



The Messenger

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LIVE NATIVITY DEPICTS CHRISTMAS STORY

CFUMC sponsored its second annual Live Nativity in late December. Members of our youth ministry served as the cast, along with several live animals. Thanks to Jennifer Green for spearheading the event!



Intercessory Prayer

Cindy Minish • Frank Ledbetter • Becky Roberds
Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless
Nell Meadows • Bill Perry
Carolyn Mason • Doris O. Kaylor
Kitty Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield • Mildred Lambert • Horace Carden
Audrey Albright • Matt Dixon
Horace Johnson, grandfather of Alecia Searcy
James Fletcher, father of Jana Thurman
Annette & Tom Wiley, parents of Lisa Ledbetter
Jonathan Wilbanks, serving in Iraq, grandson of Harris & Connie Johnson
Preston Thomas, father of Nick Thomas, Augusta
Robert Hodgins, father of Karen Hutcheson
Bobby Hutcheson, grandfather of Melissa, Rebecca & Lucy Hutcheson
Ashley Turner, family friend of Mark Barnes
Don Malone, friend of Bobby Sanders
Norma Jean Thompson, church landscaper's wife
Danielle Huff, cousin of John Cook
Gail Settles, friend of Melissa Smith and Sue McBrayer
Frank Satterfield
Shirley Digsby & Allen Payton, friend and son of Eva Haynes
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others
Our heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Syble Gilley in the death of her brother, Neil Reagin, Jan. 5. And to Travis Thomas and family in the death of his grandmother, Charlene Thomas, Jan. 3, in Ronda, NC.

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor
Rev. Karla Otroszko, Associate Pastor
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister
Rev. John Cuenas, Hispanic Minister
Ernestine Maddox, Administrator

Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary
Pat Reynolds, Communications Manager
Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries
Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist
Christopher Thurman, Facilities Manager
Clara Norton, Eva Haynes Custodians
Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults

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Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday is this week at CFUMC. We will worship at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary and both the traditional and contemporary will worship at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be no service in the Fellowship Hall. Brett Carter will be our Laity speaker for both services, and Crosswalk and the Chancel Choir will provide special music. We encourage those who can to come to the 9 a.m. service in order to help with crowd at 11:00. Both services will be the same. This will be a great day in the life of our church. Please join us as we celebrate God and the laity of CFUMC. This is a great way to begin 2009.

See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, make a difference in someone's life, and have a great week!

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Laity Sunday this Sunday; combined 11 o'clock worship in the Sanctuary

Laity Sunday is a day designed for the lay members of local congregations around the world to lead the worship service and give the clergy a much needed time away from the pulpit. CFUMC will hold its annual Laity Sunday this Sunday, with **combined** 11 a.m. services in the Sanctuary. The **9 a.m. service will be as regularly scheduled.** Brett Carter will speak on "Crossless Christianity" at both services and the Chancel Choir and Crosswalk will provide special music. Laypersons will deliver the announcements, children's sermon, pastoral and offertory prayers.

"We will have music that provides both traditional and contemporary components," according to Minister of Music Mark Barnes, who, along with Jack Barr, planned the hymns and special music.

"This is a great day in the life of our church," says Senior Minister Eddie Herring. "We are excited that we have such capable laypeople in our church to lead this worship service."

Announcements

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of David and Jennifer Martin Fairchild, married in the Sanctuary, Jan. 10.

ANGEL TREE SERVES 130+

Thanks to all of you who sponsored an angel tree child for Christmas. Because of your generosity, more than 130 Carroll County foster children were provided a very special Christmas.

CHURCH-WIDE BBQ

Mark your calendars for a church-wide BBQ lunch, Sunday, Jan. 25, Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 worship services. Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade mission trip to West Virginia during spring break.

DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT

A District Training Event will be held, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2:30 - 5 p.m. at the Douglasville First UMC. If you are in a leadership position or on a committee this year you are encouraged to attend.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

JAN. 14

A Beth Moore Bible Study will begin, Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in rm. 201. This study will be on "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman" and will be taught by Betty Green and Libby Thomasson.

This Sunday at CFUMC

January 11, 2009

LAITY SUNDAY

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Sanctuary

Brett Carter will deliver the message at both 9 a.m and 11 a.m. services. The 11:00 contemporary and traditional services will combine in the Sanctuary.

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service
Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas

Reminder: Make Reservations for Fellowship Dinner

A Sports Night Fellowship Dinner will be held, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, 6 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to wear their favorite college or professional team jersey, hat, sweatshirt, etc.

No cost for this kick-off dinner.

Just call the church office to make a reservation. The first 176 reservations will be accepted due to space. **Jr. High aged children who attend Wednesday night youth activities already have a reservation for this dinner. They will dine in the Solid Rock Cafe.**

Fellowship Dinner January 14, 2009

Yes I will attend!

Name _____

No. Attending _____

Phone No. _____

Date Night, Saturday, Feb. 14

The Sophomore Class Mission Team will be providing babysitting for your Date Night on Valentine's Day! Get your Sunday School class together, or just go on a date as a couple, but leave your kids with us! Baby Sitting will be provided from 5 to 10 p.m., so get your reservations set now--and leave the babysitting up to the Sophomore Class Mission Team. Lots of fun activities will be available. This is a fundraiser for the Mission trip to the Gulf Coast for Hurricane Katrina rebuilding. **Watch the Messenger for more information.**



Junior High Lock-In

The Sophomore Class Mission Team invites all Junior High Students (6-8th grades) for an all-night

Lock-In on Friday, January 23rd. Lots of food and fun awaits. This is a fundraiser for the Mission trip to the Gulf Coast for Katrina Rebuilding--so a \$10 donation is requested.

Our Positive Witness

Jan. 4, 2008

Worship: 524

9 am - 54; 11 am Contemporary- 245;
11 am Traditional - 179; Nursery - 22;
Hispanic - 24;

Sunday School: 373

Dec. 31 - End of the Year Reporting

Weekly Revenue Needed to meet 2008 budget	0.00
Weekly Revenue Received	82,410.24
YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 budget	1,200,000.00
YTD Revenue Received	1,239,614.97
Designated Funds:	
Missions Offering	2,000.00

Jan. 1-4, 2009

Weekly Revenue needed to meet 2008 Budget
Budget Pending

Weekly Revenue Received	25,801.20
YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 Budget	Budget Pending
YTD Revenue Received	25,801.20

Designated Funds:

Missions Offering	145.00
Hispanic Ministry	20.00
Mission Trips	200.00
Good Samaritan Fund	587.00

2008 Pledges: 284 pledges = \$975,251.00

2009 Pledges: 278 pledges = \$929,537.00

Serving This Week

9 am

Ushers: Jim Carr, Harlan Carroll

Greeters: Merrell & Sandra Law, Myline Chappell

11 am Contemporary

Ushers: Dan Minish, George Ward, Ben Garrett, Tom Glanton, Jim Reynolds, Bruce Sener

Greeters: William Traylor, Libby Thomasson, Charlotte Shackelford

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Paul Simpson, H.L. McCright, James Crews, David Miceli, Chuck Conerly, Gerald Pilgrim, John Trawick, Rusty Batch

Greeters: Glenda Banks, Betty Garrett, Lori Garrett

Acolytes: Mariah Horton, Austin Garrett, Rob Bennett

Youth Volunteers - Sr. High Jan. 11: Rayvan & Beth Teague

Jr. High Chaperones Jan. 14: Wynn & Glenn Grisham; Jana & Howard Seeman

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Jan. 11

9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary
10 am - Sunday School
11 am - Traditional and Contemporary combined Worship, Sanctuary
11 am - Hispanic Worship - Chapel
2:30 pm - District Training Event, Douglasville FUMC

Monday, Jan. 12

12 noon - Missions Meeting, Library
7 pm - Boy Scout Meeting, FSH

Tuesday, Jan. 13

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone
7 pm - Disciple, rm. 206

Wednesday, Jan. 14

9:30 am - Bible Study, rm. 201
10 am - Disciple, rm. 206
5 pm - KidZone resumes
6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activities, Solid Rock Cafe
6 pm - Fellowship Supper, FSH
7 pm - Chancel Choir