



The Messenger

MATTHEW 25 MINISTRY BEGINS THIS WEEK

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CFUMC has an up and coming ministry designed to help the less fortunate in the community. The



Shown above are participants in the Matthew 25 Ministry training session held last week.

new Matthew 25 Ministry seeks to offer compassion to “the least of these” - those brothers and sisters that the world so often treats with disdain.

With a name derived from the book of the Bible in which Jesus says “*Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me,*” this ministry wants to provide a place where those who are struggling with financial burdens can be treated with respect and the love of Christ.

Each week, people from the community and beyond come by the church office asking for help with issues ranging from gas money and rent to medical bills and food, etc.

According to Associate Pastor Karla Otroszko, there are now approximately six volunteers involved in this ministry, and more are

needed. Volunteers will be on hand at the church for appointments with “guests” on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning this week.

“Jesus calls us to love and serve them as if they were Jesus Himself,” according to Otroszko. “We specifically seek to serve those in our own community who come to the church with financial needs. We hope we can assist with a tangible need, even if only in part.”

If you would like to be involved in this ministry or would like more information, contact Rev. Otroszko at the church office or Anita Buice at anitawbuice@gmail.com.



Fall Festival

Wednesday, Oct. 28
5 p.m.

Wear your friendly costume and join in the fun: Trunk or Treat, inflatable games and more!!
Meal catered by the Varsity.

Cost for the meal is \$5. **You must sign up for your meal** on the sign-up sheets located throughout the church. You may pay for your meal at the festival.

If you would like to volunteer to have your vehicle in the Trunk or Treat, or if you would like to donate candy to be given out to the children, please contact Amy or Kelly at the church office, or email at cfumcchristianed@bellsouth.net

Intercessory Prayer

Jack Threadgill • Moria MacKinnon • Syble Gilley • Buck Chavies
• Frank Ledbetter Betty Buice
Josh Waldrep • Harvey Copeland
Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • John Trawick • Carolyn Mason
Kitty Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield • Mildred Lambert
Susan Logan • Clara Norton, staff member
Lori Reynolds Pohl
Cheryl Boyd • Debra Ellarbee 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
Don Hayes, father of Cindy Minish
Billy & Preston Dortch, brothers of Kirk Dortch
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
Sparky Lawrence, mother of Suzanne Chandler
Mark Ellis • Shirley Simon, Don McEachin's sister
Betty Loftin, mother of Theresa Davis
Abe Hulsey, friend of Mark Barnes • Mother of Sara Parker
Ashley Turner, family friend of Mark Barnes • Danielle Huff, cousin of John Cook
Frank Satterfield • Allen Payton, son of Eva Haynes
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others

Your Staff

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor
Rev. Karla Otroszko, Associate Pastor
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister
Rev. John Cuentas, 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 Nurses' Ministries
Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist
Christopher Thurman, Facilities Manager
Clara Norton, Eva Haynes Custodians
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Win Pray Attend Give Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m., promises to be a great evening. We will have Trunk or Treat, inflatable games, a meal catered by The Varsity, and lots of fun. Please wear friendly costumes. The cost of the meal is \$5. You must sign up in order to eat. There are sign-up sheets throughout the church. You may pay for your meal the night of the festival. If you want to volunteer to help with Trunk or Treat or to donate candy, please contact Amy or Kelly or email them at cfumcchristianed@bellsouth.net. The fun, food, and fellowship will be out of this world. You will not want to miss our Fall Festival!

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

Eddie

Announcements

DRAMA MINISTRY

There's a new drama ministry coming to town, and it is happening here at Carrollton First: The Blind Faith Players, an adult (18 and over) drama ministry. Please contact Diane Wise at 770-894-7829, or send an email to her at blindfaithplayers@yahoo.com to indicate your interest. Please note: An ability to act is not a requirement! All you need is a desire to be part of a fun group that uses humor, drama, and music to spread god's message! An ability to laugh at yourself is optional...but recommended.

FISH HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

The Fish House United Methodist Campus Ministry cordially invites you to a Homecoming Open House and Brunch, Saturday, Oct. 24, at 9:30 a.m. Come and watch the parade and hear about our current ministry at the University of West Georgia. For more information, call 770-834-7803 or email uwgwesley@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Helen and David Cook have expressed their deep appreciation for church's support in helping them get started over after they lost everything in the flood. They were in the process of moving into the Stewart Street House but were offered a new house in Autumn Glen. They will be moving into the new house. They also are grateful to all who donated furniture and other things to them. Helen remarked that she did not know that there were so many caring and loving people in Carrollton. Your generosity has been exceptional. Thank you!!

VOLUNTEER FOR ADVENT READINGS

We are currently developing a pool of readers for the Advent seasons. Volunteers (families and/or individuals) are needed to read devotional material and light candles. You will be given a prepared text to read and instructions prior to the Sunday on which you will read. If interested, please contact the church office at 770-832-7069, Susan Helton at 770-832-9677 for 9 and 11 a.m. traditional services, or Barbara Tanner at 770-832-9352 for contemporary service.

This Sunday at CFUMC

October 25, 2009

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

Sermon: Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations:
"Extravagant Generosity"
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15
Rev. Karla Otroszko
Special music by Carroll Ringers, Adoration, and Celebration

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

Sermon: Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations:
"Extravagant Generosity"
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15
Rev. Eddie Herring
Music by Chancel Choir and Crosswalk

11 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service Solid Rock Cafe Rev. John Cuentas, preaching

Help Salvation Army Help Others



As many of you know, times have been tough for so many people. The requests for food, clothing, help for prescriptions, utilities, and rent have been well beyond the assistance that The Salvation Army is able to provide. Please remember that the month of November is the month for collecting food at CFUMC. Barrels will be provided at several locations in the church. Please be generous.

Also in November, sign-up sheets will be available to sign up for Bell Ringing. You were great last year and we need even more to ring the bells this year.

Contact Mark Miller at 770-854-4990 for any details and may God bless you!



An Opportunity to Serve

Soup Kitchen gears up for Christmas Boxes

Food for the Soup Kitchen Christmas Boxes will be collected in November. Suggested items are canned beans, corn, soups, and plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly. Monetary donations are greatly needed.

Volunteers are needed:

•Week of Dec. 7 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) to receive donated goods, organize and inventory foods.

•Dec. 12 - 14 - pack and deliver 400 boxes to homebound.
•Dec. 15 - 8:15 a.m. - 2 p.m. - distribute food to other applicants from Tabernacle Baptist Church parking lot.

Deliveries may be made to 345 Beulah Church Rd., Carrollton, GA 30117

Call John Maddox, 770-639-7871 or Sue McBrayer, 770-836-0414 for more information. Place the food in the containers provided in the hallway of the church.

Oct. 13 - 19, 2009

Weekly Revenue Needed	\$ 23,200.00
Weekly Revenue Received	17,807.98

YTD Revenue Needed	890,968.00
YTD Revenue Received	804,550.36

Designated Funds:

Memorials: Robert Parrott	50.00
Audrey Albright	225.00
Joan Jones	200.00

Youth Honoriam:

Claire Cooley's Birthday	25.00
Nicaragua Medical Mission	66.00
UM Children's Home Offering	3,337.00

Young Adult Social for couples and singles

Thursday, Nov. 5
5:45 - 8 p.m.

Dutch treat dinner at the Little Hawaiian

Child care provided by older youth at the church (donations accepted). Please make a reservation for dinner and/or childcare by Nov. 1 by emailing cfumcchristianed@bellsouth.net

Our Positive Witness

Oct. 18, 2009

Worship: 600

9 am - 127; 11 am Combined Worship - 400; Nursery - 27; Hispanic - 46

Sunday School - 10 am - 308

Serving This Week

9:00 am Traditional

Ushers: John Ball, Tim Davis, William Traylor

Greeters: Bill Cook & Martha Ann Saunders

11:00 am Contemporary

Ushers: Tim & Dawn Criswell, William Traylor, Rod & Elaine Shivers

Greeters: Barbara Tanner & Jerry Eady

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Buddy Williams, Jack Norton, Ken Waid, Chenault Cockrell, David Mecklin, Allen Murrah, David Parkman, Tom Overton, John Hughes, Cecil Duffee, George Hirvela

Acolytes: Susanna Seeman, Katie Taylor

Greeters: Frank Jones, Jewell Johnson, George & Jackie Ward

Front Porch Visitation: Idys Overton

Youth Snack Supper: Sunday, Oct. 25 - Frank & Sally Ingui

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - No Youth - help with Fall Festival

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Oct. 25

9 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10 am - Church School
11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11 am - Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
3:30 pm - Children's Christmas Concert rehearsals, FSH
5 pm - Celebration
6 pm - Men's Ensemble
6 pm - Sr. High Youth Activities

Monday, Oct. 26

5:30 pm - Guitar Lessons
7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

Tuesday, Oct. 27

5 am - Hispanic Prayer, Chapel
6:30 pm - Cub Scout Pack Meeting, InZone

Wednesday, Oct. 28

9:30 am - Beth Moore Study, rm. 205 (Betty Green)
9:30 am - Beth Moore Study, rm. 210 (Kristi Garrett)
10 am - Disciple III, rm. 206
5 pm - Fall Festival, FSH/outside
6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activities, Solid Rock Cafe
7 pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 29

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