



# THE SPIRES

June 13 - June 19, 2010

*Glorifying God through knowing Christ and making Him known*



A Message  
from the Senior Pastor

## *God Didn't Bring Us This Far to Leave Us!*

Words are poor tools with which to fashion our appreciation for the support and love we have experienced here at First Broad Street United Methodist Church over the last three years and especially these last few months as I have been struggling with colorectal cancer. Your prayers and visits to the parsonage have been a humbling experience.

First Broad Street UMC is continually known for its commitment to missions and outreach. However, the Nurture Ministry Team is another powerful witness of this local congregation, and I could go on to list other vital ministry areas such as the vital Music Ministry, Christian Education and Sunday Schools, Youth and Children's Programs, etc. God has blessed us with a visionary staff and committed laity as well.

It is certainly a good feeling to go out with a bang. I was overwhelmed with emotions at our sending off program. The Low Country Boil, receiving a key to the City of Kingsport from Mayor Dennis Phillips, the celebration of Pentecost at Dobyms-Bennett High School, and the Call to Renewal with the powerful preaching of Dr. Zan Holmes all have been blessings.

I was also elated to read in the *Interpreter* an article about the Regional Conference on Poverty held here last September and will be offered again this year at First Broad Street UMC. I wanted to do something to be in solidarity with the marginalized citizens in Appalachia. I close this article with reflections on my notes when I arrived in June of 2007. I am convinced that God did not bring us this far to leave us, and we must continue to witness for Christ in this explosive age enveloped in poverty, hunger, and despair.

In recent days, we have been working on conversation from The General Board of Church and Society on the attack on the humanitarian aid headed to Gaza. If the church will not lift up its voice to represent God's vision for the world, who will? We cannot allow the forces of darkness to win. We represent hope in the world.

As we head down to the Morristown District, remember the church is the best that God has in the world and we have truly been blessed to be a part of this vital congregation. I hope and pray that you will continue to model "open hearts, open minds, and open doors..."

Shalom,



## Amodei Ordination

Andrew Amodei, our Associate Pastor, will be ordained an Elder at the Holston Annual Conference on Sunday, June 13, at Lake Junaluska. The ordination service begins at 7:00 p.m. in Stuart Auditorium. Church members and family are encouraged to come and celebrate with Andrew. If you would like to ride in the church bus, please call 224-1502 to reserve your space on the bus. The bus can carry 25 passengers, first-come, first-served. The bus will leave at 4:00 p.m. and return around 11:30 p.m. Roy Geno will be our bus driver.

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# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

## Recently Hospitalized . . .

**Holston Valley:** Evelyn Kitzmiller

**Indian Path:** Bert Tiller

**Discharged:** Kitty Howe, Darres Carter, Constance Elizabeth Campbell and baby



**Wade Nelson Collier**, son of Lawrence and Allegra Collier, was baptized at the 10:45 Contemporary Service on June 6 by Rev. Clark Jenkins.



Congratulations to **Greg and Sarah Kitzmiller** on the birth of their daughter, **Evelyn Mae Kitzmiller**, who was born May 28; and **Chris and Bunny Campbell** on the birth of their daughter, **Keaton Lily Campbell**, who was born June 1.



Congratulations to **Erin Rothrock and James Teixeira**, who were married at the Vista at Biltmore in Asheville, NC, on May 21.



to **Tibby Tesfayohannes** on the death of her mother, who died May 30.

## Living Well with Hearing Loss: A Personal Perspective

On June 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 141 Louella Blair will share her experiences and impart helpful information about how to continue to serve and live well even with hearing loss. Questions? Call Joy Eastridge 224-1512.

## Holston Conference School of Christian Mission July 22-24 at Colonial Heights UMC

The 2010 Holston Conference School of Christian Mission, sponsored by Holston Conference United Methodist Women, will be held July 22-24 at Colonial Heights UMC (631 Lebanon Rd, Kingsport). The theme will be "Faith, Hope, & Love in Action" and is open to all men, women, laity and clergy (not just UMW members). Please plan to attend. Program studies include: "For the Love of God: John's Letters led by Clark Jenkins and Joel Campbell; "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan" led by Mike and Lori Sluder; and "Mission and Evangelism" led by Nancy Hobbs and Randy Frye. "Hugging the World: Faith, Hope, Love in Action" 2010 Children's Mission study will be led by Marcheine McClurg.

Please join us to celebrate the 85th birthday of

## Marie W. Counts

on Saturday, June 12, 2010

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall -- FBSUMC

given with love by her family

no gifts please

Unable to attend? Send your special birthday greetings, "Marie Memories" or photos to be added to a special scrapbook at 1605 Fairidge Pl, 37660 or bring to Church Office.

## Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will go to Ridgewood Barbecue in Bluff City, TN, on June 18. The bus will leave the Wanola Parking Lot at 11:00 a.m.

# WORSHIP

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2010

(Communion will be observed this Sunday.)

### Contemporary Worship Services--Live Stream of

Sermon from the Sanctuary

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

### Traditional Worship Services

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

Scripture: I Kings 17: 8-16

Message: *Small Things in the Hands of God*

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 2:30 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.

## Our Father's Place

4:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Message: Retta Overturf

## Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Message: Jim Harless

June 6, 2010

Morning Worship	853
Our Father's Place	13
Evening Worship	27
Total Worship Attendance	893
Sunday School	543

## After Hours "On Call" List for the Week

**Sunday, June 13** Jack Weikel (292-9000)

**Monday, June 14** John Wilson (765-9183)

**Tuesday, June 15** John Wilson (765-9183)

**Wednesday, June 16** John Wilson (765-9183)

**Thursday, June 17** Andrew Amodel (765-6197)

**Friday, June 18** Jack Weikel (292-9000)

**Saturday, June 19** Janet Batts (341-9233)

## Love Offering for Our Pastor & Wife

As you know, Clark and Carolyn will be moving to Morristown in June. If you would like to contribute to a love offering for them, please make your check out to FBSUMC and put "Love Offering for Jenkins" on the memo line. Thanks.

## Chancel Arrangements . . .

The chancel flowers will be from the wedding of Amy Harwood and Jonathan Home, who will be married in the Sanctuary on June 12.

# DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## Planet Zoom-VBS June 28-July 4

It is hard to BEE-LIEVE that in a few short weeks VBS 2010 will be here! Volunteers are still needed and registration is open online. To volunteer or register your child,

please contact Marilyn Jones at 224-1515 or [mjones@fbsumc.org](mailto:mjones@fbsumc.org). You may also contact Anna Manley at 279-0727 or [ammanley@embarqmail.com](mailto:ammanley@embarqmail.com). Our mission project for the week will be collecting supplies for health kits to be used by UMCOR. Donations are welcome any time during the week. The children will be collecting and bringing the items to the church on the following schedule: Tuesday > hand towels and washcloths, Wednesday > toothbrushes and \$1 for toothpaste, Thursday > combs, bars of soap, and 6 bandages, Friday > Did you mean to help out, but forgot? Bring it in today! VBS is sure to be a wonderful week filled with bold BEE-LIEVERS who are zipping, zapping, and zooming for Jesus!

## Please help thank our VBS volunteers

Volunteers are very important people and often are not recognized for their hard work and dedication to the cause, activity, or the time they give. However, I would like to change that this year at VBS.

There is a day to recognize just about every occupation, but rarely do you see a Volunteer appreciation day. During VBS we provide the children with a snack and as in the last several years, I am in charge of the Volunteer Snack Room. Why not show our leaders, shepherds, organizers, workers, and everyone involved in this year's VBS how much you appreciate all that they are doing to share the Gospel with our children.

So, how can you help? Help me stock the Volunteer snack room with bagels, muffins, breakfast breads, chips, munchies, sweets, goodies, as well as healthy foods such as fruits, veggies, and crackers and cheese each morning of VBS. If your goodies need refrigerated, please make sure to label them Volunteer Snack Room. Please label your containers with your name and/or Sunday School class if you would like them back. Contact Betsy Codispoti ([xohions@embarqmail.com](mailto:xohions@embarqmail.com) or 765-0231) if you would like to help us out.



## "Bring One" Items

The Bring One items for the week of Sunday, June 13, will be cash or checks for the communion offering baskets. The items for the week of Sunday, June 20, will be spaghetti sauce and noodles. Thank you.

## GROW

### *Reading the Bible Together . . .*

June 13, 2010

1 Kings 21: 1-21a

Psalms 5: 1-8

Galatians 2: 15-21

Luke 7: 36--8: 3

Read these passages of scripture during the week to prepare for worship on Sunday. When you get ready to read, ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate the text for you. Then, read the passage slowly, writing down questions or insights that come to you. Finally, offer thanksgiving to God for the witness of scripture, and pray for those whom God has placed on your heart. Try to read all the passages at least twice during the week.

Questions to ponder: The psalmist praises God for God's "steadfast love." The Hebrew word here defines other concepts as well--grace, mercy, compassion, patience, faithfulness, loyalty, and love. What does the passage in Psalms and the passage in Luke tell you about the character of God?

## Campbell Product Labels

Have you noticed the stock pot sitting on the table outside the chapel door? No, it doesn't contain some steamy soup, but it is there to collect the label cut-outs on Campbell products as well as the Box Tops for Education cut-outs. These are collected by the United Methodist Women and are sent to Jubilee Project and Red Bird Mission, who in turn redeem them for much-needed supplies. Please trim the designated area from the labels and place them in the "pot." Thank you!

## FBS Golfers



Two scheduled outings for FBS Golfers (on Tuesdays) are as follows: June 17, Warrior's Path Golf Club; July 13, Twin Creeks Golf Club in Chuckey. Please let Jim know if you will attend, either by phone (288-7553 and 747-6144) or by e-mail ([JHutchins251@aol.com](mailto:JHutchins251@aol.com)).

## Volunteers Needed for IHN Hosting Sign Up Today for hosting week of June 27-July 3

Can you spare a few hours to offer hope, comfort, and security to a homeless family? This is the mission of Interfaith Hospitality Network. During the week of June 27, the ground floor of the Weekly Wing will be transformed into bedrooms, and activity rooms for our IHN families. We provide meals, comfort and support for families who need a safe haven in their time of crisis. To sign up to host during the evening and/or overnight or to receive additional information about how you can participate, please contact Dianne Scott at 423-782-6495 or by email at [wdsco@charter.net](mailto:wdsco@charter.net). Your time will be rewarded by the many blessings you will receive.

A MESSAGE  
FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

## NO EXCUSE SUNDAY

Our friend and fellow First Broad Streeter, Rev. John Bardsley, often sends me serious and sometimes not so serious suggestions on how to do things or making our Church better. Last week, he shared the following with me and I thought it was worth sharing with you.

"To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "**No Excuse Sunday.**"

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\* Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."

\* There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.

\* Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.

\* We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."

\* Blankets will be furnished for those who think the Sanctuary is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot.

\* Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

\* Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook Sunday dinner, too.

\* We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that church is always asking for money.

\* One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.

\* Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

\* The Sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.

\* There will be hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who say he is too loud."

Author Unknown

I suspect most of us have heard most of these excuses, and I would even have to admit that I may have used one or two of them. This Sunday, Clark will be preaching for the final time as our Senior Pastor. I hope you have no excuse for not being here as we gather to say thanks to Clark and Carolyn and to give them a great First Broad Street farewell.

*Mickey McClinton*



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## Living Archive

The FBSUMC Decorating Committee, in conjunction with our Archives Department, would like to transform the area outside of the balcony (where the ministers' portraits hang) into a "Living Archive." The committee asks that individuals donate any items suitable for archives to Jan McCartt. Some of these items may be framed and placed in this area. Monetary donations are welcome as well for furnishing love seats and sofas for the "Living Archive" seating area. For questions, please contact Randolph Cupp at [jwrcupp@mail.com](mailto:jwrcupp@mail.com).



## United Methodist Men

Please mark June 28 for another exciting UMM program. Rev. Mickey Rainwater and his family will join us. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know a little about Mickey, his family, and his ministry.