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Issue 1

"Keeping Everyone Informed"

September-October, 2007



Welcome to the first issue of our new newsletter which, by popular vote, has retained its original name, **The Messenger**. I am excited about the opportunities that this publication offers for everyone to be informed and have a voice in the many areas of worship, fellowship, service, leadership, missions, and growth of the First United Methodist Church of Conway. Please let me introduce to you the two people primarily responsible for producing **The Messenger**.

Dr. Scott Johnson is responsible for gathering the information for each issue. He will be checking the Newsletter mailbox regularly for input and contacting individuals for further information and/or clarification. Scott spent 28 years in higher education (USC grad M. Ed. 1981, Ph.D. 1985) as an academic librarian and is currently employed in a less stressful position at Lowe's of Myrtle Beach. Scott was a member of FUMC when Claude Harper was pastor and serves as a Certified Lay Speaker in the SCUMC. He and his wife Ithaliah (Helen) have been married for 27 years and have one daughter, Jennifer, who is a nursing major at Lander University in Greenwood, SC. Helen is a special education teacher at Whittemore Park Middle School. Scott and Helen work together on many projects including Cursillo, Habitat for Humanity, Civitan, and Disciple Bible Study. They have settled in Conway after spending 13 years in Mississippi. There are many ways to contact Scott — at home at 365-4888, newsletter@fumconway.org, or the newsletter mailbox. Questions, comments, and feedback about the newsletter are welcome.

Brenda Wilkins will be producing the newsletter. She retired five years ago from the U. S. Department of Agriculture after 30 years of service. As a Supervisory Technology Transfer Specialist, she led an Information Technology group in production of Congressional documents, technical reports, several national professional newsletters, and publications. Brenda's skills include writing, editing, and publishing as well as being experienced as a computer systems analyst. She has authored several technical publications and collaborated on many more. Brenda and her husband John moved to Myrtle Beach five years ago and have been attending FUMC for nearly one year now. In that time Brenda has been active with the Henry-Rogers Circle of the United Methodist Women and serves on the UMW Executive Committee as the Mission Coordinator for Social Action. Brenda and John have two children — Kelsey, deceased in 1996, and Elizabeth, age 21. John is retired from the U.S. Department of Justice after working 32 years as a Supervisory Contract Specialist. Brenda can be reached directly by calling 347-3097 or by e-mail at brenlouise@aol.com.

This first issue will cover a two-month period just to get us up and going. We will be striving to streamline the process so that we can soon begin publishing **The Messenger** on a monthly basis. Please turn the page now, and read and enjoy. — Mac



STAFF/PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE



While the S/PPRC is saddened by Josh's departure as Director of Music, we wish him well in his new position with the Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. We are thankful for his exemplary service to us and the many contributions he made to the life and music of this Church. We know that he will be a blessing to his new Church home just as he was here at FUMC.

Good Luck, Josh. And, please, keep in touch. Your Church family here in Conway will miss you.

The S/PPRC is actively looking for a permanent Director of Music. We are in the process of reviewing the music director's job description and have appointed a search committee chaired by **Wilmarie Boatwright** [234-1723], who is also a member of the S/PPRC. Other S/PPRC members are **Britt Stiltner** and **Jimmy Brown**. In the interim, **Norman McQueen** will be serving as interim music director and **Mark Bernazzoli** will be our interim organist. If anyone has any information that will assist us in the search for a permanent director, please don't hesitate to contact us. **Phil Thompson** chairs the Committee and can be reached at (347-9870).



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE



The Congregational Life Committee handles many different events in the Church. This committee oversees the meals for Church events as well as food and cards for deaths in the Church family. On August 19 we started having Church Family Dinner Night every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is \$4.00 per person, with a maximum cost of \$16.00 per family. If you would like to serve on the Sunday Night

Dinner Team or need more information, please contact **Jan or Kent Bitting** at 488-1413 (home) or 251-6351 (work). Please watch the Sunday morning bulletins for more details.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Jade MacKenzie Edwards** on winning Wee Miss South Carolina 2007, first runner up in Talent, and recipient of the Linda Floyd Congeniality award. She is the daughter of **Jim and Christi Edwards** and the granddaughter of **Sammy and Debbie Johnson**.

CONTACT INFORMATION REQUESTED

If you are the parent or caregiver of a college student, please contact **Libby Saville** by calling 248-5445 or by email at msaville@sc.rr.com with the name, address, phone, and e-mail address of your college student so that we may keep in contact with them.



Notice to Caregivers

If anyone is interested in getting together to share their experiences as a caregiver of a family member or a friend, please contact **Freda Jones** at fredahucksjones@aol.com or call her at 488-1947. There has been interest shown by many caregivers for sharing and support of others in similar situations. Even if you are no longer in this situation but would like to help others by sharing your experiences, we need your presence with us. Let's help each other.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER??

Rhubarb Crisp

- 2 cups of rhubarb, chopped
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 package of strawberry jello

Put sugar on rhubarb, let stand for an hour or so, then stir in 1 small package of strawberry jello.



Topping:

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup of instant oatmeal
 - 1/2 cup of flour
 - 1/2 cup of margarine
- Mix together until crumbly. Spread rhubarb in 9x13 inch baking dish. Spread topping over rhubarb. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until it thickens and browns.



FROM THE BOOKSHELF OF DR. SCOTT JOHNSON

Chapman, Gary. The Five Love Languages. Chicago: Northfield Publishing, c1992, c1995. 1-881273-15-6 pap. \$8.99 at Amazon.com.

Dr. Chapman is a 30+ year veteran certified biblical marriage counselor who directs marriage seminars across America in addition to his Church responsibilities (Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC). This book is intended for couples (whether or not their relationship has problems), couples-to-be, and anyone who deals with people on a daily basis. After three preparatory chapters, Chapman introduces and explains **what** the five love languages are (Quality Time, Words of Affirmation, Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch), **how** to identify them (for yourself and your mate), and **why** knowing and filling the needs of your mate's love language (instead of trying to fill your mate's needs with your

own love language needs) will enrich your relationship. He ends the book with five chapters that apply the love languages theory to specific life situations (e.g. dealing with your children, loving the unlovable). Chapman has also written Toward A Growing Marriage, Hope for the Separated, and Building Relationships.

We encourage everyone to submit reviews of books you have read so that others in the congregation might become interested in something you have shared with them. Send your review to Scott and we will be happy to print it.

The editors would like to offer our sincere thanks to both Jenny Wilburn and Josh Dumbleton for their invaluable assistance in getting this newsletter up and going again. They worked diligently with us, supplying direction, support, ideas, and their time to establish the groundwork for this and future issues of this publication. "The Messenger" is as much a product of their efforts as it is of ours, and we are truly grateful.

FINANCE COMMITTEE



The Finance Committee would like the congregation to know that for the first half of 2007 we are operating with an \$11,000.00 DEFICIT. Each of our ministry areas, though, is spending below what was anticipated, thereby assisting us in keeping our budget somewhat in line. Our giving from pledges is approximately \$60,000 BELOW where we had anticipated it to be at this time. We understand and appreciate that financial situations often change throughout the year, but realize that they can change for the good, as well as the bad. As a result, the Finance Committee would like to designate September as CATCH-UP Month.

During September we would like to invite and challenge each member of the congregation to either bring their 2007 pledge up to date and/or go the extra mile by making a donation to the General Operating Budget above and beyond what they thought possible at the beginning of the year. We have been in this situation in years past and have historically found that giving levels increase when summertime ends and school begins. We also recognize that sometimes it simply takes a special call to remind everyone just how much God has given to us and how much He calls on us to return even just a portion which He has entrusted to us.

We invite each of you reading this newsletter to prayerfully consider the financial blessings given to you by God and how your tithes and offerings might be used to carry on the ministries of First United Methodist Church of Conway for the balance of 2007. Should you have any questions/comments/concerns about our finances, please contact **Blake Martin** (234-3235 or bamunc@scoast.net), Finance Chair, or any of the other members of the Finance Committee (**Franklin Sanders, Jan Bitting, Richard Jordan, Tillman Locklair, George Martin, E'Lonna Butler, Hunter Jenkins, Jan Kyzer, and Jeff Mishoe**).

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



The Evangelism team continues to contact members who miss three weeks in a row of attendance. This is done with a note or a call just to let them know they have been missed. We also contact local visitors the week after they attend our Church to see if we can be of any service and invite them back. **Dow Stanley** chairs this group and can be reached by phone at 248-9149 or by e-mail at stanley@scoast.net if you have questions, comments, or concerns about the Evangelism Committee.

UNITED METHODIST MEN



The United Methodist Men will be meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, September 8, at 8:30 a.m. The men would like to extend a sincere invitation to all men to join them for this time of sharing. For more information about the United Methodist Men's purpose and activities, please contact **Jimmy Jones** at 488-1947.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE



“Thank You” to all who donated items or cash for the “Paper 4 U & Pencils 2” project completed in early August. A special “Thanks” to the children attending VBS for the school supplies they collected. All of the items have been distributed to needy children in Horry County by the Help 4 Kids Agency.

The CAP (Churches Assisting People) Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 29 in the CAP Parking Lot, across from the Chamber of Commerce. Donated items should be brought to the Fellowship Hall between Wednesday, September 26 and Friday, September 28. Household items, clothes, toys, Christmas items, etc. are most needed. Come by to shop, too!

An Adult Work Camp will be held November 10-17 in Ocean Springs (near Biloxi), Mississippi. We will be partnering with FUMC-Myrtle Beach and Poplar UMC on this work camp. Jobs are available for both men and women for a duration of 2-3 days or the entire week. Call **Toby White** at 234-2619 if you are interested. Note that we hope to finalize who will be going the first week of September.

CAP Food items needed for September-October are: canned vegetables, cereals, grape jelly, canned meats or tuna. Remember, hunger is a twelve-month a year problem!!!!

Upcoming Outreach Projects for September and October

In addition to the projects listed above, the Outreach Committee is conducting the following projects to help others in our community. All items to be turned in are to be brought to FUMC and placed in the containers outside the Church Office or the narthex. If you have any questions about these projects, please contact **Toby White**, Outreach Chair, at 234-2619.

Sunday, September 2: Begin collecting paper products for C.A.S.A. (paper towels, toilet paper, tissues (box or pocket size), diapers (any size), paper napkins, cash/checks marked “CASA paper products.”)

Monday, September 17: Deadline for turning in paper products for C.A.S.A.

Sunday, October 21: Red Cross Blood Drive at FUMC (9:00 AM-2:00 PM).

Sunday, October 28: Begin collecting items for Christmas Child Shoebox project.



- Given in honor of Jody, Martha, Lindsay, Abby, Katie and Grace Davis by the Robert Harper family
- Given in memory of Mack Anderson by Mr. & Mrs. Jack B. Nixon
- Given in memory of Henry Lee Buck, IV, by Mr. & Mrs. Berns Massey, Rachael Massey, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Booth, Mr. & Mrs. Genair Hutchinson, Mr. & Mrs. Britt Stiltner, Mr. & Mrs. William Jones, Mr. & Mrs. James Brown, Betty Floyd, E.T. Harrison, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dusenbury, Mr. & Mrs. Dow Stanley, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dusenbury, Lavon Singleton, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Dunn, Becky McBryer, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Timbes, Mr. & Mrs. George Goldfinch, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Davis, Dr. & Mrs. Buddy Sasser, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jordan, Bobby Stilley, Mr. & Mrs. Zack Dusenbury, Mr. & Mrs. Toby White, Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Land, Richard L. Jordan, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Buck, Conway National Bank
- Given in memory of Hurley Campbell by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butler
- Given in memory of Perry Daniels by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Joe Calhoun
- Given in memory of Lawrence K. (Larry) Gawith by Mr. & Mrs. Britt Stiltner, Mr. & Mrs. William Jones, Mr. & Mrs. James Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Dunn, Bobby Stilley, Mr. & Mrs. Zack Dusenbury, Mr. & Mrs. Duc Watts, Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Land, Dr. & Mrs. Edward Coy
- Given in memory of Sadie Hardee by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Joe Calhoun, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Dunn
- Given in memory of Garvin (Lann) Huggins III by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wayne Hudson, Mr. & Mrs. Zack Dusenbury, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butler, Betty Floyd, The Women At The Well Class, Mr. & Mrs. James Brown, Mr. & Mrs. William Jones, Mr. & Mrs., Robert Sunday, The John McCutcheon Class, Betty James, Mr. & Mrs. Jack McCutcheon, Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Land, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Joe Calhoun, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Dunn
- Given in memory of Nannie Lee Hale by Mr. & Mrs. Zack Dusenbury, Mr. & Mrs. Britt Stiltner, Mr. & Mrs. William Jones, Dr. & Mrs. Edward Coy, Mr. & Mrs. Duc Watts
- Given in memory of Jack Land by John Jackson, Jr., Mrs. Rosella Daniels, Mike, Elizabeth, Carolina & Cameron Lawson, Elizabeth W. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. James Mishoe, Dena McGinn, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wishert, Matt Cody, Gwen D. Arrants, Clyde A. Wilkes, III, Wayne M. Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Worley Rabon, Lois A. McInville & Family, Wilma J. Daniels, Mr. & Mrs. George Goldfinch, Margaret Goldfinch, Me. & Mrs. Gary Koenig and Family
- Given in memory of James Michael Lee by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Kleine, The Hawes-Watts Circle, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Joe Calhoun
- Given in memory of Elizabeth D. Lovell by Mr. & Mrs. Genair Hutchinson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butler, Mr. & Mrs., Zack Dusenbury, Mr. & Mrs. James Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Charley Ray
- Given in memory of James W. (Jim) Lovell, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butler, Herbert C. Watson
- Given in memory of Mrs. Clayton “Billie” Richardson by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Kleine, Dena McGinn, The Hawes-Watts Circle
- Given in memory of Betty Singleton by Deborah Turner, Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Hardwick, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bishop, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Joe Calhoun, Mr. & Mrs., John Coles, Betty Floyd, Mr. & Mrs. Walton Singleton, James and Dean Thompkins, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Black, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chestnut, Betty Jo Huggins, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Edward, Mr. & Mrs. George Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Timbes, Fay Bradham, Dolores Charles, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hucks, Nadine Hyman, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Kyzer, Palmetto Chevrolet Co., Hazel Singleton, The Spivey-Ward Circle, Mr. & Mrs. Gwen Mishoe, Mr. & Mrs. Russ MacDonald, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jordan, E.T. Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. Trace Huggins, The John McCutcheon Class, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Dunn
- Given in memory of Lillian V. Skipper by Mr. & Mrs. Spivey Hood
- Given in memory of Jack Taylor by Mr. & Mrs. Myron Dunn
- Given in memory of Judith Watson by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Joe Calhoun
- Given in memory of Dr. John Weeks by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Thompson

In Honor



In Memory

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to **Shannon and Justin Gawith** upon the birth of their son, **Kieran Rhys Gawith**. Kieran has a big sister, **Piper**, who is quite proud of her little brother. Proud Grandparents are **Jan and Keith Gawith**.

Amy and Jim Jackson have been blessed with the birth of their second child, daughter **Sophie Leigh**. Sophie's sister, **Catherine**, is happy to have a little sister.

Jenny and Mark Chanaca are the proud parents of new arrival, **Emma Claire**. Emma has an older brother, **Ben**. The proud grandparents are **Judy and Dale Gladson**, and the even prouder great grandparents are **Lee and Paul Gladson**.



September 3 — Suzanne and Bob Owens

September 7 — Sue and Bob Sunday

September 15 — Sue and Bill Howle

September 19 — Bobbie and John Tyler

September 23 — Betty and Edgar Woodward

September 23 — Gloria and John Zwack

September 24 — Patty and Bill Taylor

October 9 — Nancy and Britt Stiltner

October 10 — Margaret and Tommy Jordan

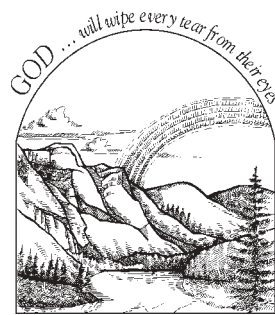
October 12 — Julia and Bennie Land

October 12 — Caroline and Eric Fox

October 12 — Sadie Rae and Genair Hutchinson

October 17 — Jan and Kent Bitting

October 27 — Lynn and Delan Stevens



There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

Revelation 21:4

Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to:

Genair Hutchinson and family following the death of his brother, **George Hutchinson, Jr.**

Sharon Thompson, Leslie and Austin Thompson, and Philip and Margaret Thompson, and Phil upon the death of **Frank Austin Thompson II** (her husband, their father, their son, and his brother).

The **Goldfinch family** following the death of **Margaret Brunson Goldfinch**.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



This year, our team has been attempting to improve communications within the Church and in the community. Since the beginning of 2007, we have accomplished several goals. We implemented the Sunday School Flyers in order to get current events announced to the congregation in small groups. We were instrumental in advertising the Spring Series of Sermons, Josh Dumbleton's spring recital, our summer worship hours, and Vacation Bible School, all via the local newspapers and radio stations. We have also submitted a new photo and current information about our staff and worship services to the Horry Independent in order to be listed as the "Church of the Week." In addition, we coordinated the submission of a photo to that paper from the trip to St. Simon's Island and St. Augustine that was taken by the On-the-Road-Again Gang in the spring.

In the future, we plan to continue publicizing the various Church activities to the community. We also hope to communicate to our members more information about the various committees at FUMC and their roles in the administration of our Church. We are currently looking into the feasibility of a computer lab in the Family Life Center.

If anyone has an idea that he/she would like us to explore as far as communications is concerned, please let someone on the committee know. Committee members are as follows:

Team Leader — **Karlene Rudolph**

Church Historian — **Greg Martin**

Publicity — **Teal Britton**

Photography — **Anne Roof**

Web-to-Paper Coordinators — **Alicia Harper, Jean Timbes**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The Executive Committee of the United Methodist Women met on August 21 for their annual planning meeting. The members enjoyed a covered dish dinner in the Family Life Center prior to sitting down to discuss plans for the coming year. Several ideas were presented, and assignments were made by President **Paula Youngs** so that decisions can be made at the follow-up meeting to be held on September 11. Questions about the UMW, its functions, and activities can be directed to Paula by calling 347-0474 or

by e-mailing her at py0474@sccoast.net. The United Methodist Women is a national organization of Christian women involved in mission activities with special emphasis on women, children, and youth in thousands of communities in the United States and in over 50 countries around the world. All women in the Church are invited and encouraged to join and take part in this vital effort.



THE ALTAR GUILD

Amy Lovell Jenkins, Chairperson of the Altar Guild, is seeking volunteers to assist her in this function. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** If you think you could help with such duties as changing the altar cloths, polishing the collection plates, arranging the flowers at Christmas and

Easter, and preparing for Communion, your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated. As Amy describes this job, the Altar Guild takes care of just about everything within the Chancel rail. Guild members serve only once each year for a month. Amy tries to have three or four people available to help each month in case someone is unable to serve. Please give Amy a call at 248-5690 if you want to become a member of the Altar Guild.



CONFIRMATION — 2007-2008

The Confirmation program for 5th & 6th grade students has just begun! If you have a 5th or 6th grader that would like to be a part of Confirmation then please join us!!

The classes take place on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour in room 216. The program will run the length of the school year with the confirmands being confirmed into the life of First United Methodist Church on the Sunday after Easter and the final class being on Sunday, May 25.

Class Schedule through October

September 2 — Beginning the Journey

September 9 — What is Confirmation?

September 16 — What is a Christian? What is Church?

September 23 — Preparing for the Covenant Service

September 30 — Our Jewish Heritage

October 7 — The Church's History

October 14 — Mentor Talk Points

October 21 — Our Common Heritage

October 28 — Our Protestant Heritage



BIRTHDAYS

1 Lavon Singleton
Lynn Stevens
Rebecca Godwin
Katherine Lamp

3 Ann Lea Mosley
Betty Collier
Rita Wenzel
Conner Woodle

4 Beverly Carpenter
Richard Jordan
John Cherry
Heather Cannon

5 Sadie Rae Hutchinson
Irby Koon
Robert Griffin

6 John Zwack
Val Dunham
Ben Anderson
Brad Frye
Evan Von Herrmann

7 Dot Bruorton
Jack Mehl
Pat Gregory
Kristyn Spera

8 Philip Thompson
Glenda Harper
Sharon Thompson
Lauren Baxter

9 Spivey Hood
Devon Edwards

10 Leila Fay Sanders
Bobby Rabon
Gary Lebiez
Meredith Neal
Pinckney Watson, Jr.
Suzanne Preda
Emilee Mayers

11 Danny Clonts
Lee Hickman

12 Amy Lovell Jenkins
Cherry Thompson
Mack Carroll
Mary Ashley Martin
Will Bitting

13 Joann Ray
Sylvia Watts
Cameron Hardee
Joshua Holt

14 Ashley Drew
Bobby Sunday
James Spera

15 Nancy Anderson
Patti Butler
Kristi Baucom

16 Birdie Proctor
Kathy Embrey

17 Julie Filyaw
Kelly Kindt

18 Bradley Rankin

19 Bob Sunday
Maryann Spera
Laura Rush
Tiffany Sanders

20 Jim Davis
Fredia Bryant
Caroline Fox
Zachary Poster

21 Dena McGinn

22 Betty Floyd
Ellen Sturges
Chris Wright
Jan Bitting

23 Billy Joe Calhoun
Judy James
Daniel Edmonds

24 Carl Purvis
Christian Cox

26 Joy Schroeder
Donna Lebiez
Warren Wiegand
Beth Hagwood
Taylor Hardwick

27 Betty Calhoun
Jeff Mishoe
John Caskey

28 Jay Caskey

29 Sue McLeod
Michael Morris

30 Melanie Bennett
Janet Cannon

31 Anita Goldfinch

God's Gift of Life

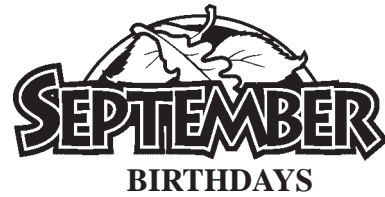
Birthdays come and birthdays go
Time passes by before we know
Some dread the date
Some just can't wait
Some want the world to know.

Some enjoy a birthday present
Some just want a day that's pleasant
Some want cake
For goodness sake
And cards that people sent.

Birthdays come and birthdays go
Some age fast, some age slow
Just one day to celebrate
Arrival of that "born on" date
We hope our age won't show.

Wouldn't it be nice if we
Were ever old enough to see
That life's the gift that we should covet
Praise the Lord; be thankful of it
That's how it should be.

Brenda Wilkins



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Norma Kirby
Christia Edwards
Brian Kyzer
Jocelyn Jones

2 Betty James
Samuel Hickman

3 Dick Kleine

4 Keith Skipper
Darlene Crenshaw

5 Edith Lewis
Charles Purvis
Chadwick Harper

6 Bill Howle
Mike Hendrix

7 Jimmy Brown
Lois Vaught
Betty Joe Huggins
JoAnn Wiegand
Dale Gladson
Molly Dunbar

8 Jade Teo
Elizabeth Jordan
Anna Claire Roof

9 Laurie McLeod
Tanja Edmonds

10 Jim White
Debbie Johnson

11 Susanna Register
Keenan Lineback

12 Donnie Messinger
Brynn Mesimer
Taylor Singleton
John Wilkins
Claire Skipper

13 Glenda Sweet

14 Jimmy Lee
Myleigh Lebiecz

15 Trisha Doyle
Greg Hausfield
Charles Baxter

16 Alise Taylor

17 Steve Smalls
Jane Kyzer
Jay Wood
Jacob Johnson

18 Robert Chastain

19 Justin Roof

20 Michael Visnich
Jim Ward
Rick Embrey
Bobby Bland
Elizabeth Senn

21 Amy Hickman
Tatiana McCormick
Evan Jordan

22 Allen Ray
Diane Avant
Lauren Thorndyke

23 Daniel Wilburn

24 George Martin
Gayle Fanshaw
Kevin McGrady
Daniel Eady

25 Benjamin Smith
Lynda Kinnett
Bridgett Beeson
Gary Edwards
Elizabeth Collins


26 Terry Williams
Gene Hardwick

27 Sylvia Richardson
Kent Bitting

28 Frances Driggers
Jane Snurr
Deborah Johnson
Brandi Finley

29 Faye Francis
Marilyn Deminski
Laura Hyman
Reuben Long

30 David Sweeney
Perry Dunbar
Kirsti Grinna
Caroline Long
Virginia Long



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If your birthday is not listed, we do not have it on file in the Church Office. Please contact the Office at 488-4251 and give us your date of birth so we can all wish you a very happy birthday.



In honor of Grandparents Day we will be hosting a Lemonade Social on Friday, September 7 at 2:30 in the afternoon. We would like to extend an invitation to all Church members to join us on this day to act as honorary Grandparents for the children of the CDC whose grandparents will be unable to join us.

On Tuesday, October 31, at 9:30 in the morning, we will be having our annual Halloween Parade. Please come watch us as we parade around the block in all of our Halloween finery. If you would like to join our parade, please come dressed in your favorite costume. Nothing scary, please.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the above please call **Chris Schwenke** at 488-9800.

Wish List

Mobles for the cribs in the infant room.



HABITAT SPOTLIGHT AND OPPORTUNITY

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization involved in ministry. Each house built begins with a blessing and worship, and ends with a dedication service of prayers, hymns, and thanks to God for all that has been accomplished during the building project. Habitat fulfills its mission through its ministry to the call of Christ to care for those in need and to follow Christian teachings. Habitat's commitment to selling homes to families at no interest and no profit, and with each Habitat family putting in at least 200 donated "sweat equity" hours upfront before being approved for a house, is grounded in Old Testament teachings and the mandate not to take advantage of the poor. Simply put, everyone deserves a simple, decent place to live. Habitat is a hand up, not a hand out.

You can assist Habitat for Humanity in many ways: First, pray for Habitat's ministry and families. Second, at no cost to you, use your MVP card at Food Lion's "Lion Shop & Save Program" (www.foodlion.com) or your Bonus Card at Bi-Lo after filling in a short "fund designation" form. Third, be a volunteer worker, cheerleader, or food provider (call 843-916-8815 for details). Fourth, be a financial donor to Horry County Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 2492, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578. And Fifth, participate in the Horry County Habitat for Humanity Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 15 at the Myrtle Beach National Golf course. It will be a shotgun start, Captain's Choice tournament beginning at 9:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$75.00 per person (tax deductible) and includes lunch at the course, and various golfing awards will be given. For more information about any of the above, please contact Gail Olive (Executive Director) at 843-916-8815.





The **Christian Bible Class** is excited about a new Bible study adventure for the fall. Along with the Bible, the class will study a companion book titled, "You Can Overcome," by **Dr. James McKeever**. The book is steeped in scripture with a major focus within the book of Revelation. "You Can Overcome" deals with Christians as true overcomers and challenges us to overcome and conquer evil, the world, and Satan. This is truly an exciting subject, and yet one that might be new to most Christians. The Christian Bible Class welcomes all to join them in this study of God's word. **Beccy Ward** (347-6142) is the class president. Come join us!!!

The **Emma Thompson Sunday School Class**, led by **Lois Sechrist** (347.4862), manages a trust endowed by **Mrs. Emma Thompson**. The trust supports such charities as Fostering Hope, Churches Assisting People, the Horry County Shelter Home, Street Reach, S.O.S, Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Help 4 Kids, the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, and the Waccamaw Youth Center. We gladly welcome new members to our class.

The **Expectations Sunday School Class** is a group of mostly 30-somethings, give or take a decade. We enjoy getting to know each other spiritually and socially, and we work to create a sense of family among our members. The class meets in room 205 for participatory study and fellowship. **Chris Britton** (397-3377 or cbritton@am.hcs.k12.sc.us) is the class president. The class supports CAP, Fostering Hope, and other projects. Come join us!!!

The **Family Fellowship Class**, once known as The Mothers' Class, uses The International Sunday School lesson series. The class contributes quarterly to Horry County's Children's Shelter Homes and CAP. Couples and adult singles are welcome. **Mildred Jones** (488-2122) is the class president. We would love to have you join us.

The **Hut Bible Class** was founded in April of 1918. The class meets on Sunday mornings in the Hut from 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. and has been broadcast by radio (100.9 AM) since 1947. Led by **Jim Ward** (347-6142), the Hut Class is composed mostly of men (and some women) in the 18+-age range. The class uses the International Lesson Series and has a different teacher each week. Special music is heard here, and the class hosts an annual barbecue fundraiser. Come join us!!!

The **John McCutcheon Sunday School Class** was organized 61 years ago for college-aged men and women. A young, energetic attorney, **John Betts McCutcheon, Sr.**, gave of his time and of himself to serve as their teacher. The class met in the Church Sanctuary (the current Fellowship Hall) for two years. Then, in 1948, it moved to the kitchen area of the Hut and became known as "The Kitchen Class." When the new educational building was completed in 1952, the class moved into a room upstairs and became known as "**The John McCutcheon Class.**" By this time, the membership was made up of "pairs and spares." The class furnished the new classroom with money raised by having bazaars over the next three years. There is a piano in the classroom that is used every Sunday for a hymn from the class hymnals. **Adrienne Jennings** is the pianist. Teaching rotates among four or five people. **George Jenkins** (248-5690) is the class President, providing leadership in various projects and fellowship, as well as teaching. Those who remember the McCutcheons dearly loved "Mr. John" and Adelyn. We gained much from their teaching and dedication to the Church, and we continue to benefit from the congenial, dedicated members of our class. Come join us; you'll be more than welcome!



NEWS FROM NIAS ISLAND

Lolowa'u District, our poorest area, suffered severe damage from the December '04 Tsunami and December and March '05 earthquakes. Lolowa'u was poor and deprived of the basics for improving the quality of their living even before these disasters. No organization has yet come to help them.

Lolowa'u District has no High School, only one Jr. High School, no medical clinic, no vaccination program, no clean water, poor to no roads, housing, sanitation, electricity.... What they do have is rampant tuberculosis, malaria, hepatitis, malnutrition, starvation and unexplained death. The United Methodist Committee on Relief went to Lolowa'u and did a limited assessment in five villages. The projected cost of supplying some of the above needs was \$3,000,000.00. However, until now, a year-and-a-half later, no funds have been allocated from any source.

Following is a short list of things we've done in the past year:

- 1.) Gave money for food to 447 Heads of Family in ten Churches, covering more than 3,000 family members.
- 2.) Provided diagnosis and treatment for two tuberculosis patients, and paid for hernia surgery for a young man in serious condition.
- 3.) Obtained a wheel chair for a paralyzed man whose only mode of transportation for nine years has been a wheel barrow carried by his friends.
- 4.) Provided mattresses, pillows, and bedding for 45 orphans who had been sleeping on a concrete floor black with mold, and provided funds for school uniforms as needed.
- 5.) Furnished bicycles so that a few students could travel the fourteen miles round trip to a high school in another district, and two foot-pedal-operated sewing machines for local women to teach sewing as a cottage industry.

We are trying to raise money to send a young man to a four-year technical high school to learn how to repair motors, looking forward to the time when we can get a high school in the district where he may teach others. There is a growing number of motorcycles on the island.

Sponsors at First Church pay for the education of a girl in Nurse Midwife School. She will be able to run a Medical Clinic if/when we can build one. She can teach birth control, deliver babies, vaccinate children, treat illness....

Other First Church members sponsor a law student. He will be one of only five lawyers in Medan who will take Nias cases. Analiser and we, traveled by car, ambulance, motorcycle, and truck and walked through rain forest and on foot logs across rivers to get to churches. Analiser led the people in singing Wesley Hymns in Indonesian. Joe held a seminar on John Wesley and the Methodist Church for all of "our" Nias churches, helped churches organize boards and committees, prayed for the sick, encouraged churches to stay strong in the faith, baptized babies, and preached. We have one church currently under construction.

We have been blessed with the opportunity to serve on Nias and in Medan and we are forever indebted to all of you who make it possible for this work to go on. We thank God for you.

Blessings and love,
Joe and Rae Daniels

UPCOMING



EVENTS

HOMEcomings

Sunday, October 7

Special Guest Speaker: **Rev. Edward McCutcheon**



Join us for lunch after church, and bring the family to enjoy pony-rides, hay-rides, and other fun activities!!

Reverend Edward McCutcheon is the son of **Libby and Jack McCutcheon** and grew up in the First United Methodist Church of Conway. He is a graduate of Wofford College and Duke Divinity School. He presently serves as the pastor of the First UMC in Grand Island, New York. Welcome home, Edward and wife, **Stephanie!**

COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Wednesday, October 31

At the Peanut Warehouse

Drop-in anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.



ELIJAH MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Sunday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon performance of the musical "**Elijah**" performed by our children and youth.



LEARN ABOUT "THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE"

Sunday, September 9

The Spivey/Ward Circle of the United Methodist Women is hosting speaker **Lyn Snyder** at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 9, in the Family Life Center. Lyn will be giving an overview of this project and will answer any questions anyone might have. Everyone is encouraged to attend to find out more about the new soup kitchen for the needy. Contact **Betty Woodward** at 248-2433 for further information.



The **New Life Class** was organized in the fall of 2005 when the Sonshine Class and the New Beginnings Class merged. The class currently rotates teachers and studies a wide variety of biblical-based literature. Class members assist with teaching other adult, youth, and children's Sunday School classes. **Hunter Jenkins** (248-9532) is the class president. The class service projects include decorating the Chrismon and peace trees, hosting the July 4th luncheon, and selling fruit baskets at Christmas. Come join us!!!

The **Victory Class**, founded in 1996, is available for adults of any age, married or single. The class has supported a needy family with their labor and finances, and provided educational support for both a foreign and a regional student. The class is led by a weekly rotation of discussion leaders, and **Toby White** serves as class president. The class enjoys "get-togethers" at holiday times as well as a "Lunch Bunch" after Church, once each quarter. Come join us!!!

Women at the Well, founded in 2006, is a fellowship of about 18 women who share their experience, strength, and hope with one another as they study the Bible and learn to apply its principles to everyday living. The group is unstructured in the ordinary sense. There is no official teacher. It is a class of willing workers, looking for a way to do God's will through the strength of Christ and the knowledge of the Word. **Libby Saville** (248-5445 or msaville@sc.rr.com) serves as class president. Come join us!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sept. 2	Let us run the race before us	Hebrews 12:1-2
Sept. 9	Work in spirit and truth	John 4:23-24
Sept. 16	Ask; search; knock	Matthew 7:7-12
Sept. 23	God makes humankind in God's own image	Genesis 1:26-31
Sept. 30	The faithful face the fiery furnace	Daniel 3:17-18
Oct. 7	Take up your cross and follow me	Luke 9:23-25
Oct. 14	Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit	1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Oct. 21	Forgive seventy-seven times	Matthew 18:21-22
Oct. 28	Be kind to one another; live in love	Ephesians 4:25-5:2

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sept. 2	God, who has promised, is faithful	Hebrews 6:13-18, 10:23
Sept. 9	We are joint heirs with Christ	Romans 8:12-17
Sept. 16	You belong to the Lord	1 Corinthians 7:22-24
Sept. 23	We will all stand under God's judgment	Romans 14:10-12
Sept. 30	You obeyed, and all nations shall be blessed	Genesis 22:1-2, 15-18
Oct. 7	God abounds in steadfast love	Exodus 34:6-7
Oct. 14	God is with us!	Matthew 1:23
Oct. 21	In Christ we have a fresh start	2 Corinthians 5:16-17
Oct. 28	Peace I leave with you	John 16:12-15

PRE-SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

ARE LIVING B.I.G.



September Overview:

B.I.G. Theme — God chooses us.

B.I.G. Idea — We believe that God chooses ordinary people to make a difference in God's world

Bible Verse — And God said, "I will be with you." —Exodus 3:12, adapted

Sept. 2	Moses & the Burning Bush	Exodus 2:11-21; 3:1-15
Sept. 9	Samuel	1 Samuel 3
Sept. 16	David (God looks at the heart)	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Sept. 23	Matthew	Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2-13-17; Luke 5:27-32

October Overview:

B.I.G. Theme — We choose God.

B.I.G. Idea — We believe that by choosing to be faithful to God, we set an example for others.

Bible Verse — With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. —Psalm 119:10

Oct. 7	Joshua	Joshua 24
Oct. 14	Abigail and David	1 Samuel 25:2-35
Oct. 21	Daniel	Daniel 6
Oct. 28	The Widow's Mite	Luke 21:1-4



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES — DON'T MISS OUT!

Momentum

Youth Fall Retreat for 7th-12th graders

Friday, October 12 - Sunday, October 14

Registration and medical forms are in the Family Life Center

Cost: \$120/person

Deadlines: \$30 deposit & all forms due by Sunday, September 16

Balance due by Sunday, September 23



S.C.R.E.A.M.

Children's Fall Retreat for 3rd - 6th grades (parents can go, too!)

Friday, September 28 - Sunday, September 30

Registration and medical forms are in the Children's Gathering Room

Cost: \$120/person

Deadlines: \$30 deposit and all forms due by Sunday, September 2

Balance due by Sunday, September 9

**SUNDAY NIGHTS — SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
(No dinner, children or youth activities on 9/2 and 10/7)**

FELLOWSHIP



5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Church Family Dinner

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

•Preschool Story Time
(3-year-olds through Kindergarten)

•Bible Thrills, Skills, and Drills
(1st through 6th grade)

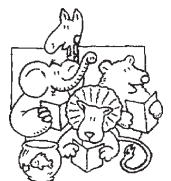
•UMYF (7th through 12th grade)

•Adult Bible Study



SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. — Evening Service in the Hut



Children's Story Time



Youth Happening