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I seem to always be a book or two behind. What I mean is that I am usually behind most folks in reading a contemporary book. Perhaps many of you have already read the book entitled *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. Joyce Corley gave me a copy and invited me to read it because it had spoken directly to her heart. I will read it this month, and I look forward to the discoveries I will experience in my reading.

Summer is a good time to read a favorite book or embark upon a new reading adventure. It is a time to venture into a deep place in your mind and be inspired. It is a time to be newly intrigued and captured by the story of someone else's thoughts through creative authorship. It is a time to live by example the journey of reading before our children and grandchildren. I wish I had read more in front of our children and to our children when they were younger.

Summer is also a good time to read the scriptures. Read a Psalm a day and a chapter from a Gospel per day as you experiment with a different sort of routine rhythm. I suggest that we use these summer weeks to memorize some scripture as well. Take at least one verse per week and learn by memory as a family. It will create great memory for family and for learning. My very first memory verse I remember to this day: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24 KJV).

Summer can be more than just swimming and beaches and traveling and gardens and golf and tennis and baseball and softball. The flexible routine of summer can offer some real opportunities for new growth and new family memories - family memories that are not expensive. Set a goal for yourself this summer and enjoy your summer routine. Stay connected to your faith, your Lord, and your creator God. Strengthen your ties to family and friends. Enjoy your June and July and watch for the discoveries that summer 2009 has to offer. Remember you are loved with the gift of each summer day.

With Love and Care,

*P.S. Thanks for turning in your Estimate of Giving Card soon.
The total dollars in our estimates will give our church leadership guidance for the developing of our 2009/2010 budget for ministry. Thanks for your generosity.*

Worship Services

"God So Loves the World"
John 3:1-17
8:30 Lakeside &
10:55 a.m. Sanctuary
Dr. Terry Walton

*Loving and Serving God as
We Love and Serve All People*

WHAT'S IN A NAME SERMON SERIES
"Holy Spirit: Advocate"
John 14:16-17, 25-26
9:30 & 10:55 a.m. Living Waters
Rev. Wendy Cordova

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ATTENDANCE 5/31/2009

8:30 a.m. Lakeside	644
9:30 a.m. Living Waters	98
10:55 a.m. Living Waters	207
10:55 a.m. Sanctuary	421
Worship Totals	1,370
Sunday School	539

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Ray Couch and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chambers Sr.**, given by Mary Couch.

BAPTISM

Charles Thomas McCamy will be baptized this Sunday during the 10:55 a.m. Sanctuary worship service. Charlie's parents are Ward and Lindsey McCamy.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

...to the family and friends of **Emily James**.

...to **Bill Piper** on the death of his mother.

CHURCH PLATES

The UMW are selling beautiful gold-rimmed porcelain plates with an etching of the church. They will be located at the MAC entrance on Sunday mornings during the month of June. Cost is \$30.

JOIN US IN BIBLE STUDY THIS SUMMER



THE WAY OF TRANSFORMING DISCIPLESHIP

The Companions in Christ Series

Tuesdays, June 9 - July 14, Room S-01

What does it mean to be an authentic Christ-follower? Explore the following themes: knowing who you are, changing from the inside, listening to the groans, experiencing the God who heals, and discovering community together.

Choose to attend the morning study (11 a.m.-12 noon) or the evening study (6:30-7:30 p.m.). Childcare provided with a reservation. Call the Church Office at 770.536.2341 to register. Led by **Wendy Cordova**. Cost: \$8/book.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7 a.m. in the Reception Hall



Join **Dr. Terry Walton** as he begins a study of Old Testament books of Esther and Ruth to explore the life lessons that await men who are seeking to follow God's leading today. The new study begins, **Tuesday, June 2** and continues through August; however, the Men's Bible Study will not meet during the month of July. A light breakfast is served. No cost to attend. Ends promptly at 8 a.m.

HOPE FOR AFRICA

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Tuesday, June 30

6 p.m. in the Reception Hall

These children travel to us from Humble Place United Methodist Church in Mukono, Uganda. This year they will sing at our Annual Conference in Athens and in churches throughout our districts. Their purpose is to glorify God through music and to raise money for their mission efforts in Uganda. A love offering will be collected for this ministry. For more information visit <http://hopeforafricachildrenchoir.org>.



UPDATE ON GIVING SUNDAY

We continue to be off to a good start in our "Irresistible Invitation" stewardship emphasis. Last year as of May 31, 2008, we had received 498 Estimate of Giving cards for a total \$2,368,451. As of Sunday, May 31, 2009, we are at 508 Estimate of Giving cards for a total of \$2,462,733. We continue

to be in the follow-up phase and we need you who have yet to respond to this "Irresistible Invitation" to express your prayerful and faithful response as soon as you can. Thank you for your prayerful and faithful response to the extravagant heart of God and joining in ministry together for the cause of Christ.



RECREATION



DRAGONBOAT RACE

Next practice - Saturday, June 13
Next race - Saturday, June 20
Lake Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club

Are you interested? There is still time to sign up for this team.
Contact **Vicki Bailey** at
770.536.2341 or
vbailey@gfumc.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 - 19

8:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Kindergarten - 5th grades

Register in the Gathering Room on Sunday mornings, in the Church Office during the week, and online anytime at www.gfumc.com!

We want ALL children to fully participate in church activities.

If your child experiences challenges in group settings, and you believe a special buddy for your child during VBS would be helpful, call **Debbie Morris** at 770-536-2341, ext. 105 to make arrangements.

1ST PLACE CLASSIFIED ADS

NEW ITEMS RECENTLY LISTED!

Check them out at www.gfumc.com



The 1st Place Classified Ad listing is intended to help our congregation and visitors to our website, buy and/or sell items. Submit your items for sale online, or use the paper form available on the community bulletin board in the hallway across from the Library. Look for the blue ribbon on the website! Make www.gfumc.com your **first place** for classified advertising!

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

GADABOUTS

Wednesday, June 10

Jennifer Puett and **Brittany Fitzpatrick**, granddaughters of Paul and Ann Phillips, will provide a musical program.



AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

Saturday, June 13

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Adult Lobby



Three reasons to take the AARP Driving Class: Tune up your driving skills. Drive more safely. Get an insurance discount. Though geared for drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of any age. AARP membership is not required to attend. There is no final test to pass. Call **Pam Spivey** at 770.536.2341, ext. 139 to register. Bring your lunch, driver's license, and AARP card if you have one. Cost is \$12 for members of AARP and \$14 for nonmembers.

GFUMC TRAVELERS

The Biltmore at Christmas

November 18 - 19, 2009



Join us for a two-day, one-night trip to Asheville, North Carolina, to tour the Biltmore House for the candlelight tour of Christmas lights. Spend the night at the Grove Park Inn and see the national competition of gingerbread houses. Cost is \$339 per person which includes travel by deluxe motor coach, all meals, lodging, and tours. Contact **Jane Lower** at 770.535.8418 for additional information and to reserve your place. A deposit of \$100 is due by August 15. Balance due by October 1.



LOW COUNTRY BOIL & CRYSTAL RIVER

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL BAND

Monday, June 22, 2009

6 – 7:30 p.m., Reception Hall

Tickets are \$6 each and must be purchased from **Pam Spivey** in the Church Office by **Monday, June 15**. You must have a ticket to eat. Seating will be provided for those who do not want to eat. A love offering will be taken. Sponsored by Fifty Plus.

A NEW SONG

YOUTH CHOIR

Homecoming Concert

Sunday, June 7

6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*featuring the Youth Choirs
of First Presbyterian Church
and Gainesville First United
Methodist Church*



If you would like to see our youth in action and hear some very exciting music, plan to come hear this fine program. Directors **Michael Henry** and **Robin Parr** will lead 40 singers in a varied program that was presented in seven other venues on their recent tour to South Georgia and Florida.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy this final concert of the tour.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WILDERNESS DAY CAMP

July 20 - 24, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



A camp for rising first through sixth grades designed to help them foster Christian friendships, grow spiritually as a witness for Christ in our world, and teach them responsibility for God's earth – a gift He entrusted to our care. Registration begins June 1.

Chiggers—For rising first and second grades. Activities include a mission day and trips to American Adventures, Cagle Dairy, Frances Meadows Aquatics Center, and tubing. Cost: \$109.

Crickets—For rising third and fourth grades. Activities include a mission day, an overnight at the Atlanta Zoo, and trips tubing and to Frances Meadows Aquatics Center. Cost: \$119.

Beetles—For rising fifth and sixth grades. Activities include a mission day, "Sleeping with the Sharks" at Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and trips to Frances Meadows Aquatics Center and tubing. Cost: \$119.

Space is limited! Be sure to register early!

COMPEL WORSHIP SERVICE & SMALL GROUPS

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Reception Hall

If you are college age or have a college-age young adult, then you really need to check out **Compel**, our new worship service. More than 50 people attended the service this past week.

Come experience great fellowship, live music, relevant teaching, and small groups.

GFUMC WILL HONOR VETERANS



PATRIOTIC DAY

Sunday, June 28

4 - 7 p.m.

Patriotic Day is on the way! Come enjoy the flotilla, balloon boat race on the lake, kids' activities, recognition of veterans, and much more!

Food will be provided by **The Varsity** for a cost of \$5 per person. Snacks like cotton candy, snow cones, and watermelon will be free!

As part of Patriotic Day, we would like to honor all our veterans. Please call the Church Office or send an email to vbailey@gfumc.com to give us the name, rank, branch of service, and years of service (ex. 1994-present) of veterans who are affiliated with GFUMC. You do not have to be present to be recognized.

Bring cupcakes decorated with red, white, or blue icing to honor veterans who are homebound or in assisted living facilities. Please use blue icing to designate that the cupcakes are sugar-free. Bring all cupcakes to the GFUMC Kitchen on Patriotic Day.



If you would like to volunteer to deliver cupcakes to veterans, please contact **Michele Bellue** or **Vicki Bailey** at 770.536.2341 or vbailey@gfumc.com. Vicki would like to have all cupcakes delivered on Monday, June 29.

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY



PERSONAL PROTECTION & SAFETY CLASS Sundays, June 7 and June 14 5 - 7 p.m. in Room S-14

This two-part class will teach you ways that you can be safer in your home, car, and in public places. Sign up by calling **Pam Spivey** in the Church Office at 770.536.2341. There is no cost to attend. Facilitated by **David Squires**.

PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY



Let these people know that you are thinking of and praying for them.

Pray! Dial the pager number of the person for whom you have prayed. You will hear 3 beeps. Dial 111# and then hang up.

Diana Cindea a friend of Lora Cooley 770.201.0121	Margot Mickle 770.201.0320	Faye Shadburn 770.201.0429
	Wendy Pittman 770.201.0626	Katie Tulin 1.800.225.3412

Prayer Pagers are available for you or a friend to use. If you would like to receive a Prayer Pager, please contact **Rev. Wendy Cordova** at 770.536.2341.

COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



AT THE MASTER'S FEET: THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Sundays, beginning June 7
10 a.m. Adult Lobby

Come early for fellowship,
coffee, and donuts at 9:45 a.m.

June 7

On the Road
Luke 24:13-35
Debby Fox

June 21

Doubting Thomases
John 20:24-31
Nancy Perkins

June 14

Seize the Day
Matthew 6:11, John 9
Jack Carrington

June 28

The Trouble with Forgiveness
John 8:1-11, John 5:1-15
David Lee

This study will continue through July.

Calendar

JUNE 7 - 14, 2009

SUNDAY - June 7

8:30 Lakeside Worship
9:30 Living Waters Praise & Worship
9:30 VBS Training
9:45 At the Master's Feet Combined Class
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Living Waters Praise & Worship
10:55 Sanctuary Worship
5:00 Disciple II
5:00 The Harbor
5:00 Personal Protection & Safety Class
6:00 Youth Choir Homecoming Concert
7:00 MSL (Methodist Sports League)

WEDNESDAY - June 10

Youth leave for Gainesville Aid Project
8:00 Fitness Club
9:15 Aerobics
11:00 Gadabouts
3:00 Bridge
6:00 Emmaus Prayer Group
6:00 Refresh/Recharge
6:15 Accountability Group
6:15 PHASES Accountability Groups
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:15 Living Waters Rehearsal

MONDAY - June 8

8:00 Fitness Club
9:00 Emmaus Prayer Group
9:00 Methodist Men Cooking
9:15 Aerobics
10:15 AOA Aerobics
11:45 Emmaus Reunion Group
6:30 SPR Meeting
7:00 Troop 16 Scout Meeting
7:30 Men's Basketball

THURSDAY - June 11

8:00 Fitness Club
9:00 Christ Centered Yoga
10:00 Prayer Quilts

FRIDAY - June 12

8:00 Fitness Club
9:15 Aerobics
10:15 AOA Aerobics
6:00 Parks/Curtis Rehearsal
7:15 Emmaus

TUESDAY - June 9

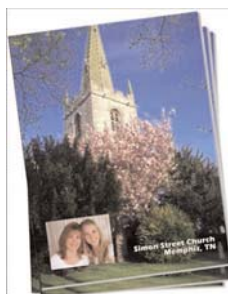
7:00 Men's Bible Study
8:00 Fitness Club
8:30 Intercessory Prayer Group
9:00 Christ Centered Yoga
9:15 Aerobics
9:30 Believers Band Practice
11:00 Transforming Discipleship Bible Study
6:00 Believers Band Practice
6:30 Transforming Discipleship Bible Study
7:00 Compel - College Age Worship
7:00 Stephen Ministry
7:00 Troop 16 Committee Meeting

SATURDAY - June 13

9:00 AARP Safe Driving Class
7:30 Parks/Curtis Wedding

SUNDAY - June 14

Membership Sunday
8:30 Lakeside Worship
9:30 Living Waters Praise & Worship
9:45 At the Master's Feet Combined Class
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Living Waters Praise & Worship
10:55 Sanctuary Worship
5:00 The Harbor
5:00 Personal Protection & Safety Class
7:00 MSL (Methodist Sports League)



COMING THIS FALL!

A new Church Pictorial

Directory is being published!

Now that we are on our way to knowing one another's names by using name tags, we want to put faces with those names! Sign-ups will begin soon for summer photo dates. Help us to have a complete church directory by signing up to have your picture made!



UMW Mission Project
Cookson Hills
Health Resource Center



Prayer Focus:
Cancer Survivors
& Caregivers

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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CHRIST CENTERED YOGA

June & July Summer Session

9 to 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Will not meet during VBS (June 15-19)

Preregister and save money! One day/week is \$40 per month or two days/week is \$60 per month. Email becky@christcenteredyoga.org to preregister! Drop-in classes are \$12/week. Loving childcare is provided free of charge.



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CARE AND COUNSELING CENTER of Gainesville



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 WGA.

LISTEN ONLINE!

Sermons are now available at www.gfumc.com/sermons.



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