

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

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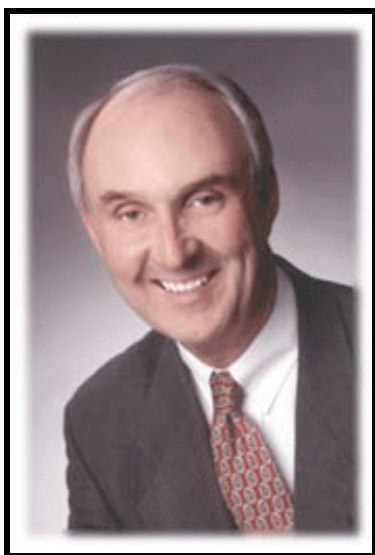
Rev. William Cheyne

Rev. Herschel McClurkin

May 20, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

WILLIAM W. HUTCHINSON, Bishop, Louisiana Area of The United Methodist Church is our preacher for Sunday, May 23rd.



Bishop Hutchinson was elected Bishop in 2000 and has served the Louisiana Area since that election. In Louisiana he has been a calm presence in the face and the aftermath of storms. He has inspired the United Methodists and the people of Louisiana throughout the recovery and rebuilding efforts following Katrina. He is not helping the churches to just "hang on"; but rather, he is visioning and guiding the Conference to newness beyond the damage and changes experienced by the churches of Louisiana.

Hutchinson is the Bishop who relates to the Foundation for Evangelism. There, he is an advocate for the cause of evangelism through the specific work of the Foundation. The Foundation has numerous programs, but the largest and most well known is their work in providing endowments placing a Professor of Evangelism in each of our 13 United Methodist seminaries. The Foundation for Evangelism is a friend to every United Methodist congregation.

As a preacher, Bishop Hutchinson knows the scriptures, the Lord, the realities of our world and the people with whom he shares. His preaching is alive, dynamic and relevant. You will find your mind and your heart enriched, challenged and inspired through the preaching ministry of Bishop Hutchinson.

Rio Bravo Mission Report

Family Life Center

May 23rd, 9:45

"Holy Grounds Coffee" will be set up in Family Life

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Bishop William Hutchinson will preach the Chapel and Sanctuary services. To allow everyone the gift of hearing Bishop Hutchinson we have only one 11:00 a.m. service this week, in the sanctuary. The Connexion resumes service May 30th in the Family Life. Bishop Hutchinson's sermon is entitled "My Karma Ran Over My Dogma" and his scripture text is Acts 2:1-21. Rev. David Orr will be the Liturgist. Acolytes will be Amy Truitt and Joey Winters.

Linda Dickson will be the soloist at 8:30. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "God is the Lord of Everything" by John A. Behnke and accompanied by the Ladybells and "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" by Craig Courtney.



As of Monday, May 17, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital:

No members were listed in hospital as of 5/17.

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$12,029
 Rec'd to date.....\$605,291
 Budgeted to date.....\$665,040

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:

Doug Wilderman, Robert Henley, Jack Dunn, Josh McKinney, Wade Hendrickson

Foundation Information

Trusts allow you to make a gift to the church in the future. You may set up the trust now, keep the income for yourself or other beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. The church would receive the property after that. Current income tax deductions can be available.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, May 27, 2010 - Rev. Stephen Dickinson will teach Acts 25.

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., May 28, 2010 - Dr. David Phillips will teach Acts 9.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for May
 Matthew 16:15-16**

Who do you say that I am? You are the Messiah. The Son of the living God



Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for Altar Flowers: **July 4, 11, 18 and 25.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, just call the church office, 782-5068.



Sign up Now for VBS June 21-25

Join us for a High Seas Adventure!

**May 23 - 9:45 a.m. Rio Bravo Mission report and slide show.
 11:00 a.m. - Combined service in Sanctuary - Bishop William Hutchinson preaching**



Announcing the FUMC Summer Reading Program!!

Do you want to read some good books this summer and win cool prizes? If so, join us for the FUMC Summer Reading Program. The program is open to Kindergarten through 6th graders (Grade completed in May) and will begin on Sunday, May 30.

Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet and rules in the weeks ahead.

Shoal Creek Camp Work Day

On Saturday, May 22, Shoal Creek Methodist Camp, in New Blaine, will host another work day in preparation for the upcoming camping season. The "To Do List" will be available at the camp. Workers should bring whatever tools you think you might need. (Some items on the list include cleaning windows and yard work.) The day will start around 9 am and lunch will be provided.



Dr. Pat Phillips and family on the death of his brother, Edwin Earl Phillips of Texarkana, AR.



Down Home Singin' is Changing

We will not be having Down Home Singin' every month. We will continue to meet four times each year. Watch for the dates and exciting details.

Thanks to all who have supported Down Home Singin' by helping or participating.

Hey Kids

Bring the following items for the Children's Disaster Kits for storm victims and earn 50 extra points per item:

- Coloring books
- Colored Pencils
- Children's Storybooks
- Cuddly Stuffed Toy
- Small toy emergency vehicles, (police, fire, ambulance)

Bring these items to Sunday School.

Hey Seniors, College and Grad Students!!!

The 2010-2011 Scholarship Application is due June 1, 2010. We have changed the date so that you will be better prepared. Go to our website www.fsfumc.org under the forms tab to download one now or come by the church office and pick up a form. Please send completed form to Rev. Claire Caldwell

Signup Now!

For the *Women of Faith* "Imagine" Conference in Tulsa on August 27-28. Cost \$89.00 for conference and lunch.

Featured speakers include Michelle Aguilar, Lisa Harper, Karen James, Luci Swindol, and Sheila Walsh.

Visit the website to check it out www.womenoffaith.com/imagine



Are You Going to the Fort Smith Classic?

If you are planning on attending the Fort Smith Classic June 14-20, 2010 please list **The Bridge Campus Ministry** as your designated ticket charity and we will receive 100% of the cost of your ticket for our ministry. It's a win, win situation, enjoy great golf and provide funds to help The Bridge minister to the students at UA Fort Smith.

For more information on the golf tournament or to purchase tickets visit <http://fortsmithclassic.com>.

For more information about The Bridge or this fundraiser visit www.thebridgecampusministry.org or contact Todd Vick at tvick@fsfumc.org or 479-782-5068.

On April 30 and May 1, 2010, Arkansas was ravaged with storms that destroyed homes and devastated communities. We have received word from Arkansas Rice Depot in Little Rock of a critical need for cleaning buckets.

Cleaning Bucket Items:

- 5 gallon bucket with lid,
 - 1 Scrub Brush
 - 5 Scouring Pads
 - 18 Cleaning Towels (reusable)
 - Sponges, assorted size 7 pack
 - Laundry Detergent 50 oz.
 - Household Cleaner 12 oz.
 - Disinfectant Dish Soap 28 oz.
 - 50 Clothespins
 - Clothesline 100 ft. x 3/16"
 - Dust Masks 5 pack
 - Latex Gloves 2 pair pack
 - Work Gloves 1 pair
 - Trash Bags 45 gal 24 bag roll
 - Insect Spray, 14 oz.
 - Air Freshener, 9 oz.
- Place all items in the buckets and seal the lid with duct tape. Bring your items to the Narthex area.
- You may also make financial gifts to help purchase these items.

*Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Copley
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Emily Diane
to
Justin Benjamin Lowrey
son of
Mr. Samuel Lowrey and
Mrs. Audrey Lowrey-Hall
Saturday, the twenty-ninth of May
two thousand ten
at half past six o'clock in the evening
in the Sanctuary*



Do you have a new email address?

Do we have your email address?

Please let us know, so that we may keep your membership records up-to-date. Thank you.

Angel Food Ministry

is raising money by encouraging you to honor a loved one this Memorial Day. For a \$10 donation, the Angel Food committee will mail a special card to the family. All monies will help supply low cost food to needy families in the area. Fill out the form below and mail or drop it by the church office:

Name of Loved One: _____

Card to:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, & Zip _____

Donor's Name _____

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
May 16, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	9
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	2
Kindergarten	5
Grade 1	
Grade 2	8
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	9
CHILDREN'S DIV.	33
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	3
College	3
Aldersgate(Room M105)	
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders (RoomM209)	21
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	35
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	17
Disciples Room M312)	9
Discussion*(Room M301)	40
Encouragers (Room M303)	9
Friends (Room M103)	-
Gleaners (Room M201)	25
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable (Room M213)	19
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
ADULT TOTALS	258
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	329
Ethnos Youth	
Worship:	
8:30	67
11:00 FLC	178
11:00 Sanctuary	290
Wed. Communion	50
TOTALS	585

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, May 23

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Combined Worship, Sanctuary
 5:00 - Cancer Support, M201
 6-8 - Youth, Loft

Wednesday, May 26

10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 12:00 - General Staff @ Bridge Campus
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Sign Language, M200
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 24

11:30 - Intro to N.T., FLC102
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, May 27

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, FLC

Tuesday, May 25

10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.
 12:00 - Trustees Meet, FLC102
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 6:00 - Council on Ministries, M103

Friday, May 28

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. Stephen Dickinson
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May 21-23
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