

The Messenger



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Administrative Council meeting: Church on track with budget

Finance Chair Leland Gustafson said at Monday night's Administrative Council meeting that "we are on track to make our 2009 budget." He indicated that close to 25 percent of our budget usually comes in during the month of December.

Gustafson also urged everyone to get their 2010 pledges. "We currently have 145 pledges for a total of \$470,000 turned in, which is less than one half of what we need," he says. "We are hopeful, but it's tighter this year."

Trustees Chair Jim Cooley reported that due to the cost factor, the Trustees voted to repair our heating/air unit instead of purchasing a new one. He also reported that the church's Transitional House is no longer affiliated with the North Georgia Conference and that the Trustees would like to look into selling the house instead of the church "getting into the rental business."

The location of church staff offices was reviewed by the Trustees. According to Cooley, it would be beneficial to have the offices more centrally located, which not only would provide more cohesiveness, but save on air and heating bills. A subcommittee has been formed to address the issue.



**Christmas Concert
and
Combined Worship**
featuring Chancel Choir with
orchestra and
Crosswalk
Sunday, Dec. 6, Sanctuary
9 and 11 a.m.
services

*The Pre-K and Kindergarten KidsZone
children will also sing.*



The Blind Faith Players performed a skit during Sunday's services entitled, "It's Not Christmas." The skit stressed the importance of remembering the real meaning of Christmas instead of getting caught up in the commercialism of the season. Shown at left are players Oliver Gustafson, Diane Wise, Isabel Gustafson, and Betty Gaddis.

Intercessory Prayer

James Sorrells • Jack Threadgill • Moria MacKinnon • Syble Gilley
Buck Chavies • Frank Ledbetter
Josh Waldrep • Harvey Copeland
Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • Carolyn Mason
Kitty Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield • Mildred Lambert
Susan Logan • Clara Norton, staff member
Lori Reynolds Pohl
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 Hulsey, 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
Ernestine Maddox, Administrator
Kelly Glanton, Amy Harris, Coordinators of Christian Education
Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary
Pat Reynolds, Communications Manager
Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries
Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist
Christopher Thurman, Facilities Manager
Clara Norton, Eva Hayes Custodians
Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults

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Win Pray Attend Give Christmas Cantata

This Sunday we will have our Christmas Cantata in the Sanctuary. We will have combined services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Chancel Choir, Crosswalk, Mark, Tony, Cheryl, and Jack will present the birth of Jesus in song and scripture. We are so blessed to have the music department that we have each and every Sunday. If you can come at 9 a.m. it will help with overcrowding at 11 a.m. You will not want to miss this special service. You will be blessed!

Don't forget the following:

- Please take an angel off the tree and bless a child this Christmas. If you can take a youth, let me encourage you to do so, so they will have a good Christmas. Gifts need to be individually wrapped and brought to the church by Dec. 13.
- Sunday, Dec. 13 will be our Children's Christmas Program, "Guess Who's Coming to Bethlehem," at 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Also that evening our singing groups, Celebration and Men's Ensemble, and our Carroll Ringers will bless us as well. This will be a delightful evening.
- Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. will be an afternoon of Christmas music with Tony & Cheryl. You will not want to miss this organ and piano concert.
- Dec. 20 & 21 will be our Christmas Live Nativity. Invite your friends and family to see the birth of Jesus on the front lawn of CFUMC.

There is a lot happening at Carrollton First as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. I hope to see you as often as you can be here because I know you will be blessed. See you in church Sunday, share Jesus, invite someone to church, be a blessing, and have a blessed week!

Eddie



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Announcements

This is to announce the birth of Fischer Thomas Connell, first great-grandchild of Vaughn and Betty Gaddis, born, Nov. 14, in Jacksonville, AL.



In Memoriam
Patricia J. Greene
November 24, 2009

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will be in the InZone on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

If you have household items and furniture that you would donate to 2 more families that need help, please call Martha @ 770-832-8962. They are trying to get into their homes by the beginning of December. They lost everything except a few clothes in the flood.

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.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

The Children's Choir will present a musical, "Guess Who's Coming to Bethlehem," Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Also performing will be Celebration, Men's Ensemble, and the Carroll Ringers.

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 6, 2009
Second Sunday of Advent



Christmas Concert

featuring Chancel Choir and Crosswalk
9 and 11 a.m.
Combined Services in the Sanctuary

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.

High School presents Concert

Carrollton High School Performing Arts will present *Reflections of the Season* on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., in the church Sanctuary. The concert will include well-known selections such as "Do You Hear What I Hear" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" as well as new songs that are bound to become favorites. The choir will be joined by the Carroll Ringers who will present pre-concert entertainment beginning at 6:45 pm. This is a free event and is open to the public.



Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 13 - Christmas Concert with Children's Choir, Men's Ensemble, Carroll Ringers, and Celebration, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 13 - Youth-sponsored Church BBQ, 12 noon
- Dec. 20 - Youth Christmas Party, 7 p.m., all grades
- Dec. 20 - 21 - Live Nativity, 6 p.m., Front Lawn of Church
- Dec. 20 - Tony & Cheryl Childers Concert, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Christmas Eve Services:**
- 5 p.m. - Children's/Family Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 6 - 7:30 p.m. - Come and Go Communion, Sanctuary
- 11 p.m. - Carols, Candlelight,



B-B-Q

Church-wide Barbecue Lunch

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

Proceeds benefit the Youth Nicaragua Mission Trip. Tickets are available at tables in the hallways after church this Sunday, Dec. 6th, or from any member of the Junior Class Mission Team. Take-out is available

'Hannah's Sisters' Fertility Discussion Group forms

Regardless of where you are in your journey toward motherhood, you are invited to join with other women to get great support and learn new skills that can help you during infertility and beyond. A new fertility discussion group, "Hannah's Sisters," will meet the first Sunday of each month, at 5 p.m., in rm. 210.

Our Positive Witness

Nov. 29, 2009

Worship: 523

9 am - 69; 11 am Contemporary - 165;
11 am Traditional - 196; Nursery - 26;
Hispanic - 67

Sunday School - 10 am - 400

2010 Pledges to Date

145 Pledges - \$469,680.00

Nov. 24 - 30, 2009

Weekly Revenue Needed	\$ 24,000.00(Amended Budget)
Weekly Revenue Received	15,723.25
YTD Revenue Needed	978,684.00(Amended Budget)
YTD Revenue Received	978,019.18
Designated Funds:	
Strong Tower Orphanage Sponsor	\$480.00
Angel Tree	200.00

Serving This Week

9:00 am Combined

Ushers: Roy Johnson, Dan McBrayer, David Smith, W.H. Smith
Greeters: Christine Johnson, Barbara Tanner, Myline Chappel

11:00 am Combined

Ushers: Bruce Lyon, Clay Robinson, Mike Barrett, Bob Germany, Dan Camp, Bob Stone, Galen Hobbs, Jason Harden
Greeters: John Bergstrom, Gherry Gustafson, Jim Swinson

Acolytes - Mary Hirvela, Hadley Jenkins, Steve Hirvela
Front Porch Visitation - Larry Smith

No Communion

Youth Snack Supper - Sunday, Dec. 6 - Don & Helen Martin
Wednesday, Dec. 9 - Max & Sherrie Fulbright

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Dec. 6

- 9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 10 am - Church School
- 11 am - Traditional and Contemporary Combined Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe
- 2 pm - Girl Scouts, InZone
- 5 pm - Celebration
- 6 pm - Men's Ensemble
- 6 pm - Sr. High Youth Activities

Monday, Dec. 7

- 7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

Tuesday, Dec. 8

- 12:30 - 5:30 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive, InZone
- 3 pm - Adventuring Ministries trip to Callaway Gardens
- 6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone
- 7 pm - Carrollton High School Chorus rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, Dec. 9

- 10 am - Disciple III, rm. 206
- 5 pm - Kids music rehearsal
- 6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activities, Solid Rock Cafe
- 7 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Dec. 10

- 5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel
- 7 pm - Hispanic Bible Study, Chapel
- 7 pm - Carrollton H.S. Chorus Concert, Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec. 12

- 2 pm - Ken & Melinda Waid Reception, Fellowship Hall