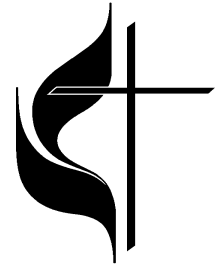


# THE FIRST WORD



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## ?Hello?

What would happen if God instituted voice mail to better route our prayers?

Let's say I had gossiped and wanted to confess, so I got ready to pray, er, call:



Immediately, a voice answered, "You have reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are busy right now. Your call is important to us and we want to help you. Please stay on the line and your request will be answered in the order that it was received."

There is music and then I hear another recorded message. "Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate numbers: Press 1 for prayer for a loved one. Press 2 for prayer for your church. Press 3 for giving thanks. Press 4 for confessing sins. Press 5 for salvation. Press 6 for a physical need. If you would like this menu repeated, press 9."

Since I had a sin to confess, I pressed 4. Immediately, I heard a voice saying, "We're so glad to help you in your confession of sins. Please select the appropriate option: If you cursed, press 1. If you yelled at your wife or another member of your family, press 2." The voice droned on, giving the various options.

About then I decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then I remembered what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs.

Instead of a voice mail system, He says, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

-Anonymous?

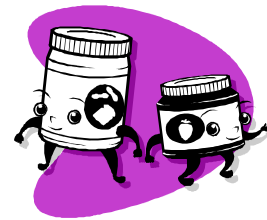
## AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

April 11, 2010

**THE SHARED WORD: Mr. Randy Perdue**

**"Marks of Faith...Not Doubt"**

John 20:19-31



## IT'S PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY!

Please bring PEANUT BUTTER to our worship service on Sun., April 11th! We are beginning the food collection for our Community Impact Day of service (which will be held in June). So, every Sunday from now until the end of May, we will be collecting a different food item. My goal is to have 100 items each Sunday! Can we do it? Through God, all things are possible. Please bring one, two, or more 18-oz. jars of peanut butter and place them outside the Gomedela room (side entrance of the church). You can buy any brand. This will go directly to families in need when we have our district's food-giveaway. If you have questions, please call Susan Reinhardt, Missions/Outreach, at 381-9841. Proverbs 13:31 "...whoever is kind to the needy honors God."

## **BREAKING THE CODE**

***Understanding the Book of Revelation***

Sunday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Gomedela Room

*The book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that appear as bewildering, and sometimes even frightening. How can we discover God's message for us in this often neglected part of scripture? Join Dr. David Greene for this 5 week Bible study as we seek to better understand the powerful message of this book of the Bible. Please contact the church office to register and obtain a study book (\$8.00 each)*

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended to Holten (Hokie) Thornburg and family following the death of her sister, Pauline (Polly) Sigmon on Friday, April 2.

**THE PACEMAKERS** will meet on Tuesday, April 13th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall We will play Bingo, and a lite lunch will be served.

**RECENT VISITORS:**

Brian, Jennifer, Drew & Zach Roseman,  
 Julie Cook & Dave Cardamone,  
 Matt Isenhour, Ellen Brown, Donna Yoder,  
 Wellington & Joanna Souza,  
 Catherine Abernethy, Terry Abernethy,  
 Ann Braylo, Matt Abernathy,  
 Burt Hoage, Debbie Ramseur,  
 Kim & Barbara Whitener,  
 Jay & Judy DeCoursey, Judy Deal,  
 Carrie, Chatham & Devin Donley

**WILDERNESS TRAIL HIKING TRIP****August 6-August 13 (Friday-Friday)****For rising 7th Graders through Adults****Where:** Virginia—The Appalachian Trail

**What:** An incredible outdoor adventure!! Begins with a fun 2 day retreat followed by 5 hiking days. Gain a new perspective on the Christian life by being led through the challenges and surprises of the wilderness.

**Cost:** \$100—includes everything!—use of backpack, tent, trail equipment and food. You are responsible for providing a sleeping bag and hiking shoes.

**Sign-up:** Registration forms have been mailed to youth or pick one up in the church office. Forms are due by **April 25**. Scholarships are available, please contact Peggy Correll or Willis.

**Questions:** Call or email Willis at the church office (464-8422, willis.fumcnewton@gmail.com). Visit the Wilderness Trail website at www.wtrail.com.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT, April 4, 2010**

Attendance: 8:45 a.m. 122      11:00 a.m. 284  
 Sunday School 119      9:00 a.m. Praise Service 92  
 Holy Thursday 80

Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$12,739.75
	Youth Prayer Breakfast	109.00
	Hunger Fund	341.75
	Altar Flowers	100.00
	Renovation Fund	90.00
		<u>\$13,380.50</u>

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00
Budget Needs as of 4/410	\$153,482.00
Contributions Received as of 4/4/10	132,571.00
Under Budget for Year	-\$20,911.00

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK****\* April 11-17, 2010 \***

SUN.	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	12:00-3:00	Gomedela Room Reserved
	4:00-5:30	All Youth
MON.	9:00	Preschool
	6:00	N-C Women's Club (Gomedela Room)
	7:00	Youth Praise Band
TUES.	9:00	Preschool
	9:00-12:00	Gomedela Room Reserved
	12:00	Pacemakers
WED.	6:45	Youth Prayer Breakfast
	9:00	Preschool
	3:10	Kids for Christ
	6:00	Fellowship Dinner
	6:00	Praise Team
	6:30	Handbells
	7:30	Chancel Choir
THURS.	9:00	Preschool
	1:00	Prayer Shawl
FRI.	9:00	Preschool

**UMW GROUP III** will reschedule its April meeting for Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the parlor. Willis will present a program on giving. All women are welcome to attend.

**HONORARIUM**

Jim and Trilby Stockner have given a donation to the Current Expense Fund in honor of Don and Anne Lemons on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

**THE NEWTON-CONOVER COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND AND JAZZ BAND** will perform a concert on Sunday, April 11 beginning at 3:00 PM and it is free to all who would like to attend. The program will feature concert band and jazz band music.

**LADIES LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS****Wednesday, April 21, 12:00 pm**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_



**COME JOIN US AT  
GRANDCAMP!**

Friday, April 30  
thru  
Saturday, May 1



Grandparents are invited to bring their grandchildren to Camp Carolwood for an overnight camping adventure. Each grandparent/grandchildren family members will have half a cabin and a private bathroom to themselves for lodging. We'll build a fire, have craft activities, worship and make a memory for a lifetime. Cost for this event will be \$100 for one grandparent and one child, an extra grandparent or grandchild will be \$25 per person. There will be limited space so we will take first registrations received on the list until the camp is full. **Registration deadline is April 15, 2010.**

Registration forms are available in the church office.

**HYMN SINGING**

**Mark your calendars!  
SUNDAY, APRIL 18  
2:00-4:00pm**

Join the fun & fellowship as we travel out to the church's homebound members with a visit and a song during the annual springtime hymn singing. Make plans to meet at the church at 2:00 pm, and groups will be assigned different neighborhoods and retirement homes to visit. Come and be a part of staying connected with the saints of First United Methodist Church.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Pray For:**

Paul Nadeau  
Jane Jackson  
Jerry McGee  
Dean & Jane Reavis  
Ray Summers  
Susan Harwell  
Brandon Cole  
Cheryl Burger  
Dick Wyatt  
Jennifer Sykes  
Johnny Goforth  
Family of Ruth Mitchell

**Requested By:**

Harris Jones  
Cindy Boger  
Merv McGee  
Vicki Yount  
Jean Childs  
Inez Drum  
Paul Campbell  
Jamie Hunter  
Harriett Wyatt  
Maxine Morrison  
Jean Childs

**Out-of-Country Military**—Scott Beal, Jacob Campbell, Brent Cossich, Gary Hogan, Todd Houtz.

**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

**MEMORIALS RECEIVED RECENTLY**

**Renovation Fund:**

**Frances & Helen Raymer**

Dr. Alan & Barbara Forshey  
Dr. Millie Hancock Schumpert

**Current Expense:**

**Frances & Helen Raymer**

Jim & Trilby Stockner

**Youth Fund:**

**Doug Benfield**

Dr. Millie Hancock Schumpert  
Bob & Jean Carter

**UMW Scholarship Fund:**

**Frances & Helen Raymer**

James & Roberta Morris

**THANKS TO EVERYONE** for donating books for our mobile library at the Corner Table. We're helping a great ministry to our community!

**Please continue to donate pop tabs from soda cans, soup cans, and fruit cans.** These tabs will be recycled, with the money earned being donated to the Ronald McDonald house in Winston-Salem. Monies donated are used to house parents and children who are being treated at Baptist Hospital free of charge. Monies also go to pay for chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

In fact, a newborn boy from Newton is now living there. The two-week old baby was born with a very rare type of pediatric cancer and is now under going treatment. Because of the facilities at Ronald McDonald House, the child and family are able to stay close by, without having to travel back and forth each day to Newton.

This is a great ministry! Please help us! Come by the church office and pick up a pop tap container today.

Thanks, Gayle Lowder

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER RESERVATIONS**

**Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 PM**

Hosts: United Methodist Men  
Menu: Fish Fry with all the trimmings

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH SCHEDULE****Sunday, April 11** All Youth-4:00-5:30 PM-Servant Day**Sunday, April 18**—Fun Day 12:45 PM meet at the church for Putt Putt or bowling**Sunday, April 25**—Regular Youth

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT  
AT THE BEACH  
May 21-23**

Girls currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and their mothers are invited to a weekend retreat at Oak Island. We will be watching a series of DVD's entitled "In Search of a Princess" and having a LOT OF FUN! Those mothers who are interested are asked to attend a planning meeting on April 18th at 2:00 pm in the Gomedela Room while the kids are in youth.

**ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL-April 11, 2010***"Easter: People"*4 Years: **Art**Grades K-1: **Drama**Grade 2-3: **Cookery**Grades 4-5: **Music****Teachers: March 7-April 25, 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 &amp; Scott King

Science: Michelle White/Amy White

**Parents!! Meals are needed for:****April 11—Taco Salad** \_\_\_\_\_**April 25—Chicken Nuggets** \_\_\_\_\_

Please call the Peggy at the church office if you can prepare a meal. Thanks for all your support.

**GRADUATION INFORMATION IS NEEDED**

If you or a member of your family will be graduating from high school or college, please give this information to the church office. We will honor all graduates during worship services on Sunday, June 6th.