

# ***First United Methodist News***

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***Rev. Janice Sudbrink***

***Rev. Stephen Dickinson***

***Rev. Claire Hoffman***

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***July 2, 2009***

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, former pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church, and a popular speaker and writer tells of an experience when he had been asked to speak at a large convention. The woman who introduced him began by saying, "We have a very unusual privilege tonight. In our midst is without a doubt the world's finest communicator. He is extremely sensitive, alert, compassionate and wise. He can sense a person's true needs immediately and speak just the right word to heal a hurt."

Dr. Ogilvie later confessed that he felt both flattered and frightened. How could he live up to all that? He didn't have to. For as the woman came to the end, she said, "We are in for a tremendous experience tonight because this supreme lover of people is in our midst. Who is He? He is Jesus Christ. And now here is a man named Lloyd Ogilvie who will tell us about him."

Humility is good for us! But what speaks to me most in this anecdote is the beautiful and eloquent truth of what we do as Christians: We tell others about Jesus Christ.

An eight year-old boy was a regular in Sunday School. A friend asked him who his teacher was. The boy said his teacher was Jesus' grandmother. "Jesus' grandmother? How do you know that?" asked his friend. "Well, all she does in Sunday School is show us pictures of Jesus and brag about everything he does!" . . . Others deserve to know; others need to know about Jesus Christ. We tell others about him.

We shy away from terms like "evangelism" and "witnessing" for fear. What if we used "bragging on Jesus Christ"? Would that be less intimidating? Isn't that what evangelism and witnessing are about? Let's get the attention off of ourselves. Put the attention where it belongs, on the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ brought a wonderful group of 200 together for joyful celebration at FUMC on Sunday for an Independence Day Celebration. Jesus Christ brought hope to a family needing to be included at First Church on Sunday. Jesus Christ provided accountability and forgiveness to a searching soul in my neighborhood this week . . . Let's tell others about Jesus Christ.

See you Sunday,  
David Orr

p.s.  
RETHINK CHURCH - LEADERSHIP SUMMIT is coming to FUMC on August 19th, 9:00 - 12:00. Watch for details.

## **-SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Don't Leave Home Without It" and his scripture text is Mark 6:1-13. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 Connexion service. Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgist. Lay readers are: 8:30, David Farris, 11:00, John Cooley.

James Gallaher will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" arranged by David Schwoebel and "Followers of the Lamb" arranged by Philip Dietterich.



As of Monday, June 29, 2009 the following members were known to be in the hospital:

**St. Edward:**  
Sam Allen  
Jim Hanson

**Sparks:**  
Bob Vandergriff

**Health South:**  
Laura Rose Spencer

**BY YOUR GIFTS. . .**

Rec'd this week.....\$31,534  
Rec'd to date..... \$756,966  
Budgeted to date.....\$855,853

**Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:** Ben Hurst, Patrick Hayes, Walt Scales, Cody Kennon, Brad Bost, Ellen Driggers, Christopher Herrmann, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery, Jacob Bolin, Luke Bouxsein, Shaun Sorensen.

**Foundation Information**

Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship – saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**

**Thursday, Noon Lunch, July 9, 2009,** Rev. Paul Strang will teach John 5.

**Friday Morning Breakfast, July 10, 2009,** 6:30 a.m., FLC.

**Destination Station Bible Verse for July**  
Esther 4:1

When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly.



**The Altar Flowers** for Sunday, July 5, 2009, are placed in memory of John G. Ayers on what would have been his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday, and in honor of Wilma Ayers on what would have been their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Altar Flower Openings**

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **August 9 and 23.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, call 782-5068.

**Shoal Creek Day Camp for Grades K-2**  
**Monday, July 20, 10am-4pm**

Without spending the night, campers will explore ways they can bring about a “Breakthrough” in the way they understand God’s call to love. Bring a swimsuit, towel and sun screen and plan to hike, eat, make crafts, have a Bible story, and make new friends. Director: Mindy James  
To register: Mindy James, 810 Woodland Way, Greenwood, AR 72936 or call Mindy James, 479-9967-5683, cell 479-650-1250.

**Pastor's to teach Sunday School in August . . .**

Our Pastors have agreed to teach Sunday School in Roebuck Chapel in August. This is a good time to give your Sunday School teacher a rest and for us to enjoy their wonderful teaching. They will be teaching from the *International Lesson Series* in Roebuck Chapel 9:45-10:30 a.m. Here is the schedule:

- Aug. 2 - Rev. David Orr
- Aug. 9 - Rev. Stephen Dickinson
- Aug. 16 - Rev. Janice Sudbrink
- Aug. 23 - Rev. Claire Hoffman



Jim Tatro and family on the death of his wife, Patricia “Pat” Tatro.



Thank you! Thank you! A big thank you to everyone who helped make VBS 2009 a huge success. Camp E.D.G.E. (Exploring and Discovering God Everywhere) had almost 200 campers in attendance each day as well as many teachers, shepherds, teens and refreshment helpers.

Our Vacation Bible School would not have been such a success without the help of everyone – whether you brought food for teen or adult refreshment, worked in the nursery, taught in a station or were a shepherd to the children, we could not have done it without you!

Leigh Norton will be the director next year and would love for you to be a part of a wonderful, fun-filled week!

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Thames

**Chance to win an I-Pod Shuffle!**



It's not too late to participate in FUMC's Summer Reading Program.

Sign up today and start reading. You could be in the drawing for an I-Pod shuffle! Information sheets can be found in the library or children's ministries. Please contact Marcie Salamone, 434-6145, if you have any questions.

**Honorariums**

- In Honor of Rev. Bob Robertson - Yleen Brown**
- In Honor of Dr. David Phillips - FUMC Jesus & The Gospels Bible Study group**



### Marvelous Movie Mondays

July 6, 20, 27 - 1-3 p.m.

BibleMAX Theater

Ages K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Cost \$3, for soda, popcorn and candy. All movies are G or PG rated.

Call the church office, 782-5068, to register.



### Wonderful Wednesdays

July 22 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Lokomotion (sack lunch) \$20.

July 29 - 9:00 a.m.-  
2:30 p.m.

Bowling, Pizza, Movie, \$10



Fees include cost of activity, snacks, drinks and gas for vans. Ages completed 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.



### Music Camp, August 3- 7

*"Life of the Party"*

9am-2:00 p.m. Monday through  
Thursday

9am-noon on Friday

Cost \$15 Bring a sack lunch

Ages: completed 1<sup>st</sup> - completed 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

Registration forms throughout the church and  
in the church office. Register today!

You must be able to participate on Friday night  
in order to attend.



Women's Ministry sends a big THANK YOU to all who helped to make the churchwide Independence Day Celebration a great success. All who attended enjoyed great food, fellowship, games, karaoke, and live music. We had a real 4<sup>th</sup> of July style parade led by Abe Lincoln carrying the American flag and members of all ages marching with the fire truck.

Let's plan to do it again  
next year!



### Rio Bravo Mission Trip

A Rio Bravo Fall Mission trip is in the planning stages for September 23-27. It will be medical/dental/construction. Cost

will be about \$350-\$400 per person, taking church vans. Construction will be whatever they need us to do and maybe even working on the church. We will have an informational meeting on July 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Narthex area. If you are interested in going join us on July 8. If you are unable to make this meeting, yet are interested in going, call Janice, 782-5068.

### Memorials

**In Memory of Jeff Shipley** - Tina Mailer & Todd Tacker; Friends at Taylor Companies; Richard & Kay Aclin; Encouragers Class; George & Carole Beattie; Jamie & Michelle Glidewell; Craig & Jodie Allen; Larry & Sandra Clark; Donald & Jo Beth Wright; Arkhola Sand & Gravel Co.; The Burgess Co.; Jim & Sandra Lockhart; Beall, Barclay & Co., PLC; Fort Smith Rheumatology, PC; Pat & Annette Phillips; Lee Cretnik & Lucy O'Neal; Alan & Linda Burns; MKF, Inc.; Charles & Jeanne Ledbetter; Janice & Bob Powell; L. Keith Faught; Bill & Jan Cromwell; Bruce & Julianne Bartlett; Sparks Health System Adm.; Employees of Hight.Jackson.Associates.PA; Forsgren, Inc.; Doug & Kathy Babb; Mike DeWitt; Brenda & Terry Browning; Mark & Julie Deihl; Alma Family Medical Clinic; Jeanne & Gordon Parham; Jerry & Phylis VerSteegh; Robert & Lyn Patton; Dan & Sara Ryerson; Leigh Ann Westland; Andrew Patton; Kevin & Beth Dunmire; Kelly & Heather Robason; Ozark Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery; Mary Alice Furr; Sumner & Jackie Brashears; Judy Owens; Lawrence, Schluterman & Schwartz Ltd.; John & Jane Alford; Anthony & Brenda Altman; Dee & Patty Carroll; Bob & Ann Dawson; Jean Johnson; Disciples Class

**In Memory of Tom Cooley** - John & Jill MacKenzie; Ewell & Nancy Lee; Lynnell & Tony Leraris; Dee & Patty Carroll; Jane C. Williams

**In Memory of John G. Ayers** - Ed & Karen Mahoney

**In Memory of David Forbes** - Yleen Brown; Charlie & Jeri Moffett

**In Memory of Mary Russell** - Yleen Brown; Judy & C. Adrian Bewley; Eugenia Mitchell; FUMC Chancel Choir; Maxine Eggensperger; Peter & Rhonda Curtiss; Charlie & Jeri Moffett; Dorothy Garringer

**In Memory of Will Cousins** - Yleen Brown; Dr. & Mrs. David McClanahan

**In Memory of Virginia Herber** - Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Parker, Sr.; Gladys Ware

**In Memory of Jack Parker** - Bob & Ann Dawson

**In Memory of Tom Lichty** - Bob & Ann Dawson

### Honorariums

**In Honor of Janice Sudbrink** - Believers Class

**In Honor of Harry Shipley** - Frank & Mary Shipley

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
June 28, 2009**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	6
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	2
4 yr. olds	9
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	26
Grade 5	
Grade 6	
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>52</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>5</b>
College	-
Aldersgate(Room M105)	27
Believers (Room M302)	4
Builders (RoomM209)	29
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	27
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	22
Disciples*Room M312)	19
Discussion*(Room M301)	40
Encouragers*(Room M303)	16
Friends (Room M103)	10
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	5
Roundtable*(Room M213)	22
Seekers (Room M107)	9
Uplifters*(Room M205)	32
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>299</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>360</b>

**Worship:**

8:30	79
11:00 FLC	176
11:00 Sanctuary	315
Communion	51
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>621</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, July 5**

8:15 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship, FLC  
11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, July 8**

5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
6:00 - Mission Mtg., Narthex  
7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, July 6**

1-3 - Movie Monday, Theater  
6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Floor

**Thursday, July 9**

12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC  
6:00 - Women's Bible Study, FLC102

**Tuesday, July 7**

9:00 - Staff, Conf. Rm.  
1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204

**Friday, July 10**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC  
10:00 - CEC, Theater  
4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

**Saturday, July 11**

9-11 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

**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. David Orr  
Emergency  
on call Minister for  
July 3-5  
Phone: 459-5060**