

The Messenger



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As you ride by CFUMC, you will notice a beautiful addition in the form of stained glass windows in the steeple area. The windows were contributed by the Barrett family in memory of Sadie Ruth Barrett. According to Scott Barrett, the idea came to him via former CFUMC senior pastor Jimmy Thurman in 2001, who had a dream to have a "lighthouse" area of the church for all to see. He wanted to replace the louvers in the steeple area with stained glass. Through the Barrett's generosity, this dream has become reality. Shown at left are employees of Llorens Leaded ArtGlass and Mirror who made and installed the windows.



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
 Annette & Tom Wiley, parents of Lisa Ledbetter
 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
 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 heart felt Christian sympathy is expressed to Marnie Flinn and family in the death of her grandmother, Marjorie McDonald, Dec. 18, in Missouri.
 And to Elmo and Becky Roberds in the death of their grandson, Michael Roberds, Dec. 20, in Marietta.

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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Win Pray Give Serve Glorify The Magi



This Sunday is Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany day is Jan. 6. This is the time that the church celebrates the coming of the Magi from the East. They came searching for the newborn King of the Jews. When the Magi found Jesus, they bowed down and worshipped Him. The Magi will be with us in the 11:00 contemporary service. As we think about the Magi in 2009, may we follow their example: 1) may we bow down before Jesus; 2) may we present our very best to Jesus, and 3) may we worship Jesus with all our being. May we truly worship this King of Kings and live our lives for Him. This is a great way to live your life in 2009 -- kneeling before Jesus, giving Jesus your very best and worshipping Jesus with your whole self. I can think of nothing better that we could do. In 2009 may your life truly worship Jesus. See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, worship Jesus, give your best to Jesus and have a blessed week!

Eddie

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

CFUMC will hold its annual Laity Sunday, Jan. 11, with **combined** 11 a.m. services in the Sanctuary. The **9 a.m. service will be as regularly scheduled.** Brett Carter will be the speaker at both services and the Chancel Choir and Crosswalk will provide special music.



Announcements

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The church office will be closed, Jan. 1.



In Memoriam

Doris E. Kaylor
December 27, 2008

SPECIAL THANKS

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee would like to thank Ben Gordon, Mary Anne Cripe, and Libby Thomasson for their service on the committee for the last three years.

UMW NEWS

The Morning Fellowship will meet, Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. with Judy Hight, 323 Mallard Dr.

The Katie Downs Fellowship will meet, Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. with Teresa Johnson, 133 Westbrook Rd.

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.

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.

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 4, 2008

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

Covenant Renewal Service

Homily: "And They Left By Another Road"

Scripture: Matthew 1: 1-12

Rev. Karla Otroszko

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Fellowship Hall

Sermon: Christmas Movies part 6
"Home Alone"

"Kneeling Before the Christ Child"

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Rev. Eddie Herring

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas

Pray for Operation Beautiful Feet

For unto you is born this day a savior who is Christ the Lord
(Luke 2:11)



The savior of the world is the reason Operation Beautiful Feet has gone to Kenya on a mission trip. Please pray for these 11th graders as they are in Africa until Jan. 8. Their ministry includes building a church in the largest slum in

all of Africa (two million people living in an area 6x4 kilometers), planting hedges and a garden at the Strong Tower Home (the building our church raised funds for in order to give street kids a place to live), ministry in churches and orphanages and a Masai village (unreached people group). Please pray for the Holy Spirit to give protection, anointing, and clarity in translating the message of who Jesus is. Seeking to have "beautiful feet" (Rom. 10), the team consists of Jamie Swindle, Sam Martin, Kyle Martin, Caleb Griffin, Caroline Batch, Kelli Allen, Molly Garner, Chelsea Goodman, Marissa Shunn, Carlee Thomas, Katy Flinn, Grace Glanton, Kelly Glanton, Joy Griffin.

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. **Jr. High aged children who attend Wednesday night youth activities already have a reservation for this dinner.**

Our Positive Witness

Dec. 21, 2008

Worship: 766

9 am - 106; 11 am Contemporary - 305;
11 am Traditional - 289; Nursery - 40;
Hispanic - 26;

Sunday School: 492

Christmas Eve Services - 5 pm - 231;

6:30 pm Communion - 237; 11 pm -
265; Hispanic - 60

Dec. 28, 2008

Worship: 522

9 am - 60; 11 am Contemporary - 244;
11 am Traditional - 163; Nursery - 25;
Hispanic - 30; Kenya Mission Trip - 16

Sunday School: 330

10 am - 314; 11 am - 16

Dec. 15 - 29, 2008		
Weekly Revenue needed to meet 2008 Budget	(12/20/08)	\$58,635.00
	(12/28/08)	91,567.00
Weekly Revenue Received	(12/20/08)	73,649.01
	(12/28/08)	74,688.54
YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 Budget	(12/20/08)	1,108,433.00
	(12/28/08)	1,200,000.00
YTD Revenue Received	(12/20/08)	1,102,516.19
	(12/28/08)	1,157,204.73

Designated Funds:

Memorial: Sam Phelps	25.00
Missions Honor: Jimmy & Martha Thurman	50.00
Missions	50.00
Homeless Offering/Pin Sale	330.00
Inside Ministries/Clemmie's Devotionals	10.00
Soup Kitchen	100.00
Transitional House	580.00
Choir Specials	500.00
Youth Building Renovation	135.00
Youth Kenya Mission Trip	1,000.00
Nicaragua Uniform Project Hon. Sarah Butts	150.00
Honor: Tommy & Betty Green	40.00
Good Samaritan Fund	3,453.75

2008 Pledges: 284 pledges = \$975,251.00

2009 Pledges: 267 pledges = \$876,677.00

Serving This Week

9 am

Ushers: Roy Johnson, Dan McBrayer, David Smith, W.H. Smith
Greeters: Angie Cook, Christine Johnson & Barbara Tanner

11 am Contemporary

Ushers: Derek Smith, Bill Carter, Donnie Dillard, Tee Green, Rayvan Teague, Bill Garrett
Greeters: Nita Barr, George & Jackie Ward

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Bruce Lyon, Clay Robinson, Mike Barrett, Bob Germany, Dan Camp, Bob Stone, Galen Hobbs, Jason Harden

Greeters: John Bergstrom, Gherry Gustafson, Jim Swinson

Acolytes: Mariah Horton, Austin Garrett, Rob Bennett

Sanctuary Work Committee for January: Annette Barrett, Chp., Sue McBrayer, Linda Camp, Cindy Kesler

Communion Server for January: Sandra Law

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Jan. 4

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

Tuesday, Jan. 5

10 am - Census Test, FSH

7 pm - Disciple, rm. 206

Wednesday, Jan. 7

10 am - Morning Fellowship, 323
Mallard Dr.

10 am - Disciple, rm. 206

7 pm - Katie Downs Fellowship,
133 Westbrook Rd.

7 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Jan. 8

6 pm - Staff-Parish Relations Meet-
ing, Library

Saturday, Jan. 10

2 pm - Martin/Fairchild Wedding,
Sanctuary

Reception, FSH