



# The Messenger

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## Christmas Musical this Sunday



The Children's Choir will present the musical, "Guess Who's Coming to Bethlehem," this Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The musical tells the story of Christmas through the eyes of animals. The animals in the Bethlehem stable

have been informed of the coming Messiah, but they aren't quite sure who it will be. The lamb naturally thinks it's a lamb; the dove thinks it's a dove who will come to bring peace, and the other animals have their own thoughts as to who this mysterious visitor will be.

Also performing will be Celebration, Men's Ensemble, and the Carroll Ringers, who will present a collection of Christmas carols.



Shown above is the 10th grade Sunday School class that helped pack boxes for the Soup Kitchen. The Carroll County Soup Kitchen will pack approximately 400 boxes for homebound people on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8:30 a.m., at the Soup Kitchen (345 Beulah Church Road). On Tuesday, Dec. 15, distribution of food to 800 families will take place at the Tabernacle Baptist Church parking lot from 8:15 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you can volunteer for an hour or two or all day, we'll be glad to see you. For information, please call Sue McBrayer (770-836-0414) or John Maddox (770-639-7871).

*Intercessory Prayer*

James Sorrells • Jack Threadgill • Moria MacKinnon • Syble Gilley  
Buck Chavies • Frank Ledbetter  
Harvey Copeland  
Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • Carolyn Mason  
Kitty Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield • Mildred Lambert  
Susan Logan • Clara Norton, staff member  
Jess Wiggins, nephew of Phil and Marian Wiggins  
Don Hayes, father of Cindy Minish  
Julia Rodenburg, mother of Susan Manion-Galloway  
Laurie Keirse, daughter of Francis and Don Martin  
Cheryl Boyd • Debra Elarbee Wahl, friend of Jan Hembree  
Carrie Smith, daughter of Kathy Smith  
Kathy Hulse, friend of Michael and Kristin Poss  
Tom Harvey, father-in-law of Charlie Hubbard  
Tanya Ferguson, friend of the Shunn family  
Jason Cates, friend of Kerri Ledbetter  
Charlotte Addison, friend of Brooke Mobley  
Marla Shettles, friend of Tom & Idys Overton  
Mary McGinness, mother-in-law of Merrell Hubbard  
McGinness  
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others

*Your Staff*

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Karla Oroszko, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister  
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister  
Rev. John Cuencas, Hispanic Minister  
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Christopher Thurman, Facilities Manager  
Clara Norton, Eva Hayes Custodians  
Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults

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# Win Pray Attend Give

## Dec. 13 - An Exciting Day!

This Sunday, Dec. 13, will be an exciting day of celebration for our CFUMC family. Let me share with you what is happening:

- Sunday night at 6 p.m. will be a wonderful night of Christmas music. Our children's musical, "Guess Who's Coming to Bethlehem" will be presented. The Carroll Ringers will play, and Celebration and the Men's Ensemble will sing. You will not want to miss this exciting evening.
- Sunday after worship, we will be providing a BBQ lunch for missions to help our 2010 Youth Nicaragua mission trip. Tickets are \$7 per person. There will be take out available if you can't stay. Join us for great food, great fellowship, and support a great cause. See you there!
- If you took an angel off the Angel Tree, I want to thank you for blessing the life of child. Gifts need to be individually wrapped, placed in a big bag with the angel on the outside, and returned to the church by this Sunday, Dec. 13.

As you can see, Dec. 13 is a busy day. I also want to call your attention to the high school Christmas concert, Thursday, Dec. 10, in our Sanctuary at 7 p.m. The Carroll Ringers will be joining them. This should be a great evening.

Last, but not least, THANK YOU to the Chancel Choir, the orchestra, Crosswalk, Mark, Jack, Tony, and Cheryl for a fabulous day on Sunday, Dec. 6. Jesus was glorified and we were blessed. Folks, we are truly blessed at CFUMC.

See you at church Sunday, come with great expectation, come hungry, share Jesus, and have a blessed week!

Eddie




## B-B-Q Church-wide Barbecue Lunch

THIS Sunday, Dec. 13 • Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Proceeds benefit the Youth Nicaragua Mission Trip. Tickets are available from any member of the Junior Class Mission Team or at the door. Take-out is available. A bake sale will also be held during the BBQ, as well as a Christmas wreath sale.

CFUMC presents its annual  
**Live Nativity**  
Sunday and Monday, Dec. 20 & 21, 6 p.m.  
on the front lawn of the church.  
On Sunday the 20th at 4:30 p.m., Tony and Cheryl Childers will present a Christmas concert on organ and piano in the Sanctuary. Following the concert, hot chocolate will be served. Come hear beautiful music, enjoy warm fellowship, and the stay for the Live Nativity!



## Announcements

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for sharing canned goods with the Soup Kitchen. Through your generous, giving spirit, many hungry families will be fed. You are a shining example of Christ's love.

Carroll County Soup Kitchen

### CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We need your help. Please help us raise money for our Nicaragua Mission trip by donating baked goods to our BAKE SALE. Whole pies and cakes are appreciated; cookies and brownies are great too! Please bring to the church on or before Sunday, Dec. 13th. We will be selling these desserts to go along with the Barbecue Lunch on that day.

Youth Mission Team

### ONE NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Glenloch Baptist Church would like to invite you to their outdoor walking tour of the little town of Bethlehem the way it may have appeared on the night of Jesus' birth. The tour is Dec. 17 - 20, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. Golf carts are available for those with limited mobility. Glenloch Baptist Church is located at 2807 Glenloch Rd., off Highway 27 S, just south of Roopville.

### GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Money is needed for our Good Samaritan Fund, which helps those in our community who need financial help. If you can give, please make your check out to CFUMC, marked "Good Samaritan Fund."

### FOOD BAGS PROJECT

Food donations are needed for the KidsZone food bags project. Please bring instant oatmeal, granola bars, canned fruit, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, peanut butter or cheese crackers, cereal bars, apples, oranges. These food bags will be given to children at Carrollton Middle School.

### BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. Book is *Two from Galilee* by Marjorie Holmes

## This Sunday at CFUMC



December 13, 2009  
Third Sunday of Advent

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

**Sermon:** Christmas Hymns part 2:  
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Scripture:** Luke 2: 8-16; 20  
Rev. Eddie Herring

**11:00 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship Service  
Fellowship Hall**

**Sermon:** Receiving God's Gifts: "The Gift of Learning"

**Scripture:** Luke 1: 5-20  
Rev. Karla Otroszko

Praise and Worship music by Crosswalk

**11:15 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service**

John Cuentas preaching  
Solid Rock Cafe

### Rev. Otroszko Presented Advent Stole

Rev. Karla Otroszko was presented with an Advent stole as an ordination gift from the church, Nov. 29, at the 9 a.m. service. Karla was ordained as an Elder at the Annual Conference last June. We asked her for gift suggestions and the stole was her choice. Congratulations!!



### Adventuring Ministries Upcoming Trips

Upcoming trips for CFUMC's Adventuring Ministries are to Niagra Falls & Toronto, and Las Vegas & Grand Canyon. The Niagra Falls trip will be May 2 - 8, 2010, with a \$75 deposit due upon signing up. Total cost is \$555 per person, with final payment due Feb. 24. The Las Vegas trip is set for Sept. 23 - Oct. 4. Cost is \$999 per person, also with a \$75 deposit. For more information, contact Dr. Dean Milford at the church office, 770-832-7069.

## Nicaragua Medical Mission 2010

January 22- January 30

Working with missionaries Ronnie and Angie Hopkins  
Mission will be to hold medical clinics in several rural areas of Nicaragua.

### Members:

**Doctors:** Mike Poss; Kevin McLaughlin, Frank Pence

**Nurses:** Becky Tomlin, Pam Dunn, Purity Upson

**Pharmacists:** Brett Carter, Cindy Spruell, Lois McHan

**Dentist:** David Drew

**Dental Assistant:** Kathy Otwell

**Interpreter:** Nelson Amaya

**Assistants:** Kamryn Poss, Elliot McHan, Martha Thurman

**Needs of the team:** Prayers, encouragement, monetary donations (earmark Medical Mission), collection of vitamins - especially prenatal and children's vitamins (must have 6 months expiration date remaining on label) Collection boxes will be in the hallways.

As we join hands we can make a difference in the lives of so many who have so little and can share God's message of Love.

### Our Positive Witness

**Dec. 1 - 7, 2009**

Weekly Revenue Needed	\$ 30,000.00(Amended Budget)
Weekly Revenue Received	132,917.82
YTD Revenue Needed	1,008,684.00(Amended Budget)
YTD Revenue Received	1,010,362.00
Designated Funds:	
Nicaragua Medical Mission	249.00
Strong Tower Orphan Sponsor	80.00
Angel Tree	100.00
Good Samaritan Fund	845.00
Youth Wreath Sales	65.00
Youth Post-It Project	300.00

**Dec 6, 2009**

Worship: 988

9 am - 298; 11 am Combined- 600;

Nursery - 35; Hispanic - 55

Sunday School - 10 am - 425

**2010 Pledges to Date**

168 Pledges - \$553,379.00

### Serving This Week

**9:00 am Combined**

**Ushers:** Jim Carr, Harlan Carroll, Zonna Lanier, Nancy Tunnell

**Greeters:** Merrell & Sandra Law, Dan & Sue McBrayer

**11:00 am Contemporary**

**Ushers:** Dan Minish, George Ward, Ben Garrett, Tom Glanton, Jim Reynolds, Bruce Sener

**Greeters:** William Traylor, Charlotte Shackelford

**11:00 am Traditional**

**Ushers:** Paul Simpson, James Crews, David Miceli, Chuck Conerly, Gerald Pilgrim, John Trawick, Rusty Batch, Jay Trawick

**Greeters:** Glenda Banks, Betty Garrett, Lori Garrett

**Acolytes -** John Martin Pilgrim, Jessica Searcy, Katie Taylor

**Front Porch Visitation -** Chenault Cockrell

**Youth Snack Supper -** Sunday, Dec. 13 - Paul & Patti Allen

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Mike & Christy Rothschild

## This Week at CFUMC

**Sunday, Dec. 13**

9 am - Morning Worship,  
Sanctuary

10 am - Church School

11 am - Traditional Worship,  
Sanctuary

11 am - Contemporary Wor-  
ship, Fellowship Hall

11:15 am - Hispanic Service,  
Solid Rock Cafe

12 noon - BBQ Lunch, FSH

6 pm - Christmas Concert,  
Sanctuary

6 pm - Sr. High Youth Activities

**Monday, Dec. 14**

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

**Tuesday, Dec. 15**

5 am- Hispanic Prayers, Chapel  
10 am - Karla's Book Club, rm.  
207

6:30 pm - Scout Pack Meeting,  
FSH

**Wednesday, Dec. 16**

10 am -Disciple III, rm. 206

6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activi-  
ties, Solid Rock Cafe

7 pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, Dec. 17**

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

7 pm - Hispanic Bible Study,  
Chapel

**Saturday, Dec. 19**

4 pm - Aguilar/Maxwell Wed-  
ding, Sanctuary