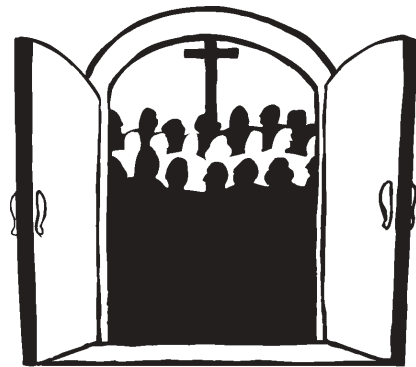


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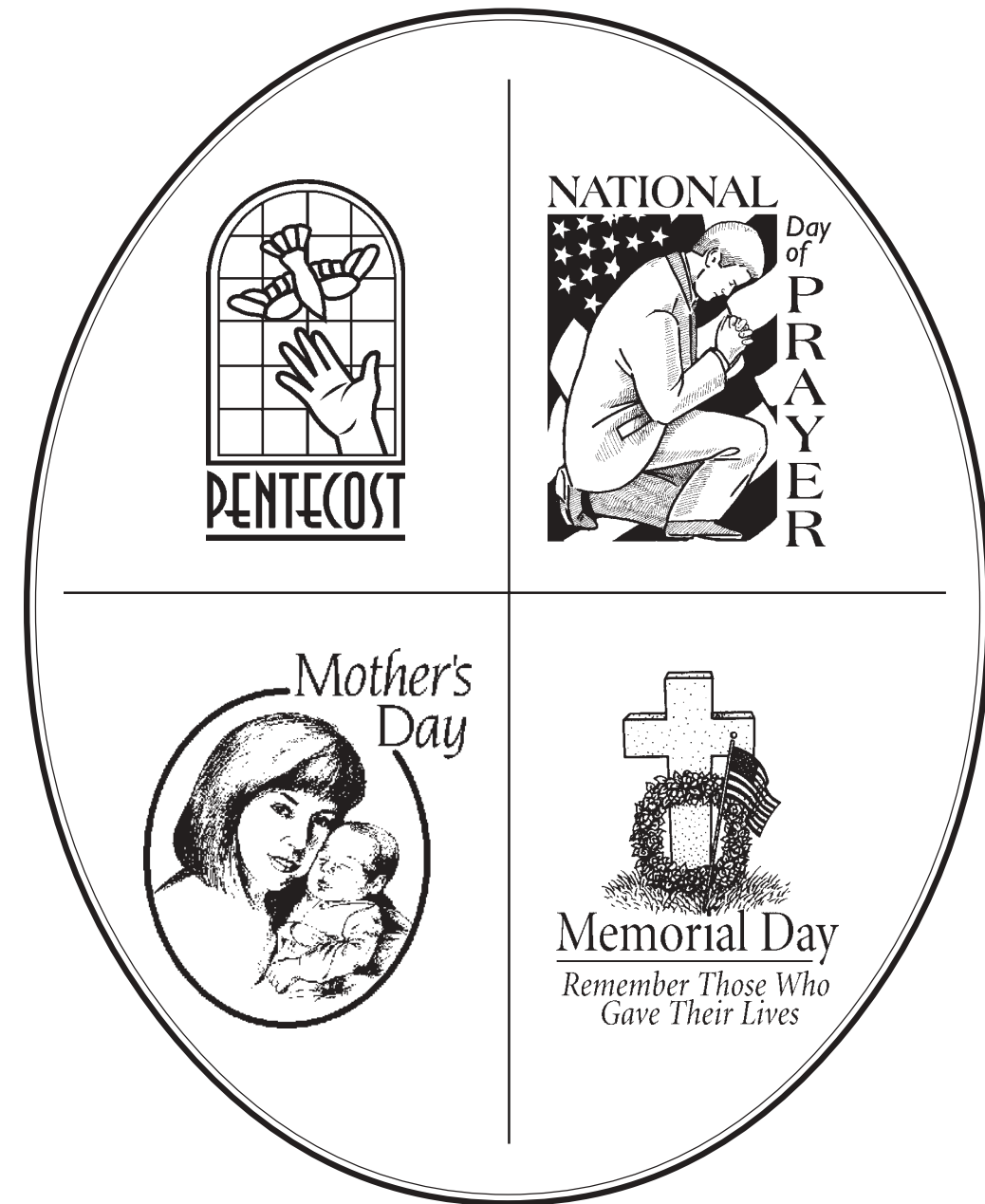
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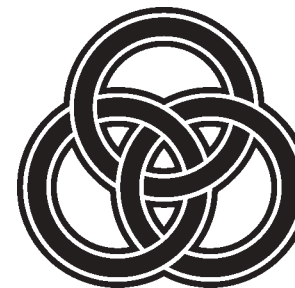
FROM THE BOOKSHELF OF DR. SCOTT JOHNSON



LaHaye, Tim F. and Jerry B. Jenkins. Left Behind series (Left Behind, Tribulation Force, Nicolae, Soul Harvest, Apollyon, Assassins, The Indwelling, The Mark, Desecration, The Remnant, Armageddon, Glorious Appearing, The Rising, The Regime, The Rapture, Kingdom Come). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, c.1995 - 2007.

Understanding Revelations is at best difficult and most people prefer to ignore this Biblical book because there is so much controversy as to what Revelations means. This series of books center on those left behind in the 7-year tribulation on earth after the Rapture referred to in Revelations that is to occur while the Anti-Christ tries to take over. The books shows the authors' idea of the chaos that emerges as millions of people disappear, how people try to figure out what happened, how some re-find their faith in God, how the Anti-Christ emerges, the various plagues that erupt and the glorious triumph of Christ in the end. They are swift-paced books that focus on world events as well as on personal experiences of people faced with life/death issues. I could not put them down, even though I sometimes wanted to. Entertaining, yes. Great insights given rooted in solid theology, NO! Jenkins is a former Moody Bible Institute editor, and LaHaye is one of Jerry Falwell's Liberty Baptist alums.

Theologically the series is at best off-track. The idea of a post-apocalyptic redemption through good works is contradictory. Protestant theology grants redemption on the basis of God's grace; good works are not considered in the equation. This is an issue because the authors definitely do not come from a Roman Catholic heritage. There is no mention of what has transpired in non-Christian regions, although a drama at the Western Wall was brewing in Israel. We don't hear about the disappointment of people who thought they were faithful, but weren't taken. Exactly what were they supposed to believe? Was there a Gnostic theology that was to be followed? Were Catholics saved on the basis of good works, or just (conservative/fundamentalist/evangelistic) Protestants (like LaHaye and Jenkins), such as Rayford Steele's wife and son? What about Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, et al.? Was devotion good enough, and is ignorance even an excuse? How many times a month did they have to go to Bible study? We don't get an explanation of the cutoff age of twelve, extending back to fetuses, for receiving an automatic ticket to Heaven. What about the 10-year-old who kills his parents? The message of the series is to give your life to Jesus now, because you do not want to be here to go through the tribulation and no one knows exactly when it will occur. The reading is fun, but there is more fiction here than just the characters. The series is available FREE from the Conway Public Library.



CHRISTAIN SYMBOLS —THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES

Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.

Answer to all TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE questions is "C"



MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERING

On the last Sunday of every month, FUMC will host a coffee, donuts, juice social gathering at 10:30 a.m. in the court yard. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the area by the CDC. Come join us, and socialize before our worship service. It's a great way to meet new members, welcome visitors, and catch up with all your friends.

HOORAY FOR HOPE!



Alicia Harper's daughter, Hope, recently competed with a local cheerleading team, the Coastal Vibe All Stars, in the U.S. Spirit Nationals at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. Her team won the National Championship for Mini-Level 1 (8 years old and under). Congratulations, Hope!

Heah come da Judge!
Heah come da Judge!!!



CONGRATULATIONS, BLAKE!

On April 25, **Blake Martin** took the oath of office as Municipal Court Judge of the City of North Myrtle Beach. Blake has closed his office in Conway in order to assume his new position. Warning: You'd better watch your step in North Myrtle Beach — Blake is now presiding!

And just where are these ladies rushing off to?? The camera caught them as they were leaving for lunch. **Betty Woodward**, on the left, is the person who spends every Friday in the office stuffing inserts into the bulletins for Sunday morning. That's just one of the ways she volunteers at the Church. **Janet Martin**, center, also works in the office keeping track of honorariums and memorials. And the wonderful lady with her back to you is **Rae Daniels**, our volunteer who provides the Messenger with photos and reports about our softball team and her and husband Joe's mission work in Indonesia. Hurry back, ladies, there's work to do!



WHAT IS A METHODIST?

Part 2



As I promised, this month we will begin moving out of the *nut shell* in considering the question "What is a Methodist?" To begin, Methodists are a methodical group of Christians. Through the years we have found that it is important to beware of those who would try to turn us into someone we are not. Candidates for ordination in the United Methodist Church are submitted an examination of historical questions to insure a commitment to believing and following Wesleyan polity (the way we function), theology and doctrine (what we believe).


In three of the historical questions, candidates are asked if they will remain faithful to the teachings and practices of Methodism. The last of the historical questions (formulated by John Wesley, himself), Question 19, includes this query: "Will you observe the following directions? ...do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake."

As the chief administrative officer of the church, the appointed pastor is (according to the Book of Discipline) a member of every committee and organization in the church. Since the officers of our committees and organizations usually follow the rules, and are cooperative and supportive of the pastoral leadership, this is not quite as daunting a burden as it might be. When everyone submits to our rules, the church operates surprisingly smoothly! However, that smooth operation is dependent on the cooperation of everyone in following the rules and working together in Christian love.

Sometimes our rules change. Even as I write this, our quadrennial General Conference is meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. The General Conference is the only body with the authority to change our rules and organization. While this system may seem unwieldy and archaic to some, through the years it has served Methodism well. Methodists are people who know and follow a set of prayerfully established, and historically tested rules. Methodists are confident that God has, and will continue to bless the church in its structured and disciplined life.

As I wrote last month, if you were to ask me, "Mac, just what is a Methodist?" I would answer, "Well, in a nut shell, we are methodical, grace-filled people." Next month, we'll look a little closer at the Wesleyan understanding of grace. Meanwhile remember, God loves you; and so do I.

Mac



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The first Thursday of May each year is designated as a day for the people of our country to pray. Yes, there is separation of state and church in America, but religious people in our nation would never vote for the separation of America from God. This country surely will always remain, "one nation under God." Therefore we are right to set aside a day for national prayer — a day when we can beseech God's guidance regarding our nation's policies and actions, and pray for the general welfare of all citizens, especially for the helpless and those suffering injustices.



WORDS. WORDS. WORDS.

by **Dr. Scott Johnson**

Eastertide, or the **Easter Season** is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday (May 11, 2008)

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the fortieth day of Eastertide (Thursday, May 1, 2008) and holds that Jesus bodily ascended to heaven in the presence of His apostles forty days following His resurrection. It is narrated in Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, Acts 1:1-12 and mentioned in John 20:17, Ephesians 4:7-13, Romans 10:5-7, 1 Timothy 3:16, 1 Peter 3:21-22 and affirmed in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed



Pentecost is celebrated the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday (May 11, 2008 and the tenth day after Ascension Thursday). It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the Book of Acts 2:1-47. Pentecost is also sometimes called Whitsunday

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost (May 18, 2008) and celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity (the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit).



ASSURANCE OF THE ASCENTION

After the Resurrection, the risen Lord instructed his followers not to leave Jerusalem. It was there, Jesus said, that they would receive “the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4, NRSV). What was that promise? It was that they would be baptized not with water but with the Holy Spirit.

Shortly after that utterance, Jesus was “lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight” (v. 9).

The Ascension reminds us that even though Jesus isn't physically present on earth, as the living Christ, he is as near as we allow him to be.

Jesus' Ascension offers us the assurance that God is now available to all people all the time. He lives as a guiding, loving Spirit in our midst.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Report by **Toby White**, Outreach Chairperson

Lenten Offering — A big “Thank You” to all of you who contributed to the Special Lenten Offering this year. The total collected was \$5,463.80, and it is now being distributed to the agencies as previously outlined. Several hundred persons in our area as well as overseas will benefit from your donations this year.

Help 4 Kids — The only new agency included in our Lenten Offering this year was Help 4 Kids, and they will be the recipient of the next two collection-type projects to be promoted by the Outreach Committee. Help 4 Kids was started by Barbara Mains, her sister, Aileen Page, and Lee Dougherty after Hurricane Hugo hit the Carolina coast in 1989. These women loaded their car with food, water, and a few clothes and started traveling the country roads of Horry County to see how they could help. They discovered that there were many, many people living in the rural areas that were in need even before the hurricane hit our area. As a result, Help 4 Kids (originally called Caring 4 Kids) was started and has been growing continually ever since that small start. Barbara and her volunteers are traveling seven days a week in Horry County delivering food, clothing, birthday cakes and gifts, household items, and monetary assistance as needed. Several of our church members are involved in helping out with the needs of Help 4 Kids in various ways.

Outreach will be coordinating a collection of dried pinto beans and rice for Help 4 Kids during June. Usually some type of meat such as chicken (often the necks), ham hocks, or whatever is available is added to the rice or beans to make a meal. The preferred packaging is 1#, 2#, or 3# packages of the rice and beans. These should be brought to the church between June 1 and 15. (Note that the normal food collection for CAP will continue during this period).

During the period of July 20 to August 3, we will be collecting school supplies which will again be distributed by Help 4 Kids as in the past few years. More details will be provided in a later issue of the “Messenger” concerning this project.

Food items needed this month for CAP are: cereals, pasta and sauce, and peanut butter and jelly.

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (NCD)



The Natural Church Development Committee will be conducting a self-evaluation program as requested by the Annual Conference. The committee will meet for the first time on Wednesday, April 30, at the Family Life Center. **George Martin** is the chairperson for this newly established committee.

With runners on second and third, Ashlee Hendrix highlighted her rookie season with a swinging bunt single down the first base line. The opposing pitcher fielded the ball and watched her dart across first base as yet another run scored. "I was so excited when I swung and heard the metal hit that ball," she exclaimed.

Then the leadoff batter smashed a gapper for an inside the park home run.

This adrenaline rush continued with a variety of solid hits, including home runs and a bulletproof defense...three up and three down in the fourth inning. First Methodist led by more than ten runs after five innings and the game was over.

The team has many more games to play and win. Check the schedule, put down the TV remote, and come out to support YOUR team!!!



Kate and Nate Nelson and "Spider Man" **Ross Fallaw** find diversion.



Fans, who outlasted the storm on Tuesday night, react to play on the field.



THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Report by **Brenda Wilkins**

WOW! Things are happening fast. Quite a bit of time, planning, and effort went into getting a computer room set up in the Family Life Center. We want to thank Jenny Wilburn for all the work she put into helping us make this happen.



Jean Timbes, instructor, standing. Students shown are **George** and **Amy Jenkins** in the front row with **Mac** (center), who stopped in before class started, to welcome everyone. In the back row are **Bobby Stilley** and **Louise Goodwin**.

We have eight donated computers up and running and our first training classes began on April 22. Students are learning the basics of Microsoft Word, using the Internet, and sending and receiving email. **Jean Timbes** is the instructor, and we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful teacher. We hope to offer more training sessions in the fall. Watch the "Messenger" for more details.

We are taking pictures this month for the new Church directory. It is amazing how quickly the old directory became outdated. We want to emphasize that this is an IN-HOUSE project. **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PRESSURE TO PURCHASE PICTURES!** These pictures will be taken and used strictly for the membership directory. We would like for every member of FUMC and all those who attend regularly to please have your picture taken so that we will have the most complete, up-to-date directory possible. Watch the Church bulletin for dates to have pictures taken.



Have you ever wondered how the Church office runs? **Kathy Hucks**, standing at the left, is our Interim Administrative Assistant, who was willing to fill in immediately upon **Cheryl Chastain's** departure. We appreciate her pitching in at our time of need. She draws on her past work experience at FUMC to keep the office operating effectively and efficiently. Seated at the desk is **Martha Johnson** who has recently joined our volunteer workforce. Other office volunteers are **Nancy Stiltner**, **Charlotte Ives**, **Janet Martin**, **Jenni McAda**, and **Betty Woodward**. Without the dedication of all of these people, we would find it very difficult to keep the office organized and operational. The next time you see one of these ladies, please tell them "Thanks" for all they do.

ON GIVING AND LOVING

The truth comes so often in simple sentences. For example, isn't it true that a person can give without real love or sympathy (maybe to impress others, for example), but one simply cannot love without giving? In fact, one of the clues to how much a person loves is how much he or she gives in terms of time, talent, friendship, service, encouragement, and prayers on behalf of others.

MISSION NEWS
Report by **Rae Daniels**



Blessings from home and Ya'ahowu [greetings] from Nias.

Nias map I had with me showing the district where they live. They send their love and this special message: "We hope you can come to Nias Island to see us sometime."



At left: Children gather at Hilinamazihono Methodist Church, Nias Island. They send greetings to children at First United Methodist Church, Conway. This Church was dedicated while we were there.

At right: A few children in their everyday clothes gathered at So'onogeu Methodist Church, Nias Island, to greet us with a song. This Church received a gift of rice.



On our way to the airport in January, **Nancy Stiltner** delivered these Best Wishes messages to us from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade Sunday School kids. We read them several times during our 18-hour flight across the Pacific — a wonderful reminder that the prayers and kind wishes of children were with us. We took them to Nias and Analiser read them in Nias language to the children. The children there wanted to send messages back to the children here, but they had no paper or crayons so they signed a copy of a

LET'S PLAY BALL!!!
Photographs and Report by **Rae "Scoop" Daniels**

Our First United Methodist Church softball team has been Division Two champions for the past two years. They have taken the field this season to defend that title. This dedicated and enthusiastic team represents our Church with their time and talent.



Team members from left to right:

Back Row: Jeff Mishoe; Jason Cheek; Phil Davis; James Hammond; Will Goldfinch; Kent Bitting, Mgr.; Willie Nelson, Ass't Mgr.; Jill Nelson, Score Keeper; Mark Brooks; David Dudley; and Edwin Bailey.

Front Row: Nate Nelson; Andrew [Boogie] Nelson; Andy Troublefield; John Case; Ashlee Hendrix; and Will Fallaw.

Players not pictured: Bryan Kyzer, Charles Baxter, and Anthony Hardee.

Tuesday, April 27, after a rain delay, with solid defense and strong hitting, it appeared that the "Fighting Methodists" were only one good play from victory, but they remained one play away.

That one play arrived on Thursday as First Methodist rocked their opponents by 15 runs ... so what was that play? One spectator observed it was the "two-out hit" because many of their runs came after two outs. The offensive floodgates seemed to open in the second inning when the game was close.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN WITH THE S&S TRAVELERS!

The S&S Travelers will be starting up again on June 11. With regrets, we've decided to reduce our trips to every other week, due to the cost of gasoline and our smaller group of travelers. This is our sixth summer and everyone is invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. every other Wednesday morning at the Family Life Center.

Our bus holds 14 passengers, has plush seats, and air conditioning. We ask for \$4.00 per person to cover the cost of gas. Anyone wishing to take their own car is also welcome. Please join us for a day of Christain fellowship. We will observe the following schedule:

- June 11 —Websters Restaurant in Mullins
- June 25 — Magnolias Restaurant in Myrtle Beach
- July 9 — The River Room in Georgetown
- July 23 — The Grand Buffet in Myrtle Beach
- August 6 — Visit Calabash, North Carolina
- August 20 — Websters or O'Haras in Mullins

For more information, call **Patty Taylor** at 248-4639 or **Janet Martin** at 234-3235.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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|----------------|--|-----------|
| Thursday, 5/1 | First Methodist vs Conway Church of God | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, 5/5 | First Methodist vs Homewood | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 5/6 | First Methodist vs Grand Strand Baptist | 8:00 p.m. |
| Monday, 5/12 | First Methodist vs The Rock | 9:00 p.m. |
| Monday, 5/19 | First Methodist vs Jamestown | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 5/20 | First Methodist vs Bethany | 8:00 p.m. |
| Monday, 6/2 | First Methodist vs Oakey Swamp | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 6/3 | First Methodist vs Langston | 9:00 p.m. |
| Monday, 6/9 | First Methodist vs North Conway | 8:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, 6/12 | First Methodist vs Pine Grove | 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, 6/16 | First Methodist vs Juniper Bay | 9:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, 6/19 | First Methodist vs Christ United Methodist | 8:00 p.m. |
| Friday, 6/20 | First Methodist vs Horry Baptist | 9:00 p.m. |

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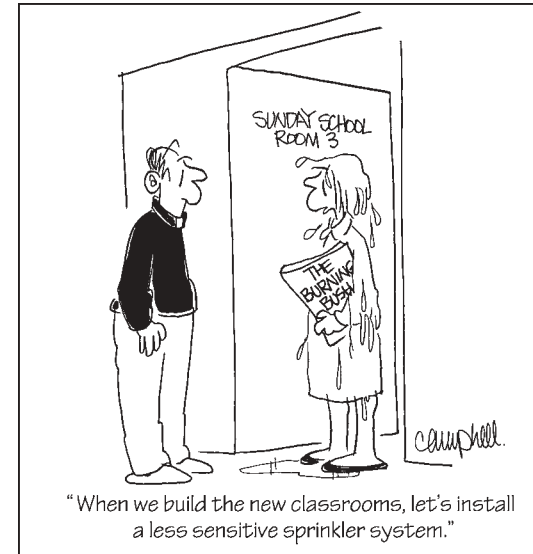
For those who don't know where the ball fields are, they are located in one convenient location behind Chick-Fil-A in Conway just past Jenkins' field. Don't miss out on any of the action!



BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE

Report by **George Jenkins**

The church renovation project is progressing very nicely. We plan to have a congregational meeting sometime in the afternoon on Sunday, May 18, to share the plans with everyone. The architect will be there to help answer questions. Please plan to attend and discover some of the changes that are being proposed for FUMC.



ALTAR GUILD

Report by **Amy Jenkins**

Serving on the Altar Guild this month are:

Gwen Mishoe
Laura Johnson
Betty Woodward
Libby Jones

We are always looking for new volunteers to step forward and become members of the Altar Guild. We offer on-the-job training and huge benefits.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Report by **Paula Youngs**

The United Methodist Women have placed a collection box in the hallway near the parlor for those who have anything they can contribute to CASA (Citizens Against Spouse Abuse). Items needed are clothing for women and children, used cell phones, and household furnishings and appliances. When you are doing your spring house cleaning, please keep this box in mind.

The UMW recently started a new mission project at FUMC. For each new baby born into the Church family, we will provide a small leather New Testament Bible with their name inscribed on it. The first Bible was presented recently to **Matthew Paul Lebidz, Jr.** born on March 31, 2008.

Sunday, May 18, will be UMW Sunday at FUMC. On this day, we will be participating in the Worship Service with our guest speaker, **Scarlett Hester**, from the First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach. We hope to enlighten the congregation about the purpose and mission of the UMW both locally and globally. All women are encouraged to consider becoming a member of any of the four active circles of the UMW at FUMC. Members of the UMW will be available both before and after the service to answer questions.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Report by **George Jenkins**



Worship Committee

The worship committee continues to meet on the second Tuesday of every other month. The "Messenger" will contain a report following the month in which a meeting is held.

FLOWER CALENDAR



Altar Flowers

Please remember the Flower Calendar when there is an occasion that you want to have recognized in the Church bulletin on Sunday. When you provide the Altar Flowers, you can dedicate them in memory or in honor of someone. If you want to purchase only one arrangement, that is fine. Two families can go together to share the expense for both vases, and the message in the bulletin will recognize both dedications. The Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board on the wall outside the office.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, cards, calls, flowers, and meals you have so lovingly given our family; not just during the time of Joe's death, but over the past years of his illness. The love and support you have shown for our family cannot be measured. We are truly grateful and blessed to be part of such a wonderful Church. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we celebrate Joe's life, and as we heal from his loss.

Sandra, Lee, and Chanon James



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE

Here are a baker's dozen of questions about the first Pentecost in the Bible (Acts 2). See how many you can answer correctly.

1. What holiday did the first Pentecost follow? A: New Year's Day, B: Christmas, C: Passover, D: Ramadan
2. How many days after Jesus ascended into heaven did the disciples celebrate Pentecost? A: Seven, B: Forty, C: Ten, D: Twenty
3. While everyone was gathered together in a room to celebrate the feast, what sound was heard all around them? A: Fire crackling, B: Children laughing, C) Rushing wind, D: Water dripping
4. What happened to the disciples when the Holy Spirit entered them? A: They began to cry, B: They became very hungry, C: They were able to speak in other languages, D: They fell into a deep sleep
5. Which one of the disciples took it upon himself to talk to the whole gathering? A: James, B: John, C: Peter, D: Matthew
6. When he was speaking, what did he say would happen to the old men in the city? A: They would collect Social Security benefits, B: They would see visions, C: They would dream dreams, D: They would prophesy
7. In Acts 2:21 what would happen to those who called on the name of the Lord? A: They would be killed, B: They would be glorified, C: They would be saved, D: They would be ignored
8. In Acts 2:25 who was described as sitting at the right hand of God? A: Elijah, B: Abraham, C: Jesus, D: Moses
9. According to Peter, what did God tell David would happen to his enemies? A: David would kill them, B: His enemies would die a fiery death, C: They would become David's footstools, D: They would become his friends
10. In what city did this first Pentecostal celebration take place? A: Canaan, B: Bethlehem, C: Jerusalem, D: Nazareth
11. What were the disciples accused of being? A: Gang members, B: Drug users, C: Drunk; D: Republicans
12. At what time of the day did the events recorded in Acts occur? A: At midnight, B: At noon, C: At 9:00 AM, D: At sunset
13. What did Peter tell the gathering they should do? A: Max out their charge cards, B: Go home, C: Repent and be baptized, D: Sell their goods and possessions

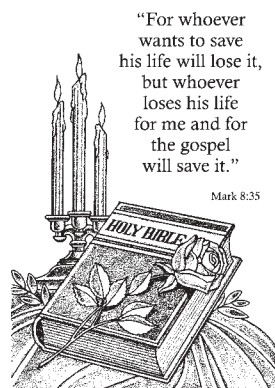


Answers are on the last page of the Messenger.



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

Congratulations to proud grandparents, **Dow and Debbie Stanley**, on the birth of their first grandson, **George Howell Stowe**, born to **Patrick and Julie Stowe** on Friday, April 11.



Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to:

- **Sandra, Lee, and Chanan James** following the death of her husband, their father, Joseph N. James on April 9.
- **Charlotte Ives** on the death of her nephew, Ed Rudnick.

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:



Frank Thompson by Kenneth G. Byars

Joe James by Frances & Sheryl Jones; Eula Blanton; Ray & Billie Ann Booth; Wendell & Lucille Hinson; Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Miles; J. Dow Stanley, Jr.; Ms. Gena Lambert; Ms. Mary Lee Taylor; Foxworth Preperities, LLC; Donna Mims; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Thompson; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Brooks; Dr. & Mrs. Keith Gawith; Karlene G. Rudolph Bob & E'Lonna Butler; Jimmy & June Brown; Billy & Libby Jones; R.B. & Mary Ellen Scarborough; Myron & Maxine Dunn;

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Rodelsperger & Mary Ashley Martin; Mary Alice Wilson; Terry & Elaine Hyman; Howard & JoAnn Smith; James E. & Abbie Mishoe; Thomas Supply; Terry & Joanne Rabon; Frank & Carol Stillely; Lance & Shannon Winburn

William "Mac" Goldfinch, Jr. by R.B. & Mary Ellen Scarborough; Myron & Maxine Dunn

James Bruorton by Myron & Maxine Dunn; Vernon & Patricia McClary

Grier Johnson, Jr. by Myron & Maxine Dunn

Frank Taylor by Myron & Maxine Dunn

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

The Chancel Choir by Sandra, Lee, & Chanan James



MUSIC WEEK AT LAKE JUNALUSKA — JUNE 22-27, 2008

Report by **Billy Fallaw**

Music and Liturgical Arts Week at Lake Junaluska is presented by the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. It is designed for clergy, musicians, worship leaders, handbell ringers, adults, youth, children and those involved in the arts and the church.

Lake Junaluska is a beautiful conference center located in the heart of the Smoky Mountains. Offerings during the week for adults will be: Choir, Chamber Choir, Advanced Handbells, and Intermediate Handbells. For youth there will be: Senior High Choir, Intermediate Handbells, Middle High Choir, Orchestra, Dance, and Visuals. And children will have multiple opportunities in music making for k-2nd grade and grades 3-5, including chimes.

The week will include daily worship and opportunities for participants to demonstrate their accomplishments during the week. Any adults and children who would like to register may contact me at billy.fallaw@fumconway.com or 488-4251. There may be scholarships available to assist with registration and housing. Plan to join us for this great experience in the mountains of North Carolina.

A GREAT DAY OF SINGING

Our Great Day of Singing that took place on Sunday, April 27, was wonderful. We certainly appreciate everyone who worked so hard to make it a truly great celebration of music. Our thanks, also, to the members of the Long Bay Symphony who added a special touch to the service. Look for an article in the *Advocate* in the weeks to come with pictures that convey the significance of this event in this United Methodist Church.

CONWAY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(A Ministry to the Worship and Glory of God)

May 12, 2008 - 11:30AM – 1:00PM

@ WESTMINSTER ARP CHURCH

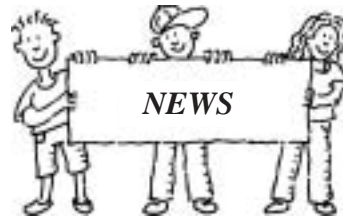
1619 PARKVIEW RD – CONWAY

LUNCH (\$4/PP) – RSVP BY 05/07/08

248-4140

SPEAKER: Surprise

DONATION: Food for CAP



CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Report by **Jenny Wilburn**

FUMC POLO SHIRTS FOR SALE!

The Salkehatchie Summer Service team is selling First United Methodist cross and flame embroidered polo shirts for \$25 each. The proceeds from the sales of these shirts will buy FUMC polo shirts for all of our children and also help to fund Salkehatchie this summer. Check the bulletin for more information.

UMYF & BIBLE DRILL

Sunday, May 4, will be our last UMYF and Bible Drill meeting for the school year. Be sure to join us on the Sunday after Mother's Day, May 18th, for Summer Splash!!, our family summer kick-off party. See below for more information.

FAMILY SUMMER SPLASH!

Summer Kick-off Party

Sunday, May 18th, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard. Wear your swimsuit, bring your towel and your parents!! Inflatables, dinner, summer characters, and sign-ups for all children and youth summer events!



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Children & Youth Summer Sunday School

STARTS MEMORIAL DAY - SUNDAY, MAY 25

Summer Sunday School will be very different this summer!! All children (at least 3 years of age by 9/1/07) and youth will meet in the Family Life Center. The children and youth will learn about the heritage of the United Methodist Church and how God used John Wesley and the circuit riders to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ. They will participate through Bible stories, skits and hands-on experiences from the colonial times; including making butter, quilting, colonial games, and more! The youth (7th-12th) will participate as "apprentices" to shopkeepers and co-leaders and learn by leading.

Adult volunteers of all kinds are needed to help with this special summer program.

- Greeters — to welcome children and sign them in (15 minutes each week).
- Crafters — to assist in collecting and preparing all supplies for activities ahead of time.
- Holy Club Leaders — to assist in escorting children between the activities each Sunday.
- Actors & Actresses — to play the characters that tell the story of the Methodist Church (scripts provided).
- Woodworkers — to cut and prepare wood materials for hands-on projects for the children ahead of time (must have own tools — templates provided).
- Shopkeepers — to lead one hands-on project for 3 weeks (i.e. candle making, butter making, doll making — all directions provided).

Please contact **Jenny Wilburn** if you are willing to serve in these or any other capacity.



May 1

Anna Kate Nelson
Sue Sunday

May 2

Nicole Causey

May 3

Justin Mason

May 4

Carole Butler
Sarah Collins
Carlisle Floyd
Addison Hardwick
Isaiah Morlang

May 5

Brandon Boyle
Will Jones
Jennifer Westbury

May 6

Norma Jean Kivlin

May 7

Curtis Elliott

May 8

Kay Flanagan
Tara Grinna
Sammy Johnson
Hunter Lineback
Wendy Skipper
Brent Swain

May 9

Lonnie Lee Calhoun
Chard Grimm
Lynn Hammond
JoEllen Hardwick
Mac Kinnett
Wendy Louis

May 10

Jane Gore
Charles Timbes
Mary Louise Watts

May 11

Richie Green
Phil Thompson

May 13

Kristin Hardee
Tony Hendrick
Bryan Mesimer
Susan Roberts
Tidy Singleton

May 14

Junior Elkins
Gregory Roberts
Edith Wachtman

May 15

Dawne Crenshaw
Chanan Prince
Luke Prince
Lola Watts

May 16

Ronnie Cannon
Janet Martin
Kandice Spera
Dan Taylor
Bradley Todd

May 17

Jill Schilling

May 18

Austin Copeland

May 19

Derrick Hardwick
Camille McCormick

May 20

Josh Copeland
Henry Cox
Charles Cutts
Charley Heacock
Grace Sayre

May 21

E'Lonna Butler
Melinda Edwards
Hayley Martin

May 22

Ryan Mishoe
Betty Owen

May 23

Lawson Devers

May 24

Byrnes Britton
Donna Hamilton
Herschell Howard
Dan Thompson
Cristin Thibodeau

May 25

Pat Breeze
Paul Carmean

May 26

Arnold Hayes
Nichole Maxwell
Katelyn Stroud

May 27

Phil Davis
Jayce McCormick
David Prince
Mary Ellen Scarborough
Janet VonDeck

May 28

Myron Dunn
Paul Grimm
Virginia Hewitt
Jennifer Johnson
Amanda Roof
Frank Stilley

May 29

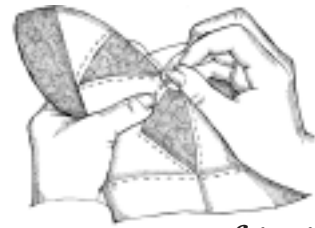
Ruth Anderson
Christopher Causey
Elizabeth Collens
Tommy Jordan
Leo Spivey

May 30

Blane Butler
William Watts
Brenda Wilkins

May 31

Paul Martin



In Memory of My Mother

*Like the thread that binds a quilt into a work of art
You bound this family firmly, so it can't be torn apart.
And like the pieces of a quilt, you shaped each and every one
We are closely bound together, like the quilt when it is done.*

*You thanked the Lord for placing His dear children in your care
You honored Him by teaching us to start each day with prayer.
You sacrificed so we could have, you worked both day and night
You loved your children dearly, we were precious in your sight.*

*You raised us in the Christian faith, from which you didn't waver
You've surely earned a great reward for serving in God's favor.
As our family quilt begins to fray, we pray that we all, too
Will be received at Heaven's gate as graciously as you.*

Brenda Wilkins



MOM'S EXAMPLE

“By whose preaching were you converted?” a young woman was asked.

“Not by anyone’s preaching,” answered the dedicated believer. “I was converted by my mother’s practicing.”

THE CHANGING IMAGE OF MOTHER

- 4-year-old: “My mommy can do anything!”
- 8-year-old: “My mom knows a lot! A whole lot!”
- 12-year-old: “My mother doesn’t know much.”
- 14-year-old: “Mom doesn’t know anything”
- 16-year-old: “Mom? She’s hopelessly old-fashioned.”
- 18-year-old: “Mom thinks she knows everything!”
- 25-year-old: “Well, she might know a little something.”
- 30-year-old: “Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!”
- 35-year-old: “Before we decide, let’s get Mom’s opinion.”
- 50-year-old: “Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?”
- 65-year-old: “Wish I could talk it over with Mom.”

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

(7th-12th grades)

30-HOUR FAMINE

May 16-17 (6 pm - 6 pm) in the Family Life Center

Be seen. Be heard. Be hungry. Make a difference in your life and others by fasting from food and focusing on the needs of others through community service, worship, and awareness of world hunger for 30 hours. Juice and water will be available. Participants must turn in a parent consent form and current medical form.

STUDENT IMPACT

All Summer

Student Impact is all about youth serving God at FUMC. 7th-12th grade students have the opportunity to serve and help with the children's ministry on Sunday mornings and during special events by being a part of Student Impact (i.e. Vacation Bible School, W.W.J.D. Wednesdays). Contact **Jenny Wilburn** for more information.

AMAZING BIBLE RACE: LEG 1 STARTING LINE PARTY

Sunday, June 1, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

We'll kick off this summer's race through the books of Law with a party. Meet your team, and learn about how you can earn points for your team. Learn the Bible, and win prizes!



SALKEHATCHIE CAR WASH

Saturday, June 7

8:00 a.m. - noon in the Family Life Center parking lot.

SALKEHATCHIE SERVICE DINNER

Wednesday, June 18

Serve dinner to the Rivertown Salkehatchie camp. For more info contact **Jenny Wilburn**.

YOUTH RIVER PARTY

Sunday, June 22, from Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Bring your river-wear, towel, swimsuit...etc to church and change after worship, jump in the bus, and spend the afternoon on the river. Lunch provided.

Mark your calendars for the following. More info to come!

SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE

July 5-12



Salkehatchie

YOUTH RAFTING TRIP

August 8-10

Cost \$130



YOUTH WEEK

YOUTH WEEK

August 18-22

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS
(5th Grade and Under)

GIRLS OF GRACE MOTHER/DAUGHTER PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, May 2 — 6:00-8:00 p.m.

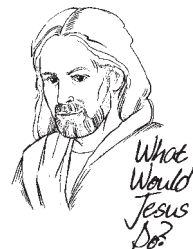
Girls! Bring mom this month and both of you should wear your PJs!
We'll play some games, watch a movie, and eat pizza.

INDIANA JOAN & THE QUEST FOR HAPPINESS

Sunday, June 8 — Tuesday, June 10

Family Production & Dinner

Bring the family, have dinner, and join Indiana Joan and her crew on their quest for happiness! Invite your friends — reward for the person that brings the most!



WWJD WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. — Noon (starts June 11)

Elementary school children learn to be more like Jesus through outreach and service projects each Wednesday during the summer. Check the bulletin for a detailed listing of each week's project.

COSMIC CITY — VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14-18 — 9:00 a.m.-Noon



COSMIC CITY FAMILY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 18 — 5:30-7:30 p.m.



*Remember
your creator
in the days of
your youth.*

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

A time-honored tradition at First United Methodist Church is our annual celebration and recognition of our high school seniors. On **Sunday, June 1**, these students will be honored with a special senior breakfast in the Fellowship Hall followed by individual recognition in the worship service. If you have a high school graduate in your family, please call us or send an email to the office.

Please provide the following information:

- Graduate's name
- Parents' names
- High School name
- Graduation date
- Plans after high school

In addition, each family is asked to prepare a display of your graduate's pictures, mementos, etc. Beginning on May 4th we will have tri-fold display boards available for you to pick up outside the church office. Finished displays may be dropped off the week of May 18th. We encourage you to bring your display in early to allow the congregation time to view them and write notes of congratulations and encouragement to each graduate. The completed boards will be on display in the hallway near the Sanctuary.

Questions? Please contact **Jenny Wilburn** at 488-4251 or jenny.wilburn@fumconway.org

OTHER GRADUATES

If you will be graduating (or recently graduated) from college or another institute of higher learning, please let us know so that we can share the good news.

Please email your information to newsletter@fumconway.org by May 10th.



On Memorial Day we remember the men and women who have perished in war, giving the ultimate sacrifice to make the world a better place. May God hasten the day when we can solve our disputes peacefully.

We also remember all our loved ones whose stay on Earth is over. Christians believe that death does not end all. We trust that the God who made us will provide for us when our bodies can no longer sustain us.

That is a hope we can have for ourselves, our loved ones, and those who sacrificed all.