

# ***First United Methodist News***

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*Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield*

*District Superintendent:*

*Dr. Robert C. Bell*

*Rev. David P. Orr, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Beth Turner*

*Rev. Janice Sudbrink*

*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

*Rev. William Cheyne*

*Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*June 12, 2008*

**Reverend Beth Turner to preach in Chapel and Sanctuary services  
this Sunday.**

**This will be Beth's last Sunday at First Church and we will be honoring her with  
a reception in the Narthex following the 11:00 a.m. services. Please join us  
as we let Beth know how very much she has meant to First Church.**

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## **WELCOME BACK!**

**First Church welcomes back our Pastors from Annual Conference.**

**Reverend David Orr**

**Reverend Janice Sudbrink**

**Reverend Stephen Dickinson**

**and we welcome our new Pastor appointed to First Church at Annual Conference**

**Reverend Claire Hoffman**

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins Monday, June 16 and will continue  
through Friday, June 20.**

**Our Vacation Bible School will lead us in a combined worship service in the  
Family Life Center at 11:00 a.m. on June 22.**

### **-SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. Beth Turner will preach at the 8:30 Roebuck Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. Her sermon is entitled, "Stay in Love with God" and her scripture text is John 21:15-19. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Family Life Center service. Rev. David Orr and Rev. Janice Sudbrink will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Caitlin Bradley and Kelsey Vickery. Lay Readers will be 8:30, David Adrion, 11:00, Sharon Chapman.

Randy O'Kelley will be the soloist at the 8:30 offertory time. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "O Jesus, I Have Promised" by Howard Helvey and "Give to the Lord" by John F. Wilson



As of Monday, June 9, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**St. Edward:**  
Tom Cooley  
**Sparks:**  
Mina McCoy  
Robert Marley

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd on 6/1 - \$21,558 - on 6/8 - \$35,047  
Rec'd to date.....\$611,825  
Budgeted to date..... \$766,797

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

Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Jacob, Matthew and Luke Bouxsein, Walt Scales, Jeff Nester, Chuck Bowen, Richard McKinnie, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Heath Peters, Brandon Hattabaugh, Jacob Bolin, Clint Wilson, Michael Parker, Christina Bargiel, Patrick Ellis, Ellen Driggers, Rick Whittaker, Christopher Herrmann, Timothy Gean, Dwalyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine.

**Destination Station's Bible Verse for June Psalm 121:2**

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Foundation Information**

How long has it been since you updated your Will? Does it carry out your wishes? Does it leave any gift to the church to carry on the ministry after your death? FUMC Foundation is here to assist you.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday Noon Bible Study & Lunch** (\$4.00) June 19 - Rev. David Orr teaching.

**Friday Morning Bible Study & Breakfast** (\$4.00) June 20, Jean Williams teaching Ezekiel 29:1-32:32



**VBS BEACH PARTY!**

T-shirt sales and registration will still be going on this Sunday, June 15. If you haven't already gotten yours, stop by the VBS tables on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor above the Narthex. Size quantities are limited, so get yours soon.



**Open Dates for Altar Flowers**

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **June 29 and July 6, 13, 20, 27.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, just call the church office for more information, 782-5068.

**United Methodist Women**

will meet on Tuesday, June 17 at 5:45 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the Family Life Center. Laurette Wright from the Mission Church will be our entertainment.

All women are invited to join us for dinner and fellowship.



We welcome the Grosskreuz family, Frank, Leica and Brandon to our church family by transfer from another denomination.

We welcome the Apple family, Russell, Hui and Vivian to our church family by Profession of Faith.

The Grosskreuz family and the Apple family joined at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service on June 8, 2008.



Robert Gregg and family on the death of his grandson, Jason Gregg of Dallas.

Thomas Clark and family on the death of his mother, Glyna Clark.

Patricia Ragsdale and family on the death of her mother, Freda Rowe.

Don DeSoto and family on the death of his grandfather, George DeSoto of New Iberia, LA.

Sue Smith and family on the death of her father, A. G. Benham.

**Relay for Life is Friday Night**

**June 13, 6:00 p.m.**

**Southside High School**

Bring a lawn chair and come to the First UMC tents at Southside High School Football field for a fun time of fellowship, music, chances to win donated prizes and wonderful food to purchase. All proceeds going to support the American Cancer Society. You will not want to miss the **Survivors Walk** that will begin at 9:00 p.m. The whole track and stadium will be lit with luminaries. Come and support your church at this wonderful event.



**The Altar Flowers**

for Sunday, June 9, 2008 are placed in loving memory of Dr. Douglas Parker, Jr. He was a very special blessing and gift to all of our lives. Given by his wife Melissa, children Wade and Zoie, his parents Doug and Loretta and his brother Kyle and his family.



## Heading to College?? Need Financial Help??

Apply now for a First UMC scholarship. We have applications available in the church office, or you may print one off, from our website, [www.fsfumc.org](http://www.fsfumc.org) Applications are due by July 2, 2008. For more information, contact Rev. Beth Turner, 782-5068.

## Christian Character Award

Each week in Rotation Sunday School, a child from each class, grades 1-6, who demonstrate good Christian character during the Sunday School hour receive this award. The following students have earned this award by listening, participating and being kind to others. They receive a certificate, 50 points and newsletter recognition.

The recent recipients are:

### 1st and 2nd Grades

Amy Truitt  
Julia Brixey  
Rylee Norton X 3  
Erik Batt  
Alexis Quick

### 3rd and 4th Grades

Alexandra Salamone  
Elizabeth Hinshaw  
Emily Sparkman X 2  
Hadley Dickinson  
Kelsey Vickery  
Joey Winters  
Sophie Price  
Brynn Trahan  
Justin Hattabough  
Nickolas Gregory

### 5th and 6th Grades

Kameron Morton  
Taylor Dooly X2  
Zak Kimes  
Jake Ingram  
Alex Foree  
Emma Jones  
Bailey Price  
Brecken Ingram X2  
Eve Jagers  
Caylee Phillips  
Lindsay Vickery X2

Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

***You are invited to a reception***

***honoring***

***Rev. Beth Turner***

***on***

***Sunday, June 15, 2008,***

***in the Narthex,***

***immediately following the 11:00 a.m.***

***worship services.***

***We will also be giving Rev. Turner a love offering. If you would like to contribute to this love offering, mail your check to the church and mark it for Rev. Turner.***

### **The Weekday School**

has a wonderful teaching position available for the 2008-2009 school year. Wouldn't you love to spend Tuesdays and Thursdays with smiling little 3-year olds? Wouldn't you love to be a part of a great group of women who laugh and lift each other up? If so, the Weekday School has the job for you. Call Christie Jacobs, 782-8855, for more info.

### **S.O.S.S. (Savers of Strange Stuff)**

VBS needs **bright** colored beach umbrellas, a surf board, boogie boards, some bright colored beach towels, and bright colored Adirondack chairs. Anything that would lend itself to our VBS theme: BEACH PARTY! Surfin' Through the Scriptures. Thank you, The FUMC VBS Team.

**Mark your calendars!**

**for a combined 11:00 a.m. worship service in**

**the Family Life Center**

**on June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**VBS Sunday**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE**

**June 8, 2008**

| <b>Class</b>                  | <b>Attendance</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Infants                       | 6                 |
| Toddlers                      | 7                 |
| 2 yr. olds                    | 7                 |
| 3 yr. olds                    | 10                |
| 4 yr. olds                    | 6                 |
| Kindergarten                  | 9                 |
| Grade 1and                    |                   |
| Grade 2                       |                   |
| Grade 3and                    |                   |
| Grade 4                       | 24                |
| Grade 5                       |                   |
| Grade 6                       | 9                 |
| <b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>        | <b>78</b>         |
| Grade 7, 8, 9,                |                   |
| Grade 10,11, & 12             | 24                |
| <b>YOUTH DIV.</b>             | <b>24</b>         |
| Aldersgate(Room M105)         | 22                |
| Believers (Room M308)         | 6                 |
| Builders*(RoomM209)           | 32                |
| Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel) | 36                |
| Cornerstones*(Room M311)      | 24                |
| Disciples*(Room M312)         | 22                |
| Discussion*(Room M301)        | 35                |
| Encouragers*(Room M310)       | 23                |
| Friends (Room M103)           | 9                 |
| Gleaners (Room M201)          | 36                |
| Good News (Room M202)         | 9                 |
| Le Menage*(Room M306)         | 7                 |
| Roundtable*(Room M213)        | 22                |
| Seekers*(Room M107)           | 11                |
| Uplifters*(Room M205)         | 25                |
| <b>ADULT TOTALS</b>           | <b>319</b>        |
| General Officers              | 3                 |
| *Made their quota             |                   |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                 | <b>424</b>        |

| <b>Worship:</b>   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 8:30              | 78         |
| 11:00 Family Life | 186        |
| 11:00 Sanctuary   | 306        |
| Wed. Communion    | 48         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>618</b> |

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, June 15**

8:15 - Prayer Team, M203  
 8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open, M211  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 12:00 - Reception for Rev. Beth Turner, Narthex  
 12:00 - VBS Set-up, Gym  
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gym  
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

**Monday, June 16**

8:45-12:00 - VBS  
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Tuesday, June 17**

8:45-12:00 - VBS  
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204  
 5:45 - UMW Meets, Fireside Rm.

**Wednesday, June 18**

8:45-12:00 - VBS  
 11:00 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel  
 12:00 - CEC Board, FLC102  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 6:15 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel  
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, June 19**

8:45-12:00 - VBS  
 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex  
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC  
 6:30 - Angel Food Mtg., FLC101

**Friday, June 20**

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

**Saturday, June 21**

9:30 - Angel Food Pick-up, Gym

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and 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. Beth Turner  
 Emergency  
 on call Minister for  
 June 13-15  
 Phone: 459-5060**

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