOCUS

Mark 14:34: "Stay here and keep watch."



Lord Jesus,

Faith is our weapon in this world and prayer is our communication with headquarters from which all our resources come. Help us to stay here and keep watch until you come or call us home.

For Your name's sake, Amen.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Put the FUN back in Parenting!

Elizabeth Kose, certified Independent Facilitator for Love & Logic, will be presenting an overview of Love and Logic on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Parents or educators are invited to attend this informative meeting where Elizabeth will discuss the basic principles and philosophies behind becoming a Love and Logic parent/teacher.

Sunday evenings, beginning September 27 and ending October 25, a five (5) week series of Love and Logic philosophy, techniques, and strategies will be offered. Sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. The course fee is \$50.00 per couple or \$35.00 per person. Scholarships are available. Sign up for either session with full payment by September 13 and receive a discount of \$10.00 per couple or \$5.00 per person. Love and Logic workbooks will be available for \$15.00. Childcare is available, if requested when you register.

To register or for more information for "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," please contact Elizabeth at (865) 809-9075 or elizabethkose@yahoo.com.

Getting Crafty with the Net

The NET youth have creative artistic interests and would love to have assistance obtaining the following items for a tee shirt tie-dye project and other crafts:

- White or cream colored tee shirts sizes (need 5 of each): adult small, medium, and large
- Lots of colorful Sharpie pens
- Colorful ribbons
- Sketching pencils, charcoal, paper

And for hungry stomachs:

- Dried fruit or raisins, and other healthy snacks
- Paper plates, cups, plastic spoons and forks

Thank you for your support of our middle-school youth. For more information or to volunteer, contact Janice Evans. Thanks!

Janice Evans jevans@fountaincityumc.org,
689-5175, ext 119



It's Just Ten Weeks Away!

The Bazaar is November 7th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. It is our fall festival (not a rummage sale) which we have every other year (odd years) and is the first Saturday in November. In 2007, we raised \$7,800 for missions in just one day.

Have you signed up to donate? The Church-wide Bazaar needs your donations.. Stop by the mobile bulletin board outside Wesley Hall. Lots of items are needed, and if each person donates just one item, the gym will be full of items for the Bazaar.

Plan to shop till you drop. Have lunch at The Bistro (Wesley Hall) where there will be soups, sandwiches, salads, and desserts. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend our 45th Church-wide Bazaar. Call Julie Knoefel if you have ideas or questions (405-7251).

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Please welcome Martha Trundle into our church family. Martha joined by United Methodist transfer at the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, September 6, 2009. Her fellowship friend is Janet Bolus.

CHURCH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER II-19

Friday, September 11

- 11:00 AM JOY Club (Wesley Hall)
7:00 PM Clarinet and Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

- 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)+
12:15 PM Disciple Information Meeting (137)*
4:30 PM Family & Life Ministry Meeting (Room 136)
5:00 PM *OffeRing* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
Staff Parish Relations Committee (Room 117)
6:00 PM Love & Logic (Wesley Hall)*
Sunday Night Bible Study (Room 137)
Parent Support Groups (Room 138)*
Tween Team Studio (Choir Room)
"Discerning the Voice of God" Study (Rm 106)
7:15 PM College-Age Bible Study (Offsite)

Monday, September 14

- 8:30 AM Preschool (M-F) (Preschool Hallway)
9:00 AM Aerobics (M,W,F) (Gym)
9:30 AM Esther Bible Study (Wesley Hall)
3:30 PM The Net (M-F) (The Net Room)
4:00 PM Middle School Yoga Class (Gym)
5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
6:00 PM Women's Focus Group (Room 138)*
7:00 PM Circle 6 (Wesley Hall)*
Preschool Parent Meeting (Gym)
Cub Scout Den Meetings (Various Rooms)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, September 15

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 137)
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 208)
10:00 AM Bridge (Youth Room)
Knitters (Room 137)
4:00 PM *OffeRing II* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)

Wednesday, September 16

- 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 PM *Genesis* Children's Handchimes (Handbell Room)
5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)

Wednesday, continued

- 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)+
High School Youth Group (Net Room)+
Tollers Adult Handbells (Bell Room)+
Wednesday Night Live Children's Activities
(Upstairs Children's Wing)+
Parenting Partners (Room 201)+
Understanding Poverty (Room 138)+
Pastors' Bible Study (Room 137)+
The Bible & Prayer (Room 117)+
Caregivers (Room 204)+
Prayer Ministry (Room 102)+
Short-Term Disciple Study (Susanna Wesley)+
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 17

- 9:30 AM UMW Executive Board (Room 137)
4:30 PM Children's Yoga (Gym)
6:00 PM Adults Yoga (Gym)
6:30 PM Bariatric Support Group (Choir Room)
Special Needs Ministry (Room 137)*
7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

Friday, September 18

- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, September 19

(Last Day for Directory Pictures)

- 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



Church Picnic - Sep. 20, 2009

Fellowship begins at 3:00 with dinner and bluegrass music starting around 5:00. See you there!

Emergency On Call - September 11-13

Jim Whedbee

August Drivers

Morning: Harry McLeod
After Church: Steve Ferguson

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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. 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!

Panels for Sale

The Trustees have decided to sell the former modesty panels (nice hardwood panels) from the choir loft. If you are interested in making an offer, please contact John Meade at 688-9551. Pictures of the panels are available online.

Journey Hospitality

The Journey is intentionally designed to be a casual approach to contemporary worship. When you enter the service, you will be greeted and welcomed. Grab a cup of coffee if you want!

To encourage even more fellowship and relationship-building, we are seeking volunteers who could:

- Bring snacks for a hospitality table
- Help put out snacks and drinks each Sunday (on a rotating schedule)
- Both!

Interested? Contact Don Hanshew at ext. 110 or email: dhanshew@fountaincityumc.org.

Looking For a Way to Connect?

If you are seeking a small group in which to join and find meaningful and faithful relationships with others, we have the answer! We call them LIFE groups. Contact Don Hanshew for more information at ext. 110 or email Don at dhanshew@fountaincityumc.org.

Salt & Light Giving for September

The special missions giving for September is Red Bird Mission. Red Bird is located in southeastern Kentucky and is committed to empowering individuals by providing educational, health, and community outreach ministries to area low-income residents. You can find out more information about Red Bird by visiting the bulletin board near Wesley Hall or by picking up a brochure at one of the welcome tables.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Janie Porter in the loss of her brother, **Bob Pickle**, on September 3, 2009.

Developing a GED Ministry

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in room 137. We will be shaping the vision for this ministry. There are many ways to help, including tutoring, canvassing for students, transportation, and record keeping.

Come and find a place to serve the Lord by changing lives and giving hope for a future. Contact Jeanette Jenson at 925-4199 or Suzy Gray at 947-0473.

Hatha Yoga Opportunities

Hatha yoga is a relaxing experience with emphasis on breathing, balancing, strength, and flexibility. Cheryl Warren, a certified instructor of yoga, will be leading three classes of Hatha Yoga this fall:

- Mondays, 4:00-5:00: Middle Schoolers
- Thursdays, 4:30-5:30: Children
- Thursdays, 6:00-7:00: Adults

The cost for each Thursday class is \$8. There is no charge for the Monday classes. For additional information or to register, please call Cheryl Warren (689-2237) or LeRoy Hatcher (689-5175 ext. 111).

The Spirit Bible Question

Question: According to Malachi, In what area are we invited to put God to the test?

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

Last Week's Answer: The *Jebusites* inhabited Jerusalem before the Israelites. (Joshua 15:63)

THE SPIRIT

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OUR PRAYERS

Members in the Hospital as of September 8, 2009
(removed for privacy)

Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital
(removed for privacy)

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, September 6, 2009

Sunday School	436
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	167
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	307
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	76
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	55
Total Morning Worship	605
Wednesday Fellowship Meal (9/2)	204

OUR GIFTS

(This information was not available at the time of printing and will be listed next week.)

OUR SERVICE

September 8:30 Ushers: Barry & Louanne Clabough, Head Ushers; Don & Wanda Crawley

September 11:00 Ushers: Gene Patton & Bill Slocum - Head Ushers; Joe & Dot Eldridge, Mary Brabson, Conrad & Wanda Majors, Robert Smiddy, Doug Shipman, Steve Ferguson, Jimmy Villarreal

September Journey Ushers:
Justin & Caroline O'Hara

September Greeters: David Smith, Angela Lemmons, Larry & Sharon Smith, Karmen Sharpe, Sharon Dobbins, Mary Ellen Whittaker

Upcoming Youth Events

- Sep. 13: White Water Rafting 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (\$35)
 - Sep. 20: Middle School Retreat Early Registration Ends
 - Sep. 27: Growth Groups at 6:00 p.m.
 - 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
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