



THE SPIRES

Jan. 10- Jan. 16, 2010

Glorifying God through knowing Christ and making Him known

New Year's Resolution #1: Study the Word of God in 2010



Happy New Year to you! May your 2010 resolutions include the study of God's Word for knowledge, wisdom, and transformation. In the GROW ministries, we are focused on nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ, and the new year is a great time to commit to in-depth, engaging, and transforming small group Bible study, in addition to Sunday School Bible study.

The **Winter/Spring 2010 Bible Study and Discipleship Groups** brochure is available in the Welcome Center and in the Program Offices. The brochure will also be in your worship bulletin for three weeks in January and is available online at www.fbsumc.org. Sign up by calling 224-1513 or email mdeans@fbsumc.org. There are many wonderful short-term Bible studies available for January – May, 2010. Sign up today!

Beginning in February, First Broad Street U.M.C. will be trying something new. You are invited to participate in **intergenerational, home-based, God Sightings small groups** for all members of God's family. Using the "God Sightings" resources (www.mygodsightings.com), groups will focus on reading the Bible and sharing with others where God is at work in our world. The groups will be open to all members and friends of FBSUMC, who long to know God through scripture and to see God's presence all around us. These groups are a wonderful opportunity for families to study together. **God Sightings** groups are especially appropriate for encouraging those who are new to the faith, including children, to take the Word of God into their hearts and to see the world as God sees it. If you are interested in participating in one of these small groups, or if you would like to host or facilitate a group in your neighborhood, please call Margaret Deans at 224-1513 or email at mdeans@fbsumc.org. Groups will form based upon responses.

Sign up now for Bible Study and Discipleship Groups, and / or for a **God Sighting** small group in your neighborhood. Make 2010 a year of growing closer to God and to one another, *"until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ...growing up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ."* Eph. 4: 13 – 16.

GOD SiGht inGS

LearninG tO experience GOD every Day

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Contact Us

Church Office	423-246-4471
Prayer Line	423-224-1544
Reservations	423-224-1502
Child Care Ctr	423-224-1527
Fax Number	423-246-1361
website:	www.fbsumc.org

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Recently Hospitalized . . .

Holston Valley: Nina Greene, Sara Jo Bardsley, Mack Moore, Bob Bennett

Indian Path: Jeff Dexter

Discharged: Charles Lingar

Reaching Up and Out Basket Donation Given

The Reaching Up and Out Basket for Sunday, January 10, located at the entrance to the Sanctuary at the foot of the redeemer is given by Crusade Class in honor of John Wilson. The contents of the basket will be donated to Hope Haven Ministries. 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.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

FBSUMC will be hosting IHN the week of January 17 and once again we are in recruitment mode. Please contact Dianne Scott by phone at 239-6600 or email to wdsco@charter.net if you wish to participate.

Family Movie Night

Sunday, January 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the Theater Room
In honor of the upcoming Winter Olympics, the heart-warming story of the Jamaican Bobsled Team "Cool Runnings" starring John Candy.

3:00--5:00 p.m. Popcorn will be served.

Children are requested to be accompanied by parents.
"Feel the Rhythm, Feel the Rhyme!"

Chancel Arrangements . . .

The chancel arrangements are in celebration of Baptism of the Lord Sunday.



WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2010

Contemporary Worship Services

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

Scripture: Luke 15: 3-7

Sermon: *The Lost Sheep*

Andrew Amodei

Traditional Worship Services

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

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Sermon: *I Will Be with You*

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: Andrew Amodei

Our Father's Place

4:00 p.m. in Chapel

Message: Kay Ann Smith

Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. in Chapel

Scripture: Acts 3: 1-10

Message: *You Can Be a Miracle Worker* Jack Edwards

After Hours "On Call" List for the Week

Sunday, January 10 Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

Monday, January 11 Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

Tuesday, January 12 Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

Wednesday, January 13 Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

Thursday, January 14 Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

Friday, January 15 Jack Weikel (292-9000)

Saturday, January 16 Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

January 3, 2010

Morning Worship	831
<i>Our Father's Place</i>	11
Evening Worship	28
Total Worship Attendance	870
Sunday School	709

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

New Membership Classes

Our next New Membership classes will be held on Jan. 10 and 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.

Graduates?

If you had a member of your family graduate from college or graduate school in December, please notify Darres Carter at 224-1506.



Single Vision Game Night Jan.

Join Single Vision friends on Monday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 141 (Wesley Wing) for dinner and a fun evening of Bingo. Dinner of lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and drinks will be served at 6:30 p.m. for \$5.00. Reservations for dinner are required by noon on Monday, January 11, by calling 224-1502. Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. and no reservations are required. Join us and see how lucky you are!

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 13

Program: Missions Update with Danny Howe
Menu: spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed salad, cookies

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.

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.

"Bring One" Items

The Bring One items for the week of Sunday, January 10, will be hearty soups and crackers and/or powdered or evaporated milk. Items for the week of Sunday, January 17, will be cereal and/or powdered or evaporated milk. **Special request: The Food Ministry is in need of toiletry items as well as tobaggans and gloves.** Thank you for your support.

Tips for Caring for God's Creation

Christmas Recycling

■ Keep Kingsport Beautiful has joined the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency in collecting **Christmas trees** to be used as fish habitat in the region's lakes. Drop off site is Warriors Path State Park at the parking lot near the pool. Collection has begun, with the event finale scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 9:00 to noon.

■ St. Jude's Ranch Recycled Card Program needs your **Christmas cards**. Children at the ranches make beautiful new cards from used cards. These recycled, "green" cards are then sold, and the children receive payment for their work. All occasion cards, including Christmas cards (fronts only), may be mailed from now until February 28, 2010 to:

St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Recycled Card Program
100 St. Jude's Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

Children's Ministries



CHILDREN'S
ministries
First Broad Street UMC



Register now for the Spring Semester!

Art & Soul is ready to kick off again on Wednesday, January 13! You can register your child now (3 years old-5th grade)! The schedule will be the same.

This past fall, we talked about people who loved God and how they showed it. We were challenged to show our love for God, too. This spring, we will talk about how we can love our neighbor and what that means.

The spring will be filled with lots of excitement, especially our year-end spectacular! We are replacing the musical to do a whole year's worth of material in one night! Come and see what we've been learning!

If you registered in the fall, please register again. If you didn't join us, but would love to, please contact Marilyn Jones at 224-1515 or mjones@fbsumc.org.

It's not just music anymore!

Current Sunday School Rotation *Journey to Bethlehem*

Luke 2:1-12

Jesus was born in a humble place. Join us as we talk about Christmas and how it changed the world!



Memorial Contributions



BUILDING

Margaret Conrad, Helen Smith, Nancy Smith, Katty Harrison,
Mary Alice Browder-by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dexter

Mary Alice Browder-by Kevin, Mary, and Callee Whitaker

Mary Alice Browder, Joe Wimberly, Nancy Smith, Katty
Harrison, Lois Beasley, Jean P. Miller, Thelma Parham,
Bill Griffin, Harry Leonard, Helen Beeson, Henry
Gober, Bernice Shoun, Herschel Craft, Wendel Craft,
Laura Culbertson, Clara and John Owens, Donald
Williams, Bess St. Clair, Carroll Raines, Alvin Wilson,
Bruce Campbell, Verena Coke, Jean Hoskins, Rye
Fleenor, Shirley Reynolds, Samuel Smith, Harold
Salyer, Sammie King, Margaret Conrad-by Mr. and Mrs.
Alvin Carter

Joe Wimberly, Katty Harrison-by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Hammock

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Murray, Dr. William L. Allison, Mr. and
Mrs. James L. Moore, Jr.-by Virginia Allison

Toy Reid-by Mr. and Mrs. Hagan Bright

GENERAL

Katty Harrison, Mary Alice Browder-by John I. Cox, Jr.

Mary Alice Browder-by Lowery Wilson, Bruce Kramer and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spiegler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Brogden

Katty Harrison-by Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Westmoreland, Mr. and
Mrs. Joseph Pantano, Walter Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George
Gosselin

Joe Wimberly-by Walls Trimble, Dot Seaton, State Auto Mutual
Insurance

FOOD

Katty Harrison-by Dr. and Mrs. Bob Hawk, members of Crusade
Sunday School Class

Katty Harrison, James Ellington-by Nageba Windle

SCHOLARSHIP

Joe Wimberly-by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gamble

KCMC

Joe Wimberly, Mary Alice Browder-by Marge Sherwin

LIBRARY

Nancy Smith-by members of Crusade Sunday School Class

CARPENTER'S HELPERS

Katty Harrison-by Mr. and Mrs. Hagan Bright

FURNITURE MINISTRY

Toy Reid, Katty Harrison-by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stras

FRIENDSHIP DINER

Katty Harrison-by Norm and Pat Lee Harrison

Lois Beasley-by Mrs. Robert L. Combs



INVITING MINISTRY

Janet and Bob Batts-by Margaret Deans

FRIENDSHIP DINER

Janet and Bob Batts-by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Russell

MUSIC

Louise Ammons-by Janet Batts

BUFFALO MOUNTAIN CAMP

Janet and Bob Batts-by members of Joy Sunday School Class

GENERAL

Jack Weikel-by Martha White and Marty Browder

A MESSAGE
FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

A New Year and a New Decade


It seems such a short time ago that we were worrying about Y2K and that all computers were going to shutdown, and the world as we knew it was going to collapse into chaos. It didn't happen. Sure we have had a number of serious events in the last ten years from 9/11 to the economic collapse of the last eighteen months, but God has been with us through the troubled times and the good times. He has promised to be with us in the coming year and decade.

Now I am not one that spends a lot of time making New Year's Resolutions (I'm not real good about keeping them), but I do want to spend a little time in today's column writing about a few things that we as a congregation, staff, and Church should be working on in the coming year and decade.

One worrisome statistic is that our membership has been in a very slow, but fairly steady decline during most of the last decade and for several years before that. The amazing statistic is that the Church membership has only varied +/- ~150 from an average of 2681 since First and Broad Street churches merged in 1969. We are currently at the lowest number of members for the last forty years. We do have a great church at First Broad Street, and we do a good job of inviting and welcoming people to our Church. We need to find new ways to grow and reach more people. Andrew has certainly got some ideas that we will be hearing more about this year. You may not realize it, but we must welcome over 100 new members each year just to stand still. To experience significant growth, we will have to welcome 150 to 200 new members each year. Be thinking about how we could make this a reality. Of course after they have joined, we need to make sure that they are becoming active, committed, and growing members of this body of Christ.

Communications is another area that needs continual attention. We are blessed, as well as cursed, by the age we live in. There are so many more ways to communicate and stay in touch, and the methods we use depend a lot on our age. I know I am rarely around a teen whose thumbs aren't madly flashing across a cell phone, and yet I almost never use 'texting' to communicate. We must find ways to communicate across all generations with all styles of communication to make sure that we are reaching people where they are and in the style(s) with which they are most comfortable. This is going to require all of us to continually work to make sure that we are clearly communicating information that is critical to reaching others and doing what God is calling us to do. This is indeed a challenging responsibility for all of us.

With our hectic lifestyles, we need to remember that each of us made a commitment of "our presence, our prayers, our gifts, our service, and our witness" to First Broad Street when we joined. We wouldn't be the great Church that we are if we didn't do this well. We need to remember that there is an implied commitment

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for each of us to get better every year. It seems like God is continuing to call us to do more, and we seem to be stepping up to answer His call. If we all work to do a little better each year, we indeed can do what He is asking of us.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and blessed New Year!

Mike McArthur

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 10, 17, 24, and 31. For more information, please call Darres Carter at 224-1506.

GO GREEN!

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