



The Spirit

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Love & Logic Parents Meeting—Sunday May 3

All parents who have participated in “Becoming Love & Logic Parents” are invited to be a part of this exciting time together. We will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 136. We will have an opportunity to share our experience over the last month, watch and react to three bonus videos from the Love & Logic material, as well as time for a question and answer session. Light refreshments will be provided by the Parent Ministry Team. Childcare is available by calling the church office at 689-5175 by Friday, May 1.

Financial Peace University

Many people are facing today's economy with a spirit of fear. You don't have to be one of them! Financial Peace University shows you how to follow God's plan to beat debt, build wealth and keep your own economy thriving — even if the nation's is not. Financial Peace University is a 13-week course taught by Dave Ramsey that will teach your family to communicate about money and equip you to beat debt and build wealth God's way.

Class starts May 11 at 6:30. For more information please contact Kelley Flatford (kflatford@gmail.com); or visit www.daveramsey.com.

GriefShare Group to Begin Meeting May 17

If you have lost someone close to you, or you know someone who has, then perhaps the help provided through a GriefShare support group can ease the pain and emptiness you or another may be feeling.

GriefShare is a nondenominational seminar series featuring videos of some of the nation's foremost experts on grief and recovery who discuss grieving in the light of Christian faith. The videos and discussions with other group members who have also experienced the death of a loved one can provide valuable information and support that may help participants through a very difficult time in their lives.

Our church's next GriefShare group will begin meeting on Sunday, May 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m., in the Susanna Wesley Room. John Needy will facilitate the group. There will be 13 weekly sessions, with the last session scheduled for August 9. There is a \$12 charge for the participant's guide. Childcare will be available if needed. Interested persons should contact the church office (689-5175) to register.

Worship With Us!

May 3, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter

3 Simple Rules

Sermon Series: #2

Traditional Service (8:30 & 11:00)

Holy Communion

“Do Good”

I John 3:18-24; III John, verse 11

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

the Journey

“Do Good”

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon by Melissa Smith

Wednesday Fellowship

May 6, 2009

Fellowship Meal Menu (5:30)

Teriyaki Chicken, Rice Pilaf,
Mixed Asian Vegetables, Rolls,
Lime-Congeaed Salad,
Pineapple Cobbler

Light Side: Baked Chicken,
Asian Vegetables & Rice Pilaf

Kid's Menu: Hamburgers or Hot
Dogs, French Fries, Jello & Fruit,
Chocolate Chip Cookie

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, May 5.

THE PASTOR CORNERED

Occasionally, Don talks about his precious children in this column. Occasionally, I talk about my precious grandchildren in this column. And you seem to tolerate both pretty well. Today, though, I am not going to talk about my precious grandchildren although I could. I'm going to talk about Don's precious children.

This past Saturday morning I was out on a walk (stroll) through our neighborhood. When I approached the Hanshews' home, it looked as if some of them might be out in the backyard; so I wandered down there to say hello. The closer I got, the more I thought, "Hmm. It's too quiet. There's no one down there." But, alas, I went around behind the little storage shed; and there were Thomas and Grace planting a garden, a rather large plot. I'd say about 10' by 20'. Don was assisting them. They were very busy, but both children seemed delighted to see me. Since I had been with my precious grandchildren just the night before, I was especially missing them; so it was really good to be greeted so warmly by these precious children.

We chatted for a while; and when I realized I had kept them from work long enough, I told them bye and started away. Then five-year-old Thomas said something that really surprised me. In fact, I thought I had misunderstood him; so I asked him to repeat it. I was right. He had said with his trademark sweet smile: "Jim, I like your hairdo."

Now, in case you haven't noticed, I have spent a few weeks letting my hair grow back out on top to see if there is still anything up there. Surprisingly, there is something left, but not as much as when I did this a year ago. No one else had seemed to notice my "hairdo," but Thomas did. I guess he is as smart as Don leads us to believe!

Then I left; went back home; got the car; and ran some errands. As I turned left from Hotel onto Broadway, I heard some shouting and realized it was a young man waving a Bible and talking, I suppose, about Jesus. Right across the street was a sign in front of a business that said, "Gold Sales Event Today." I thought, "Hmm. What a contrast." Then I hearkened back to Grace and Thomas digging in God's good earth on a beautiful spring morning and Thomas' encouraging words. While the sign spoke of gold, the preacher guy might have been talking about streets of gold; and Thomas was delivering gems of gold.

Three messages with differing messages delivered in three very different ways. The one that I'll most likely remember the longest was the one from Thomas, not because he was bragging on my hair (no one has done that in at least 30 years) but because he was offering words of encouragement in a loving way. Probably without really realizing it, he was "doing good," which is part two of the "three simple rules" that we are emphasizing here at FCUMC for a few weeks. "Do good" is the one we will be talking about this coming Sunday. And I am sure that in a few weeks Don will be doing good as he shares part of the produce of the garden with the rest of us!

I hope you will worship with us as we continue to give praise to God during this Easter season and as we seek to determine how we might continue to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.

- Jim



PRAYER FOCUS

"... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength... the second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

Lord, you have given us the foundation and instruction for living a faithful life. Please guide us through Your Holy Spirit to live according to Your words. In Jesus name, Amen.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Sunday Morning Hospitality

This Sunday following the worship services you will have an opportunity to “buy” into the growing Sunday morning hospitality ministry of the church by purchasing a premium quality bag that will be used as gifts for our Sunday morning visitors. These environmental bags cost \$2.50 each, are large, made of 20% post-industrial plastic, and are blue with white lettering. You are invited to purchase two for \$5—keeping one and allowing the other to be a gift for a new visitor. Additional purchases for visitors are welcomed. Did you know we had 230 registered visitors in 2008? We had 170 in 2007. Your gift would be helpful in helping us make our visitors feel welcomed and would be a useful tool in helping them remember us. Buy one to reach one. For more information how to help with our Sunday morning hospitality ministry, contact Don Hanshew through the church office.

Mexico Mission Trip Cancelled

The team was ready, the bags were packed... and then the Center for Disease Control grounded the trip. Please pray for the members of this team as they face this disappointment, as well as the people of Mexico that need medical care and treatment.



May 2, 2009

Drop-off: 4/30: 5pm – 8pm

5/1: 9am – 4pm

Set-up: 5/1: 9am – 5pm

Sale: 5/2: 8:30am – 2pm

\$3 Brown Bag-a-Bargain

5/2: 12pm – 2pm

Due to limited space, there are **NO early drop offs.** Absolutely **NO old computers, televisions or used mattresses may be donated.** Call Julie Knoefel if you have any questions, 405-7251.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please welcome **Jeff Waters, (pictured left)** who joined our church at the 8:30 traditional worship service on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Jeff was received by baptism and profession of faith. His fellowship friend is John Needy.

We also welcome **Chris Coppock, (pictured right)** who joined our church at the 11:00 traditional worship service on Sunday, April 26, 2009. He is pictured with his wife, Hanley, and children Trevor and Blake. Chris was received by baptism and profession of faith.



CHURCH CALENDAR: MAY 1 - MAY 9, 2009

Friday, May 1

- 8:00 AM UMW Rummage Sale Setup (Various Rooms)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, May 2

- 8:30 AM UMW Rummage Sale (8:30-2:00 pm)

Sunday, May 3

- 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 CHS Baccalaureate Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM *OffeRing* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
- 6:00 PM Nichols Bible Study (Room 136)
- Lytle Bible Study (Room 117)
- Tween Team Studio (Choir Room)
- Middle School Growth Groups (Various Rooms)*
- Disciple I (Room 208)
- Graduate Banquet (Wesley Hall)*
- Love & Logic Parents (Room 138)*
- 7:30 PM College-Age Bible Study (Offsite)

Monday, May 4

- 8:30 AM Preschool (Monday-Friday) (Various Rooms)
- 9:00 AM Aerobics (M-W-F) (Gym)
- 10:00 AM Knitters (Room 137)
- 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 MOPS Steering Meeting (Room 137)*
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Various Room)
- CMT Meeting (Wesley Hall)*
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Tuesday, May 5

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Room 137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 137)
- 10:00 AM Bridge (Room 135)
- 4:00 PM *OffeRing II* Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
- 5:00 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Room 117)

Wednesday, May 6

- 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 4:30 PM Circle 6 Bake Sale (Wesley Hall)
- 5:00 PM *Genesis* Children's Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal (Gym)

(Wednesday, continued)

- 5:30 PM Senior High Youth to Ministry Center (Offsite)
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Children's Programming
(Upstairs Children's wing)
Tollers Adult Handbells (Handbell Room)+
Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)
High School Youth Group (The Net)
Book Study "Same Kind..." (Room 138)+
Caregivers (Room 112)+
Financial Peace University (Room 117)+
"3 Simple Rules" Study (Wesley Hall)+
Pastor's Bible Study (Wesley Hall)+
Parenting Partners Workshop (Room 201)+
- 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, May 7

- 5:00 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Preschool Open House (Preschool Wing)
- 6:00 PM Building Committee Meeting (Room 137)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)*
- 9:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Friday, May 8

- 10:00 AM Joy Club Spring Trip (Offsite)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA Room)

Saturday, May 9

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

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

Poverty, Homelessness, and What You Can Do About It

Starting Wednesday night, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in room 138, and meeting for two weeks, we will discuss and explore ways that we as a church can better leverage our ministries that reach out to the poor and homeless. For more information, contact Don Hanshew through the church office.

Emergency On Call - May 1-3

Don Hanshew

May Drivers

Morning: Harry McLeod
After Church: Joe Eldridge

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Peter Keyes

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Family Mission Trip

Are you looking for a way to get all of your family members involved in some hands-on mission service this summer? Join other FCUMC church families as we serve on Jubilee Project in Sneedville, TN.

We will leave on Friday, June 5, work on various projects on Saturday, and then return in time for worship at FCUMC on Sunday, June 7. There will be specific projects geared for elementary children, youth, and adults.

We are asking that children and youth be accompanied by at least one parent. The cost for each person is \$50 which includes all meals, project supplies, and trip insurance. Please sign up for this trip by May 10 by emailing msmith@fountaincityumc.org or by filling out the online registration form at www.fountaincityumc.org.

Construction Update

The weather has been more cooperative in recent weeks, and we are making some serious progress!

- New construction is continuing on Children's Welcome Center; concrete floor is to be poured this week.
- Air conditioning units in Sunday school rooms behind the Sanctuary are being installed.
- The public area near the elevator is closer to completion.
- The elevator is waiting on inspection by the state of Tennessee.
- Air conditioning is working in the Sanctuary, Preschool / ECM area, most of the second floor and the gym.
- Every window has been installed now and shades are scheduled to be installed this week.
- Sanctuary windows are finished and they are spectacular.
- The narthex looks incredible!

Thanks again for your patience through all the changes. We are definitely not completed, but well on the way to a greatly improved church facility.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR



Capital Campaign: In Memory Of: Harold Bible by the Pairs & Spares Class; **Jeanne Cloud, Aggie Cloud** by Jennifer Cloud-Buckner & Jason Buckner; **Dewey Lemmons** by Elmer & Sarah Ridenour



Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of: Cecil Meek, Dewey Lemmons, Mary Lou Alley by Phil & Dixie Bopp; **Harold Bible, Dewey Lemmons** by Tom Harrington
In Honor Of: Patti Ball by the Christian Homebuilders Class



The Net: In Memory Of: Dewey Lemmons by Troy & June Lawson

WE REJOICE

In the birth of **Darcy Fiona McMahon-Peebles** on April 27, 2009. Congratulations to Jaimie & David (and older sister Sonya) on the birth of their daughter.

Save The Date for VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! This year's dates are June 21-25, 2009. Register early - it helps us plan!

The Spirit Bible Question

Question: Job's friends kept vigil with him in silence for how long?

Know the answer?

Email your answer to
aduncan@fountaincityumc.org.

Last Week's Answer: Nathanael said, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46)

Congratulations to Ken Salmon!

THE SPIRIT

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OUR PRAYERS

Members in the Hospital as of April 28, 2009
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Members Recently Discharged from the Hospital

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Sunday School	493
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	182
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	339
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	98
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	60
Total Morning Worship	679
Wednesday Fellowship Meal (4/22)	140

OUR GIFTS

Received 4/19-4/26	\$18,535.96
Year to Date	\$447,134.79
Expenses to Date	\$420,599.22
Difference	\$26,535.57
Salt & Light (April)	\$275

OUR SERVICE

May 8:30 Ushers: Barry Clabough, Louanne Clabough, Head Ushers; R. C. Condon, Liz Brown

May 11:00 Ushers: Allen Chamberlain, John Mays, Head Ushers; Anna Mays, Chad & Janelle Browning, Steve & Joni Coker, Claude & Carol Johnson, Bob Bryan, Jeff & Carol Rudolph

May Journey Ushers: Becky & Michael Swanger

May Greeters: Robert & Diane Greve, Bill & Nancy Cloud, Doug & Anne Dalton, Ron & Roz Irwin, Wanda Majors, Dottie McComas

Upcoming Youth Events

- May 3: Graduate Dinner, 6 p.m.
 - May 17: Confirmation Service & Dinner, 5 p.m.
 - May 17: Middle School Summer Mission Trip
\$50 deposit and registration due
 - May 26-30: Youth Choir/Handbell Tour
 - June 7-13: High School mission trip to Charleston, SC
 - July 26-31: Middle School Mission trip to Marion, VA
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