



The Spirit



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February Salt & Light Focus

The focus of February's Salt & Light is Joel Chandler, who is a missionary with Great Commission Ministries. Joel and his wife, Leah, work with students on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Since 1996, Joel has been working full-time with students on campus to spread the gospel and help increase the faith of the Christian students in his ministry. Joel also enjoys coaching and growing new small group leaders, coordinating evangelism outreaches, and training young believers in how to share their faith. Joel is the son of Bob and Susan Chandler, members of FCUMC.

Check out more information about Joel and the ministry that he does on the bulletin board near Wesley Hall.

Medical Transportation Volunteers Needed

Our medical transportation program is short on volunteers! The program provides transportation to medical appointments for those living alone with no family nearby. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jean Payne.

Boy Scout Sunday

February 8, 2009, marks the 99th year of the Boy Scouts of America. Through the years, scouting has remained steadfast to its core principles: leadership, character, service, environmental stewardship, and achievement. While scouting is a program for boys of all faiths, when you look at the Scout Law and the principles which scouting teaches young people, these values are biblical principles.

As the BSA closes in on 100 years of service, we salute the splendid volunteers of Pack 55 who serve as leaders. We also recognize the numerous other members of our congregation who serve as leaders in scouting groups throughout the city. The success of the program here at FCUMC, and all churches, depends on volunteers who serve in a variety of leadership roles so our young people may benefit from the scouting ministry.

Scouting is as vital and relevant today as it was when it began in 1910. When you see a scout, say "hello" and encourage him or her. If you were once a scout leader in either Pack 55 or former Troop 55, we thank you for your service.

Worship With Us!

February 8, 2009

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Traditional Service (8:30 & 11:00)

"Are You Ready?"

Mark 1:40-45

Sermon by Don Hanshew

Contemporary Service (11:00)

the Journey

"A New Way of Doing Things"

Luke 2:41-50 & Mark 1:16-20

Sermon by Melissa Smith

Wednesday Fellowship

February 11, 2009

Fellowship Meal Menu (5:30)

Roast Pork Loin, Broccoli Casserole, Escalloped Potatoes, Rolls, Tossed Salad, Apple Cobbler

Light Side: Baked Chicken Breast, Steamed Vegetables

Kid's Menu: Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, French Fries, Yogurt, Jello & Fruit, 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 on the worship attendance card, or call the church office before noon on Tuesday, February 10.

THE PASTOR CORNERED

I am often chided by my pastoral colleagues for being overly friendly when we go out and about in town. In particular, the jeers flow when I am the first to introduce myself to a stranger. Admittedly, they are right to pester me. I enjoy meeting new people and find it fascinating how many of those randomly held conversations uncover connections to people I know. With that said, I never really thought that the whole social networking aspect of the web would appeal to me. Of course, as a pastor I am on various email groups that are barely a step above spam. They usually take impersonal to the extreme, but it's a great way to get bulk information out cheap and fast.

So, in my opinion, MySpace and Facebook were web fads that were only meant to force parents to monitor their children's internet consumption. Basically, they were for kids, or so I thought. I was vaguely familiar with Facebook from a couple years back reading about how it did for college students what MySpace did for pre-teens and high schoolers.

All of this changed when I thought about what Facebook is really trying to do. Create community. Now I didn't come to this conclusion on my own. What really made me sign up was my wife and a good friend named Brad. I didn't even know what a web-community could mean, but I was intrigued enough to pop over to Facebook and sign up for an account. Once I did, I was at first a bit of a loss as to what all the noise was about. I was even a little miffed at how the program flattens the meaning of the word "friend." Then I started playing around with applications and tabs. Still after using it for only a short while I am convinced that many are just plain silly, you know, time-wasters that allow you to, well, waste time. But some of them are entirely useful.

As I dug deeper, I discovered some other pretty cool things about Facebook regarding email, how it prevents potential abusers from spamming you, and how it helps me find people I might know. What I found even more interesting and surprising was just how much raw emotional feelings and spiritual questions are left just hanging in cyberworld.

Would Jesus put together a Facebook page?

So once I got started, it was hard to stop. Okay, I said it. I have aired my new addiction. There is just something mysteriously compelling to connect with people from your past and present that you would have otherwise forgotten. There is something just plain fun about creating, dare I say community, with others in which you have lost connections. There is something pastoral inside of me that just kicks in and makes me want to do more than listen when people share about their struggles in life and search for meaning.

Where is the church in the middle of this?

If you are reading this and feel altogether lost on the lingo and nuance of what Facebook is, don't feel bad. I would have too just a year ago. What Facebook has reminded me though is that people in our community, city, church, and even extended families are seeking meaningful connections with others. The latest technology is only a tool to help us do this, albeit in a fairly high-tech and low touch way. The church is at its best when it is networking others in meaningful relationships and helping us collectively grow toward a deeper relationship with the divine. Facebook is just the latest of these potential tools of ministry that remind me that the best of what happens at church doesn't happen in church - for truly, wherever you are, the church is.

- Don

PRAYER FOCUS



John 14:2: In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

Jesus, you are preparing a place for me, in your Father's house! Thank you! You love me enough to share your home with me. In your name I pray, amen.

What are you praying for? Let us know on our online prayer survey:

www.fountaincityumc.org/prayersurvey/

CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2009

Below is the 2009 budget as approved by Church Council on January 12. Note that the 2009 budget is compared to the **actual** income and expenses of 2008, not the 2008 budget. As the ministries of FCUMC depend on this budget, we ask for your support by your prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

Description	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$1,428,980	\$1,431,468
Sub-Total General Fund Receipts	\$1,428,980	\$1,431,468
Outreach Ministries		
Conference & District Apportionments	\$246,065	\$270,368
Missions	\$18,727	\$23,550
Sub-Total Outreach Ministries	\$264,792	\$293,918
Program Ministries		
Early Childhood	\$2,045	\$3,000
Children	\$7,766	\$11,500
Confirmation	\$2,768	\$1,900
Youth	\$34,111	\$28,700
Young Adults	\$994	\$700
Adult	\$343	\$1,400
Family and Leisure	\$2,930	\$4,200
Congregational care	\$2,419	\$3,038
Welcome and Hospitality	\$35	\$1,080
Social Action	\$219	\$500
Education	\$7,755	\$9,250
Evangelism	\$0	\$1,000
The Net	\$222	\$450
Worship-General	\$2,028	\$3,575
Worship-Music Ministries	\$18,784	\$19,025
Stewardship	\$0	\$1,000
Sub-Total Program Ministries	\$82,419	\$90,318
Church Operations		
Finance & General Office	\$62,642	\$60,150
Transportation	\$3,331	\$4,210
Building & Property	\$173,482	\$182,060
Trustees	\$5,061	\$11,000
Personnel	\$825,904	\$835,697
Interest on Mortgage		
Sub-Total Operations	\$1,070,420	\$1,093,117
Total General Fund Expenses	\$1,417,631	\$1,477,353
TOTAL BUDGET	\$11,349	-\$45,885

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Parenting Training and Support

Sunday evenings, beginning February 8, and ending March 29, a seven-week series of Love & Logic philosophy, techniques, and strategies will be offered. Sessions will begin at 6:00 and end at 7:30. Cost is \$15 (some grants are available).

Wednesday evenings, beginning February 11, we will continue with our regularly scheduled Parenting Partners activity. This time will be offered for discussion and support. There is no cost for Wednesday meetings.

To register for either or both of these growing opportunities for parents, please contact LeRoy Hatcher at 689-5175, ext.111; or by e-mail at lhatcher@fountaincityumc.org.

Jubilation 2009

Jubilation is the ninth annual gathering of senior adults in the Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church. The event nurtures spiritual growth, provides educational opportunities and ways to cope with life issues, promotes involvement in missions, and enhances Christian fellowship. Speakers this year include Bishop Kenneth L. Carder, Knox News-Sentinel cartoonist Charles Daniel, and Retired Bishop Richard Looney. Music and entertainment will be provided by singer Sarah Holloway, storyteller Charles Maynard, handbell soloist Lora Melton, and the Tennessee Wesleyan Chamber Choir.

The location for Jubilation 2008 is the [MeadowView Resort and Conference Center](#) in Kingsport, and the dates are March 29-31. Transportation and scholarship assistance is available. Please contact Don Hanshew for more information, or visit the Jubilation website at <http://jubilation.holston.org>.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!



Please welcome Evelyn McWilliams who joined our church at the 11:00 traditional worship service on Sunday, February 1, 2009. Evelyn was received by transfer from Market Street United Methodist Church in Winchester, VA. Her fellowship friend is Nancy Cloud.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR

Capital Campaign: In Memory Of: Jim Macres, Mary Trotter, Vera Cumby, Ruth Pike, Blana Bowling by Ethel & Gene Carden; **Ruth Pike** by Calvin & Etta Fay Conner; Sherman & Elizabeth Morton; **Tiffany Rose, Art Merryman, Charlie Sanders, Tom Chilcote** by Rudy & Carol McBee

Fountain City Ministry Center: In Honor Of: Edna Moseley by the Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class

Jubilee Fund: In Memory Of: Charles Rose by the Caregivers Support Group

Scholarship Fund: In Memory Of: Dr. Thomas F. Chilcote by Phil, Beth, & Sharon Ellis

MEMORIAM

Ruth Pike,

January 28, 2009

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends.

Lou Dyer, January 29, 2009

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The Spirit Bible Question

Question: This child was dropped by his nurse, and was crippled for life. (Hint - look in the Old Testament)

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

Last Week's Answer: Timothy did not write *any* books of the Bible.

Congratulations to Jay Garrison for being the first to answer correctly!

CHURCH CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 14, 2009

Friday, February 6

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, February 7

6:00 PM Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance (Gym)

Sunday, February 8

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)+
5:00 PM *OffeRing* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
5:45 PM Lytle Bible Study (Room 106)*
6:00 PM Disciple I (Room 208)
Nichols Bible Study (Room 136)
Tween Team Studio (Choir Room)
Youth Growth Groups (Various Rooms)*
Love & Logic (Wesley Hall)*

Monday, February 9

8:30 AM Preschool (Monday-Friday) (Various Rooms)
9:00 AM Aerobics (M-W-F) (Gym)
9:30 AM Bible Study (Sewell) (Room 136)
3:30 PM The Net (Monday-Friday)
4:30 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
6:30 PM Basketball (Stewart) (Gym)
MOPS Steering Team Meeting (Room 136)*
7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Various Rooms)
Circle 6 (Wesley Hall)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 136)
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 136)
10:00 AM United Methodist Women (Various Rooms)
4:00 PM *OffeRing II* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
Wedding Ministry Team (Room 136)
5:00 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Room 136)
6:00 PM Basketball (Shiple) (Gym)
6:30 PM Circle 2 (Wesley Hall)
7:00 PM "Thinking Positively" Support Group (Choir Rm)

Wednesday, February 11

4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 PM *Genesis* Children's Handbells (Bell Room)
5:30 PM Fellowship Meal (Gym)

(Wednesday continued)

6:30 PM Wednesday Night Children's Programming
(Upstairs Children's wing)
Tollers Adult Handbells (Handbell Room)*
Middle School Bible Study (Youth Room)
High School Bible Study (The Net)
Financial Peace (Room 117)*
Caregivers (Room 112)*
Parenting Partners Workshop (Room 201)*
Pastor's Bible Study (Room 136)*
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
7:45 PM *The Journey* Band Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Thursday, February 12

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Planning (Room 136)
5:00 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM IHN Meeting (Room 136)
Cub Scout Committee Meeting (Youth Room)
7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)*
9:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Friday, February 13

11:00 AM JOY Club (Wesley Hall)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, February 14 - Valentine's Day

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.

Open Door Community Meal Moment

We recently lost a beloved guest at our Open Door Community Meal - Miss Betty Campbell. Betty was a blessing to everyone she met, and loved to receive phone calls and visitors at NHC - especially from Richard Bolus!

Betty is one of the many guests that we are blessed to be able to serve at the ODCM - and we would like to encourage you to serve at one of the meals. Call Richard Bolus at 689-7271 for more information about this wonderful opportunity.

Emergency On Call - February 6 - 8

Don Hanshew

February Drivers

Morning: Tim McComas

After Church: Craig Holtzclaw

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Peter Keyes

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

THE SPIRIT

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OUR PRAYERS

Members in the Hospital as of February 3, 2009
(removed for privacy)

Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital
(removed for privacy)

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, February 1, 2009

Sunday School	547
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	156
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	322
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	113
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	58
Total Morning Worship	649
Wednesday Fellowship Meal (Jan. 28)	120

OUR GIFTS

Received 1/26-2/1	\$24,425.39
Year to Date	\$115,503.84
2009 Budget	\$1,431,468.00
February Salt & Light	\$50.00

OUR SERVICE

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

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

February Greeters: Eleanor Thurman, Jackie Benshoof, Lynn Osborne, Erma Prather, Virginia Frye, Lisa & Russell Lay

Flower Calendar Posted

We have several vacant dates in 2009 that are in need of altar flowers. Please contact Helen in the church office to sign-up and reserve your date. Altar flowers are a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one or friend, and you don't have to be a decorator or a florist to provide them! Thank you for keeping our sanctuary beautiful.

