



The Messenger

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'Big Cross' dedicated



The sixty-foot cross that CFUMC had constructed as a witness to Christ and his Kingdom was dedicated last Sunday night among picture perfect weather. Originally scheduled for Aug. 24, the dedication ceremony was postponed due to rain.

In his July 4, 2006 sermon, Pastor Eddie Herring challenged the congregation to "lift high the cross," and from there the project took off. After the project received the blessing from the County, the City, and the Administrative Council, donations were received to fund the lighted cross. Dr. John Burson leased the land to CFUMC, and ACRO Signs built the cross.

According to Herring, "this cross shows Carroll County that Carrollton First United Methodist Church is not ashamed to stand up for Jesus." He also pointed out that hopefully when someone sees this cross, they will be reminded

of what Jesus did for all of us and will be faced with the decision to accept it or reject it.

During the dedication, Herring cited CFUMC member Horace Carden for his hard work in taking this vision and making it reality. Close to 50 people were on hand for the ceremony. Several spoke from their hearts about what the cross means to them and the feelings they get whenever they see it.

The evening concluded with everyone singing the chorus, "He is Lord."

Intercessory Prayer

Frank Ledbetter • Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • Nell Meadows
Judy Skinner • Vann Saunders • Bill Perry
P.T. Waldrep Family • Carolyn Mason
Doris O. Kaylor • Kitty Kaylor • E.H. Hearn • Dixie Satterfield
Mildred Lambert • Horace Carden • Audrey Albright • Matt Dixon
Lucille Walker, mother of Jane Walker
Frances Searcy, mother of Tommy Searcy
Oliver Thornton, father of Laurie Gustafson
Rev. Ignacio Cortez, father of Sara Cuentas
Margaret Pence, mother of Frank Pence
Gail Settles, friend of Melissa Smith and Sue McBrayer
Tim Cowart, brother-in-law of Beth Garrett
Quinn Evans, friend of Caroline Conerly
Sam Duffey, son of Mike Duffey
Francisco Calimomo, friend of Tim Hines family • Frank Satterfield
Jordan Hembree, serving in Iraq
Marianne Buttram, aunt of Merri Thomas
Tommie Allen, aunt of Celia Ledbetter
Shirley Digsby & Allen Payton, friend and son of Eva Haynes
Tommy McGuire, uncle of Amanda Camp's friend
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others
Terri & Sara Thurman • Melanie Phillips, friend of Amanda Camp
Our heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Dave Reynolds and family in the death of his father, Woodrow Reynolds, Sept. 17, in Columbus.
And to Linda Grisham and family in the death of her husband, James Grisham, Sept. 21, in Carrollton.

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor
Rev. Karla Oroszko, Associate Pastor
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister
Rev. John Cuentas, 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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United Methodist Children's Home



This Sunday First UMC will celebrate the ministry of The United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, GA. Each year the North Georgia Annual Conference asks churches to take up a special offering to support the Children's Home. One of our own, Peggy Smith, serves on the Board of the Children's Home, which takes children from difficult situations and provides them with a home, school, spiritual guidance and teaching, medical, and emotional help. This is a vital ministry of our church. I, as your pastor, and the mission committee of CFUMC, fully support this ministry. This Sunday our church is privileged to have Jeanette Smith from the Children's Home to bring the message at all three services. Jeanette grew up as a child in the Children's Home and she now works for the Children's Home as Coordinator of Educational Services. Jeanette will be able to give us a unique perspective of the ministry of the Children's Home - what they did for her and why she is giving back to them. In many instances the Children's Home turns a child's life around and makes a productive person out of them. I know you will want to be here to hear what your church, through the United Methodist Children's Home, is doing in the lives of children. God is performing miracles through the Children's Home. I also know you will want to give to support this ministry. Please remember your gift is above and beyond your normal giving to CFUMC. There will be envelopes for this special offering. Make your plans to join us Sunday as we hear what God is doing through the Children's Home. See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, help someone in need, bless the life of a child, and have a great week!

Eddie

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Announcements

UMW NEWS

The Katie Downs Fellowship will meet, Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Please plan to attend. This is our election meeting for officers for the coming year. Co-hostesses will be Glenda Banks, Betty Garrett, and Marie Guynn.

FLU VACCINE

The Carroll County Health Department will offer Flu Vaccines on Friday, Oct. 3, 8:30 - 6 p.m., while supplies last. Other locations: Bowdon Activities, 101 Barr Road, Gold Dust Park Gym, 646 Industrial Blvd., Villa. You must bring picture ID, Social Security card/Medicare Insurance card; otherwise there will be a \$25 charge. Pneumonia shots are \$14.81 without your Medicare part B card.

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

The Bible clearly teaches that God always sends messengers of hope: Angels disguised as friends. The Pee Wee Almon Family would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all your support and caring these past weeks.

NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY

Our needlework ministry is going strong. Come be a part of it! Contact Connie Smiley, 770-830-8550 or e-mail her at cksmiley65@yahoo.com

This Sunday at CFUMC

September 28, 2008

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

Message: Jeanette Smith
United Methodist Children's Home
Scripture: Mark 10: 13 - 16
I John 4:7

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Fellowship Hall

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Scripture: Mark 10: 13 - 16
I John 4:7

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas

Sign up for Adventuring Ministries trips

Adventuring Ministries will take a trip to Cedartown to see "Davy Jones and His Monkee Memories" at the Cedartown Civic Center, this Saturday, Sept. 27. Spend an evening with Davy as he takes you on a journey of Monkee Memories with music, film clips and stories. Departure from the church is at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at Petro's. Then it's on to the Civic Center for the show. Cost of tickets is \$25, plus transportation cost for those who drive. Your check, to be taken by the church office, is your reservation. Call Dean Milford at the church office for more information.

Upcoming Trips:

- Oct. 11** - "First Baptist Church of Ivy Gap", presented by the Cumberland Country Playhouse, Cedartown Civic Center
- Oct. 16** - Callaway Gardens & Day Butterfly Center
- Oct. 30** - North Georgia Leaf Tour
- Nov. 1** - Vienna Boys Choir, Cedartown Civic Center
- Nov. 13** - Atlanta History Museum & Lunch at the SwanHouse
- Dec. 9** - "Spirit of Christmas," Cedartown Civic Center
- Dec. 12 - 14** - Lake Junaluska & Asheville, NC

Sixth Graders receive Bibles

CFUMC sixth graders were presented with Bibles during all worship services Sunday. Those sixth graders are Cole Allen, Anna Camp, Destiny Chesser, Sara Cody, Caroline Conerly, Carson Cooley, Cooper Criswell, Cooper Davison, Katy Duncan, Jim Edgar, Rhett Fulbright, Carter Garland, Skyler Gibbs, Ross Gordon, Madison Harris, Miriah Horton, Josh Miceli, Mary Poncela, Caroline Rothschild, Anna Marie Schulenburg, Payton Smith, John Tanner, Trevor Toothman, Asher van Zanten, Victoria Weitzel, Emily Williamson, Hunter Wilson



Our Positive Witness

Sept. 21, 2008

Worship: 549

9 am - 99; 11 am Contemporary- 239;
11 am Traditional - 167; Nursery - 30;
Hispanic - 14

Sunday School:

10 am - 402; Hispanic - 4

September 16 - 22 2008

Weekly Revenue needed to meet 2008 Budget	\$21,233.00
Weekly Revenue Received	13,376.79
YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 Budget	737,649.00
YTD Received	778,185.17
Designated Funds:	
Memorial: Clemmie Walker	50.00
Youth Kenya Mission Trip	90.00
Missions/Faith Commitment	70.00
UMCOR	100.00
Hispanic Ministry	50.00
Youth Building Renovation	135.00

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: 11 am - Madison Harris & Sara Cody

Front Porch Visitation - Larry Smith

Youth Snack Supper -

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Sept. 28

- 9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 10 am - Sunday School
- 10 am - Membership Class, Gathering Room
- 11 am - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall
- 11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 11 am - Hispanic Worship - Chapel
- 5 pm - Celebration
- 6 pm - Men's Ensemble
- 6 pm - Sr. High Youth Activities

Monday, Sept. 29

- 5:30 - Guitar Class, Music Suite
- 6 pm - Financial Peace Class, rm. 206
- 7 pm - Girl Scouts, FSH

Tuesday, Sept. 30

- 8:15 am - Yoga, Inzone
- 9:30 am - Beth Moore Study, rm. 210
- 7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone
- 7 pm - Disciple III, rm. 206

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- 10 am - Disciple II, rm. 309
- 5 - 6:30 pm - KidZone
- 6 pm - Jr. High youth activities
- 6:30 pm - Adoration
- 7 pm - Chancel Choir
- 7 pm - Katie Downs Fellowship, Gathering Room

Thursday, Oct. 2

- 5 pm - Hispanic meeting, Library

Friday, Oct. 3

- 5 pm - Girl Scout lock-in, InZone