

# *First United Methodist News*

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*April 23, 2009*

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

God always shows up. While it appeared on the day of crucifixion that God had forsaken the world, the Day of Resurrection corrected our perspective. This past Sunday, God showed up @ FUMC. We are but one of the millions of places God was present in on Sunday, for certain. Let there be no doubt, God is in this place.

In the energetic and innocent lives of the children of the Weekday School and the Child Enrichment Center, we saw God. Their glee and their earnest faith touched hearts and souls all around the Sanctuary. Thank you, Lord, for letting your light shine through these children we love!

In the remarkable talents of the Arkansas Tech University Choir, Gary Morris, Director, we beheld the presence of God. These students were engaged in worship. These students led the Sanctuary service in worship. I saw and heard the Word of the Lord in these students' lives.

In the resilient presence of the Chancel Choir, seated together in worship, in participation with the ATU Choir, in leadership in worship, and in honor of Mrs. Mary Russell, God was manifested.

In the leadership of Ashley Washington in the Connexion service, God was at work opening doors of unity and bringing power and blessing to everyone in worship. In the moving and graceful songs of Jonathan Karrant in the Chapel, God was speaking to people and people were hearing.

Not just in music, but in the reading of the scriptures and in the creeds and in the acts of faithful financial stewardship and in the lighting of candles and in the dignity of the prayers and in the welcoming posture of this congregation and in the mission heart of this church, God was present and presiding. In and through the various components of worship, God was fully present.

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The Rio Bravo Mission Team will share some of their experiences from the recent mission this Sunday, April 26th, 9:45 in the Family Life Center. You will hear great stories, see great pictures, and hear that God showed up in Rio Bravo.

Babies will be honored in the Sanctuary service this Sunday, as another sign that God shows up.

See you, Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 and 11:00 services in our Sanctuary. His sermon is entitled, "Place Your Hand Upon the Bible" and his scripture text is Luke 24:36-48. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgist. Acolytes will be Lindsay Vickery and Kelsey Vickery. Our lay readers will be 8:30, Brian Gaines, 11:00, Jerry Carter.

Sharon Weir will be our soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Zion at Thy Shining Gates" by K. Lee Scott and "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen" by Karl D. Wienand.



As of Monday, April 20, 2009 the following members were know to be in the hospital:

**St. Edward:**  
Mary Edwards  
Connie Clement  
Jane Williams

**BY YOUR GIFTS. . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$29,614  
Rec'd to date..... \$436,575  
Budgeted to date.....\$412,240

**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**

Avoiding probate or minimizing estate taxes at death require proper planning. When you are doing this planning, consider making a gift to your Church Foundation.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch, April 30, 2009,** Rev. Stephen Dickinson will teach Luke 20.

**Friday Morning Breakfast, May 1, 2009,** Dr. Boyd Saviers will teach Luke 5.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for April  
Matthew 28:19**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.



**The Altar Flowers**  
for Sunday, April 26, 2009 are placed in memory of Wayne "Jack" Ross, Sr. by

his daughter, Pat Ross Davis.

**Altar Flower Openings**

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **May 31, June 7 & 14.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.

**Vacation Bible School!  
Mark your Calendars!  
June 15-19!**

We would love for you to help. The week is always so much fun! If you would like to help, please contact Elizabeth Thames at 452-1684.



**Heading to College?  
Need financial help?**

Apply for a First Church scholarship. Applications can be found in the church office or on our web site [www.fsfumc.org](http://www.fsfumc.org) under the forms tab on the home page. Scholarship are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. For more info, contact Rev. Claire Hoffman, 782-5068.



**Down Home Singin' this Sunday** will be spectacular! The Barber Shop Quartet will be here with their wonderful blend of

music. Jim Cheyne will be our guest leader. Make plans to come and hear this wonderful music. Singing starts at 6:00 p.m.

We will serve strawberry shortcake in the Narthex, after the singin'.

**Sub-group "Lydia"** will meet on Tuesday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. with Fran Bateman, 1714 Hendricks Blvd.



Frank and Rosie Anderson, Mark Anderson and their families on the death of their daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, Sandy Anderson.

Lois Ross and family on the death of her husband, Wayne "Jack" Ross.

Keri Cheyne Cousins, Jim and Jeanne Cheyne and their families on the death of their husband and son-in-law, William "Will" James Cousins, III.

The family and friends of Mrs. Mary Russell.



Did you know that the church library, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, has a variety of current magazines for you to take home? Titles include: *Time, Esquire, Entertainment Weekly, Town & Country, New York Magazine, USA Today Sports Weekly, Sports Illustrated, Forbes, Baseball Digest and Sporting News.*

Please feel free to take them home and read them at your leisure. If you are a quick reader, you may return them to the basket in the library. Otherwise, pass them on to a friend or recycle them.



First Church has a beautiful prayer room on the second floor of the main building, room M203. It is open when the church

is open and is there for everyone's use.

If you haven't seen the prayer room, why don't you drop by and take a look.

### Relay for Life

Mark your calendars now to participate in the Relay for Life, April 24, 6:00 p.m., on the campus of UAFS, to help fund cancer research and caring for those who have cancer. FUMC Cancer support group will be there walking and you will still be able to purchase luminaries. Each luminary will be lit and each name announced at 9:00 p.m. on April 24. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Association. For more information, contact Marlene Brown, 452-1231 or Sandra Adams, 782-3376.



### Meal Prices to Increase May 4, 2009

Due to the increase in food costs over the past few years, without adjusting our prices any, we are increasing the price of our meals as follows:

**Lunch meals will be \$5.00**

**Evening meals will be \$6.00\***

(\*or as posted for special order menus)

These prices were established by the church administration and the Finance Committee.

*Annual Gathering*  
**April 25, 2009 - First United Methodist Church  
Family Life Center**

**United Methodist Historical Society, Inc.  
West District, Arkansas Conference  
Annual meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m.**

**Reservations will need to be called or mailed to Doris  
Beaty (479) 484-1217 by deadline  
Monday, April 20, 2009**

**Cost for lunch and program will be \$10.00  
Local church exhibits wanted!!**

**Program leaders: Terry Gosnell, Pastor of Trinity,  
Fayetteville and David Freeman, Associate Pastor,  
FUMC, Springdale.**



We will be placing vases of **red** roses on the altar in memory and in honor of mothers for Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to purchase one, please fill out the form below and mail it with a check for \$5.00 **per rose, per name.**

**Deadline for ordering is  
Thursday, April 30.** No phone orders please.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



**Make plans to attend  
the  
Rio Bravo Mission  
Trip**



Slide Show and Report  
to the Church this Sunday, **April 26**, during the  
Sunday School Hour at 9:45 a.m., in the Family Life  
Center.

### Job Opening for College Ministry Intern

First Church is seeking a bright, enthusiastic, responsible individual to serve in a ten month college ministry internship from Aug.1-May 31. You will work closely with the college minister to fulfill the mission of The Bridge United Methodist Campus Ministry, an outreach to the U of A, Fort Smith. You will work a minimum of 20 hours that include Sunday mornings and applicants should have completed their freshman year of college. For more information and a complete job description, contact Todd Vick at [tvick@fsfumc.org](mailto:tvick@fsfumc.org) or check out our web site at [www.fsfumc.org](http://www.fsfumc.org).

If interested send resume and cover letter to Todd Vick, 200 N. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Fort Smith, AR 72901.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
April 19, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	2
Toddlers	5
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	4
4 yr. olds	9
Kindergarten	
Grade 1	
Grade 2	18
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	15
Grade 5	
Grade 6	10
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>63</b>

Grade 7, 8, 9,  
Grade 10,11, & 12

<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>7</b>
College (M315)	5
Aldersgate(Room M105)	18
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	28
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	38
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	17
Disciples (Room M312)	12
Discussion*(Room M301)	45
Encouragers*(Room M303)	18
Friends (Room M103)	15
Gleaners (Room M201)	33
Good News (Room M202)	4
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable (Room M213)	16
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	29

<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>299</b>
General Officers	3
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>372</b>

<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	63
11:00 Family Life	176
11:00 Sanctuary	585
Communion	56
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>880</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, April 26**

8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
4:00 -Baseball Cookout, FLC  
5:00 - Youth Parents' Mtg., M303  
6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck Chapel w/ reception in Narthex  
6:30 - Combined Youth, Loft

**Monday, April 27**

11:30 - Intro to New Test., FLC102  
6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
6:00 - Disciple II, M103  
6:00 - Angela Thomas Study, Fireside  
6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.  
6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200

**Tuesday, April 28**

10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.  
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204  
5:30 - Stephen Min. FLC101 & 102  
6:00 - College Care Pkgs., Fireside

**Wednesday, April 29**

6am - Men's Fraternity, Gym  
9:15 - Angela Thomas Study, Fireside Rm.  
10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall  
12:00 - General Staff, Fireside Rm.  
3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall  
5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conference Room  
6:00 - Disciple IV, M200  
6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall  
6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 30**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Conf. Rm.  
12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC  
6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.

**Friday, May 1**

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 1230AM.**

**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  
April 24-26  
Phone: 459-5060**

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