

# *First United Methodist News*

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*January 29, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

When is the best time to serve Christ? Is it when we are strongest? Is it when we are happiest? Is it when everyone is in favor? Is it when health is good? When is the best time to serve Christ?

I recently read an interesting article on the late Dr. E. Stanley Jones, one of the greatest missionaries in Christian history. He was born January 3, 1884, and at 21 became a missionary to India, where he lived and loved almost until he died in 1973. Jones was offered the episcopacy, but declined it in favor of his mission work. E. Stanley Jones wrote his last book, The Divine Yes, at the age of 83. The age of 83 is not what makes the book so remarkable. E. Stanley Jones wrote The Divine Yes after suffering a severe stroke that paralyzed him.

But in the last fourteen months of his life Jones was convinced that God wanted him to produce still another book, the "Yes" book. He was unable to write and hardly able to see or speak. But with the help of his daughter he dictated the book as best he could into a cassette recorder. The book stands as a summary of all this world renowned Methodist missionary-evangelist did and said . . . a "last will and testament" Jones called it. The book begins as strong as a book can: "Jesus is The Yes, the divine Yes." The Divine Yes became his best-selling book, the book E. Stanley Jones is most known for.

Yet, this book was not written from a position of power, or pleasure, or comfort, or health, or ease of any measure. Which brings me back to the original question: "When is the best time to serve Christ?"

I humbly submit to you, the best time to serve Christ is when Christ invites. Old, young; wealthy, pauper; woman, man; strong, weak; Christ will invite you to be about matters which accomplish something for the Kingdom, build on your capacity, and bring glory to the Kingdom. When Christ invites you, it is blessing for you and service to others. "In Christ," Paul says, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." The very best time to serve Christ is when Christ invites you.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, February 1, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Heirloom Table" and his scripture text is Matthew 26:26-30. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgist. Acolytes will be Lindsay Vickery, Jon Jamell, Kara, Zak and Sam Kimes. Lay Readers are 8:30, David Farris, 11:00, Bill Pitts.

Francesca Rossi will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Shout the Glad Tidings" by Paul Lindsley Thomas.



As of Monday, January 26, 2009 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**St. Edward:**

Tony Beattie  
Denise Jones  
Anna Marie LaChance

**Health South:**

Tommie Hargrove

**Sparks:**

Lois Ross  
Bob Sickmann  
Chesolene Brown  
Myrna Sue Lough  
Sam Bateman

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$30,360  
Rec'd to date..... \$85,110  
Budgeted to date.....

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:** Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Walt Scales, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Clint Wilson, , Ellen Driggers, Christopher Herrmann, Dwalyyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery, Jacob Bolin, Luke Bouxsein.

**Foundation Information**

Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to the church, in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch, February 5, 2009** Ben Reid will teach Luke 8.

**Friday Morning Breakfast, February 6, 2009,** Rev. Herschel McClurkin will teach Genesis 4:1-26.



**Altar Flowers**

We have openings for Altar Flowers on February 8 and 22. If you would like to put flowers on the altar, just call the church office.

**January's Destination Station**

**Bible Verse**  
Genesis 12:2-3

God said to Abraham, "I will bless you so that you will be a blessing and through you I will bless all the nations."



**Thanks to FUMC**

for the awesome turnout for the blood drive. We collected 22 units along with five people who donated double units. I am grateful for all of you and so will **66 or more people** who will receive the blood and blood products because of your donation. Rev. Janice

**Job Opening**

We have an opening for a Receptionist in the church office. If interested, please contact Jerry Hartfield, 782-5068 or [jhartfield@fsfumc.org](mailto:jhartfield@fsfumc.org)

**Knitters and Crocheters Wanted**

We are taking knitted and crocheted dish cloths to Rio Bravo, Mexico this year. If you would like to help by making dish cloths, you can get the pattern in Janice's office or call Sandy Parker at 414-0630.



Larry Oakes, Emily Oakes, Erin Bouxsein, Erika Oakes and families on the death of their father and grandfather, Harold Oakes of Ozark.

**Infant Baptism**

Jack Lucas Wilson, son of Sarah and Dustin Wilson, was baptized Sunday, January 25, 2009 in our 8:30 worship service.



**Support Your Mission Team!**

Do you want to go on the mission trip, but can't? Here is your chance to help!

We need volunteers to cook and serve for the kick-off luncheon schedule for Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> right after church services. If you can't go and build a casita or treat sick people, can you make cookies or a casserole? And, of course, cash is always the right size and right color!

If you want to help, please call Sharon Westbrook, 452-2749.



**We rejoice with:**

Blake and Kim Weiler on the birth of a daughter, Sophie Grace Weiler. Paternal grandmother is Pam Weiler. Paternal grandfather is Bob Weiler.



## The Rio Bravo Mission Trip

God is already blessing our upcoming FSFUMC Rio Bravo Mission Trip. We now have 34 people committed to going on the trip. We still need 3-4 more

people for construction and they do not have to be members of our church. This mission trip is not just for those who are going. This is a **FSFUMC international outreach project**. The people going are representing our church and are giving of their time to further God's Kingdom. In the next few weeks here are the needs and also ways that our church can be supportive:

- **your prayers!** Pray that God will protect the health and the time of those who have committed to going. Pray also that God will provide for all the needs of this trip.
- begin **collecting** fast food toys preferably still sealed for the children who attend the medical clinics and **Spanish coloring books and crayons**. All the patients like to receive **packaged tooth brushes, tooth paste and dental floss**.
- for those who knit and crochet, we need an abundance of the **hand made dishcloths**.
- we need your **monetary support**. Cost per person is \$500. Cost of medicines in Mexico for the clinics will be \$4000 or more, cost for 2 casitas is \$4000. Estimated cost for the trip is \$25,000.
- Mark your calendars for **Sunday February 8** after the 11:00 church services, we will have a **Mexican Fiesta Lunch** in the FLC. Take out will be available. Cost is \$10. Then February 24 Shrove Tuesday, the FSFUMC Chancel Choir and the Mission Team will have a **Pancake Supper** with music provided by the Southside High School Jazz Band.
- On Sunday mornings, "**Take Stock in Rio Bravo**" stocks will be sold starting at \$10.00. These stock certificates promise to have everlasting returns for those who receive medical care and receive a new home in Mexico!

For questions or more information contact Rev Janice, Sandy Parker, David Staggs, or Lane Shipley.

## Youth Ministry Forms 101

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Sponsored by the Chancel Choir 2/24 5-7 p.m.

Fluffy pancakes  
Scrambled eggs,  
Bacon, Sausage,  
Coffee  
Juice, Milk

LENT starts the  
next day!!!!



\$8 Adult  
\$5 Child  
Family Life  
Center  
Proceeds  
go to Rio  
Bravo  
Mission  
Trip

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**

February 25  
5:30 p.m.  
Roebuck Chapel

Southside High  
School Jazz Band  
will play (6 p.m.)

Tickets in church  
office or Narthex  
next 3 Sundays

**ALL  
YOU  
CAN  
EAT**

Youth Ministry Forms 101 is a new book by Todd Vick from Create Space publishing at [wwwcreatespace.com](http://wwwcreatespace.com) and it is a resource of Uth Pastor Todd Ministries [www.uthpastortodd.blogspot.com](http://www.uthpastortodd.blogspot.com). Youth Ministry Forms 101 is a resource for youth pastors, volunteer youth workers, pastors, etc. on the use of forms in ministry as an organization and risk management tool. Topics included in the book are types of forms, using forms properly, the purpose of forms, covenant forms, and making forms work for you. In addition to the insightful information contained in this book there are over 20 sample forms for use in youth ministry. Youth workers from all backgrounds will find this resource helpful and insightful.

The author Todd Vick holds a B.S. in Youth Ministries from John Brown University and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY. He is the Minister of Lay Involvement and Young Adults at First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, AR where he works with staff and laity to equip the members of First UMC for ministry in the church as well as starting and maintaining a college ministry to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith campus. Todd is currently in his ninth year of student ministry having worked with students from Jr. High through college age in both local church and Para-church settings. He is a certified candidate for ordination as a Deacon in The United Methodist Church.

Youth Ministry Forms 101 is available now at Amazon.com, [www.uthpastortodd.blogspot.com](http://www.uthpastortodd.blogspot.com), and [wwwcreatespace.com/3344115](http://wwwcreatespace.com/3344115). The ISBN is 1-438-23149-0 and the paperback 82 page book lists for \$12.50.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**January 25, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	4
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	4
4 yr. olds	10
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	21
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	19
Grade 5	
Grade 6	14
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>83</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>10</b>
College (M315)	5
Aldersgate(Room M105)	20
Believers (Room M302)	7
Builders (RoomM209)	27
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	40
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	23
Disciples*(Room M312)	20
Discussion*(Room M301)	48
Encouragers*(Room M303)	18
Friends (Room M103)	17
Gleaners (Room M201)	36
Good News (Room M202)	5
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable (Room M213)	17
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	38
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>339</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>436</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	88
11:00 Family Life	167
11:00 Sanctuary	369
Wed. Communion	55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>679</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, February 1**

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9-10 - Baseball Sign-up, Narthex  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 10:30 - Baseball Sign-up, FLC  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 12:00 - Created by God, Child Area  
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

**Monday, February 2**

11:30 - Intro to New Test, FLC102  
 5:00 - Bldg. & Grounds, M107  
 6:00 - Disciple II, M103  
 6:00 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.  
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200  
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Tuesday, February 3**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.  
 1:30 - Archives Room Open  
 6:30 - Ballroom Dancing, Loft

**Wednesday, February 4**

6 a.m. - Men's Fraternity, Gym  
 9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.  
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall  
 1:30 - Exercise Class, M105  
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.  
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M2001  
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 5**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC  
 6:00 - Admin. Board Meets, M201

**Friday, February 6**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC  
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside rm.

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230 AM.**

**Vision:**

A complete church – always under construction.

**Mission:**

Fort Smith First United Methodist Church is here to follow the Shepherd, to seek the lost, to feed the sheep, all to the glory of God.

**Rev. David Orr**  
**Emergency**  
**on call Minister for**  
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