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PASTOR CONVICTED OF DEADLY SIN



If pride is one of the seven deadly sins, then I stand convicted. I confess - I am proud to be your pastor. Lock me up and throw away the key - I can't help it. I am reminded every Sunday.

I am proud to be associated with people like you - Christian seekers. I am proud of the large numbers of you who come and worship in a variety of settings. God bless you for getting up on Sunday mornings and honoring the Sabbath day. I am proud of our superior Sunday School for every age group. I am proud of our teachers and the work they do to prepare for their classes. I'm proud of our nursery keepers and volunteers. I am proud of our directors and musicians and soloists and choir members who lift my heart to the throne of God. I'm proud of those who usher and greet folks and make them feel comfortable. I am proud of those who put out the donuts and brew that "Methodist fuel" coffee.

I am proud of those who take the offerings, count the money, keep the attendance records, and I hope the Lord keeps them reeeeeeaalllll busy! I am proud of the dedicated crews who volunteer to answer phones, work the sound-boards, keep us on the radio, and drive the buses. I'm proud to get to work beside folks with all that energy and integrity to lead our Youth Ministry. I'm so very proud of our Middle School and High School students who flock here to learn about being Christ's hands and feet.

I am proud of our Disciple Bible students and teachers digging deeper and deeper into God's Word. I am proud of the Stephen Ministers and parish nurse corps who bring Christ's presence to folks who are "walking through the valley of the shadow." I am proud of the many people who serve in numerous areas of ministry - too many to list!

Yes, at the close of each Sunday, as I think about what's happened all day at our church, I can't help it - I am proud!

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Steve Winter, Executive Pastor

Worship Services

"Keep Your Cool"

Acts 7:54-60

8:30 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.

Traditional Services

Rev. Tom Jones

Lakeside Worship Services

Begin Sunday, May 4

8:30 a.m.

"Believe in Me"

Promises to Live By Sermon Series

John 14:1-14

10:55 a.m. Contemporary Service

Rev. Wendy Cordova

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ATTENDANCE 4/13/2008

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary	310
10:55 a.m. Living Waters	75
10:55 a.m. Sanctuary	542
Worship Totals	917
Sunday School	510
Earth Day Worship Service . . .	210

FLOWERS

Flowers in the Sanctuary are to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father,
Dr. Francisco Rosales,
given by Ana Maria Stradley.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Sunday, May 4

**Senior Graduation Recognition
& Lakeside Services begin**

Sunday, May 11

**Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation Recognition
& Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 18

Giving Sunday

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The groundbreaking has been set for **Sunday, April 27 at 4 p.m.** The location of the groundbreaking and build is 1021 Cooley Drive, Gainesville. Applications to volunteer for this project are available in the Gathering Room, Church Office, and online at www.gfumc.com through Sunday, April 27. For more information on this project, call **Sharon Krudener** at 678.450.9724.



Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Over 70 people attended our first session of this great discussion. Join the pastors for Combined Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel as they rotate facilitating a study on the book that is creating all the “buzz” around church. Come, join us!

April 20: Extravagant Generosity, Dr. Steve Winter

April 27: Intentional Faith Development, Rev. Debby Fox

May 4: Risk-taking Mission and Service, Rev. Tom Jones

May 11: Passionate Worship, Rev. Wendy Cordova

Hosted by the **Lost and Found Sunday School Class.** Everyone, whether you are part of a Sunday School class or not, is invited to come and see. DVD copies of the series will be made available to individuals and groups. Please contact **Laura Haynes** at 770.536.2341, ext. 137 to request your copy. There is no charge for the DVD copies.

Just Desserts!

Don't forget to save room for dessert! Join us for the last two “desserts” remaining on Wednesday evenings:



Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

“Giving Together: A Lesson in Stewardship”

Facilitated by Ferrell Singleton

Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice Extravagant Generosity - they give joyfully in response to the gracious gifts they have received from God. Join Ferrell Singleton, Stewardship Chairperson, in exploring how we can grow in the grace of giving that will touch the lives of more and more people throughout this community and the world for Christ.

Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. “Bells, Pipes, & Voices”

Presented by the Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, & Keith Jefcoat

See page 3 for more information.



LAKESIDE WORSHIP

Begins Sunday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m.

We will be offering outdoor worship services at our Lakeside Sanctuary each Sunday morning May 4 through September 28. Lakeside worship services are one of GFUMC's most talked about ministries. This unique time of worship in “God's sanctuary without walls” offers a casual atmosphere for all ages. You will experience the presence of God in a unique way at the Lakeside worship service. Haven't ever been to Lakeside? Dress casual. Bring your lawn chairs, beach towels, or sit on the wooden benches. Come, enjoy the beauty of the outdoors.

A NEW SONG

BELLS, PIPES, & VOICES

A Musical Celebration

Wednesday, April 30 - 6:30 p.m.

Come at 5 p.m. on April 30 and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Michael (Call the Church Office to make reservations), and then settle in for a time of great music!

The Adult Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, and organist, **Keith Jefcoat**, will present a combined concert at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program will bring the 2007-08 year of Wednesday evening activities to an exciting conclusion.

Our outstanding bell choir will ring some of their favorite pieces as well as a couple of new selections. The Chancel Choir will sing four spirituals including *Give Me Jesus* and *Elijah Rock*.

The organ console will be front and center so everyone can watch as Keith plays the 41 rank Reuter pipe organ.

PRAYER PAGERS



Let these people know that you are thinking of them.

Pray! Dial the phone number for the person you prayed for. (You will hear 3 beeps.) Dial 111# & hang up.

Tonya Gore

Angela Burrell's niece
770.201.0867

Faye Shadburn

770.201.0429

Katie Tulin

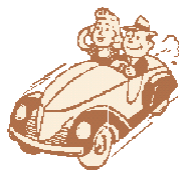
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OLDER ADULTS

GADABOUTS

Wednesday,
April 23

11 a.m. in the
Reception Hall



Kelly Randall, the Director of Gainesville Utilities, will be the guest speaker at Gadabouts.

50+



Monday, April 28
6 p.m. in the
Reception Hall

Bring \$1 plus your favorite covered dish to share. **Keith Jefcoat** will be our guest for the evening. Keith is the organist at GFUMC and is the Director of Preparatory Music, Inc. at Brenau University.

UMW CIRCLES



JOY CIRCLE

Monday, April 21

11 a.m. in Room S-12
New study on *God's Mission, God's Song*.

AT THE "MAC"

MAY DAY DANCE

Thursday, May 1

7 p.m. in the GREAT Room

Light refreshments and music by a DJ and the live swing band, Sentimental Journey, an ensemble of the Believers Band. Admission is \$2. Sponsored by the "MAC."

MAC MADNESS RESULTS

Volunteers...138

Profit...\$5,200

Community Youth Memories...

PRICELESS!

NEW TO GFUMC?

GET CONNECTED!

Sundays,
April 20 & 27
9:45 a.m. in
Room S-02



This introductory class is offered to visitors and new members who want to learn a little more about our church and United Methodism.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact **Rev. Wendy Cordova** at 770.536.2341 or wcordova@gfumc.com.

SINGLES (40+)

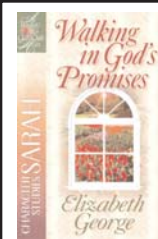
THIRD SUNDAY

LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 20
12:30 p.m. at
Sydney's Buffet



Sydney's is located in the Big Lots' shopping center on Jesse Jewell Parkway. The Beacon will have a designated table, so ask at the front!



Walking in God's Promises - Sarah

begins

Sunday, April 20
6-7:30 p.m.
in Room S-13

The hardest parts of facing difficult circumstances are letting go of our worries and waiting for God's answers. Sarah knew what it was like to wait with uncertainty. Learn to trust in God's promises. This is a new Bible study for Women. This study will be facilitated by **Ali Romberg**. The cost is \$7 for the book. Register online or call the Church Office at 770.536.2341.



**BRING YOUR STUFF
FOR THE
YOUTH CHOIR SALE!**

Clothing and cookware, toys and tools, bikes and books, pottery and pictures, jewelry and jelly-jars....well, you get the idea! Bring your donated items to **Room N-110** before **Wednesday, April 23** for the Rummage Sale which is set for Saturday, April 26. Receipts are available for donated items.



VBS EXPLOSION!

Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20, 2008

You've got the **POWER!** and we need you for high voltage teaching and fun as our love of Jesus bubbles over to our kids! Adults and youth volunteers are needed. Sign up in the Gathering Room on Sunday mornings.



PRAYER CARDS
Sunday, May 4
Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 11
Confirmation Recognition

The Prayer Ministry Team encourages you to take a card from an easel or Sunday school class and pray specifically for the names on the card. Acknowledge the graduating seniors' achievement and your prayers for them. Let the confirmands know of your encouragement as they continue their spiritual walk.



WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT TO SAVE A LIFE?

Saturday, April 26

at Gainesville First United Methodist Church

Cost is \$58. For more information on this program, visit the website www.heartscreensforteens.com.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2008

7 p.m. Friday, May 30 - 7 a.m. Saturday, May 31

GFUMC will have a team in this year's Relay for Life. The theme this year is **Team Up for a Cure**. If you want to be on the team, please contact Lori Floyd at 770.536.2341, ext. 144 or lfloyd@gfumc.com. If you're not on the team that walks at the event, there will be other opportunities for you to help us raise money, make donations, and purchase luminaries in honor or in memory of loved ones who have faced cancer. Watch future issues of *The Bridge* for more information.



Ladies!

We want to hear from you! Take the GFUMC Spring 2008 Women's Ministry Survey!



Please take a few minutes and let us know how you would like to see the women's ministry expand in the future. Share your ideas and passions. Volunteer to be a part of this growing ministry to the women of our congregation and community. You may complete the survey online at www.gfumc.com/women or copies of the survey are also available in the Church Office and in current women's Bible study classes.

**GOOSEBUMPS
GUARANTEED!**

Believers Band
Spring Concert
Sunday, April 27

3 p.m. in the GREAT Room



“Goosebumps Guaranteed” is not just a gimmick. It is a promise! Music from *Fiddler On The Roof*, *The Music Man*, *Star Wars / Raiders March*, *The Syncopated Clock*, *Picture At An Exhibition*, two Dixieland numbers, songs from Scotland, Ireland, England, and more.

Free Admission!

FAMILY SUPPER

Wednesday, April 23

5 - 6:30 p.m. in the GREAT Room

**Vegetable Beef Soup,
Corn Muffins, Sandwiches,
Carrot & Raisin Salad, Garden
Salad, Deviled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, and Apple Pie**



Kid's Meal: PB&J Sandwiches with Chips

Cost: \$5/adult, \$3/child, \$15 family maximum. Call **Stan Bearden** at 770.536.2341 ext. 114, by 12 noon on Monday of each week to make your reservation for supper.



Everyone's Invited!

Sunday, April 20

5:45 - 7 p.m.

We will celebrate our two Spring Break Youth Mission Trips with a night of celebration on Sunday evening in the Youth Hall. There will be a DVD presentation of the trips and testimonies from the kids. Please plan to attend.

Saturday May 3, will be our **Super Service Saturday**. We will meet in the Youth Hall at 8 a.m. for breakfast before going out and serving in the Hall county area. Contact David Burchett at 770.536.2341, ext. 115 for more information.



MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES

The UMW will be making and selling corsages and boutonnieres for Mother's Day again this year!

Orders will be accepted through **Sunday, May 4**. You may place your order on Sundays in the Gathering Room. For your convenience, order forms are also available in the Sunday Bulletin or in the Church Office.

All proceeds will go to missions. Every donation is appreciated. Please make checks payable to **Gainesville First United Methodist Women**.

Calendar

APRIL 20 - 27, 2008

SUNDAY - April 20

- 8:30 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45 Combined Sunday School:
Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
- 9:45 CONNECT Class
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:55 Kid's Church
- 10:55 Living Waters Contemporary Worship in the Reception Hall
- 10:55 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 3:15 Cub Scout Meeting
- 4:00 GriefShare Support Group
- 4:00 Youth Choir
- 5:00 Disciple I
- 5:00 The Harbor (Youth Fellowship)
- 6:00 *Forty-Sixty* Bible Study (Singles 40+)
- 6:00 *Walking in God's Promises - Sarah* Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 MSL: Methodist Sports League (Youth)

MONDAY - April 21

- 8:30 Preschool Book Fair
- 9:00 Aerobics
- 9:00 Methodist Men Cooking
- 10:00 Active Older Adult Aerobics
- 10:00 Joy Circle
- 12:00 Emmaus Reunion Group
- 6:30 Disciple II
- 6:30 Hospitality Training
- 7:00 Adult Basketball
- 7:30 Adult Bells

TUESDAY - April 22

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 Preschool Book Fair
- 9:00 Intercessory Prayer Group
- 9:30 Believers Band Practice
- 10:00 *Effective Parenting* Women's Study
- 10:00 *God at Your Wits' End* Women's Study
- 10:00 *Living a Purpose-Full Life* Women's Study
- 6:00 Believers Band Practice
- 6:00 Stewardship Meeting
- 8:00 MLC Band Practice

WEDNESDAY - April 23

- 8:30 Preschool Book Fair
- 9:00 Aerobics
- 11:00 Gadabouts
- 11:30 Preschool Board Meeting
- 3:00 Bridge
- 4:00 Library Committee Meeting
- 5:00 Family Supper
- 5:30 Preschool Book Fair
- 6:00 Children's Bible Studies
- 6:00 Disciple IV
- 6:00 Just Desserts: *Giving Together: A Lesson in Stewardship*
- 6:00 Refresh/Recharge
- 6:00 Youth Bells
- 6:15 Youth Bible Studies
- 6:30 Living Waters Worship Team
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY - April 24

- 8:30 Preschool Book Fair
- 9:00 Disciple IV (at Lanier Village Estates)
- 10:00 Prayer Quilts
- 7:00 Ballroom Dance

FRIDAY - April 25

- 8:30 Preschool Book Fair
- 9:00 Aerobics
- 10:00 Active Older Adult Aerobics

SATURDAY - April 26

- 7:00 Youth Choir Rummage Sale
- 8:30 Heart Screens for Teens

SUNDAY - April 27

- 8:30 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45 Combined Sunday School: *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*
- 9:45 Get Connected! Class
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:55 Kid's Church
- 10:55 Living Waters Contemporary Worship in the Reception Hall
- 10:55 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 Girl Scout Troop #806
- 3:00 Believers Band Spring Concert
- 4:00 GriefShare Support Group
- 4:00 Youth Choir
- 5:00 Disciple I
- 5:00 The Harbor (Youth Fellowship)
- 6:00 *Forty-Sixty* Bible Study (Singles 40+)
- 6:00 *Walking in God's Promises - Sarah* Women's Bible Study

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1



The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The congregation and community are invited to come and pray in either the Chapel or Sanctuary at GFUMC. Spend some quality time with our Creator!

Contact Us

If you have an emergency after office hours, on the weekend, or over a holiday, and need to speak with a pastor, please call the Church Office at 770.536.2341. The voice mail recording gives you the option to select an emergency contact. Press "5" and follow the instructions. Thank you.

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You are not alone. Counseling can help and heal. Call 770.533.5702 for an appointment or for more information.

DEVOTION & PRAYER LINE

Call 678-343-2733 to hear a brief devotional and prayer from one of the pastors of GFUMC. Prayer requests are forwarded to the pastoral staff.



UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES?

Listen to the radio broadcast of the 10:55 a.m. Traditional Worship Service on AM 1240 WGGA.



Library Hours

Sunday 9:45 - 11 a.m.

Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday 5 - 7 p.m.

SCHOLASTIC

PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Monday, April 21 - Friday, April 25

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Room N-120

This is a **BOGO (Buy One, Get One Free)** Book Sale! Don't miss this great opportunity to purchase hardback books and to stock up your gift shelves! Get your kids hooked on reading!

On **Wednesday, April 23**, the Book Sale will also be open in the evening, **5:30 - 7 p.m.** for church members who would like to shop.

Proceeds go to increasing our Preschool Library collection.



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