

First United Methodist News

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February 19, 2009

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Gorman Williams spent most of his life as a missionary to India. In 1945 he purchased tickets for a long-awaited vacation back to the United States. He had counted down the months and days until he would be home. A few days before he was to leave he heard about some Jews who had escaped the wrath of the Nazis. They had traveled by boat to India seeking refuge. Since it was a time of global war, the Indian government denied their request to immigrate. They were granted permission to stay for a short time in the lofts of the buildings near the dock. Their living conditions were wretched. But it was better than being sent to a concentration camp in Germany.

It was Christmas Eve when Gorman Williams heard about the plight of these Jews. Immediately he went to the dock, entered the first building and called out, "Merry Christmas! What would you like for Christmas?" The response was slow. "We're Jewish," someone called out. "I know," Williams said, "but what would you like for Christmas?" The weary Jews, fearful for their very lives, replied, "We would like some German pastries."

At that point Gorman Williams sold his ticket to the United States and purchased more German pastries than anyone had ever seen. He brought lots and lots of them and carried them in large baskets.

Later he told this story to a group of students. One brash, judgmental young man reprimanded him. "You shouldn't have done that," he said, "they were not even Christians." "No they weren't," the wise missionary quietly replied, "but I am."

Live the Christian life whether or not people around you understand. Live the Christian life because Christ is alive in you.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, February 22, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "The Shaping of Faith" and his scripture text is Mark 9:2-9. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Caitlin Bradley and Kate Truitt. Lay Readers will be 8:30, Louise Finney, 11:00, Bob Swofford.

The Chancel Ringers will play at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. The Bayliss Hall Singers, Choir II will sing at the 11:00 service. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "O God, You are My God" by Jane Marshall.



As of Monday, February 16, 2009 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

St. Edward:

Anna Marie Lachance
Mazie Chesser
Maxine Eggenesperger

Sparks:

Annalee Felton
Vida Herrington

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$51,410
Rec'd to date..... \$183,771
Budgeted to date.....\$180,355

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, Dwalyne Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery, Jacob Bolin, Luke Bouxsein.

Foundation Information

Did you know that an estimated 70% of all people who die do not have a Will or Living Trust? Without proper estate planning, no charity can receive gifts from your estate. Be sure your estate planning is up to date. Do you know who your heirs will be? Is your church a beneficiary of your estate?

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday, Noon Lunch, February 26, 2009, Jim Bolin will teach Luke 11.

Friday Morning Breakfast, February 27, 2009, Charlie Reutzel will teach Genesis 7:1-24.

**February's Destination Station
Bible Verse**

Matthew 3:17

God said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased."



**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
Sponsored by the Chancel
Choir**

**Tuesday, February 24
5:00—7 p.m.**

**\$8 Adult \$5 Child
Family Life Center**

**Proceeds go to Rio Bravo
Mission Trip.**

**Come support our OWN
missionaries!**

**Bring your partner and dance
to the**

**Southside High School
JAZZ BAND!**

**Fluffy pancakes, Scrambled
eggs, Aromatic Bacon,
Spicy Sausage
Coffee, Juice, Milk**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!
PLEASE get your TICKETS
in the Narthex, on 2nd Floor or
in the Family Life Center,
Sunday, Feb. 22,
so we will know how much to
cook!**



Troop 2 Scouts

collected 600 pounds of food at the "Scouting for Food" Saturday. If you have a bag of food that was not picked up, you may bring it to the church to be added to the food collected by our Scouts. Thanks for your support.

Sub-group "Lydia" will meet with Loretta Parker, 2720 So. Waldron Rd. on Tuesday, February 24 at 1:00 p.m.



February 25th is Ash Wednesday. We will have an Ash Wednesday Communion and Imposition of Ashes service in Roebuck Chapel at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for this very meaningful service that will begin our season of Lent.

Basic Lay Speaking Course

Mark your calendars for a Basic Lay Speaking Course at Clarksville First UMC on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be getting applications shortly from the District Office and will have more information at that time.

**Cross Cultural Missionaries
Needed**

Have you ever wanted to participate in a cross cultural mission experience but were afraid of leaving the country, didn't have the money, or the time? Now you can participate in a cross cultural mission experience without leaving the country, the cost is small, and the time involved is minimal. The Bridge, our campus ministry to the UA Fort Smith is in desperate need of missionaries (i.e. volunteers that love God and college students) willing to step into the culture of the local college campus and provide a meal for our free Monday Meals program. All that is required of you is to provide, either yourself or with a group, a meal (the entree, dessert, and drinks) for about 30 hungry college students one Monday a semester.

If you are interested in being one of our cross cultural missionaries or would like more information please contact Todd Vick - College Minister at 479-782-5068 or Cassandra Arnhart, College Ministry Intern at 479-936-1086

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**. Patterns in Janice's office.
- 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.
- 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.

Lenten Bible Study with our Pastors

The Pastors of FUMC will be hosting a four week study Tuesdays, beginning March 3, 12:00-1:00 p.m. This study will be held in three locations, the Family Life Center, Western Sizzlin on Towson, and Western Sizzlin on Rogers.

The four week study is based on the book "Neglected Voices". Cost of the book is \$9.00. A catered meal will be served at the church for \$8.00 and at the Western Sizzlin locations the buffet will be \$6.79 (plus drink and tax). Once you choose a location, it is recommended that you go to that location every week, as the Pastors will be moving around each week to teach the four lessons.

Lenten Lunches on Mondays

Once again the downtown churches will sponsor Monday Lenten Lunches. Here is the schedule:

March 2nd at St. John's - Rev. David Orr, speaker
March 9th at I.C. - Rev. Bill Galbraith, speaker
March 16th at First Pres. - Rev. Cathy Ulrich, speaker
March 23rd at Central Pres. - Rev. Marti Dalby, speaker
March 30th at First UMC - Deacon Greg Pair, speaker
Lunch @ 11:45 & 12:45 - Service @ 12:15-12:45.

Catch the Vision Sunday February 22, 2009

There will be special offering envelopes in your bulletins this Sunday for *Catch the Vision*. *Catch the Vision* funds will be used exclusively for...

1. site purchases for new churches;
2. assistance for start-up and first meeting facilities for new churches;
3. assistance for the first phase of the building program for new churches within the first five years; or
4. assistance for new faith communities growing out of existing congregations as extension (second campus) ministries.

Mailing your gift to *Catch the Vision* will help to start at least three new Arkansas congregations each year in response to the changing demographics of Arkansas.



Jill Lemley, Kristin and Chase Lemley and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Allene Brown.

Michael Polinsky and family on the death of his father, John Polinsky.

Gladys Henningson and family on the death of her brother, Harold Dean Shelby.

Memorials

In Memory of Thomas Culp - John & Harriet Beasley; Warren & Cynthia Giss; Jack & Louanna Green; Janice & Bob Powell; Ted & Ginger Taylor; Carol Sue & Alan Wooten

In Memory of Thomas Davis - Marlin & Janet Fretheim

In Memory of Tom Fleri - Cole Goodman

In Memory of Herbert Freeman - John & Harriet Beasley; Marilyn Herbert Crawford; Jack & Louanna Green; Pam & Randy O'Kelley; Rudd Ross

In Memory of Laurie Crowley Hensler - Mike & Barbara Helm

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
February 15, 2009**

Class	Attendance
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	4
4 yr. olds	9
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	17
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	11
Grade 5	
Grade 6	10
CHILDREN'S DIV.	65
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	13
College (M315)	4
Aldersgate(Room M105)	23
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	27
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	41
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	24
Disciples (Room M312)	--
Discussion*(Room M301)	48
Encouragers*(Room M303)	23
Friends (Room M103)	10
Gleaners (Room M201)	37
Good News (Room M202)	9
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	27
Seekers*(Room M107)	10
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
ADULT TOTALS	323
General Officers	3
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	404
Worship:	
8:30	74
11:00 Family Life	195
11:00 Sanctuary	275
Wed. Communion	40
TOTALS	584

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, February 22

8:30 - Breakfast, FLC
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center
 2:00 - Shoal Creek Mtg., Conf. Rm.
 4:30 - Down Home Singin, Roebuck Chapel w/reception in Narthex
 6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, February 25

6 a.m. - Men's Fraternity, Gym
 9:15 - Beth Moore, Fireside Rm.
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - General Staff Meets, Fireside Rm.
 1:30 - Exercise Class, M105
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
 5:30 - Ash Wed. Service, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200
 7:00 - Youth Study, Loft
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 23

11:30 - Intro to New Test, FLC102
 6:00 - Cub Scouts Pack, Gym
 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, 3rd Floor

Thursday, February 26

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.
 6:30 - Angel Food Meeting, FLC101

Tuesday, February 24

10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open
 5-7 - Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper, FLC
 6:30 - Care Pkg. Trng., Conf. Rm.

Friday, February 27

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC

Saturday, February 28

9:30 - Angel Food Pick-up, Gym
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. Janice Sudbrink
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 February 20-22
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