



The Spirit

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Believe It Or Not

During the Sundays of Lent, worshippers in The Journey will be considering the theme "Believe It Or Not." We will be looking at the message that Jesus came to announce and take a creative look at the Passion week events. Above all, we will see how this information helps to formulate our faith today. We will be seeking to discover who Jesus is and how we can be challenged to "Believe It Or Not!"

Art in Worship through Lent

It's been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. It is certainly true that symbols and icons have always been a way that our faith tradition can be expressed. As we journey through Lent this year, we will be using visual symbols and pictures to help us understand this season more fully. Each week of Lent, there will be a symbol that will be added to a large canvas that will be displayed as a part of our traditional worship services. As we continue throughout the weeks, a beautiful picture of our faith will begin to develop. Join with us in this Lenten season as we discover the hope and promise that Easter brings through both symbol and spoken word.

Kids Can Update - 281 Cans Collected

Thank you! This past Sunday, Kids Cans for Christ collected 281 cans. Our goal is to collect 3,000 cans by Palm Sunday (April 5). Please bring your cans to support *our children* and the ministry of the Fountain City Ministry Center. This project helps our children focus on the cross and serve during the 40 days of Lent. Collection boxes are located at all main entrances.

UMW Circles Meeting March 10

Day Circles will meet at 10:00 a.m., and the General Meeting will be at 10:45 in Wesley Hall. Carrie Carter will present our program of "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." Doug Shipman will prepare our sacrificial meal, and Circle 3 will bring the snacks.

Mexico Fundraising Lunch

Do you have a taste for some great Mexican food and want to help support an upcoming mission trip? If so, join us for the Mexico fundraising lunch on Sunday, March 22, after worship in the gym.

There are five individuals from FCUMC who will be traveling with 36 others from Holston Conference on a medical mission trip to Mexico April 28-May 4. Come join us for lunch and help support this mission trip. Be sure to bring all your amigos (that's "friends" for those who don't speak Spanish).

Worship With Us!

March 8, 2009

Second Sunday of Lent



Traditional Service (8:30 & 11:00)

"Strange, Indeed!"

John 1:14-18, Romans 4:13-25

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)



"Discovering Your Call"

Luke 4:16-30

Sermon by Don Hanshew

Wednesday Fellowship

March 11, 2009

Fellowship Meal Menu (5:30)

Baked Ham, Pea Casserole,
Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Cole Slaw,
Assorted Desserts

Light Side: Baked Chicken Breast,
Mixed Vegetables

Kid's Menu: Cheeseburger,
French Fries, Veggies and Dip,
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, March 10.

THE PASTOR CORNERED

What do you remember about 1990? In case you have forgotten, let me tell you about a few of the events that happened in the world during that year.

- The first McDonald's in Moscow, Russia, opened.
- Microsoft released Windows 3.0.
- The first T. V. program in high-definition was aired.
- Evander Holyfield defeated Buster Douglas for the heavyweight boxing crown.
- Margaret Thatcher resigned as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Now, if you are already thinking 1990 was a significant year, just wait till you read what else happened. Just as Margaret Thatcher was stepping down, Harriet Byrd was stepping in, not as Prime Minister (although she could have done that) but as our secretary at Fountain City United Methodist Church. Unfortunately for us, significant events of 2009 will include Harriet's retirement at the end of January after more than 18 years of loyal, faithful, committed service to our church.

She trained three senior pastors and nine associate pastors during that time. She produced approximately 1,800 Sunday morning worship bulletins. She scheduled at least 20,000,000,000 events at our church and on and on and on! As important as what she did, though, is the way in which she did it. She served the congregation and staff with great patience and grace. Regardless of what anyone would "throw" at her, she received it and never uttered a negative word (at least that we could hear). At the staff farewell party we had for her, we performed a hilarious skit that showed Harriet sitting at her desk with everyone coming

to her with something for her to do, sometimes all at the same time and usually always "at the last minute." The hilarious part of it was that it was all too true. And in the skit and in real life, the Harriet smile and graciousness were always there.

Not only all this, but she was a walking history book for us. She knew (and loved) everybody and was always eager to serve wherever/whenever needed.

And if you couldn't get along with Harriet, well – you know the rest of it. She blessed so many of us. Even during her son's seriousness illness in the last month of her service with us, she maintained a faith-full attitude and reassuring demeanor.

Her love for Christ and the church manifested itself not only among us but also in her faithfulness at her own church at Greenway Baptist. She continues in her active membership there, but we are hoping to be able to call on her from time to time as a volunteer here.

Thanks, Harriet, for who you are, for what you have done to help make us the church God calls us to be, and for who you continue to be as a disciple of Jesus Christ. May God bless you in your retirement years. Have fun with those grandchildren. Keep the fire warden (husband) from coming around and inspecting us very often. And, by all means, come see us!

- Jim

Reminder - reception for Harriet Byrd this Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 in Wesley Hall.

PRAYER FOCUS



I Corinthians 13:2: "If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."

Dear Father, may we always use our spiritual gifts, but most of all may we always reflect your everlasting love unto others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

www.fountaincityumc.org/prayersurvey/

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Retirees to Hear “The Jim Whedbee Story” March 13

Jim Whedbee grew up in the Oakwood community in North Knoxville. Today he lives and works just a few miles further north in the Fountain City community where he is the senior minister at Fountain City United Methodist Church. The miles between Oakwood and Fountain City may be few, but the intervening years for Jim were filled with many events, people, decisions, love, laughter, and a faith journey. All these have contributed to the fabric of Jim’s life and to his powerful message of the good news of Jesus Christ. All retirees are welcome to join us for the 11:00 a.m. program and for lunch following at noon. Please call Jean Payne for a reservation.

See the Reds and the Braves

This summer FCUMC and Central Baptist are “teaming” together to offer members and guests two opportunities to see major league baseball. The first game will be in Cincinnati between the Reds and the Atlanta Braves on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The cost of this trip will be \$50. This includes Shoney’s breakfast bar, transportation, hospitality, and ticket. On July 23, 2009, we will go to Atlanta for a game between the Braves and the San Francisco Giants. The cost of this trip is \$45. Space is limited; call now so you can be a part of these trips and share in our “national pastime.” Call LeRoy Hatcher at ext. 111 or email lhatcher@fountaincityumc.org.

Wedding Pictures Needed

Were you married at FCUMC? If you were, we want your picture for our bulletin board and our History Room scrapbook. Please leave your picture in the church office. Be sure to put some info on the back, like the people in the picture, date, complete names, etc.

Check the pictures on our board outside the History hall. They will be changing soon. Did you miss Jim and Judy's wedding pictures?

- *The History Committee*

Youth Events

Winter Jam Spectacular: If you signed-up for the Winter Jam Spectacular meet at the church at 5:00 pm on Friday. Bring \$10 (exact cash) for entrance. We will eat dinner at Thompson Boling.

Confirmation Events

- March 8: Retreat registrations due (\$55)
- March 8: Quiz on Old Testament
- March 27-29: Retreat, Lake Junaluska
- May 17: Confirmation Service & Dinner

Other Youth Happenings

- March 8: Last day to sign-up/pay for Newsboys
- March 12: Newsboys Concert, 5:30–11:00, \$15
- April 5: Laser Quest. Noon – 5 pm, \$15 plus lunch money
- April 5: Spring Retreat Registration/Deposit Due
- April 17-19: Youth Group Spring Retreat - Doe River Gorge

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please welcome Fredda & Dwayne Temples who joined our church at the 11:00 traditional service on Sunday, March 1. Fredda & Dwane joined by transfer from another denomination. Their

address is 6856 Amberfield Lane, and their fellowship friends are Tim & Debbie Sharp.

Please welcome Jeremiah & Melissa Coram who joined our church at the 11:00 traditional service on Sunday, March 1. Jeremiah & Lisa were received

by transfer from Concord United Methodist Church. Their address is 4008 Kingdom Lane and their phone number is 922-3088. Their fellowship friends are Bill & Becca Pendergrass.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Salt & Light: Camp Wesley Woods

Our Salt & Light focus for March is Camp Wesley Woods in Townsend, TN. Wesley Woods is one of three camps that is supported by our Holston Conference and is the frequent destination for children and youth from FCUMC during the summer. Check out the bulletin board near Wesley Hall to gain a bigger picture of the ministry that Wesley Woods offers. All money collected for Salt & Light during the month of March will go to help provide scholarships for children to attend summer camp.

Ten Gospel Promises For Seniors

This two-part study lead by Rev. Bob Bostic, a retired United Methodist clergy, is based on the book by a similar name by Jane Marie Thibault. Bob is also one of the designers for Jubilation, a senior adult ministry that many compare to the youth retreat Resurrection. Bob has a passion to help those in retirement age and beyond live into the reality that God is not finished in their life, and perhaps only beginning. If you are retirement age or older, you will find this study to be inspiring as you consider ways you can use your gifts for the glory of God. See you in room 136 Wednesday March 4 and 11 at 6:30.

New Member of the Church Staff

We are pleased to welcome our newest member of the church staff, Marci Villanueva, as our Reception/Clerk. She recently moved to Tennessee to be near family after spending 20 years in the Northern Virginia area. Marci's experience has been in the computer support industry with responsibilities ranging from troubleshooting and help desk management to quality assurance of installation and configuration of hardware and software. She was very active in her church, with experiences in VBS, UMW, Mission and Outreach, Technologies, Education, UMYF, and offering counter.

Just Around the Corner

Rummage Sale: Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

You have 60 days to roundup your rummage! **FYI: the church has no space for early storage.** Drop-off details will follow in April. If you have any questions, please call Julie Knoefel.

The Spirit. Bible Question will return next week!

Last Week's Answer: *Ibzan* was the judge of Israel who came from Bethlehem and who had 30 sons and 30 daughters. (Judges 12:8-10) Congratulations to Bill Miller!

IN MEMORY AND HONOR

Capital Campaign: In Memory Of: Ruth Pike by Richard & Patricia Adams; **Horton Davis Sr.** by Bill & Chris Alley; **Jack Harrigan** by Ellen & Robby Lawson; Greenway Baptist Church; Tim & Sharon Irwin; **Jeanne Moore** by Billy & Judith Wooten
In Honor Of: "Ding-DONG" Hanshew by Jim Whedbee

Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of: Betty Jo Kelly by the Oakmont School faculty

In Honor Of: Ed Carter by the Christian Fellowship Class

General Fund: In Memory Of: Jeanne Moore by Tara Wilkinson; Julia & Gene Stabler; **John B. Shipman Jr.** by Tom & Linda Whittaker; Discovery Bible Class; Conrad & Wanda Majors; Elizabeth & Pete Brown; **Doris Ivey** by Elizabeth & Pete Brown

The Net: In Memory Of: John B. Shipman Jr. by Betty Wildman

The Silver Hammers: In Honor Of: Troy Lawson by Bill & Betty Dyke

MEMORIAM

Cecil Meek

February 28, 2009

Our sympathy is extended to his wife Maggie, and sons Danny and David.

Scholarship Award Recipients

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of scholarships for the Spring 2009 semester:

Anna Nichols	Nick Dearing
Maggie Dickinson	Josh Garvey
Mallory Smith	Tyler Smith
Rachel DeHart	

Andrew Williams - Charles Sloan
Scholarship

If you are a recipient, please contact DeeDee in the church office.

Scholarships are awarded based on several criteria including grade point average, church involvement and outside service activities. Donations and memorials made to the scholarship fund make their scholarships possible. Thank you for your continued support.

CHURCH CALENDAR: MARCH 6 - MARCH 14, 2009

Friday, March 6

- 5:00 PM Youth Winter Jam Concert (Offsite)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, March 7 - Building Closed

- 8:30 AM Youth Worker Training (Offsite)

Sunday, March 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)+
2:00 PM Reception for Harriet Byrd (Wesley Hall)
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 (Youth Room)
Love & Logic (Wesley Hall)*
7:00 PM Tennessee Wesleyan Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, March 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)
10:00 AM Knitters (Room 117)
3:30 PM The Net (Monday-Friday)
4:30 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
6:00 PM Preschool Training (Room 136)*
Trustees Meeting (Youth Room)
6:30 PM MOPS Steering Team (Susanna Wesley)*
7:00 PM Circle 6 Meeting (Wesley Hall)*
Cub Scout Pack 55 (Various Rooms)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, March 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)
5:00 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Circle 11 (Wesley Hall)
7:00 PM "Thinking Positively" Support Group (Choir Rm)
Hospitality Team (Room 136)

Wednesday, March 11

- 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 PM *Genesis* Children's Handbells (Bell Room)
5:30 PM Fellowship Meal (Gym)
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)
Caregivers (Room 112)+
Financial Peace University (Room 117)+
Ten Gospel Promises for Seniors (Room 136)+
"Offering Christ" Bible Study (Wesley Hall)+
Parenting Partners Workshop (Room 201)+
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
7:30 PM *The Journey* Band Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)*
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Thursday, March 12

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Planning (Room 136)
5:00 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Committee (Room 136)
Finance Meeting (Room 117)
Children's Ministry Team (Wesley Hall)*
7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)*
9:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14 - Church Building Closed

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

Note - the Fitness Room is temporarily closed due to construction until further notice.

Save These Dates!

- The Early Childhood Ministry **Easter Egg Hunt** is Sunday, March 29. Mark your calendars and look for more information in next week's Spirit.
- **Family mission trip** to Jubilee Project: June 5-7, 2009. Mission projects for all ages will be available. More details coming soon.

Emergency On Call - March 6 - March 8

Jim Whedbee

March Drivers

Morning: Chuck Brooks
After Church: Rob White

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 March 3, 2009

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Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital

(removed for privacy)

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Sunday School	544
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	159
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	303
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	85
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	50
Total Morning Worship	597
Wednesday Night Meal (2/25)	139

OUR GIFTS

Received 2/23-3/1	\$39,075.70
Year to Date	\$247,593.33
2009 Budget	\$1,431,468.00
Salt & Light (February)	\$50

OUR SERVICE

March 8:30 Ushers: Barry & Louanne Clabough,
Head Ushers; David Smith

March 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

March Journey Ushers: Edwin & Audrey Deaton

March Greeters: David Smith, Angela Lemmons,
Gary & Alycia Truett, Brian, Bronwyn & Hunter
Shupe, Karmen Sharpe, Sharon Dobbins, Mary
Ellen Whittaker

Invitation from Macedonia UMC

In celebration of its 200th year, Macedonia UMC will be holding a Preaching Mission March 8-10 at 7:00 p.m., with Dr. John Ed Mathison preaching. Dr. Mathison served 36 years as Sr. Minister at Frazer Memorial UMC in Montgomery. Services will be held each evening at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 4630 Holston Drive.

A huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who attended The Net ministry luncheon.
We "netted" \$813.26 to support The Net after-school ministry. Praise God!

