

The Messenger



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Advent: A Season of Hope

Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ child, is a time of waiting and hope, and CFUMC is preparing for the season. Advent booklets have been placed on tables around the church to help us in celebrating the season. Please feel free to pick one up for your family and participate in the activities.

An army of church members were on hand Sunday afternoon, raising the Sanctuary's Chrismon tree, hanging garland and wreaths, and decorating the Gathering Room for Advent, which begins this Sunday. Shown at left are Mary Williamson (l), and Susan Helton, decorating the tree in the Gathering Room.



Angel Trees benefit Carroll children

Please select an angel from the tree and provide Christmas for a Carroll County foster child. Angel trees will be set up on the first and second floors beginning this Sunday. When you select your angel, please sign your name beside the number of the child you selected. Gifts should be individually wrapped, labeled



and placed in a garbage bag and returned to the church no later than Dec. 13th. If you bring them in on a Sunday, please drop them off in the InZone Building. If on a weekday, please bring them by the church office. We helped make Christmas special for so many children last year. Thank you for your generosity.

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
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
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Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister
Rev. John Cuentas, Hispanic Minister
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Win Pray Attend Give Happy Thanksgiving!

On Dec. 21, 1620, the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock, Mass., and without any time to prepare, a harsh New England winter set in. Frightfully cold, hungry, and sick, nearly one half of them died that first winter. It was a terrible experience. After surviving that difficult winter, Governor Bradford issued the following proclamation: *In as much as God has given us an abundant harvest - corn, beans, squash, and other vegetables - He has made the forest to abound with game and the sea with fish. He has spared us from pestilence. He has granted us freedom to worship Him according to the dictates of our own conscience. I do proclaim to all of you Pilgrims - Bring your wives and little ones - gather at the meeting house with your pastor between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. There, I want you to listen to him and render Thanksgiving to Almighty God for all His blessings.* Despite what had happened to them, they gave thanks to God rather than dwell on their circumstances. They spent three hours worshipping and thanking God. After placing God first, they gathered for a great meal with their Indian friends. This was the first Thanksgiving. This Thanksgiving 2009, may we follow their example. May we pause to thank God for His abundance and goodness. Let me encourage us all to be thankful people every day of the year. Let me begin:

Thank you, O God, for who you are, your blessings and goodness
Thank God for Jesus, our Lord and Savior
Thank God for my family - Renee, Alex, and Abby
Thank God for Carrollton First UMC - for making a difference and for sharing Jesus in Carrollton and around the world
Thank God for our staff - the best staff a church could ever have
Thank God for each of you - your love and support for me and my family
See you at church Sunday (The Thankful Place), share Jesus and have a blessed, safe, and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Eddie



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

Announcements

The flowers at the altar are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Pope and brother, Joe David Pope, by Dr. and Mrs. James C. Pope, Jeffrey and Ashley Pope, Tim, Laura Austin and Olivia Rader, and Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Roberts, Sarah, and Rachael.

This is to announce the birth of Colton Nicholas Cater, son of Michael and Beth Lankford Cater, born, Nov. 22, at Tanner Medical Center. Maternal grandparents are William and Agatha Lankford and paternal grandparents are Ken and Paula Cater. Congratulations!

LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Don't forget the Christmas Brunch at the First Christian Church Family Life Center, Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Doors will open at 11 a.m. for table viewing. Those attending the brunch are asked to enter through the doors to the Worship Center on College Street. There will be no nursery.

U.M.W. NEWS

- The Katie Downs Fellowship will have their Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Deanna Morrow, 105 Golfview Ct.
- The Morning Circle will meet at the IHOP, Tuesday, Dec. 1, 11:30 a.m., for a Christmas Celebration.

BOOK CLUB

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

NEEDLEWORK MINISTRIES

Needlework Ministries is working on items for school children. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Connie Smiley.

This Sunday at CFUMC

November 22, 2009

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

Sermon: Christmas Hymns part 1:
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Scripture: Haggai 2: 3-7
Rev. Eddie Herring

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

Sermon: Receiving God's Gifts: "The Gift of a Day"
Scripture: Luke 21: 25 - 36
Rev. Karla Otroszko
Praise and Worship music by Crosswalk

11:15 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service Solid Rock Cafe

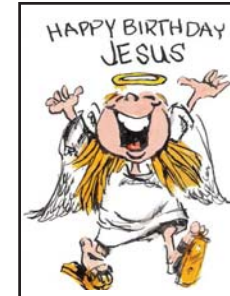
Rev. John Cuentas, preaching

N.Ga. Conference Disaster Response Update

- * Housing is needed for more than 100 out-of-state work teams volunteering over the next three months.
- * A warehouse on the west side of Atlanta was donated for the Conference Disaster Response Team's use over the next few months.
- Volunteers are needed to staff the warehouse.
- * Flood buckets are still a real need. Please follow the instructions exactly.
- * To volunteer, arrange to make donations, or ask for help call the Flood Response Call Center at 678-533-1443
- Please keep all the volunteers in your prayers and volunteer if you have the time and expertise.
- More info: Call Martha Thurman, 770-832-8962

Youth Wreath Sale Dec. 6

The Youth will hold its annual Wreath Sale on Sunday, Dec. 6. Wreaths will be displayed in the hallways of the church and then sold on that day. **Show your creative side and make a wreath to donate for the sale!** Proceeds will go to bless needy families during Christmas. If you would like to make a wreath for the sale, please contact Pastor Greg at the church office or email him at pastorgregc@gmail.com. Deadline to have your donated wreaths in is Dec. 1.



Birthday Party for Jesus

(children 4 years-old through 5th grade)

Wednesday, Dec. 2
6 - 7:15 p.m.

Pizza, games, fellowship and fun!

We are asking 1st - 5th graders to bring an unwrapped board game that costs less than \$10, and PreK - K to bring a stocking and a bag of candy. These will also be used in an activity and given to our angel tree children.

Four-year-old children meet in the InZone. All other children meet in the main building and look for signs directing you to appropriate room.

'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. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Nov. 17 - 23, 2009

Our Positive Witness

Nov. 22, 2009

Worship:481

9 am - 98; 11 am Contemporary - 180;
11 am Traditional - 140; Nursery - 23;
Hispanic - 40

Sunday School - 10 am - 345

2010 Pledges to Date

116 Pledges - \$400,776.00

Weekly Revenue Needed	\$ 21,000.00(Amended Budget)
Weekly Revenue Received	37,212.62
YTD Revenue Needed	954,684.00(Amended Budget)
YTD Revenue Received	962,295.93
Designated Funds:	
Memorial: Audrey Albright	50.00
Hope & Lynette Gibson	50.00
The Grooms	50.00
Strong Tower Orphan Sponsosr	500.00
UMCOR	30.00
Hispanic Ministry	60.00
Bereavement Committee	300.00
Nicaragua Medical Mission	231.00
Good Samaritan Fund	150.00

Serving This Week

9:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Jim Albright, Jim Sneddon, Bob Tatum
Greeters: Jo Ann Carroll & Peter Worthy

11:00 am Contemporary

Ushers: Dan Minish, Lee Barr, Jim Reynolds, Tony Newman
Greeters: Gay Waldrop & Mary Ann Cripe

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Scott Barrett, Paul Bush, Louis Maier, Mike Norton, Carl Worthington
Greeters: Carole Sanders & Beverly Goodwin
Acolytes - Jack Garrett, Abby Herring, Allie Murrell
Front Porch Visitation - Happy Thanksgiving

Youth Snack Supper - Sunday, Nov 29 - No Youth
Wednesday, Dec. 2 - Ben Kristi Garrett

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Nov. 29

9 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10 am - Church School
11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11 am - Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe

Monday, Nov. 30

6:02 - Finance Committee, Library
7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone
7 pm - Administrative Council, FSH

Tuesday, Dec. 1

11:30 am - Morning Worship, IHOP
6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

Wednesday, Dec. 2

10 am -Disciple III, rm. 206
11:30 am - First Christian Church Christmas Brunch, Family Life Center
5 pm - Kids music rehearsal
6 pm - Children's Christmas Party
6:30 pm - Katie Down Christmas Party, 105 Golf View Ct.

Saturday, Dec. 5

2 pm - Girl Scouts, InZone