



# The Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF CARROLLTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Community Thanksgiving Service

*This Sunday, Nov. 23 • 7 p.m.*



*Tabernacle Baptist Church  
150 Tabernacle Dr.  
Preacher: John Morris  
First Christian Church*

*If you would like to sing in the combined choir, rehearsal is at 6 p.m. that night.*

### A Thankful Perspective:

#### Thank You Lord For....

Thank you for this sink of dirty dishes; we have plenty of food to eat.

Thank you for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry; we have plenty of nice clothes to wear.

And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds;

they were so warm and comfortable last night. I know that many have no bed.

My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom, complete with all the soggy, grimy towels and

the dirty lavatory; they are all so convenient.

Thank you for this finger-smudged refrigerator that needs defrosting so badly; it has served us faithfully for many years. It is full of cold drinks and enough leftovers for two or three meals.

Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned today; it has baked so many things over the years.

The whole family is grateful for that tall grass that needs mowing and lawn that needs raking; we all enjoy the yard.

Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says You have richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully.

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings...Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible...Thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic with socks that are lost, toast that is burned, tempers that are short, and my children that are so loud... Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous... Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who are jobless.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest... Thank you, Lord, for life.

***And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.***

Colossians 3:17

## Intercessory Prayer

Cindy Minish • Frank Ledbetter  
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  
Carolyn Muse  
Tracy Stallings, friend of Jerry and Sammy Eady and others  
Robert Hodgins, father of Karen Hutcheson  
Bobby Hutcheson, grandfather of Melissa, Rebecca & Lucy Hutcheson  
Alex Robertson, grandson of Tom & Alice Robertson  
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  
Lucille Walker, mother of Jane Walker  
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

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Karla Oroszko, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister  
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister  
Rev. John Cuenas, Hispanic Minister  
Ernesine 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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## Win Pray Give Serve Glorify

### Giving Praise and Thanks to God

When the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock, Mass., on Dec. 21, 1620, without any time for them to grow food, a harsh New England winter set in. Frightfully cold, hungry, and sick, nearly half of them died the first winter. In the Fall of 1621, after tough times, their pastor called them to give thanks to God for His blessings. For three hours they praised and thanked God. Their focus was not on themselves but on God. This Sunday, we as a church family will gather to praise and thank God for all His blessings. Sunday is also our Investment Sunday during which you may bring your pledge card for 2009. I know these are tough times. May we follow their example and come together to praise and thank God. May we also as we worship and invest in God's Kingdom keep our focus on God and His greater purposes. We need to hear from your family. Please bring your card Sunday or bring it by the church office. I also want to encourage you to join our community on Sunday evening at Tabernacle Baptist Church for our Community Thanksgiving Service. This is a great way for the community to give thanks. Thank you to everyone who gave \$5 for canned goods for the Soup Kitchen. We raised \$1,163. Way to go! If you haven't brought canned goods for Salvation Army or signed up to ring the bell during Christmas, I encourage you to do so on Sunday.

See you at church, share Jesus, bring your Investment Card, give thanks, have a great week, and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Eddie



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## Announcements

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Church office will be closed, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 & 28, for Thanksgiving holidays.

### A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Your expressions of love and care have been deeply appreciated by our family. The visits, food, flowers, cards, and most of all, your prayers have comforted us and will continue to comfort us in the days ahead.

*Louise Hearn and Family*

### THANK YOU!!

The Kenya Mission Team would like to say a big THANK YOU to Jack Barr, David Sewell and other *Crosswalk* members for all the time and help they gave to make the benefit concert a huge success. Approximately \$1,200 was raised to support the team and buy supplies for the children of Strong Tower Orphanage. The financial and prayer support of our congregation for the mission team is greatly appreciated.

### ADVENTURING MINISTRIES

Deadline to register for the Adventuring Ministries trip to see "Spirit of Christmas" is this Sunday. Tickets are \$25 and \$45 and your check is your reservation.

### ATTENTION ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We need three classes to coordinate and provide hot chocolate during our live Nativity celebration and at the Christmas parade. The dates are December 4, December 21 and December 22. Please contact Kelly Glanton at the church office if your class can serve in this way.

### "THE SHACK"

The Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class (rm. 207) will discuss "The Shack" on Nov. 23. This Christian novel has been on the best seller list for months with more than three million copies sold. This is an open invitation to join class members in this discussion of the novel's unique presentation of the mystery and ministry of the Trinity.

## This Sunday at CFUMC

Nov. 23, 2008

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

**Sermon:** *GLORIFY*- "Glorifying and Praising God"

**Scripture:** Psalm III

Rev. Eddie Herring

**Special Music:** "Shout Glory" Smith (9am) Adoration  
"God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. Raney (11am)

### 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Fellowship Hall

**Sermon:** *GLORIFY*- "Imitation is the Highest Form of Flattery"

**Scripture:** Psalm III

Rev. Karla Otroszko

Praise and Worship Music by *Crosswalk*

### 11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas

## Help Children through Angel Trees



Our Angel Trees are located downstairs in the Children's Wing and upstairs outside the Sanctuary. Please select an angel from the tree and provide Christmas for a Carroll County foster child or one of our CFUMC Hispanic children. When you select your angel, please sign your name beside the number of the child you selected. Deadline to bring in the gifts is Dec. 21. If you bring them on a Sunday, please drop them off in the InZone Building. Bring the gifts by the church office if on a weekday.

## It's Begining to Look a Lot Like Christmas...

Mark your calendars for the many opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Savior:

**Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Dec. 7, 4 p.m.** - Chancel Choir Christmas Concert

**Dec. 14, 11 a.m.** during worship service - *Crosswalk* Christmas Concert

**Dec. 14, 6 p.m.** - Children's Choir, Carroll Ringers, Celebration, Men's Ensemble Christmas Concert

**Dec. 21 - 22** - 6:15 & 7 p.m. - Live Nativity, Front Lawn

**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve Services:

5 pm - Family & Children Service, Sanctuary

5 pm- Hispanic Service, Chapel

6 - 7:30 pm - Come & Go Communion, Sanctuary

11 pm - Carols, Candlelight & Communion, Sanctuary



### Our Positive Witness

**Nov. 16, 2008**

**Worship:** 414

9 am - 79; 11 am Contemporary- 147;

11 am Traditional - 142; Nursery - 28;

Hispanic - 18

**Sunday School:**

10 am - 331

**2008 Pledges**

283 pledges = \$975,251.00

**2009 Pledges**

3 pledges = \$3,560.00

**Nov. 11 - 17, 2008**

Weekly Revenue needed to meet 2008 Budget \$21,233.00

Weekly Revenue Received 23,387.41

YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 Budget 907,514.00

YTD Received 927,531.83

#### Designated Funds:

Memorials: E.H. Hearn 890.00

Bldg. Fund Memorial: E.H. Hearn 25.00

Memorial: Sam Phelps 75.00

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Soup Kitchen 1,163.00

Good Samaritan Fund 30.00

Hispanic Ministry 50.00

Youth Mission - Soul Sister Sally concert 1,829.00

## Serving This Week

**9 am**

**Ushers:** John Ball, Tim Davis, William Traylor

**Greeters:** Bill Cook & Martha Ann Saunders

**11 am Contemporary**

**Ushers:** Tim & Dawn Criswell, William Traylor, Rod & Elaine Shivers

**Greeters:** Barbara Tanner, Jerry Eady

**11:00 am Traditional**

**Ushers:** Buddy Williams, Jack Norton, Ken Waid, Chenault Cockrell, David Mecklin, Allen Murrah, David Parkman, Tom Overton, John Hughes, Cecil Duffee, George Hirvela

**Greeters:** Frank Jones, Jewell Johnson, George & Jackie Ward

**Acolytes** - Madison Harris, Josh Waldrep, Austin Garrett

**Front Porch Visitation** - Larry Smith

**Youth Snack Supper** -

**Sunday, Nov. 23:** Tee & Dana Reeve

**Wednesday, Nov. - 26** - No Youth

## This Week at CFUMC

### Sunday, Nov. 23

9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary

10 am - Sunday School

11 am - Contemporary Worship,  
Fellowship Hall

11 am - Traditional Worship,  
Sanctuary

11 am - Hispanic Worship -  
Chapel

3:30 pm - Children's Christmas  
program practice

5 pm - 6th grade make Advent wreaths,  
InZone

5 pm - Celebration

6 pm - Men's Ensemble

6 pm - Sr. High Youth

7 pm - Community Thanksgiving  
Service, Tabernacle Baptist Church

### Monday, Nov. 24

5:30 - Guitar Class, Music Suite

6 pm - Financial Peace Class, rm.  
206

### Tuesday, Nov. 25

8:15 am - Yoga, Inzone

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Disciple III, rm. 206

### Wednesday, Nov. 26

10 am - Disciple II, rm. 309

5 pm - No KidsZone

6 pm- No Youth activities

### Thursday, Nov. 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

### Friday, Nov. 28

Church Office closed