



The Messenger

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LIVE NATIVITY DEC. 21 - 22

Carrollton First will present its second Live Nativity on Dec. 21 and 22, with showings at 6:15 and 7 p.m. each night on the front lawn of the church. Actors for the nativity will be CFUMC 8th and 9th graders. Shown at right are the youth rehearsing for the presentation.



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
Jonathan Wilbanks, serving in Iraq, grandson of Harris & Connie Harris
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
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
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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Christmas Eve Services

- 5 pm - Family & Children's Service, Sanctuary
- 5 pm - Hispanic Service, Chapel
- 6 - 7:30 pm - Come & Go Communion, Sanctuary
- 11 pm - Carols, Candlelight, and Communion, Sanctuary



Announcements

The flowers at the altar on Dec. 21 are given in loving memory of our mother, Mary Duffee, brothers, Cecil Duffee III and Joe Duffee, by the Duffee and Dortch families.

The flowers at the altar on Dec. 28 are given in loving memory of Mary Searcy by her family on her birthday, Dec. 27.

MESSENGER

Due to the Christmas holidays, this *Messenger* features two weeks worth of information. There will be no *Messenger* mailed next week.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The church office will be closed on Dec. 25, 26, and Jan. 1.

LAITY SUNDAY JANUARY 11

Mark your calendar for the New Year! Jan. 11 is designated at our church as Laity Sunday. Brett Carter will be the speaker at all services in the **Sanctuary**. Nine o'clock will be at the regular time. Both 11 a.m. services will be **combined** and we will enjoy the fellowship and worship service together.

CENSUS TEST DATE

If you're interested in becoming a Census Taker, a test will be given on Jan. 6, 2009, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Call 1-866-861-2010 to sign up or you can show up on the assigned date. Two forms if identification are required at the testing.

2009 INVESTMENT CARD

If you have not turned in your 2009 Investment card, we need to hear from you. Please pray about it, fill out the card, and return it to the church office. We do not want to cut the budget. You can help by investing in what God is doing through Carrollton First UMC. You can pick up a card in the church office or on tables throughout the church.

This Sunday at CFUMC



December 21, 2008
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Sermon: "How Can This Be?"

Scripture: Luke 1: 26 -38

Rev. Karla Otroszko

Special Music:

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Fellowship Hall

Sermon: Christmas Movies part 3

"Miracle on 34th Street"

"Do You Believe in Jesus?"

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20

Rev. Eddie Herring

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service
Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas

Sunday, Dec. 28

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Traditional: Sermon by Greg Cochran

11 a.m. Contemporary: A Charlie Brown Christmas:

"The Redeeming Power of God's Love"

Rev. Eddie Herring

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.**

Fill out the reservation form below and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. **Jr. High aged children who attend Wednesday night youth activities already have a reservation for this dinner.**

Fellowship Dinner January 14, 2009

Yes I will attend!

Name _____

No. Attending _____

Phone No. _____

Youth Lock-In

Dec. 31 • 10 p.m. - 8 a.m.

for grades 6 - 12

The Zone Skating Rink

Cost: \$5

Call Youth Minister Greg for more information, 404-444-1099



Our Positive Witness

Dec. 14, 2008

Worship: 823

9 am - 72; 11 am Contemporary- 464;

11 am Traditional - 193; Nursery - 31;

Hispanic - 21; Children's Choir - 30;

Junaluska trip - 12

Sunday School:

10 am - 417

2008 Pledges

283 pledges = \$975,251.00

2009 Pledges

221 pledges = \$729,396.00

Dec. 8 - 14, 2008

Weekly Revenue needed to meet 2008 Budget \$46,037.00

Weekly Revenue Received 24,289.01

YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 Budget 1,049,798.00

YTD Received 1,028,867.18

Designated Funds:

Youth Bldg. Renovation Mem.: Angela Sanders 200.00

Memorials: Mike Parrott 150.00

M/M Woodrow Reynolds 100.00

Jake Harrison 25.00

Missions 145.00

Hispanic Ministry 100.00

Homeless Offering/Pin Sale 45.00

UMCOR 100.00

Good Samaritan Fund 200.00

Youth Building Renovation 135.00

Adventuring Min./Junaluska Trip 250.00

Serving This Week

Dec. 21

9 am

Ushers: Milton & Susan Berry

Greeters: Jim & Carolyn Sneddon, Dan & Sue McBrayer

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 - Madison Harris, Josh Waldrep, Mary Hirvela

Front Porch Visitation - Christmas Break

Dec. 28

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 - Caroline Conerly, William Smith, Katie Beth Carter

Front Porch Visitation - Christmas Break

Christmas Eve Communion Server - Susan Helton

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Dec. 21

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

6:15 & 7 p.m. - Live Nativity, front lawn

Monday, Dec. 22

6:15 & 7 p.m. - Live Nativity, front lawn

Tuesday, Dec. 23

4 - 6 pm - Angel tree gifts to be picked
up, InZone

Wednesday, Dec. 24

11 am - 1 pm; 4 - 5 pm - Angel tree gifts
to be picked up

5 pm - Hispanic Service, Chapel

5 pm - Family Christmas Service, Sanctu-
ary

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

11 pm - Carols, Candlelight, and Com-
munion service, Sanctuary

Thursday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!

Friday, Dec. 26

Church Office closed

Sunday, Dec. 28

9 am - Morning Worship

10 am - Church School

11 am - Contemporary Worship, FSH

11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11 am - Hispanic Worship, Chapel

Thursday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year!