

# The Messenger

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Announcements

**The flowers at the altar** are given in loving memory of Shari Anderson on her birthday, Feb. 5, by Lawrence, Diane, and Shelley Anderson.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m., in the InZone. Anyone who gives blood on Tuesday will be eligible to enter the Red Cross drawing to win a pair of round-trip Delta Air Lines tickets.

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CLASS STUDY

The Christian Fellowship Class will begin a 12-week study of Barbara Brown Taylor's "An Altar in the World," which covers daily practices we can use to allow God to meet us. If you are not involved in a small group study, come and join the Christian Fellowship Class, Sundays, 10 a.m., rm. 207. For more information, contact Carol Cleveland (770-834-8477) or Jimmy Thurman (770-832-8962).

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE ADVOCATE

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### REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

The church's copy of Beth Moore's Bible Study, "Here Now, There Then," is missing. If you have it or know where it is, please call Pat at the church office, 770-832-7069.

### MYSTERY BIBLE VERSE

1. The first of four gospels
2. How many fingers are on one hand?
3. What age are you when you get your driver's license?

## Safe Sanctuaries Policy Adopted

The Safe Sanctuaries Policy proposed at the Oct. 25 Administrative Council meeting was adopted at Monday night's Administrative Board meeting. The policy will be implemented in phases, according to Rev. Katie Mattox, associate pastor, who expects the policy to be in place by the fall. The Safe Sanctuaries Task Force will be meeting to discuss implementation.

"Carrollton First is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, vulnerable adults, and all volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church," Mattox says.

This policy will require 1) the "two adult rule," which states that no fewer than two adults must be present at all times during any church sponsored program, event, or ministry involving children or vulnerable adults; 2) First Aid/CPR training offered annually to people working with children or youth; 3) annual orientation for workers (both paid/non-paid) that covers the church's policies on the prevention of child abuse procedures, appropriate steps to report an incident of abuse, and details of state laws regarding child abuse; 4) the "five-years-older rule," which states that all who work with youth are at least five years older than the youth; 5) No workers under the age of 18 can be sole leaders of children; 6) Windows in all classroom doors, or Dutch doors, or open doors; 7) open-door counseling; 8) advance notice to parents about events and written permission for the child to participate in any activity where the child will be alone with a worker; 9) participation covenant for all participants and leaders; 10) parent and family education about our church's commitment to prevent abuse; 11) appropriate equipment and supervision; 12) camping and overnight trip procedures; and 13) adequate insurance for the scope of ministries.

## Vacation Bible School set for June 6 - 10



It's time to get ready for SONSURF BEACH BASH! Date: June 6 - June 10. Please mark your calendars and don't make any other plans! Contact Amy/Kelly about volunteer opportunities. We are excited and ready to started!

## Valentines Dinner Feb. 11

Adventuring Ministries is sponsoring a catered Valentine's Dinner, Friday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Call the church office to make reservations by Feb. 9. There will be a shared cost for the event.

## Nursery Renovation up for Bids

The Church Trustees are seeking construction contractors who would like to submit a bid to the church for remodeling the church nursery. Bid packets will be available soon. Please contact Pat at the church office, 770-832-7069.



### Gerry's Column (cont. from p. 1)

birth of her son, being told by doctors that it was really too late. Had the surgery been done earlier the chances would have been much better.

Our heart is a vital organ. The heart needs to be healthy and it needs everything good we can give it for our survival to be long and our life filled with all the wonderfully exciting things that comprise our existence. A healthy heart is vital to our long-term welfare. No, the heart isn't the only vital organ, but it is that which makes everything else work.

Worship is the heart of the church. Worship is not the only thing vital to the church, but it is that which makes everything else work and work well. Worship deserves our best attention.

I hope you will join me in doing all we can to make worship wonderful, meaningful, exciting and excellent. Good worship has a way of attracting the one thing Jesus wanted for this world; for people to come to God. We come and our faith grows. The process of faith is rooted in worship. The Holy Scriptures give us instructions for worship as the primary means by which we come to God. Let's take care of our heart. Join me, please!

Sincerely,  
Gerry

### Our Positive Witness

#### Jan. 31, 2011

Worship: 665

9 am - 96; 11 am Contemporary

Worship - 220; 11 am Traditional Worship - 262; Nursery -

20; Hispanic - 67;

Sunday School: 489

#### Jan. 25 - 31, 2011

Weekly Revenue Needed 23,918.42

Weekly Revenue Received 14,138.63

YTD Revenue Needed 119,592.10

YTD Revenue Received 72,850.47

Designated Funds

Mem: Hilliard Jackson 205.00

Youth Nicaragua Mission Trip 2,290.00

#### 2011 Pledges to Date

145 pledges = \$543,881.00

#### 2010 Pledges to Date

269 pledges = 977,365.00

#### 2009 Pledges to Date

283 pledges = 938,626.00

## Serving this Week

**Ushers** - 9 am - Roy Johnson, Dan McBrayer, David Smith, W. H. Smith

11 am Contemporary - Derek Smith, Bill Carter, Donnie Dillard, Tee Green, Rayvan Teague, Bill Garrett

11 am Traditional - Bruce Lyon, Clay Robinson, Mike Barrett, Bob Germany, Dan Camp, Bob Stone, Galen Hobbs, Jason Harden

**Greeters** - 9 am - Christine Johnson, Barbara Tanner & Myline Chappell

11 am Contemporary - Nita Barr, George & Jackie Ward

11 am Traditional - John Bergstrom, Gherry Gustafson, Jim Swinson

**Communion server for Feb. 6** - Susan Helton

**Acolytes** - Wesley Mattox, Sam Conerly, Anna Smith

**Youth Chaperones:** **Sr. High**, Sunday, Feb. 6 - Pam Dunn

**Jr. High**, Wednesday, Feb. 9 - Derek Smith,  
Tom & Mary Williamson

# This Week

at CFUMC

### Sunday, Feb. 6

9 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10 am - Church School

11 am - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall

11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe

6 pm - Sr. High Youth Activities, Solid Rock Cafe

### Monday, Feb. 7

8:30 am - Yoga, InZone

5 pm - Beginning Guitar, Choir room

5:30 pm - Girl Scouts, FSH

5:45 pm - Intermediate Guitar, Choir room

7 pm - Missions meeting

7 pm - Boy Scouts

7:30 pm - Carroll Ringers

### Tuesday, Feb. 8

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

6:30 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Disciple I, rm. 207

### Wednesday, Feb. 9

9:30 am - Kindermusic, InZone

12:30 - 5:30 pm - Blood Drive, InZone

5 pm - KidZone

6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activities, Solid Rock Cafe

6 pm - "Show Us the Father," study, rm. 211

6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activities

6:30 pm - Katie Downs Fellowship

7 pm - Long Range Planning meeting, Library

7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Feb. 10

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

### Friday, Feb. 11

8:30 am - Yoga, InZone

6:30 pm - Adventuring Ministries Valentine's Dinner, FSH

# Traditional Worship

February 6, 2011  
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Liturgical Color: White

# Contemporary Worship

February 6, 2011

## We Gather to Worship ...

Gathering  
Welcome & Announcements

## We Gather to Praise ...

The Prelude  
Tony  
The Call to Worship Psalm 112: 1-6 833  
\*Hymn of Praise  
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 160

## We Commune With God in Prayer and the Sacraments ...

The Invitation to Holy Communion 12  
The Call to Prayer and Confession 12  
The Prayer of Confession and Pardon 12  
\*The Hymn of Preparation  
"Be Thou My Vision" (11am) 451

## We Present Tithes and Offerings to God ...

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings  
The Doxology  
The Prayer of Consecration

## We Gather to Learn ...

Anthem  
"For Where Love Is, There Is God" arr. Wagner (11am)  
Chancel Choir  
\*Reading from the Holy Scriptures  
Matthew 5:13-20

## We Receive the Sacraments of Christ ...

The Sermon 9 am Rev. Gerry Davis  
11 am Rev. Katie Mattox  
The Time of Holy Communion 13  
The Great Thanksgiving  
The Offering of the Body and Blood of Christ  
The Lord's Prayer

## We Depart to Serve ...

\*Hymn of Direction  
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" 402

The Benediction

The Postlude

\*Standing

## Gathering of the Congregation

"This Little Light of Mine"

## Welcome

Rev. Greg Cochran

"Jesus Saves"

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

"Here I Am to Worship"

## Gathering of Prayer Concerns

Rev. Gerry Davis

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

"Awesome in this Place"

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13 - 20

## Sermon:

Rev. Davis

"Thy Word"

## Invitation to Discipleship

## Benediction



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### *The Heart of the Matter*

During the early 1990's the Atlanta area was facing the reality that we could possibly lose one of the south's renowned syndicated columnists for the *Atlanta Journal & Constitution*, Lewis Grizzard. Lewis suffered from heart disease and the disease was truly getting the best of him. Southerners had, for many years, read Lewis' column with loyal zeal. Grizzard had a unique way of phrasing things that told the truth, but added real humor! Lewis wrote of the personal experiences of his life and offered insights that we could all relate to as we smiled, laughed, and experienced life as well.

Grizzard authored several articles including one entitled, They Tore Out My Heart and Stomped that Sucker Flat! Wow, what a way to describe open heart surgery! Lewis had surgery on several occasions to preserve his life, but in the spring of 1994 Lewis died of complications related to heart disease. Georgia and the nation lost a man who knew how to express things in ways that brought meaning, humor, and joy to some of life's most difficult experiences. Not all may remember, but Lewis was married four times. He said of marriage, "I don't think I will get married again. I'll just find a woman I don't like and give her a house."

Heart surgery has become common today, but in the 1980's it was a pioneering type medical experience. Few hospitals hosted the operations and few surgeons would attempt the procedure. Prior to the 1980's heart surgery was really risky. In 1981 I sat at Emory University Hospital with a woman as her 23-year-old son was operated on for a hole in his heart.

Sitting with this woman revealed that she knew from the time of the birth of her son that he had this heart condition. Year after year she was told by doctors that an operation was needed to deal with the heart condition. Fear kept the woman from allowing surgery. She was afraid she would surely lose her son. Pain was not something she wanted to willingly inflict upon her cherished child. Rather than bring change, she decided to live with the dilemmas. There we sat in 1981, 23 years after the See **Gerry's Column**, p. 3

### *Intercessory Prayer List*

Garry Cater, friend of John & Anne Ball  
Nell and Charles Seaton, aunt and uncle of Ann Fletcher  
Susan Finch, sister-in-law of Glenn Spurlin  
Rita Harpter, sister-in-law of Glenn Spurlin  
Lee Krivsky  
Helen Pestka, friend of Douglass Fisher  
Kathy Hulsey - friend of Michael and Kristin Poss  
Ronnie Hopkins  
Martha Hurst, friend of Nell Phelps  
Bevera Balcom, friend of Linda Powell  
Connie Walker, relative of Eva Haynes  
Tommie Allen, aunt of Celia Ledbetter  
Zoey Trantham • Willam Adcock  
Patricia Hodgins, mother of Karen Hutcheson  
Andrew Rodriguez  
Samantha & Charles Cambron  
Janis Copeland Wright, sister of Harvey Copeland  
Robert Williams, friend of Andri Pilgrim  
Kelly Sorrells, daughter - in-law of June and James Sorrells

Tom Robertson  
Jeanette Jackson  
Cheryl Boyd  
Frank Satterfield  
Buck Chavies  
Dixie Satterfield  
John Alsina

*Our heartfelt Christian sympathy* is extended to Mark Miller and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Ann Miller, Jan. 26, in Baton Rouge. And to Robert Bonner and family in the death of his sister, Tricia Bonner Turner, Jan. 31, in Pensacola, FL

#### Your Staff

Rev. Gerry Davis, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Katie Mattox, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister  
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister  
Rev. John Cuentas, Hispanic Pastor  
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