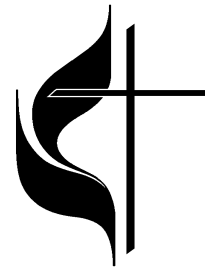


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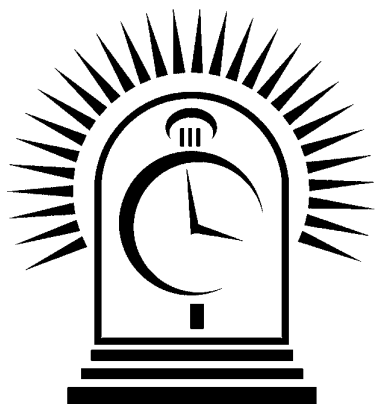
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The gift of time



What if we lived in a strange place where each day we were allowed to have \$86,400 but we were not allowed to save a penny of it. By midnight we would be broke again. But when the new day dawned, we would have another \$86,400 to spend. We would know that by midnight we would be broke again. Sounds crazy, doesn't it? In an article about our use of time, Ken Sopher suggested that we each have 86,400 seconds daily to do whatever we choose to do. We cannot "save" even one of those thousands of seconds to use in the future. If we do not use the seconds and minutes and hours productively and creatively as good stewards of the time God gives us, those 24 hours are lost forever.

Makes you think, doesn't it? For some, it may bring to mind St. Paul's words to the Ephesians: "Be careful then how you live," he wrote, "not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time ..." (Ephesians 5:15). Time is indeed quite precious.

RECENT VISITORS:

Michael, Angela, Abby, Anna & Camryn Gantt,
Wille Thompson, Deb Wakefield, Laken Riddle,
Charles & Brenda Gantt, Frances Johnson,
James McGee, Brandon Bishop, Libby Hall, Jim Mauney

AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

January 31, 2010

THE SHARED WORD: Rev Dr. David Greene

"Covenant"

Genesis 12:1-3, 17:1-8

CARE MINISTRY

Valentine Cards

The Care Ministry of First United Methodist Church is a program which reaches out to the church's nursing home and homebound members. The ministry is composed of a dedicated group of lay persons who visit, call and send cards to these special members.

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the entire congregation is invited to join the Care Ministry Team by sharing Valentine cards with our homebound members. Simply pick up a list of names from the table located in the entryway of the Education Building. Make your Valentines and then return them by Sunday, **February 7**, to the labeled bags located on the same table. Thank you for your remembering these special members of the church. For more information, please contact Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene at willis.fumcnewton@gmail.com.

CARE MINISTRY PHOTOS

for Valentine Cards

All Care Ministers are invited to have their photo taken to place in the Valentine Cards that will be given to our homebound members. Wayne Swofford has graciously offered to take pictures in the Sanctuary from 9:30 to 10:00am on Sunday, January 31st. Please stop by on your way to Sunday School for a quick photo – it will mean the world to those who receive your notes and cards!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a family outing at Sims Barbecue on Saturday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. More information will be given later.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK*** January 31-February 6, 2010 ***

SUN.	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	1:00	Youth Bowling at Pin Station
MON.	3:00	Administrative Council
	5:30	Finance Committee
	9:00	Preschool
	10:00	UMW Group II
	2:00	UMW Group I
TUES.	7:00	UMW Group III
	7:00	Youth Praise Band
	9:00	Preschool
WED.	6:30	Griefshare
	7:00	Disciple I
	6:45	Prayer Breakfast
	9:00	Preschool
THURS.	3:10	Kids for Christ
	6:00	Praise Team
	6:30	Adult Handbells
	7:30	Chancel Choir
FRI.	9:00	Preschool
	1:00	Prayer Shawl

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, January 24, 2010

Attendance: 8:45 a.m.: 11:00 a.m.: 134

Sunday School: 158 9:00 a.m. Praise Service:

Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$6,674.00
	Youth Retreat Fund	100.00
	Haiti Relief Fund	2,285.00
	Singles Ministry	8.00
	Helping Hands Fund	500.00
	Renovation Fund	<u>95.00</u>
		\$9,662.00

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00
Budget Needs as of 1/24/10	\$43,852.00
Contributions Received as of 1/24/10	34,352.00
Under Budget for Year	-\$ 9,500.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray For:	Requested By:
Faye Henderson	Pat Britt
Haskel Emmitt	Buck Calloway
Ryan Fitzgerald	Peggy
Nancy Combs	Karen Arndt
Doug Benfield	Family
Elizabeth Cloninger Newsom	Family

MEMORIALS RECEIVED RECENTLY**Renovation Fund:****Dr. Allen H. Bandy, Sr.**

Tommy & Patricia Howard

Ken & Pat Lawing

Cecil Kiser

Millicent M. Crawford

Out-of-Country Military—Scott Beal, Jacob Campbell, Brent Cossich, Gary Hogan, Todd Houtz, Rodney Woody and National Guard 626 Maintenance Co.

In-Country Military—Bobby Benson, Andy Blanton, Stan Josey, Corey Lail, Laird Lambeth, Brad McRee, Tai Orange, Kyle L. Sigmon, Ryan Windham, President Obama & Leaders

HONORARIUM

Phil and Mary Yoder have given a donation to the **General Fund** in honor of **Donald Scronce** for his good work for this church.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER RESERVATIONS**February 10, 6:00 p.m.**

Hosts: New Life Class

Menu: Spiral Sliced Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Number _____

Name _____

A Special Thank You**To First United Methodist Church.**

Thank you to the congregation, Dr. Rev. Green, the Faith Builders Class along with the church staff who have offered a shoulder of support, a kind word, cards, emails, and for all the wonderful prayers. Thank you for the food and compassionate visitations. We want to express special thankfulness for all the prayers that were lifted up for our mother and our family during our time of loss. We truly appreciate the prayer shaw delivered this week. It showed us that we were remembered throughout the process of our mother's illness and death. Now as we adjust to life with out Mother, we are sure the prayers will continue. Jesus is our cornerstone to life ever after, and our guide to salvation. We believe that Mother is now walking through the Garden with our Savior Jesus Christ. May God bless **First United Methodist Church** for all the kindheartedness you have given!

Vickie Drum and The Family of Ovaline K. Drum

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Lee Cloninger	2/16	Christian Cambra
2/1	Jamey Sias	2/16	Suzanne DeRue
2/2	Cara Cadwallader	2/16	Ken Moss
2/2	Jacob Campbell	2/17	Lisa Blaser
2/2	Eddie Carter, Jr.	2/17	Ken Simmons
2/2	Gaye Keener	2/18	Olivia Andersen
2/2	Natalie Nguyen	2/18	Lisa Baggatta
2/2	Wes Nguyen	2/18	Jean Carter
2/3	Jeff Hewins	2/18	Gerald Evitt
2/3	Thomas Hollingsworth	2/18	Paiton Fair
2/3	Lee Inthavong	2/18	Patricia Howard
2/4	Elizabeth Hall	2/19	Joseph Beaman
2/5	Addison Hayes	2/19	Jim Byrd
2/5	John Stiver	2/19	Anna Cook
2/7	Michaele Autry	2/19	Priscilla Faucette
2/7	Adrienne Binkley	2/20	Lorene Martin
2/7	Frank Reinhardt	2/20	Flo Williams
2/8	Coye Kidd	2/21	Bobby Carter
2/8	Brooks Nichols	2/21	Danny Yancey
2/9	Joanna Orange	2/22	Anne Hunsucker
2/9	Vance Sigmon	2/22	Madison Yancey
2/11	Debbie Eller	2/23	Colby Phillips
2/11	Willie Matheson	2/24	Scottie Caldwell
2/12	Erin Kelley	2/24	Isabella Harrelson
2/12	Brandon Moose	2/26	Mike Hester
2/12	Paulette Moss	2/27	David Greene
2/12	Jerry Willard	2/27	Sydney Templeton
2/12	Lori Wray	2/28	Katie Brown
2/14	Carol Brown	2/28	Erin Killian
2/14	Gabe Ervin	2/28	George Wilkinson
2/14	Vicki Yount	2/29	Mary Miller

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2/10	Rick and Anne Faust
2/10	Reid and Judy Ikerd
2/10	Sam and Virginia Irby
2/14	Donnie and Susan Holbrook
2/20	Wayne and Jackie Dellinger
2/20	Donald and Carolyn Scronce
2/22	Khampheng and Chanphene Inthavongsa
2/23	Jimmy and Brandy Burnette
2/25	Bob and Margie Powell
2/26	Bobby and Leslie Benson
2/28	Tim and Miriam Barkley

Please report any corrections or additions to this month's birthday and anniversary lists to the church office.

YOUTH MEALS

PLEASE CALL AND SIGN UP TODAY!

Sunday, Feb. 14: Taco Salad _____
 Sunday, Feb. 28: Hot Dogs Donna Mull
 Sunday, March 7: Lasagna _____

I would like to thank everyone who has been furnishing meals for our youth. You may choose the meal you would like to fix or use my suggestion. Whatever you would like to furnish is appreciated. Our group has grown in numbers, so I really encourage everyone to pair up in order to keep your cost down. Thanks so much for your support.

Peggy

Volunteer Workers—February 2010

<p><u>Acolytes</u> 2/7 Jarrett Mull 2/14 Caroline Smith 2/21 Ethan Branton 2/28 Evan Branton</p>	<p><u>Cross Bearers</u> Alex Mull Charlie Smith</p>	<p><u>Sound System</u> John Mull Dan Windham Brian White Rob Rights</p>	<p><u>8:45 AM Nursery</u> Katie Templeton Brenda Saunders Beth Phillips Celena Carter</p>	<p><u>11:00 AM Nursery</u> Dot Feimster Al & Debbie Bandy Leah Hayes Terra Butler</p>
<p><u>9:00 AM Leader</u> 2/7 Debbie Bandy 2/14 Donald Scronce 2/21 Steve Cloninger 2/28 Paul Campbell</p>	<p><u>Flowers</u> OPEN OPEN OPEN OPEN</p>	<p><u>Youth Supper</u> No Youth _____ No Meal Donna Mull</p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> Todd White Tom Lowder Harold Reitzel Dale Boger</p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> Rowe Bollinger Bill Powell Fred Cook, Jr. Tom Dixon</p>

Youth Volunteers -- Nursery Workers for February: Erin Killian and Julie Branton

YOUTH SCHEDULE

SUN., Jan. 31, 12:45-2:30 p.m.— Bible Study & Bowling
SUN., Feb. 7 NO YOUTH—SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
SUN., Feb. 14 Middle School Youth—4:00-5:30 PM
 Senior High Youth—5:00-6:30 PM
SUN., Feb. 21 1:00-2:30 PM Bowling at Pin Station
SUN., Feb. 28 & SUN., March 7: Regular Youth
March 12-14: Camp Hanes (No Youth that Sunday)

CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION

I have received very few calls about CCC. No one can be added after I send in the registration form and I will be mailing it in very soon. The week will be June 13. The age for youth to attend is rising 9th grade through 12th grade. Please call me this week if your youth wants to go. **Peggy**

ATTENTION**PARENT'S OF MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

I am so proud of our all our youth. Our Middle School Youth group is growing and this is wonderful. I believe everyone enjoys our time together. Middle School Youth is over at 5:30 PM. I need parents to pick their youth up by then so I can start my time with our Senior High Youth. So, parents, pick your youth up at 5:30 PM. Thank you for all you do and most of all for your support. **Peggy**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31—Youth should meet at the church at 12:45 p.m. for Bible Study and parents are to pick them up at Pin Station at 2:30 p.m. following an afternoon of bowling.

ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL-January 31, 2010*"Occupations In Bible Times"*

4 Years: **Science** Grades K-1: **Movie**
 Grade 2-3: **Computer** Grades 4-5: **Storytelling**

Teachers: January 10-February 28, 2010

Storytelling: Caroline Sitzer Art: Susan Reinhardt

Drama/Games: Lisa Johnson/Gayle Lowder

Cookery: Cindy Boger/Terra Butler

Music: Debbie Bandy

Movie: Rhonda Pawlik Computer: Gina & Scott King

TEACHERS FOR ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our teachers for Rotation Sunday School teach 4 Sundays out of 8 Sundays. This means they teach a month and are off a month. The schedule allows our teachers to also attend an Adult Sunday School Class. We are in need of a few more teachers to substitute or be a regular teacher. Our classes are: COOKING, MOVIE, MUSIC, ART, SCIENCE, STORYTELLING, COMPUTER AND DRAMA/GAMES. Many of you have talents in these areas. Please contact Peggy if you would like to help with the children. You will be the one that is blessed.