



The Spirit



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

“Soul Cravings” Sermon Series

Have you ever thought that there must be something **more** for your life than you are experiencing now? If so, you may wish to join us in *The Journey* contemporary worship April 11-25 as we begin to explore the deepest longings of our soul. We will be looking at the themes of “Searching for your destiny,” “Finding meaning for your life” and “Looking for intimacy.”

There will also be a small group exploring these themes that will meet at 9:45 a.m. in room 137. This small group will meet for these three weeks and will be an outlet for more conversation and discussion around these topics. Invite your friends and come join us in study and worship!



Serving Knoxville as One - April 24

Join us in Serving Knoxville as One, a ministry of Operation INASMUCH, the one-day mission blitz in the Fountain City Area. A table will be set up in front of the Welcome Center to take your sign-ups and t-shirt orders. Last day to order t-shirts is April 18. T-shirts may be picked up on Wednesday, April 21. Please remember that shirts are not required to participate.

Collection Opportunities: Haiti Health Kit contents, powdered laundry detergent, make-up samples, bobbie pins (plain brown), fabric, and poly-fill. Look for the green collection bins in the hallway!

If you are participating, there will be a children’s project here at FCUMC for your child. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley Flatford, 660-5868 or kflatford@gmail.com.

Adult Mission Trip

May 26-30, 2010

Are you looking for a good way to serve others? We will be taking an adult mission trip to Northern Georgia May 26-30. We will be helping individuals recover from a flood that they suffered early last summer. This is a construction-oriented mission trip but all skills levels are needed. The cost is \$75 and includes meals, lodging, and trip insurance. Contact Melissa Smith at msmith@fountaincityumc.org for more information.

Worship With Us!

April 11, 2010

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

“Seizing the Moment”

Joshua 1:1-9

Sermon by The Rev. Cliff Amos,
of the Holston Conference
Foundation

Contemporary Service (11:00)

“Discover Your Divine Potential”

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Sermon by Bill Pendergrass

April 18, 2010

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

“Come for Breakfast”

John 21:1-19

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

“Finding Meaning When It’s
Lost”

John 21:1-14

Sermon by Melissa Smith

Next print publication of the Spirit will be April 21. Please email your articles to spirit@fountaincityumc.org by noon on April 19.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

Please check the church website or call the church office for this week’s menu.

PASTOR CORNERED

It never fails to happen! Almost every time I get ready to pack my suitcase to go on a mission trip, I suddenly remind myself of all the "little things" that I had meant to do. All of a sudden I remember that I need to pull weeds in the flowerbeds, paint the trim in the bathroom, or hang some pictures that I've been putting off for months. You name it, I think of it! Call it procrastination or call it dreaming big dreams. Whatever you call it, call me crazy!

Well last week was Holy Week and I suddenly found myself doing the same thing. It was more than trying to plan a couple of extra worship services during the week and trying to create a "best Easter sermon ever." I suddenly felt the need to put into place every intentional growth idea that I had ever heard of so that we could put our best foot forward as a church on Easter Sunday. So on Thursday morning, I decided that bulletin boards had to be updated, church pamphlets were suddenly out of date, and the entire church needed to be painted from top to bottom. Call me crazy, but that's what was going through my mind!

Many of you have mentioned how special the Holy Week and Easter worship services were. You commented on how moving it was to take communion as we celebrated the Last Supper. Many of you may have shed a tear as the nine-foot cross entered the sanctuary on Good Friday. And of course,

Easter worship was a true celebration as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord. What amazing times of worship and reflection we had together!

So how do we go forth from the Easter-high as a church? Well, I have already been told not to expect over 1,000 people in worship next Sunday. (Surely that is NOT true!) I am told that our worship and study just won't be as exciting now that Easter is over. Is that true? Do we as Christians put all of our emphasis on Easter and then wait for the calendar to roll back around next year? No, I don't think that's what we do! As Jim Whedbee has said many times, each Sunday that we gather for worship and study together, we celebrate a "little Easter" because we lift up the name of our resurrected Savior. If anything, maybe Easter is a vivid reminder of the passionate and intense love that God has for each of his children.

My prayer is that we would move from Easter with excitement as we dedicate ourselves fully to loving God and serving others. If we are able to do that, then we will be able to have passionate and joyful worship each Sunday of the year. Now wouldn't that be something to celebrate!!!

--- Melissa

Reminders

(please see the website for more information)

Retirees Meeting

April 9, 2010

Being Prepared for a Public Emergency

Nicaragua Fund Raising Dinner

Saturday, April 10, 6:00 p.m.

FCUMC Preschool has Openings for Fall

Contact Susan Todd, 689-5518, stodd@fountaincityumc.org for more information

If you would like a copy of the bulletin listing the Easter Lily Memorial gifts, please call the church office.

April Drivers

Morning: Brent Eldridge

After Church: Whobodies Class

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

Emergency On Call

April 9-11: Melissa Smith

April 16-18: Jim Whedbee

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

FAMILY EVENTS



Church Rummage Sale

May 1

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\$3.00 Brown Bag-a-Bargain 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Drop Off

Thursday, 4/29, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Drop Off & Set up

Friday, 4/30, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Note: No Early Drop Offs

No Computers or TVs Accepted

Call Julie Knoefel, 405-7251, with questions.

Where can you make a lasting impression on your son and in your garden?

Our annual mother son event of course! We're creating stepping stones for the garden this year. Join us on Sunday, April 18, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the gym parking lot for a garden project, including getting dirty (of course), snacks, door prizes, and more. Tickets are \$5 per son. Be sure to wear work clothes!

Picnic and Play Date In the Park

Saturday, April 17, 5:00 p.m.

Families and friends are invited to a play date at the Sterchi Hills Park on Dry Gap Pike. Pack a picnic supper and come play and visit. No need to make a reservation, but if you have questions contact Becca Pendergrass at rpendergrass@fountaincityumc.org, ext. 115, or 865-804-6102. See you at the park!

Take me out to the ballgame....



Join us for some family fun! We're going to the ballpark at the University of Tennessee to watch the UT baseball team take on Vanderbilt on Sunday, April 25. The first pitch will be thrown at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, kids 17 years old and under are free. For more information please contact LeRoy Hatcher at ext. 111.

Changes in Children's Hallway

We are excited to begin using our new Welcome Center as the primary entrance into the lower children's hallway. Beginning Sunday, May 2, both side entrances to the downstairs children's hallway will be locked. As you drop off and pick up your children please enter through our new Welcome Center. Help us direct visitors and friends to this area so we are able to greet them, register children, issue security cards and distribute pagers. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to provide a safe and loving environment for our children.

Upcoming Youth Events

April 18: Spring Retreat registration due

April 23–25, Camp Lookout, Ga: Middle & High School Spring Retreat

May 2: Graduate Banquet

May 16: Confirmation Service and Banquet

May 23: Youth Parents Meeting

June 1–6, New Orleans, LA: Youth Choir Tour

Building Healthy Morals And Values

Has been postponed until the Fall!

Keep an eye out for the new date! For more information contact Andrew Cooper, ext. 107.

Family Promise Charity Sale

Do you shop at Belk? Do you like sales? Do you have a heart for helping Family Promise? Tickets are available for the Belk Charity Sale on May 1, 6:00-10:00 a.m. at all Belk stores. Tickets are \$5.00 each and Family Promise will retain the entire cost of the tickets. This is an easy but important part of our fund raising campaign. This sale involves rarely discounted brands as well as 20-70% off storewide!

Also they will be giving FREE Belk gift cards up to \$1,000 value to the first 100 customers in each store. What could you do with \$1,000 to spend at Belk? Please consider buying a few and invite a friend to go shop for the day. Tickets are available at the Family Promise office.

NEW MEMBERS



Please welcome Bonnie O'Hara to our congregation. Bonnie joined by transfer of membership from Concord UMC at the 11:00 traditional service on Sunday, March 28, 2010. Her address is 2330 Cripple Oak Lane. Chad & Janelle Browning are her fellowship friends.

Youth Choir Concert on April 18

On Sunday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m., Trinity Chapel Youth Choir will be joining with our very own FCUMC Youth Choir to present a program of sacred choral music. From exciting new hymn arrangements to modern gospel, there is sure to be music that will touch your heart! The concert is free, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Fountain City Ministry Center. Bring a friend, and come support our community youth choirs!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow provided by Circle 3. Shara Shoup from the Emerald Youth Foundation will present our program. Circle 1 is asked to bring snacks for Wesley House.

MEMORIAM



Edward D. Black, March 31, 2010, longtime FCUMC member. Our sympathy is extended to family and friends.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR

General Fund: In Memory Of: *Helen Koontz* by Phillip & Alexia Speeks

Michael Smith by Phillip & Alexia Speeks

In Honor Of: *Jim Whedbee* by Frances Lawson

Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of:

Catherine Todd by John & Karen Needy; Tom Harrington; Woody & Kathy Farrell

Scholarship Fund: In Memory of: *Rosa Ellis* by Gene & Jean Payne

Sue Rose by Sherman & Elizabeth Morton

Ed Black by Sherman & Elizabeth Morton

Capital Campaign: In Memory of: *Winston*

Hedgepeth by George & Pat Cooper

Ed Black by Reuben & Louann Holland; Tom & Lili Holbert; Elmer & Sarah Ridenour; David & Lucy Smith; John & Anna Mays

Sue Rose by John & Anna Mays

Catherine Todd by John & Anna Mays

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank the people of Fountain City UMC for their love, support, and prayers during the sickness and death of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Also, we thank the members of Circle 2 who provided the delicious dinner and the people who donated money in her memory. We especially want to thank Jim and Don for the beautiful service and all the people who were there. Thanks again for being such special people in a place that was so special to her.

Thank you,

The family of Marie Livesay

Praise God for 1,815 cans

Kids Cans for Christ is now in its 8th year. The children collected cans during Lent for the Fountain City Ministry Center. On Palm Sunday, 1,815 cans were delivered to the Ministry Center. These cans have saved the Ministry Center \$970.50. Thanks for all the donations from everyone!

CHURCH CALENDAR - MARCH 26 – APRIL 10

Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays

- 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)+
- 4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study (208)*
- 5:00 PM OffeRing Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:30 PM Financial Peace University (202)*
- 6:00 PM Divorce Care (111)*
Tween Team Studio (Choir Room)
Youth Growth Group (Various Rooms)*
Sunday Night Bible Study (112)
- 7:15 PM College Bible Study (Panera)

Mondays

- 8:30 AM Preschool (M-F)
- 9:00 AM Aerobics (M,W,F)
- 9:30 AM Monday Morning Bible Study (106)*
- 3:00 PM The NET (M-F)
- 4:30 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
- 5:30 PM GED Classes (137)*
Basic Music Reading Skills (Bell Room)
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Various Rooms)
Young Adult Bible Study (Offsite)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (M,W,Th,F, Sa)
- 9:00 PM Men's 40-plus Basketball

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (137)
- 4:00 PM OffeRing II Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:00 PM Dance For Joy (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesdays

- 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 PM Genesis Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)
GED Classes (137)*
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Live Children's Activities:
activities provided for children from birth
through 5th grade Sunday School
Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room)
High School Youth Group (Net Room)
Caregivers (112)
Parenting Partners (201)
Personally Experiencing Prayer (106)
Financial Peace University (202)*
Experiencing the Power of Pentecost (Wesley Hall)
Momentum for Life (138)
Tollers Handbells (Bell Room)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
- 7:45 PM *The Journey* Rehearsal (136)*

Thursdays

- 2:00 PM Basic Music Reading Skills (Bell Room)
- 4:30 PM Yoga - Children (Gym)
- 5:30 PM Yoga - Adults (Gym)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

Scheduled Activities

Friday, April 9

- 10:00 AM MOPS Steering Team (137)*
- 11:00 AM Joy Club (Wesley Hall)

Saturday, April 10

- 6:00 PM Nicaragua Fund Raising Dinner

Sunday, April 11

- 4:00 PM Guitar Ensemble (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study is offsite this week

Monday, April 12

- 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting (Office Conference)
Finance Committee (138)
- 7:00 PM Childhood Ministry Team (Off Site)

Tuesday, April 13

- 10:00 AM UMW Meeting (Wesley Hall)*
- 7:00 PM Thinking Positively Support (Choir Room)
UMW Circle 11 (Wesley Hall)
- 9:00 PM Softball (Caswell Park)

Thursday, April 15

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (137)
- 1:30 PM COR: Connection Team (137)
- 6:30 PM Bariatric Support Group (Choir Room)

Saturday, April 17

- 10:00 AM Christian Homebuilders Brunch (Wesley Hall)
- 5:00 PM Family Playdate & Picnic (Sterchi Hills Park)

Sunday, April 18

- 3:00 PM Mother & Son Event (Gym Parking Lot)
- 7:00 PM Youth Choir Community Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 19

- 6:00 PM Preschool Staff Meeting (138)
- 6:30 PM MOPS (Wesley Hall)*

Tuesday, April 20

- 10:00 AM Bridge (Youth Room)
- 6:30 PM Special Needs Ministry (137)*
- 7:00 PM Scroggie Gift Committee(138)
- 9:00 PM Softball (Caswell Park)

Thursday, April 22

- 5:00 PM Older Singles (Wesley Hall)

Friday, April 23

- 5:00 PM Youth Spring Retreat Departure

Saturday, April 24

- Youth Spring Retreat continues
- 9:00 AM Serving Knoxville As One, Operation
InAsMuch (Wesley Hall & Offsite)
- 5:30 PM Open Door Community Meal (Gym)

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

THE SPIRIT

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OUR PRAYERS

Church Family in the Hospital as of April 5:
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Recently Discharged from the Hospital:
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OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Sunday School	440
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	162
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	315
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	138
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	46
Total Morning Worship	661
Wednesday Night Meal	139

Maundy Thursday 121
Good Friday 191

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Sunday School	578
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	272
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	555
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	154
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	74
Total Morning Worship	1055

OUR GIFTS

Weekly Offerings (General Fund)	
March 22-28	\$16,571
March 29-April 4	\$37,925
YTD Receipts	\$379,240
YTD Expenses	\$338,728
Difference	\$40,512
Salt & Light (April- MTD)	\$75

**Your gifts make it possible to host families for
Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), a part of
Family Promise.**

OUR SERVICE

April 8:30 Ushers: Charles & Celia Thompson,
Head Ushers; Scott & Twila Womack
April 11:00 Ushers: Ernest Sprouse, Head Usher;
Richard & Sonja Bock, Harry McLeod, Bill Reseigh,
Mark Sharpe, Mike Hensley, Doug Cox, Dean
Vance, John Meade, Jordan Spradling
April Journey Ushers:
Brent & Nicole Eldridge, Janice Williams, Maggie
Williams
April Greeters: Louise Nelson, Larry & Sharon
Smith, Mary Emma Scott, Mary Fredna Danford,
Rachael Hedgepeth
