



THE SPIRES

Jan. 17- Jan. 23, 2010

Glorifying God through knowing Christ and making Him known

***Lightnin' Charlie* to Perform at Sudan Well Benefit Concert**



We use water for all sorts of things; showers, watering the lawn, cleaning our vehicles but most importantly for drinking. In fact, the average American **individual** uses more than 140 gallons of water a day. Compare that with the average African **family** that uses only 5 gallons of water a day. Hundreds of thousands are without access to clean drinking water because of contaminated water sources. Hundreds of children in southern Sudan die daily due to unclean and inadequate water. We have a chance to make a difference.

On **January 29th at 7 p.m. at the Renaissance center in Kingsport, Lightnin' Charlie**, a blues/rock n' roll artist, voted best local artist in the Mountain South in 2006 and 2007, and other special guests will perform a benefit concert to support the effort to provide clean water to Sudan. **Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students.** For every **two dollars raised, a dollar in matching funds** from the Holston Conference will be provided. The money will go toward building wells in Sudan, Africa to combat the lack of clean drinking water. **Each well costs \$10,000 to \$12,000** to construct and provides clean water to more than 500 people. The goal is to send enough money to

build at least one well. With your help, our community has a chance to make a difference and provide something some people have never experienced; clean water.

For more information please contact **423-392-8416** or visit either of the following websites: www.kingsportarts.org or <http://holston.org/ministries/missions/hope-sudan>.

Atlanta Accepting Disaster Response Teams

Teams are now being requested in response to the floods experienced in parts of Atlanta, Georgia, last September. Many homes were destroyed or damaged by relentless rains and have been gutted and are ready to restore and rebuild. Bill Campbell will be leading a team from First Broad Street and Mt. Carmel UMC on February 14th – 20th. This is open to anyone wishing to help in rebuilding efforts and the cost per person, which covers food, insurance, and housing is \$125.00. If you would like to know more about this trip, you may call Bill Campbell at 423-323-8516. To obtain an application for the trip, call April at the Mission Office at 423-224-1531.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm for a meal and a program. Cost for the meal is \$6.00. The January program will be Terry Muse who will join us to speak about his passion for Kairos Ministry. This ministry is similar to an Emmaus Walk except is provided in the prison system. The Mission of Kairos is: **To bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.**

Please plan to join us for this exciting program and time of fellowship, and bring someone along with you. You may make a reservation for dinner by calling the reservation line at 423-224-1502.

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Reservations	423-224-1502
Child Care Ctr	423-224-1527
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Recently Hospitalized . . .

Holston Valley: Gale Joh, Mildred Smith, Bill Price, Joe Morley

Indian Path: Diane Shaver

Discharged: Jeff Dexter, Mack Moore, Bob Bennett, Sara Jo Bardsley (Netherland Health Care), Candra Lane and baby, Reece Leon Lane

In Memory of

our church family member

Nina Greene—January 7, 2010



to **Linda Coffey** on the death of her mother, **Geraldine (Gerry) Coffey**, who died January 8; to **Gay Aycock and family** on the death of her mother, **Eva Layton**, who died January 9.



Congratulations to **Adam and Candra Lane** on the birth of their son, **Reece Leon Lane**, who was born January 7.

FBS Welcomes Our New Member . . .

Glen Rhea, Jamie McDaniel Shoemaker (transfers from another local church), **Kaitlyn Saraya Shoemaker** (by profession of faith), and **Kelsey Chandler Shoemaker** (will be a baptized member) 4622 Sundown Dr., 37664, sponsored by Darres Carter.

Thank You

My heart overflows with gratitude and joy! The SPRC tribute to me and your outpouring of love last Wednesday evening at the Epiphany Party was an unexpected surprise! I was blown away! The last nine months have been such a gift to me that I should be giving you the tribute and appreciation. I am not leaving by any means. So, I'll see you around the church. Peace, John Wilson

College Valentines

It is time to sign up for the gift card we will send to our undergraduate college students for Valentine's Day. We encourage you to sign up as a sponsor for \$12. Look for the table outside the Chapel on January 17, 24, and 31. For more information, please call Darres Carter at 224-1506.

Reaching Up and Out Basket Donation Given

The Reaching Up and Out Basket for Sunday, January 17, located at the entrance to the Sanctuary at the foot of the redeemer is given by Crusade Sunday School Class in honor of Jack Weikel. The contents of the basket will be donated to Hope Haven Ministry. Our church community is asked to pray for the staff of Hope Haven and for those receiving the services of this not-for-profit agency.

WORSHIP

Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 17, 2010

Contemporary Worship Services

Fellowship Hall – 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 15: 8-10

Sermon: *The Lost Coin*

Andrew Amodei

Traditional Worship Services

Sanctuary— 8:30 a.m.-9:40 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Scripture: I Corinthians 12: 1-11

Sermon: *Finding Our Place*

Clark Jenkins

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

"Joy" TV Ministry: 9:30 a.m. *see below

Radio Broadcast: 10:00 a.m., WKPT (1400 AM)

To Watch JOY TV

COMCAST SYSTEMS: We are broadcasting on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m..on the following stations: Abingdon, VA Ch. 2; Bristol & Gray Ch. 14.

CHARTER SYSTEMS: We are broadcasting on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on Ch. 13 for Johnson City, Kingsport and Rogersville.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

9:30 a.m.

Message: Margaret Deans

Our Father's Place

4:00 p.m. in Chapel

Message: Patsy Pilgrim

Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. in Chapel

Message: John Bardsley and John Wilson

After Hours "On Call" List for the Week

Sunday, January 17 Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

Monday, January 18 Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

Tuesday, January 19 Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

Wednesday, January 20 Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

Thursday, January 21 Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

Friday, January 22 Jack Weikel (292-9000)

Saturday, January 23 Margaret Deans (276-698-0812)

January 10, 2010

Morning Worship	776
<i>Our Father's Place</i>	16
Evening Worship	32
Total Worship Attendance	824
Sunday School	572

Chancel Arrangements . . .

The chancel arrangements are in memory of Charles Stringer's birthday today, given by Trixie, Patricia, Claire, and Hal.

New Year's Top 3

As you consider your New Year's resolutions this year, pause for a minute to consider them in light of your Walk with the Lord. As the old question goes, "What would Jesus do?"

In my devotions recently, I was struck by the outline for our life resolutions contained in Micah 6:8, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To **act justly** and to **love mercy** and to **walk** humbly with your God."

#1 To act justly. This encourages us to be fair and righteous in all our personal dealings and defend those who can't defend themselves. In terms of our health it speaks to not overdoing or underdoing it. We need to have measured discipline in our eating and exercise habits.

#2 To love mercy. When we practice forgiveness and compassion, we really lighten our own load. We experience more peaceful sleep, our blood pressure goes down, and we have less depression. When we extend unmerited grace to others, we end up receiving more of it ourselves. I'm glad God doesn't give me what I deserve!

#3 To walk humbly. AHA! I knew walking was scriptural! Seriously, though, this challenges us to see our Christian walk as a daily endeavor. It's not just a Sunday thing or a good deeds day – it's getting up each morning and putting on the righteousness of Christ before we head out the door. It's also recognizing our own weakness and our need for God in all we do.

May God bless you and you step out into 2010. I pray that it's a decade of hope, health and adventure for you!



Gloves and Hats

Brrr. It's cold! When it's cold outside it's especially difficult for our friends around town who don't have enough warm clothes. Operation Warm Winter allows us to share hats, gloves, and scarves with folks that come for food assistance and who attend the Friendship Diner on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Men's gloves are especially welcome, but any of the mentioned items are needed. Please bring them by the office and we'll see that they get distributed.

Prayer Shawls and Blankets

Our Stitch and Pray ministry continues to bless both our church members and those we come in contact with. If you know of someone who has been ill or who has received a difficult diagnosis, then please feel free to send them a blanket or shawl on behalf of our church and in the name of Christ.

The Stitch and Pray group meets each third Wednesday at 10 a.m. We have lots of yarn to share so come and knit, crochet and fellowship!

Questions? Please contact Betsy Codispoti or Marcia Lin.

Caregivers Connect

Jim Cornell is presenting a talk on "Taking Financial Care of Your Loved Ones" at our next Caregivers meeting. We will meet on Wednesday, February 3, from noon until 1 p.m. Jim will cover topics such as: how to bring up finances in conversation with loved ones; what are some important matters to cover; and also his personal caregiving experience.

Doreen Paul is bringing our devotional.

We will meet in Room 241. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat during the meeting.

We welcome community members and anyone in our congregation who is caring for a loved one, whether locally or long-distance. We have much to learn from one another, and it can be a Christian service to come and share your experience to benefit others.



Weight Watchers Group Here

We are hosting a Weight Watchers group here at our church. It is open to the community and the first meeting is on Tuesday, January 12, from 5:30 to 6:30. After the second meeting on the 19th this group is "closed" meaning no further members may join after that time.

The leader is contracted by Weight Watchers and the cost is \$136, payable to Weight Watchers on the first day of class. There are 12 classes altogether.

If you are interested in losing some weight and keeping it off, you may want to consider joining this group. Sometimes support and education can be valuable allies in the fight against weight.

Team is Tops!

I have been the Parish Nurse here at First Broad now for five years and have been blessed with some valuable allies. This Team of folks support and encourage me and go way beyond that by helping out with the various ministries of the Parish Nurse.

Some Team members do visitation, others help with advice and guidance in programming; still others are there to take blood pressures and to be on hand for Crossroads Medical Mission. We also have those who help promote the blood and bone marrow drives and the Christmas gifts to the nursing home and assisted living residents. The list goes on but my gratitude is inadequate. Please help me to thank this folks for all they do:

Dianne Blachowski, Judy Bowery, Kathi Boyd, Julie Burdge, Jan Donnelly, Jan Dye, Dan Gmyrek, Karen Guidi, Jean Holt, Della Kivlighan, Peg Owen, Doreen Paul, Rosalee Sites, Kitty Smith, Anne-Marie Torrence, Karen Valk, Katrina Willingham.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Would you like to dig a little deeper into the Word? Would you like to have Jesus' words penetrate your heart and mind? Then join our ladies' Bible study that starts on Wednesday, January 13, at 9 a.m. at Joyce Brogden's home (1501 Dobyns). Our book for this session is Max Lucado's Experiencing the Words of Jesus. Questions? Call Joyce at 288-2496.



Can You Hear Me Now?

Mary Lee Bagwell, an audiologist and member of our church, has agreed to provide more free hearing screenings on Wednesday night, January 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. There are 4 slots per hour so space is limited. Please call or email Joy today to reserve your time (jeastridge@fbsumc.org or 224-1512).

As we age, our hearing changes and this free assessment can be a good way to know whether we need any further follow-up.

Equipment for Loan

Do you need a shower chair, walker, cane or a wheelchair? If so, remember that we have several items for loan in our storage facility. These are for you to use as long as you need them.

If you have a pair of crutches to donate, that is the only item we are currently out of.



Let us Know if You Are in the Hospital...

The new privacy laws sometimes keep us from finding out if you are in the hospital. If you would like the church staff, laity, or Stephen Minister to visit, please give us a call or email trogers@fbsumc.org.

Blood Pressure Screening & Medication Check-up

On Tuesday, January 26, in the hour before Forever Young, we will have Blood Pressure and Pulse Checks as well as Free Medication Checks with a Pharmacist.

Dan Gmyrek, PharmD, will be available to go over your meds with you. He has also volunteered to dispose of any medications anyone might need to discard.

Take advantage of this opportunity to sit one-on-one with a pharmacist and ask him all your questions about when to take your pills and whether or not to take them together and which ones might have side effects.

Please let Joy know if you are coming for a session with Dan Gmyrek so that we can space out the visits.

Joy will be in the Welcome Center and Dan will be in Joy's office to ensure privacy.



Crossroads Medical Mission Here

Crossroads will be here at FBSUMC again on the second Thursday—January 14—from 8:30 a.m. until the last patient is seen. The mobile medical unit is a completely self-contained medical office. They are able to provide basic doctor office visit care, including labs and medications, as needed. Because of the support of many churches and individuals in the area, Crossroads provides this service for FREE and tends to many in our community who have limited access to health care.

Thanks to many volunteers in our church family who help make this happen.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

New Membership Classes

Our next New Membership class will be held on January 17 in the Parlor during the 9:30 Sunday School hour. Our next new membership Sunday will be January 24. These classes are for anyone wanting to learn more about the United Methodist Church and the ministries we offer here at FBSUMC. Contact Janet Batts at jbatts@fbsumc.org or call 224-1514.

Production Team Leader Needed

First Act, FBS Drama Ministry, needs to cast a key player in the 2010 Lenten production of *Last Supper*. Please contact Lynn Sorrell (247-8470) or Kay Ann Smith (288-2468) to learn about serving as the Production Team Leader for *Last Supper*, a dramatic and meaningful worship experience.



Single Vision Gray Fossil Site

Join Single Vision friends on Sunday, January 17, 2:00 p.m., Trip to Gray Fossil Site and Museum--children and grandchildren welcome! Meet your single friends at 2:00 p.m. in the entrance/Welcome Center area of the church to carpool to the Gray Fossil Site and Museum (or meet at the museum at 2:30 p.m., 1212 Suncrest Drive, Gray, TN). We need to know if you are coming to make reservations for a tour with the Museum, so please call the reservation line (224-1502) by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 15. Also indicate whether you will meet us at church or museum. The traveling exhibit is Dinosaur Revolution and will feature several interactive displays. Cost for the Traveling Exhibit and Guided Tour of fossil site is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors (65 and older), \$7 for children (5-12), and children under 5 are free. Other options are available for a lower price or a donation for museum only. We will eat at Cracker Barrel (Boone's Creek exit on I-26) after the tour. Share in gas for carpool (\$2-\$3).

Singles/Young Adult Volleyball

Meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays in Woodyard Gym
Join friends for fun and exercise.
Contact: Tony Clark 378-5299

The Read 'Em and Reap Book Club

You are invited to join The Read 'Em and Reap Book Club on the third Thursday of each month at FBS. Mingle and munch begins at 6:15 in the church library followed by a lively discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 of the following books: ***Eat, Pray, Love*** by Elizabeth Gilbert (**Jan. 21**), ***Three Cups of Tea*** by Greg Mortenson (**Feb. 18**), ***The Help*** by Kathryn Stockett (**March 18**), ***Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate*** by Jerry Bridges (**April 15**) and ***Julie and Julia*** by Julie Powell (**May 20**). For more information, you may contact either Beth Geno at iegeno@embarqmail.com or Kay Ann Smith at 288-2468.

Wednesday Nights 5:30 p.m.-- January 20

Program: Charles Maynard, Storyteller

Menu: teriyaki chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, brownie

Make your dinner reservations by calling 224-1502 by noon on Tuesday. You must call 224-1502 to set up standing reservations.

Adults: \$6; Children 5-11 years: \$3;
Under 5: Free; Family Maximum: \$25

Please feel free to attend the program even if you are unable to come for the meal.

"Bring One" Items

The Bring One items for the week of Sunday, January 17, will be cereal and/or powdered or evaporated milk. The items for the week of Sunday, January 24, will be beef stew and/or chicken and dumplings. ***Special request: The Food Ministry is in need of toiletry items as well as tobaggans and gloves.*** Thank you for your support.

Fifth Sunday Offering

The churches in the Holston Annual Conference have, for many years, supported the ministry of Holston United Methodist Home for Children by receiving a special 5th Sunday Offering. This provides a simple, sure way to share the responsibilities of providing care and compassion to children as we represent Christ to them at a time of crisis. Your generous gift in Sunday School on January 31 will make a difference!

Recent Graduates

Kimberly Ankabrandt	Bachelors--ETSU
Christopher Baker	Masters--Milligan College
Chris Chinault	R.N.--ETSU
Rebecca Danehy	Bachelors--UT at Knoxville
Lindsay Heaton Jones	Masters--Medical U. of S. Carolina
Elizabeth Mykytka	Masters--Michigan State
Adam Vicars	MBA--Clemson
Bart Warner	Bachelors--UT at Knoxville
Austin Whetsel	Bachelors--ETSU

Johns Island Fundraiser Dinner

The time has come again! The 5th Annual Johns Island Fundraiser Dinner is back. On February 12 and 13, Master Chef Sparky Dyson will once again amaze us with his culinary talents. Every year people who attend the dinner are delighted by the presentation and taste of the seven course meal. For only \$20 a person, you can help make the Johns Island Mission Trip a remarkable experience for all who go. We hope you will join us on one of these two nights. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. and child care will be provided for ages four and under. To make a reservation, please call 224-1502 and let us know which night you are coming. (Reservations are due by noon on February 9.) See you there!

A MESSAGE
FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Ministries and Organization Study

Our Church organization has been essentially the same for a number of years. Yet we have experienced numerous changes both internally and externally that have impacted ministries, administration, and communication over the last 10 – 15 years. The question that has arisen in our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is, “Are we effectively organized to meet the ministry needs of our Church now and for the next few years?” And the second question is, “If we are not, what should the organization look like?” Obviously, these are difficult questions to answer and will require a considerable amount of work, conversations, and discussion to develop answers.

This study is going to start by compiling a list of all ministries, programs, administrative activities and responsibilities that are in place in our Church. We are also going to gather as much information as we can about any prospective new ministries that we might be undertaking in the coming years. While we have a lot of good information on this, we will still have to interview a lot of people to understand relationships, time commitments, etc. I think this final document will be of real value to a number of areas. This information is going to be compiled and interpreted through interviews with the staff and the congregation.

Once we have this information in pretty good shape, we are going to compare staff Job Description duties with our ministries and administrative duties and identify gaps, overlaps, imbalances and alternatives for accomplishing our current and future ministries. This step of the process may be more challenging because of the size and complexities of our ministries and administrative responsibilities, but it is essential that this be done well to enable us to get to a meaningful endpoint.

Now we will have two rather sizeable pools of information compiled and the creative steps of the process start. The question will be, “What staff organization(s) will effectively and efficiently meet our mission, vision and needs of our Church for the next several years?” We obviously don’t know what changes might make sense or whether there may be more than one organizational option that seems to fit the needs of our Church. I think we all probably realize that church organizations vary widely and most have evolved rather than been developed with an in-depth study such as this. **I do want to note that it is not the intention of this study to eliminate staff, but we could see some reorganization of duties and responsibilities.**

Upon reaching this point, we will start the process of review, modification, and approval with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Church Leadership Council. Obviously, there will be much communication with the staff and congregation as we go through this whole process, but



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particularly this last step. Our goal is to have this study completed by September.

We are going to need your input, thoughts, and ideas as we go through this study. We are also going to need your prayers for the team that will be carrying out this study and steering committee that will be overseeing it. It is our goal that we can grow in our ability to serve our Lord at First Broad Street.

Nicke McClinton

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will eat at La Carreta on John B. Dennis Bypass in Kingsport on January 15. The bus will leave the Wanola Parking lot at 11:00.

GO GREEN!

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