

# The Messenger

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Announcements

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Katie Downs Fellowship for donating 25 round table cloths to the church.

### CONFIRMATION REUNION

A Confirmation Reunion for this year's 7th graders will be held, Feb. 27, at Lynn and Scott Barrett's home, 5 - 7 p.m. Dinner is provided and parents are encouraged to attend. To RSVP, contact Marianna Carter, 770-833-3431, or Andri Pilgrim, 770-830-7756.

### AUDIO HELP NEEDED

Audio help is needed for the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services in the Sanctuary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mark at the church office, or mark@cfumc.com

### UMW NEWS

The Katie Downs Fellowship will meet, Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m., at Peggy Smith's home. Speaker will be an organ recipient who works with families through the donor process. Hostesses are Gherry Gustafson, Gail Walker, Peggy Smith, and Betty Garrett.

### REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

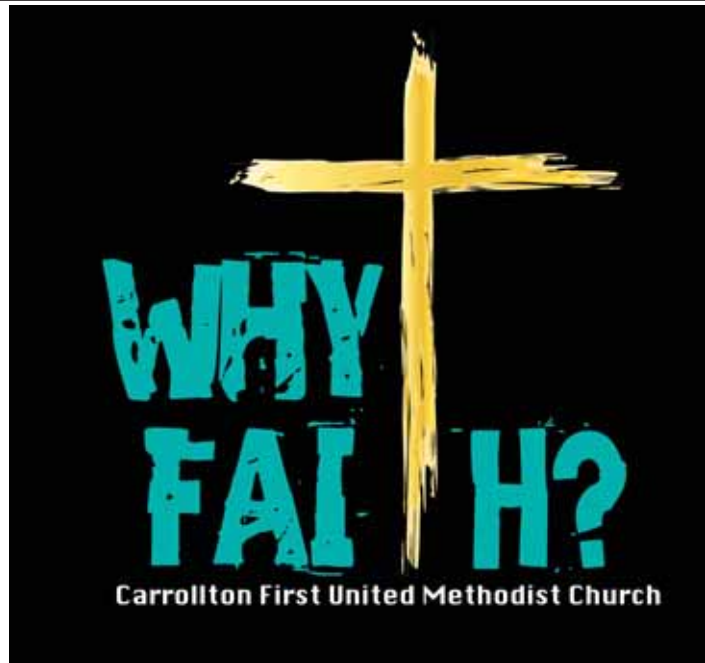
Tommy Green is leading a Bible Study for both men and women on Revelation, Mondays, 7 p.m., March 7, 14, 28; April 11, 18, 25. Location is at Jackie Carden's home, 106 Golf View Ct., Carrollton.

### KIWANIS BREAKFAST

Each Saturday in February the Kiwanis Club of Carrollton, Golden K, in conjunction with Southwire, will hold the 17th annual "All You Can Eat" breakfast for \$6, at the Little Hawaiian, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### DONATE SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The church is collecting slightly used spring sports equipment (soccer, baseball) to be distributed to children who are unable to purchase the items. Collection bins are at both entry ways on the main floor of the church.



Rev. Davis will preach a Lenten series, "Why Faith?" beginning Sunday, March 13. T-shirts with the above artwork are available for pre-order to help promote the series. Purchase yours by either calling the church office, or by signing up on one of the sign-up sheets in the hallway outside the church office or Sanctuary. Cost is \$10 for adult, \$8 for children sizes. Deadline to order is March 6.

### *Housing and Homeless Offering this Sunday*

This Sunday CFUMC will take up a "housing and homeless offering" to help poor and homeless people in our midst. Churches all over the North GA Conference take up this offering and the Housing and Homeless Council makes grants to ministries that serve people through shelters, transitional housing, Habitat for Humanity builds, rent assistance, feeding programs, and other services for poor and homeless persons. CFUMC has received two \$5,000 grants in the past five years to help build Habitat homes. We are eligible every two years to apply for the Habitat grant or other projects related to homeless. 100% of the Homeless Offering is distributed to ministries that serve poor and homeless persons.

### **Medical Alliance Yard Sale March 5**

The Carroll-Haralson Medical Alliance is holding a yard sale on March 5, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall with proceeds going toward endowing a nursing scholarship at West Georgia. All are encouraged to drop off items for the sale on Friday, March 4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, contact Katie Gambrell, 770-880-5509.

#### **MYSTERY BIBLE VERSE**

1. What is the name of the church choir director?
2. The first two-digit number
3.  $5+5+5-1 =$



## Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service

An Ash Wednesday Service will be held, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with dinner preceding in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$5 per person. Please make a reservation by calling the church office or by signing up on tables around the church.

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

Church School will begin at 9:55AM. Gerry Davis will be preaching at all the Worship services.

It is my hope that all who found such dilemma with changing our schedule will offer strong and creative energy in being a DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST. Discipleship means INVITING others to be in Worship and times of Learning. Discipleship means helping those who do not know Christ to find that pathway that leads to faith in God. Discipleship means involving oneself in the cooperative ministry of the Church in ways that open doorways to those lost in this world of confusion.

**Will you join me in making this NEXT STEP toward dealing with our church's dilemma of decreasing Worship Attendance and failure to win people to Christ?** Please keep me in your prayers and all of our church staff & leaders. Please JOIN THE WORK OF THE EVANGELISM TEAM. Dan Minish is the chairperson of Evangelism and needs to hear from you. Please, call him.

Last, please know that I am not about the business of creating disunity and division in this great church. I am asking for your help as we...WE...move forward in doing the work of Christ.

Sincerely,  
Gerry Davis

### Feb. 15 - 21, 2011

Weekly Revenue Needed	23,918.42
Weekly Revenue Received	15,226.00
YTD Revenue Needed	191,347.36
YTD Revenue Received	156,342.33
Designated Funds	
Mem: Hilliard Jackson	75.00
Mem: Jack Redwine	40.00
Good Samaritan Fund Mem.:	
Beth Butts	25.00
Nicaragua Medical Mission	150.00
Good Samaritan Fund	2,000.00

### Our Positive Witness

#### Feb. 20, 2011

Worship: 595

9 am - 120;

11 am Contemporary Worship - 178;

11 am Traditional Worship - 178;

Nursery - 14; Hispanic - 55;

Sunday School: 355

### 2011 Pledges to Date

195 pledges = \$719,271.00

### 2010 Pledges to Date

269 pledges = 977,365.00

### 2009 Pledges to Date

283 pledges = 938,626.00

## Serving this Week

**Ushers** – 9 am – John Ball, Tim Davis, William Traylor,

11 am – Tim & Dawn Criswell, William Traylor, Rod & Elaine Shivers

11 am – Buddy Williams, Jack Norton, Ken Waid, Chenault Cockrell,

David Mecklin, Allen Murrah, David Parkman, Tom Overton, John Hughes,

Cecil Duffee, George Hirvela

**Greeters** - 9 am – Bill Cook & Martha Ann Saunders

11 am – Barbara Tanner & Jerry Eady

11 am – Frank & Betty Jones, George & Jackie Ward

**Acolytes** – Ross Martin, Katie Dortch, Cal Martin

**Sanctuary Committee for March** – Annette Barrett (chp.), Sue McBrayer,

Linda Camp, Cindy Kessler

**Youth Chaperones: Sr. High**, Sunday, Feb. 27 - Mike & Kay Horton

**Jr. High**, Wednesday, March 2 - Ben & Kristi Garrett;

Gerald & Andri Pilgrim

# This Week

at CFUMC

### Sunday, Feb. 27

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. 28

8:30 am - Yoga, InZone

5 pm - Beginning Guitar, Choir room

5:45 pm - Intermediate Guitar, Choir room

6 pm - Staff Parish Relations Meeting, Library

7 pm - Boy Scouts

7:30 pm - Carroll Ringers

### Tuesday, March 1

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

6:30 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Disciple I, rm. 207

### Wednesday, March 2

9:30 am - Kindermusic, InZone

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study, rm. 201 (Green)

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study, rm. 204 (Garrett)

10 am - Disciple IV, rm 206

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

7 pm - Katie Downs Fellowship, Peggy Smith's home

7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 3

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

### Friday, March 4

8:30 am - Yoga, InZone

### Saturday, March 5

Medical Alliance Yard Sale, Fellowship Hall

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# Traditional Worship

February 27, 2011  
Eighth Sunday of Epiphany

11:00 a.m.  
Liturgical Color: Green

## We Gather to Worship . . .

The Gathering: *Please turn your cell phones off and enter the sanctuary reverently with the awe and expectation of meeting the one True and Living God in this service of worship.*

## We Gather to Praise . . .

The Prelude: a time of preparing our hearts for worship

Welcome to Worshipers Rev. Gerry Davis

\*The Call to Worship *Psalm 131* Rev. Davis

\*Hymn of Praise

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* 139

\*The Affirmation of Faith 881

\*The Gloria Patri 71

## We Gather to Learn . . .

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2: 17 ; Matthew 16: 13 - 20 Rev. Davis

The Sermon "What Name Does God Give You?"

Rev. Davis

The Invitation to the Altar

\*The Hymn of Consecration

*"We'll Understand It Better By and By"* 525

***Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God***

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things

Shall be added unto you

Allelu alleluia

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

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

The Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Katie Mattox

\*The Doxology 95

A Time of Sharing from the

Nicaragua Mission Team Martha Thurman

Anthem *"On Eagle's Wings"*(arr. Keveren) (11am)

Chancel Choir

Barry Griffin, soloist

## We Commune With God in Prayer . . .

The Gathering of Prayer Concerns Rev. Mattox

The Call to Prayer and Confession

A Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## We Depart to Serve . . .

\*Hymn of Direction

*"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"* 526

Opportunities of Service and Announcements

Rev. Mattox

The Benediction

The Postlude

\*Standing

# Contemporary Worship

February 27, 2011

## Gathering of the Congregation

*"Rock of Ages"*

## Nicaragua Mission Team

## Video Presentation

*"Jesus, Messiah"*

*"Potter's House"*

## Gathering of Prayer Concerns

Greg Cochran

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*"I Want to Know You"*

*"He Knows My Name"*

## Scripture:

Revelation 2:17; Matthew 16: 13 - 20

## Sermon

"What Name Does God Give You?"

Rev. Gerry Davis

*"Glorify Thy Name"*

## Invitation to Discipleship

## Benediction



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## Evaluate Only?

In the midst of January our church's elected leaders, along with several other persons who are leaders in the church, gathered at Callaway Gardens to address questions regarding the VISION for this great church. The event was bathed in prayer and the leaders worked diligently to deal with many concerns, some of which are paramount to reaching the most basic fundamentals of what being of Church of Jesus Christ means!

In 2011 only one person, other than those in the Confirmation Class, came into church membership by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! Another statistic regarding worship attendance left me startled. Worship attendance fell, on average, by over 140 persons in 2010 when compared to the year ended 2007. The Worship Service is by far the largest portal of entry into the Church, but it is not the only means of entry. Clear to anyone is the reality that we have our work to do concerning DISCIPLESHIP. Disciples DO the work of Jesus and Jesus came into this world to save the lost.

During our time at Callaway Gardens the assembled leaders looked at many alternatives regarding our dilemma and we agreed that we needed CONSISTENT, MEANINGFUL AND EXCELLENT times of worship as a key means of leading others to Christ. We also agreed that we, currently, did not have what we needed, but we pledged to seek a better way. As a result we discussed our Sunday morning schedule and spent lots and lots of time debating the best schedule to achieve our goals. We ended our time by making the decision to change the timing of Worship and Church School. We said we would evaluate our experience and then make adjustments. On Sunday, January 23, we announced the change and we asked people to do three things: Prepare, Experience and Evaluate.

Since that Sunday in January I have witnessed many people move right into the evaluation phase without experience or preparation. In reality there are those among us who condemned the changes. Disunity, Division and Disillusionment have followed, so I, as pastor, have made the decision to abandon the decision announced in January.

Another method, less dramatic in regarding timing changes was offered for consideration at Callaway, but the group decided not to go in that direction. Now I feel it best we go forward with that change. Our Current Sunday Morning Schedule of Worship & Church School will remain virtually the same with the exception being that the early Traditional Worship Service will begin at 8:45AM on March 13 and

(See Gerry's Column, p. 3)

## Intercessory Prayer List

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|-------------------|---|
| Kitty Kaylor      | Holt Henson, friend of Samples family                   |
| Tom Robertson     | Rachel Perrin, mother of Patti Allen                    |
| Jeanette Jackson  | Dot Baldwin, mother of Helen Martin                     |
| Cheryl Boyd       | Garry Cater, friend of John & Anne Ball                 |
| Frank Satterfield | Jane Voinche, friend of several members                 |
| Buck Chavies      | Nell and Charles Seaton, aunt and uncle of Ann Fletcher |
| Dixie Satterfield | Susan Finch, sister-in-law of Glenn Spurlin             |
| John Alsina       | 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             |

Win Pray Attend Give

*Our heartfelt Christian sympathy* is expressed to Frank Butts and family in the death of his mother, Beth Butts, Feb. 16.  
And to Linda Harris in the death of her father, Hoyt Parker, Feb. 18.  
And to Julie Poncela and Elizabeth & Nicole Poncela and family in the death of their husband and father, Feb. 18.

### Your Staff

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| Rev. Gerry Davis, Senior Pastor                                | Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary             |
| Rev. Katie Mattox, Associate Pastor                            | Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries |
| Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister                              | Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist     |
| Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister                               | Clara Norton, Eva Haynes Custodians            |
| Rev. John Cuentas, Hispanic Pastor                             | Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults           |
| Pat Reynolds, Church Administrator                             | Jack Barr, Contemporary Worship Leader         |
| Kelly Glanton, Amy Harris, Coordinators of Christian Education |  |