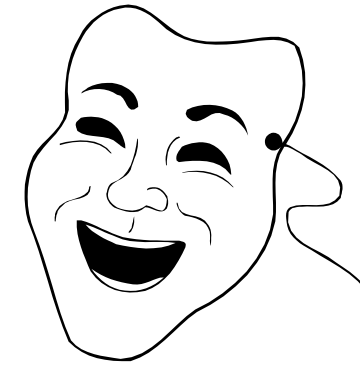


# The Messenger



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## Blind Faith Players



After attending the Passionate Worship session at the annual District Training Event this past Sunday, I came away motivated more than ever to bring drama into our worship, as a way to augment the wonderful lessons we're taught every week. I will be working with Pastor Eddie and Karla to create skits that

may be amusing, dramatic, and definitely thought-provoking, and that support the focus of the sermon on certain Sundays. We will continue to watch our resident

couple, Jeff and Fran (aka Mark and Laurie Gustafson) as they go through what many of us go through!

Blind Faith Players is very thankful for the show of support that we've gotten, for the expressions of appreciation for what we've done so far, and for your enthusiasm as we present. Please know that the audience is the most vital part of any production; they make or break a show. You've been great in this way! **We would LOVE to have more of you involved on stage**, and this is an open invitation to contact me to do so. We've also decided to open it up to youth ages 16 and up, so please, if you are in this age group and would like to get involved, we'd love to have you! While we're doing skits now, there will be full-length dramas and productions in the future as we grow. The energy of the youth will certainly add to the fun!

*Diane Wise*

## Nicaragua Medical Mission Team commissioned Sunday

The Nicaragua Medical Mission Team was commissioned during worship services Sunday. The group will travel to Nicaragua, Jan. 22 - 30. Monetary donations are appreciated, as well as donations of prenatal, children, and adult vitamins and old luggage (to be used for transporting medicines and supplies). Please pray for this group as they provide three clinics in very remote areas near Somoto, Nicaragua, and one clinic in a home for mentally challenged children. For more information contact Martha Thurman, 770-832-8962 or Dr. Michael Poss at docposs@aol.com. The team is comprised of Drs. Poss, Kevin McLaughlin, and Frank Pence, nurses Becky Tomlin, Pam Dunn, and Purity Upson, pharmacists Brett Carter, Cindy Spruell, and Lois McHan, dentist David Drew, dental assistant Kathy Otwell, massage therapist, Ginna Blair, interpreter Nelson Amaya, and assistants Kamryn Poss, Elliott McHan, and Martha Thurman. Shown above are team members being commissioned.



### Intercessory Prayer

Mary Erickson • Jack Threadgill • Moria MacKinnon • Syble Gilley  
Buck Chavies • Frank Ledbetter • Derek Smith  
Harvey Copeland  
Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • Carolyn Mason  
Kitty Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield • Mildred Lambert  
Susan Logan • Clara Norton, staff member  
Simone Taylor, friend of Sally Germany  
Denise Martin, daughter of Don and Frances Martin  
Cherri Wilkerson, mother of Mindy Runyan  
Jess Wiggins, nephew of Phil and Marian Wiggins  
Don Hayes, father of Cindy Minish  
Cheryl Boyd • Debra Elarbee Wahl, friend of Jan Hembree  
Carrie Smith, daughter of Kathy Smith  
Kathy Hulsey, friend of Michael and Kristin Poss  
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  
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others  
Our heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Tom and Jan Nielsen in the death of his mother, Betty Nielsen, Jan. 5, in Carrollton.

### 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

### The 2010 Budget

On Monday, Jan. 25, our Finance Committee will meet to look at the budget and the 2010 pledges. As of today we have \$764,465 pledged. Our budget is \$1.2 million. All around the church are posters to show what the money goes toward. Normally we would need to pledge close to one million, plus \$200,000 to \$250,000 in loose offering in order to make the budget. We believe that some have forgotten to pledge and we believe you want to. We also believe some will not pledge (because you are not sure what you can give), but are planning on giving each week. Either way we need to hear from you so we can estimate the giving toward the 2010 budget. We also believe that none of us wants to see the budget cut. You can help us with this. Please let us know what you and your family are planning on giving to Carrollton First in 2010 as a pledge, or if you are planning on giving each week or month but do not feel you can pledge.

I believe 2010 will be a great year for Carrollton First. It will take all of us working together for this to happen. Please join your sisters and brothers in Christ as together we share Jesus in this community and around the world.

I want to thank our staff and volunteers for a great job at the District Training Event. Everyone commented what a great day Sunday was and what great hosts we were. They were impressed and blessed. Thanks to each of you who helped CFUMC to look its best. Carrollton First is a great church and it showed on Sunday.

See you Sunday at church, share Jesus, make a difference, and have a blessed week!

*Eddie*

## Announcements

*This is to announce the birth* of Carson Lee Hubbard, son of Ben and Christy Hubbard, born, Jan., 2, in Columbus, GA. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Charlie Hubbard. Congratulations!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Vince & Cande Taylor - 3274 E. Hwy. 5, Carrollton 30116

### HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Church Office will be closed, Monday, Jan. 18, for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Scott Barrett and the Visionaries Class for the BBQ fundraiser for the Youth Nicaragua Mission Team. We appreciate all of your hard work and your generous contribution to funding our mission trip. Thanks also to the entire congregation for buying meals and baked goods at the sale. The food was excellent, but your support for missions is even better!

*The Junior Class Nicaragua Mission Team*

### BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS

#### MISSING

Please contact Kelly or Amy if you have Session One of *The Inheritance Bible Study*, the DVD set for *Believing God*, or the *Esther* study, all by Beth Moore. We need to collect these to be used by classes and study groups.

### SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have email, please send the church your address. This will be helpful when sending out information concerning committee meetings, church-wide notices, and the church newsletter. Please send to [angie@cfumc.com](mailto:angie@cfumc.com).

## This Sunday at CFUMC

January 17, 2010

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

**Sermon:** "A New You"  
**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 19  
Rev. Eddie Herring

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

**Sermon:** "A Gracious Plenty"  
**Scripture:** John 2:1-11  
Rev. Karla Otroszko  
Praise and Worship music by Crosswalk

**11:15 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service**  
John Cuentas preaching  
Solid Rock Cafe

### Funny but true....

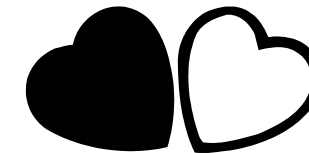


Save the Date!  
Saturday, Feb. 13th

## Valentines Date Night Babysitting at CFUMC



2nd Annual Babysitting Fundraiser for  
your Valentines



Date Night!  
Proceeds go to the Junior Class Mission  
trip to Nicaragua.

Watch for more information coming to a  
bulletin near you!

### Our Positive Witness

#### Jan. 10, 2010

Worship: 720

9 am - 72; 11 am Contemporary- 285; 11  
am Traditional - 255; Nursery - 23;  
Hispanic - 85

Sunday School - 10 am - 389

#### 2010 Pledges to Date

231 Pledges = \$764,465.00

#### 2009 Pledges

283 Pledges = \$938,626.00

#### Jan. 5 - 11, 2010

Weekly Revenue Needed to meet 2010 budget:	Pending
Weekly Revenue Received	18,227.92
YTD Revenue Needed	Budget Pending
YTD Revenue Received	67,382.02

#### Designated Funds:

##### Strong Tower Memorials:

Molly Garner	1,945.00
Memorial: Jewell Johnson	115.00
Good Samaritan Mem. Betty Nielsen	25.00
Good Samaritan Fund	500.00
Nicaragua Medical Mission	191.00
Youth 2010 Mission Trip	2,425.00
Greg Cochran Love Offering	50.00
Youth Fundraiser Wreath Sales	345.00

## Serving This Week

### 9:00 am Combined

**Ushers:** Bill Cook, Milton & Susan Berry

**Greeters:** Jim & Carolyn Sneddon, Nancy Tunnell

### 11:00 am Contemporary

**Ushers:** Tony Newman, Lee Barr, Karen Howson, David Godwin, Paul & Patti Allen

**Greeters:** Paul & Charlotte Penland, Jan & Tom Nielsen, Marni & Michael Flinn

### 11:00 am Traditional

**Ushers:** Jeff Gordon, Ben Gordon, Gary Cottrell, Ernest McClendon, Charlie Murrah, Bobby Sanders, Cal Johnson, Warren Daubenspeck, Mark Gustafson

**Greeters:** Peggy Gordon, Chuck & Michelle Conerly, Robin & Matt Street

**Acolytes:** Austin Garrett, Jack Garrett, Allie Murrah

**Youth Snack Supper** - Sunday, Jan. 17 - NO Youth activities

Wednesday, Jan. 20- Doug and Jill Duncan

## This Week at CFUMC

### Sunday, Jan. 17

9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
10 am - Church School  
11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
11 am - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall  
11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe  
6 pm - No Youth Activities

### Monday, Jan. 18

Church Office Closed  
7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

### Tuesday, Jan. 19

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel  
6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

### Wednesday, Jan. 20

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

### Thursday, Jan. 21

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel  
7 pm - Hispanic Bible Study, Chapel

### Friday, Jan. 22

Nicaragua Medical Mission team leaves

### Saturday, Jan. 23

8 am - 1 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone