

# *First United Methodist News*

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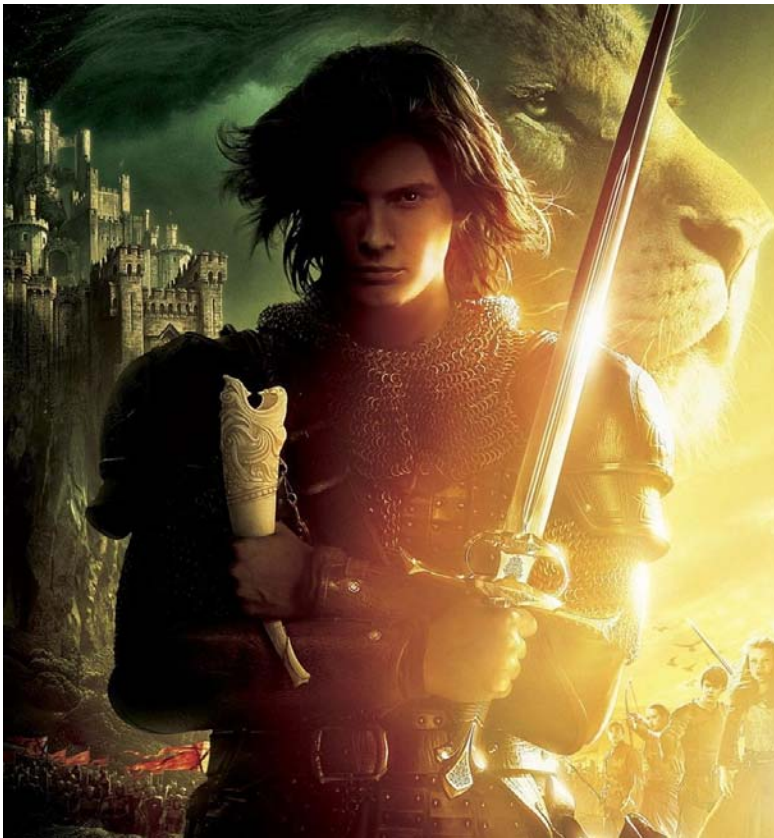
*Rev. Stephen Dickinson*

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*Rev. Herschel McClurkin*

*June 26, 2008*

## **Journey Back to Faith Series**



"Journey Back to Faith" series begins

June 29—

"What is Faith?"

Romans 4:16

Memory Verse

Hebrews 11

July 6—

"Remember Who You Really Are"

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Memory Verse

1Peter 2:9

July 13—

"Follow His Footsteps"

John 10:3-5

Memory Verse—

Proverbs 3:6

July 20—

"Be Courageous"

Isaiah 40:28-31

Memory Verse—

Deuteronomy 31:6

Faith is an interesting thing. It's hard to explain and even harder to defend. Faith defies logic, common sense, and sometimes it defies what we have been taught. In a world that's filled with deception and half-truths it can be difficult to believe in something that we cannot see or witness for ourselves. Yet, as Christians, that's exactly what we are called to do—BELIEVE. Join us for an exciting journey back to faith as we seek to discover or rediscover who we are as children of God.

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### **-SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. Claire Hoffman will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. Her sermon is entitled, "Faith: A Journey" and her scripture text is Romans 6:12-23. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. Rev. David Orr and Todd Vick will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are, 8:30, Carroll West, 11:00, Jeri Moffett. Acolytes are Eve Jagers and Lindsay Vickery.

Wilma Hill will play the organ at the 8:30 offertory time. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "A Prayer for Our Time" by Joseph M. Martin and "Thou Hast Kindly Led Us" by Robert Elmore.



As of Monday, June 23, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**Sparks:**

Mildred Lively  
Orbie Hopkins  
Carmen Fleck

**St. Edward:**

Bill Boyd

**BY YOUR GIFTS . . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$28,607  
Rec'd to date.....\$661,988  
Budgeted to date..... \$833,475

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

Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Walt Scales, Jeff Nester, Chuck Bowen, Richard McKinnie, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Heath Peters, Brandon Hattabaugh, Clint Wilson, Michael Parker, Christina Bargiel, Patrick Ellis, Ellen Driggers, Rick Whittaker, Christopher Herrmann, Timothy Gean, Dwalyyn 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**

Who needs estate planning? Every adult who is legally competent, that owns anything and cares about who receives it at the time of their disability or death. In addition, estate planning is necessary for anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**will not meet on July 3 or July 4.** Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup>. See you again on July 10 and 11.



**The Altar Flowers**

for Sunday, June 29, 2008, are placed in loving memory of Selma Lippeatt by Helen Brown and Sherrie Shaw.

**Open Dates  
for  
Altar Flowers**

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **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.



**Are you looking  
for a part time  
job  
while attending  
college?**

The Child Enrichment Center needs two employees to work from 2:30-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We have happy children who need a loving and caring teacher. If you are interested, please contact Valerie Hubbard, 782-1574.



**Let's have breakfast  
together!**

Join us in the Family Life Center this Sunday for a free breakfast from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The breakfast is cooked by the Chapel Class and any donations will be given to the "Backpack for Kids" program at the Clearinghouse.

The Backpack for Kids program provides food for area children on weekends and when school is out.

**We rejoice with**

Michael and Elizabeth Thames on the baptism of their daughter, Lucy Grace Thames, at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service on June 22, 2008.



Tom Fleri and family on the death of his nephew, Brian Fleri of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Ann Truitt and family on the death of her father, Delbert Howerton of Rogers, AR.

Keith Fimple and family on the death of his mother, Anita "Louise" Fimple.

**MUSIC CAMP 2008  
Are We There Yet?  
The story of Moses and the  
Exodus**

**REGISTRATION HAS  
BEGUN**

**Forms available in church  
office.**

**WHO: children exiting 1st  
through exiting 6th grades**

**WHEN: August 4<sup>th</sup>-8th  
9-2 p.m. Mon -Thurs.  
9-noon on Friday.**

**Supper at 6 p.m. on Friday.  
Show -7 p.m. on Fri. August  
8th.**

**WHERE: Family Life Center**

**YOU MUST BE ABLE TO  
PARTICIPATE FRIDAY NIGHT  
IN ORDER TO COME TO  
MUSIC CAMP.**

**HOW? Register SOON and  
pay your \$15 fee. THEN look  
forward to singing, dancing,  
painting, playing, crafts and  
MORE!**



**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 the church office, 782-5068.



**Summertime Fun for  
children  
continues at First Church  
with:**

**Marvelous Movie Mondays:**

July 21 and 28 - 1-3 p.m. for ages K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost: \$2 for soda, popcorn and candy

**Wonderful Wednesdays:**

July 23 - 9:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Jones Center & Pizza Cost \$10

July 30 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Lokomotion (sack lunch) Cost \$20. Ages: completed 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades

**Music Camp:**

August 4-8 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Friday. Cost \$15 - Bring a sack lunch Mon-Thur. Ages: completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Participation in Friday night's performance is mandatory.

Children must be pre-registered for all summer events. Registration forms are available throughout the church or in the church office. To register for Marvelous Movie Mondays, just call the church office, 782-5068.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the food for VBS. The food was wonderful and the kitchen helpers did an

outstanding job.

If you left your dish, they are in the Aldersgate Class kitchen for you to pick up.

A big thank you to the congregation for all your support to help make VBS a huge success.

**Start Now**

to save Fast Food Toys (preferably still in the package) for our mission trip in the spring of 2009.

*You are invited to a reception  
for*

*Rev. David Orr  
Rev. Janice Sudbrink  
Rev. Stephen Dickinson  
Rev. Claire Hoffman*

*We will be celebrating the  
re-appointment of  
Rev. Orr, Rev. Sudbrink, and Rev. Dickinson  
and  
the new appointment of  
Rev. Hoffman  
to First Church, Fort Smith*

*Join us in the Narthex immediately following  
the 11:00 a.m. services this Sunday.*



Our next Blood Drive is **August 10**. Summer accidents deplete our local blood supplies. Mark your calendars and plan to give on August 10. First Baptist Church will also have a blood drive in friendly competition with us on the same day. You must be 18 years of age or older to give blood.



Our prayer shawl supply is getting very low. We need shawls that reach from finger tip to finger tip and wide enough to cover the shoulders and reach below the waistline. We need them to be made of yarn colors that would appeal to

both men, women, and children.

People of all ages are touched and comforted through this ministry so if you knit or crochet, we need your help. Come join one of our knitting/crochet groups for a fun time of fellowship either on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex.

**Shoal Creek Day Camp  
for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**

Come to camp, without spending the night, on June 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost \$15 (includes T-shirt). Without spending the night, campers will be "handling with care," God's creation through hiking, crafts, worship, swimming, eating and making new friends. Bring a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen. Registration forms are available in the church office or you may call Mindy James, (479) 996-5683.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**June 22, 2008**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	4
Toddlers	5
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	12
Kindergarten	5
Grade 1and	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	22
Grade 5	
Grade 6	9
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>62</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12 (trip)	14
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>14</b>
Aldersgate(Room M105)	24
Believers (Room M308)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	25
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	34
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	19
Disciples (Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	40
Encouragers*(Room M310)	14
Friends (Room M103)	7
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	6
Roundtable*(Room M213)	25
Seekers (Room M107)	7
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>289</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>369</b>

<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	89
11:00 Combined service in the Family Life Ctr.	480
Wed. Communion	54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>623</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, June 29**

8:15 - Prayer Team, M203  
 8:30 - Breakfast, FLC  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 8:30-12:30 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC  
 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 Pastors, Narthex  
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gym  
 6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck  
 Chapel w/reception in Narthex  
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

**Wednesday, July 2**

11:00 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel  
 12:00 - Christian Learn. Counc., Conf. Rm.  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 6:15 - Prayers Team, Memorial Chapel  
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 3**

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex

**Monday, June 30**

**Tuesday, July 1**

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.  
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204  
 5:00 - Bldg. & Grnds., Conf. Rm.

**Friday, July 4**

**Church offices closed in observance  
 of Holiday. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!**

**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. Stephen Dickinson**  
**Emergency**  
**on call Minister for**  
**June 27-29**  
**Phone: 459-5060**

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