



The Messenger

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YOUTH RETURN FROM KENYA MISSION TRIP



Members of the 11th grade mission trip to Kenya returned safe and sound and on fire with the Holy Spirit. While there during their Christmas break, they helped to build a Sunday School room, planted crops, held Bible studies with children, worked in the slum area, and spent time at the Strong Tower orphanage that they helped to fund. Shown above is the group in front of the sign at the orphanage that reads: *This home consecrated to the Glory of God, our "Strong Tower" 13/11/2007, Roswell, GA UMC, and Carrollton, GA UMC Youth.* These youth will share their experiences this Sunday during the traditional worship services and next Sunday during the contemporary worship service.



BBQ planned to benefit youth W. VA mission trip

A church-wide BBQ lunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship services, Sunday, Jan. 25, to benefit the 8th grade mission trip to West Virginia, June 28 - July 3. Students will be selling tickets during Sunday School and after worship this coming Sunday. The menu is pulled pork, brunswick stew, chips, tea, dessert. Tickets will also be available at the door. Donations are appreciated.



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
Mother of Sara Parker
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 June Moore in the death of her brother, Elza Bloodworth, Dec. 30, in Illinois

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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Wow! You Really Came Through!



Your investment to God and His Kingdom through CFUMC blew me away. I personally want to thank you for all you did in 2008. Even in tough economic times, you proved your love and commitment to Jesus.

In December 2008, you gave \$248,000 to the budget of the church. Because of your generosity, we were able to meet our budget and have around \$40,000 left over to begin 2009. You also supported 130 children off the angel tree, gave memorial gifts, and gave to support missions. In all, you probably gave closer to \$270,000. As your pastor, I am so proud of each of you for stepping up to the plate and coming through. May God richly bless each of you and your families! Well done!

I truly believe 2009 will be an incredible year for Carrollton First United Methodist Church. Thanks again for a being vital, irreplaceable part of our church family. You are truly loved and appreciated.

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

Eddie

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Announcements

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The church office will be closed, Monday, Jan. 19, for Martin Luther King Day.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study, "Conversation Peace: The Power of Transformed Speech" will be held during KidZone, beginning Jan. 21. The study will focus on avoiding speech pitfalls and discovering speech-transforming messages from the Bible. It will be held from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. in rm. 311. For more information, contact Chloe Harden (770-832-8550).

KIDZONE VOLUNTEERS

KidZone volunteers are needed on Wednesdays from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on a rotational basis. Contact Kelly at the church office if you can help.

LOWE'S HELPS HABITAT

When you buy a Lowe's gift card, you can help West Georgia Habitat for Humanity build a new home. Simply purchase a Lowe's card anytime on Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Carrollton Lowe's, and they will match the gift card purchases up to \$5,000 to support the next WG Habitat for Humanity building project.

GUITAR CLASSES BEGIN

Two guitar classes will begin on Monday, Feb. 2. The beginner's class will be from 5:30 - 6:15 pm and the advanced class will be from 6:30 - 7:15pm. The beginning class will focus on three skills: tuning, playing by note, and playing by chords. The advanced class will focus on common chords, bar chords, scales, and playing worship songs. Students need to be 5th grade or higher and have your own guitar. There will be a minimal cost to cover materials.

HELP CLEAN TRANSITIONAL HOUSE

Volunteers are needed to clean the Transitional House, 1282 Stewart St., Saturday, Jan. 24; 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., before the next client moves in. Call Martha Thurman, 770-832-8962 for more info.

This Sunday at CFUMC

January 18, 2009

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

Testimonies from Kenya Mission Trip

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

Sermon: "Finding Jesus"

Scripture: John 1: 43 - 51

Rev. Karla Otroszko

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service
Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas

Adventuring Ministries Activities planned

The Adventuring Ministries group is starting off the new year with lots of activities. On Jan. 29, a Soup and Cornbread dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. Then on Feb. 13, they will hold a Valentine's Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Call Dean Milford at the church office for more information.

A trip to Branson, MO is on tap for April 19 - 25. Cost per person is \$625, which includes transportation, 6 nights lodging (including four consecutive nights in Branson), 10 meals, and admission to seven Branson shows.

A \$75 deposit is due upon signing up. Contact Dean for more information.

Fellowship Dinner Wednesday, Feb. 4

Menu: Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert

Cost: \$5 adult \$3 child (11 & under)

Deadline to sign up: Feb. 2; 3:00

Name: _____

No. attending _____

Please drop this in the offering plate or bring by the church office

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! Babysitting will be provided from 6 to 10 p.m. for infants through 5th grade. Cost is \$10 per child, or \$20 per family. Call Greg Cochran to sign up, 770-832-7069. Deadline is Feb. 8. Proceeds benefit the mission trip to the Gulf Coast for Hurricane Katrina rebuilding.



Junior High Lock-In

A Junior High lock-in will be held on Friday, January 23rd at the Solid Rock Cafe. Lots of food and fun awaits. A \$10 donation is requested to help with the 10th grade mission trip to the Gulf Coast.

Attention Youth!!

Your Big Stuf deposit of \$50 is due this week. Please contact Greg Cochran at the church office for more info.

Our Positive Witness

Jan. 11, 2008

Worship: 699

9 am - 155; 11 am Combined Worship - 510; Nursery - 34;

Sunday School: 415

Weekly Revenue Needed to meet 2009

budget Budget pending

Weekly Revenue Received 19,917.83

YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2009 budget

Budget pending

YTD Revenue Received \$45,719.03

Designated Funds:

Memorial: E.H. Hearn 50.00

8th Grade Mission Trip 90.00

2008 Pledges: 284 pledges = \$975,251.00

2009 Pledges: 278 pledges = \$929,537.00

Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School

June 8 - 12, 2009

9 a.m. - noon

Theme: SonRock Kids' Camp



Serving This Week

9 am

Ushers: Milton & Susan Berry

Greeters: Jim & Carolyn Sneddon, Dan & Sue McBrayer, Nancy Tunnell

11 am Contemporary

Ushers: Tony Newman, Lee Barr, Joe McGinnis, Travis Rogers, David Godwin, Paul & Patti Allen

Greeters: Paul & Charlotte Penland, Patsy & Bill Rhodes

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Jeff Gordon, Ben Gordon, Gary Cottrell, Ernest McClendon, Charlie Murrah, Bobby Sanders, Cal Johnson, Warren Daubenspeck, Mark Gustafson

Greeters: Peggy Gordon, Chuck & Michelle Conerly, Robin & Matt Street

Acolytes - Caroline Conerly, Maggie Barrett, Jessica Searcy

Youth Volunteers - Sr. High Snack Suypper: Jan. 18: NO YOUTH

Jr. High Snack Supper: Jan. 21: Johnny & Allison Tanner

Jr. High Chaperones: Stacy & Allen Gaston; Danielle Sprinkle

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Jan. 18

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

Monday, Jan. 19

Church Office closed for MLK Day

Tuesday, Jan. 20

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Disciple III, rm. 206

Wednesday, Jan. 21

10 am - Disciple, rm. 206

5 pm - KidZone

6 pm - Finance Committee, Library

6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activities, Solid RockCafe

7 pm - Chancel Choir

Friday, Jan. 23

Jr. High Lock-in, Solid Rock Cafe

Mark Your Calendars!!

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28

12 noon - 2 p.m.

Oak Mountain Park playground

hotdog/hamburger lunch provided

Hunt begins promptly at 12:15.