

# The Messenger

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Announcements

**The flowers at the altar** are in honor of Taylor Buice's 30th birthday and Betty Buice's 85th birthday, given by the Kevin Buice family.

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

The Administrative Board will meet, Monday, Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m., rm. 206.

### UMW NEWS

The Katie Downs Circle will meet, Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m. at Bess Miller's home for a chili supper. Come casual. In honor of Heart Health Month, the speaker will be Jeanette Bernhardt.

### EVANGELISM TEAM MEETING

The Evangelism team will meet, Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., in the Library.

### IN MEMORIAM

Hilliard Jackson  
January 20, 2011

### THANK YOU

The 11th grade mission team would like to extend a big thank you to the Crusaders and Seekers Sunday School classes. The Crusaders purchased supplies for salvation bracelets, and the Seekers have purchase matching t-shirts for Field Day events. Your support is greatly appreciated. We will work hard to maximize your generosity.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDIES

Two ladies Bible study will be held, one beginning **Jan. 26**, 9:30 a.m., led by Kristi Garrett, and one beginning **Feb. 2**, 9:30 a.m., led by Betty Green. Both studies will be, "Jonah: Navigating An Interrupted Life," by Priscilla Shirer. The study lasts seven weeks. For more information, call Betty, 770-834-2124, or Kristi, 770-834-0013.

### ADVENTURING MINISTRIES

The Adventuring Ministries Soup and Cornbread Supper has been rescheduled for, Tuesday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a pot of soup to share.



## DUET PIANO RECITAL DEDICATES SANCTUARY PIANO THIS SUNDAY

A dedication piano recital for the new Sanctuary piano will be held, Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. Betty Sue Tolbert Smith and George Mann will present a duet recital. The piano was given to CFUMC by Mrs. Maurice Merritt. Smith is Professor Emerita of Music, having retired from the music department at the University of West Georgia after 30 years of services. She has a varied repertoire at her command including music of the masters as well as sacred hymn arrangements. She has held state offices in the Georgia Music Educators Association and the Georgia Music Teachers Association. Mann was Professor of Music at the University of West Georgia until his retirement in 2003. He won the composition contest sponsored by the Episcopal Church Diocese of Atlanta for his congregational mass celebrating the centennial of the diocese. He currently teaches at LaGrange College and is director of music at St. Julian's Episcopal Church in Douglasville.

### Mystery Bible Verse

1. What city is the capital of Italy? (plus) When a boy grows up he is referred to as a \_\_\_\_.
2. Half a dozen plus 2
3. Two less than 40 through (13+13+13)

# This Week

at CFUMC

to visitors and members alike. Consistent proclamation of the Word is a proven strength of worship services being evangelistic. The goal of our Lenten schedule is to provide consistency from the pulpit where only the senior pastor will preach, and excellence in our times of worship, whether Traditional or Contemporary.

Our church family consists of over 1,700 persons, but we won only one person to Christ in 2010? Our Visioning and Planning Retreat considered these realities and worked to find ways to change so that results could, hopefully, be different in 2011 and into our future. We are called as United Methodists to be disciples who work for the transformation of the world for the sake of Christ.

Our plan, announced in worship this past Sunday, was not intended to be one that we would not evaluate. Following Easter our Church leaders will gather to evaluate the experience and seek to deal with any dilemmas poised by the changes. Already there are those who see dilemmas and I hope everyone can realize that no plan has yet to be proposed that does not have both PROS and CONS. What we work for is the very best solution possible. We need leaders who can look, with vision, to find CREATIVELY a way of serving Christ in the things we do to transform Carrollton for Christ. Are you one of those leaders?

The focus of what we do for Christ is one that is collaborative and I approach our work as one seeking to work with others in constructive, meaningful and cooperative ways. No Sunday Morning Schedule is set in stone, so, **Let's Prepare for the change, Let's Experience its uniqueness, Let's Evaluate the realities and then let us move forward to our next step.**

Sincerely, Gerry  
P.S. Keep Praying!

### Jan. 18 - 24, 2011

#### Our Positive Witness

#### Jan. 23, 2011

Worship: 616

9 am - 82; 11 am Combined

Worship - 450; Nursery - 22;

Hispanic - 62;

Sunday School: 449

Weekly Revenue Needed	23,918.42
Weekly Revenue Received	13,485.00
YTD Revenue Needed	95,673.68
YTD Revenue Received	58,711.84

Designated Funds	
Mem: Hilliard Jackson	100.00
Mem: Walter Smith	50.00
Nicaragua Medical Mission	125.00
Youth Nicaragua Mission Trip	2,130.00
Gideons	50.00

#### 2011 Pledges to Date

127 pledges = \$491,481.00

#### 2009 Pledges to Date

283 pledges = 938,626.00

#### 2010 Pledges to Date

269 pledges = 977,365.00

## Serving this Week

**Ushers** – 9 am - Jim Sneddon

11 am - Dan Minish, Lee Barr, Jim Reynolds, Tony Newman

11 am – Scott Barrett, Paul Bush, Louis Maier, Mike Horton, Carl

Worthington, Lawrence Anderson

**Greeters** – 9 am - Jo Ann Carroll & Peter Worthy

11 am – Gay Waldrop & Mary Ann Cripe

11 am – Carole Sanders & Beverly Goodwin

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

**Acolytes** – Elizabeth Poncela, Mary Jane Cooley, Lilly Schulenburg

**Youth Chaperones:** **Sr. High**, Sunday, Jan. 31 - O.P. & Devonne Cooper

**Jr. High**, Wednesday, Feb. 2 - Ted & Sherri Edgar;

Eric & Renee Lujan

### Sunday, Jan. 30

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, Jan. 31

8:30 am - Yoga, InZone

5 pm - Beginning Guitar, Choir room

5:45 pm - Intermediate Guitar, Choir room

6:30 pm - Administrative Board meeting

7 pm - Boy Scouts

7:30 pm - Carroll Ringers

### Tuesday, Feb. 1

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

6 pm - Soup/Cornbread Supper, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Disciple I, rm. 207

### Wednesday, Feb. 2

9:30 am - Kindermusic, 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 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Feb. 3

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

### Friday, Jan. 28

8:30 am - Yoga, InZone

### Saturday, Jan. 29

9 am - SPR training, Bremen UMC

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# Traditional Worship

January 30, 2011  
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

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## We Gather to Worship . . .

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

## We Gather to Praise . . .

The Prelude

\*The Call to Worship *Psalm 78:1-4* 799

\*Hymn of Praise *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* 64

\*The Affirmation of Faith (11am) 881

\*The Gloria Patri (11am)

Infant Baptism of Haven Angela Fitz-Simons

daughter of Paul and Alison Fitz-Simons

Hymn of Dedication

*"I Was There to Hear Your Bounding Cry"*  
2051\*\*\*

## We Commune With God in Prayer . . .

The Gathering of Prayer Concerns

A Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

\*\*Children's Sermon (11am) Amy Harris

\*The Hymn of Consecration  
*"Amazing Grace"* 378

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

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem *"Lily of the Valley"* arr. Larson (9am)  
Adoration

\*The Doxology 95

The Prayer of Consecration

## We Gather to Learn . . .

Special Music(11am): Taylor Buice, son of Anita and  
Kevin; grandson of Betty Buice

The Reading of the Scripture:

Matthew 18: 21 - 22; 23 - 35

Sermon *"Regarding Forgiveness in the Family"*  
Rev. Gerry Davis

## We Depart to Serve . . .

\*Hymn of Direction *"I Surrender All"* 354

The Benediction

The Postlude

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\*Standing

\*\*Children are invited to join Mrs. Amy on the front steps  
of the Chancel area

\*\*\* from *"The Faith We Sing"* found in the pew rack

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# Contemporary Worship

January 30, 2011

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## Gathering of the Congregation

*"Our God"*

*"Today is the Day"*

## Gathering of Prayer Concerns

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*"Refresh My Heart"*

*"Create In Me a Clean Heart"*

*"You Are My King"*

**Scripture:** Matthew 18: 21 - 22; 23 - 35

## Sermon:

*"Regarding Forgiveness in the Family"*

Rev. Katie Mattox

*"They Will Know We are Christians by  
our Love"*

## Invitation to Discipleship

## Benediction



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### Prepare – Experience- Evaluate

The three words that entitle this article are a crucial key to getting the most from our experiences in worship during Lent. During our Visioning and Planning Retreat a decision to change the times of our worship services was made so that, **beginning Sunday March 13, 2011**, our Sunday Morning Schedule will be as follows:

**8:45 Traditional Worship with a casual order in the Sanctuary**

**9:45 Sunday School for all ages**

**9:45 Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall**

**11:00 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

**11:00 Children’s Worship Experience in the Fellowship Hall**

**More information will follow concerning Youth**

Why change the schedule? Statistics comparing 2007 with 2010 reveal that our Worship Services attendance has dropped, on average, by over 100 persons. Sunday School attendance is mixed as to gains and losses in each individual class, but overall the average appears to have a slight gain over the three-year period, but not a gain that one would take great pride in. When you consider that in 2010 only one person, outside the confirmation class, joined the Church by Profession of Faith, then it becomes apparent we must make changes!

The worship service is the PRIMARY means by which people come into the church. Our current configuration of the traditional and contemporary services scheduled at the same time resulted in the rotation of the senior and associate pastors. This is confusing See **Gerry’s Column**, p. 3

### *Intercessory Prayer List*

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

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

*Our heartfelt Christian sympathy* is extended to David Sewell and family in the death of his brother, Dr. Dan Sewell, Jan. 15.

And to Melissa Smith and Myline Chappell and families in the death of their mother, Betty Walls, Jan. 23.

And to Glenn Spurlin and family in the death of his brother-in-law, Donald Roberts, Jan. 24.

### 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

Pat Reynolds, Church Administrator

Kelly Glanton, Amy Harris, Coordinators of Christian Education

Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary

Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries

Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist

Clara Norton, Eva Haynes Custodians

Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults