

The Messenger

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Announcements

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who visited, sent cards, and provided food for our family. Your love, prayers, and support greatly appreciated during the loss of my precious husband.

Jane Redwine

In Memoriam

Norman Jackson
February 27, 2011

CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL

The Children's Ministry is beginning work on a spring production, "God of This City," a musical about serving. The performance will be Sunday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Rehearsals begin Sunday, March 13, at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Youth are needed to help with the production. Please contact Kelly or Amy at the church office.

BOOK CLUB

The CFUMC Book Club will meet, Monday, March 7, in room 206, at 1:30 p.m. The Reluctant Pilgrim by Enuman Okoro is the topic book.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Ms. Marni's Preschool is registering for the 2011-12 school year. Classes are offered for children ages two and three, for 2,3 and 5 days per week, and children ages four for 5 days per week. For more information, contact Marni Flinn at 770-834-4370.

MEDICAL ALLIANCE YARD SALE

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.

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service March 9



An Ash Wednesday Service will be held, Wednesday, 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. The menu includes poppy seed chicken, rice, green beans, salad, bread, dessert. Please make a reservation by calling the church office or by signing up on tables around the church. **Deadline to reserve your dinner spot is Monday, March 7.**

Evangelism/Greeter Workshop

All members of the Evangelism Committee and anyone who is currently a greeter or who is interested in serving as a greeter are encouraged to attend a special workshop on Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. - noon in the Fellowship Hall. Although responsibilities as a greeter will be one of the focal points of the workshop, other activities will be covered. Therefore, anyone interested in serving in our evangelism and outreach efforts at CFUMC are welcome to attend.

Ladies' Ecumenical Luncheon set for March 23

The definition of ecumenical is promoting or fostering Christian unity throughout the world. On

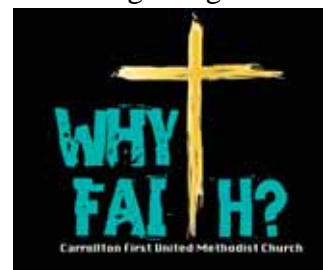
Wednesday, March 23, ladies of the church will have the chance to practice that concept with the annual Ladies Ecumenical Luncheon 11:30 a.m. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Bring a friend!! If you would like to help with the luncheon contact Elaine Shivers, 404-317-5372.

MYSTERY BIBLE VERSE

1. The 4th of the Gospels
2. There are how many Toy Story movies?
3. What number president was Abraham Lincoln?

Order Your 'Why Faith?' t-shirts

Rev. Davis will preach a Lenten series, "Why Faith?" beginning Sunday, March 13. T-shirts with the artwork shown 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.**



ILI Global Summit March 7



The International Leadership Institute invites you to the opening celebration for their 2011 Global Summit, Monday, March 7,

7 p.m., at Historic Banning Mills. Top Christian leaders from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America will be onhand. The service

features testimonies from ILI's top leaders, inspirational worship, and a season of prayer to dedicate the entire week to God's glory. No reservations are necessary. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Sunday School Leader Meeting

A meeting will be held for all Sunday School teachers and leaders, Sunday, March 13, rm. 201, following worship services. Topic will be traffic flow, adjustments in time frame, and Safe Sanctuaries. Please make every effort to attend.

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

about how our society develops I hope you will be present. Please be in prayer for me as we move through the days of Lent. Pray for God to strengthen me to offer you words that will help your faith to grow. Pray that God will bless our Church Family; that we will be a strong witness for Christ in Carrollton.

Remember, Lent begins with ASH WEDNESDAY on March 9. We will gather for dinner at 5:30 pm And Worship at 7 PM. See you there.

Sincerely,

Gerry

Our Positive Witness

Feb. 27, 2011

Worship: 609

9 am - 118;

11 am Contemporary Worship - 253;

11 am Traditional Worship - 150;

Nursery - 21; Hispanic - 67;

Sunday School: 398

Feb. 21 - 28, 2011	
Weekly Revenue Needed	23,918.42
Weekly Revenue Received	29,398.35
YTD Revenue Needed	215,265.78
YTD Revenue Received	185,740.68

Designated Funds	
Mem.: Jack Redwine	175.00
Good Samaritan Fund Mem:	
Molly Garner	100.00
John Cuentas Love Offering	180.00
Homeless Offering	471.00

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 - 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
Acolytes - Addie Robinson, Sam Tuggle, Erin Vance
Youth Chaperones: **Sr. High**, Sunday, March 6 - Tom & Mary Williamson
Jr. High, Wednesday, March 9 - No Youth, Ash Wednesday

This Week

at CFUMC

Sunday, March 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, March 7

8:30 am - Yoga, InZone
 5 pm - Beginning Guitar, Choir room
 5:45 pm - Intermediate Guitar, Choir room
 7 pm - Boy Scouts
 7:30 pm - Carroll Ringers

Tuesday, March 8

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel
 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone
 7 pm - Disciple I, rm. 207

Wednesday, March 9

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
 5:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Dinner, FSH

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

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

7 pm - Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

Friday, March 11

8:30 am - Yoga, InZone

Saturday, March 12

10 am - Evangelism Workshop, FSH

5 pm - Martin-Jackson Wedding



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WHY FAITH?

If you come to the worship services in the next few weeks you will hear lots of answers to the question, **Why Faith?** Faith is the essence of our relationship with God and relationship begins with belief. On Sunday March 13, the first Sunday in Lent, we will be talking about our belief in God. Many other answers to questions regarding faith will follow all through Lent.

I hope you will invite your friends, family members, co-workers, schoolmates, neighbors, etc... to meet you here each Sunday. I promise to have a message that will both enlighten and challenge your faith. I promise to offer stories that illustrate and touch your life. I promise to be vulnerable and offer personal stories that relate my own pilgrimage where faith is concerned. I promise to give others opportunity to talk and share about their faith walk both personally and with the entire congregation. I promise to be available to you after the services so that we can arrange times to share in more personal ways about your own faith.

Faith in America is challenged. Prayers are seldom tolerated at school. The Scripture's importance has been relegated to a status of "inconclusive" where direction for the living of life is concerned. The Church has been split and divided into denominations, worship practices, worship styles, worship traditions, theologies of doctrine that confuse, and the list goes on and on. Why Faith?

Real problems exist for all of us and our faith should inform how we make decisions rather than be relegated to the place of "unimportant". Can we form a better relationship with God that will strengthen our way living? Will developing our faith matter concerning our everyday life? These and other questions will be our subject and I'm sure you have your own questions that you will want to ask. I promise to be available to hear you.

I believe that the future of our country depends upon what we do with our faith. If you are concerned, as am I,

(See Gerry's Column, p. 3)

Intercessory Prayer List

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

Your Staff

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	