

First United Methodist News

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July 31, 2008

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face, If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

Edgar A. Guest

This little poem is more than another "I think I can, I think I can" story. It contains the kernel of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Anything can happen. Everything is possible.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

This Sunday begins a four week series on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "I Am The Light of the World" and his scripture text is John 8:12. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are, 8:30, Don DeSoto, 11:00, Jerry Carter. Acolytes are Caitlin Bradley and Sam Kimes.

Louann Dooly will be the soloist at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Amazing Grace" by John Coates.



As of Monday, July 28, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks:

Helen Brown
Tom Fleri
Bob Vandergriff

St. Edward:

Morgan Wright, Jr.

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$147,082
Rec'd to date.....\$917,406
Budgeted to date.....\$1,000,170

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, Dwalyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery.

**Destination Station's Bible Verse for August
I Corinthians 12:5-6**

There are different ways to serve the Lord. We can each do different things, yet God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

Foundation Information

There are reasons to update your estate planning documents. One is to be sure a gift to the church is included.

**Methodist Men's Clubs
Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00)**

Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast (\$4.00) - Ben Reid teaching Hebrews 5:1-6:20 on August 8.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, August 3, 2008, are from the wedding of Beth Jensen and Eric Sutton. Given in memory of Elizabeth Harris.

Open Dates for Altar Flowers

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **August 24.** 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.

Rev. David Orr
teaching in Chapel Class
this Sunday, August 3rd

Rev. Janice Sudbirnk,
teaching August 10.
Rev. Stephen Dickinson,
teaching August 17.
Rev. Claire Hoffman,
teaching August 24.

Please join us!



Teacher's Aide Needed

Children's Day Out is looking for an aide for our 2-year olds to work Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:45-2:15. If you enjoy working with little ones, getting lots of hugs and smiles, this is the job for you!
Contact Tiffany Null, 462-2771 (cell) or 782-0310 (work).



The family and friends of Mr. Virgil Bracken.

The family and friends of Mr. Orbie Hopkins.

Agnes Davis and family on the death of her sister, Irene Taylor.

Shoal Creek Day Camp for Grades K-2

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 10 am - 4 pm. **Cost:** \$15 (includes t-shirt)
Session Directors: Carolyn Ledbetter and the Cavanaugh UMC, UMW. **Send registrations to:** Carolyn Ledbetter, 105 Martin Circle, Fort Smith, AR 72908.

Campers will hike, swim, eat, make crafts, hear Bible stories and make new friends, yet not spend the night. Bring a swimsuit and sun screen.

First United Methodist Church would like to congratulate our 2008-2009 Higher Education Scholarship recipients:

Scott Ichniowski, Chase Hunter, Judy Drummond, Brendan Marshall, Bryan Schardt, Brooke English, John Gist, Brooks Hunter, Molly Robbins, Megan Bittle, Ramey Marshall, Jordan Wright, Todd Vick, and Lauren Matlock.

If you see these students or their family around the city or church, be sure to congratulate them on their outstanding work so far and encourage them to continue striving toward their selected degree.

Congratulations again from First United Methodist Church!

Going on the Rio Bravo Mission trip leaving March 30? You need to work on getting your passport now. The process takes a while!



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.



It's time to start thinking about what commitments we have made to our personal Bible study. Disciple is a weekly 1½ to 2 hour Bible study that generally follows the school year. Anyone can sign up for Disciple I and the only pre-requisite for Disciple II, III, and IV is that you have already completed Disciple I. Sign up sheets will be available soon.

If you want a better working knowledge of the Bible, Disciple is the right class for you. If you would like to teach Disciple, call Jerry Carter, 452-0934, or Rev. Claire Hoffman, 782-5068.



Christmas in July or August

This next Sunday and over the next several weeks, there will be Christmas trees located in the Narthex and in the FLC. FSFUMC is being called by God and is taking a huge leap of faith to provide school supplies for our neighbors, Tilles Elementary and Darby Junior High. On each of the Christmas trees, there will be ornaments that will have the supplies that are needed for our congregation to purchase or to donate money. This mission project will take every member in our congregation to make this dream for these students and teachers come true. **On Sunday, August 24 at 5:00 p.m. (mark this important date), we will have a Neighborhood Block Party** for our neighbors and for our congregation that will include supper, games, music, and jump arounds. You will not want to miss this wonderful outreach opportunity to share the love of Christ in a very special event!

Traveling this summer?

Don't forget to bring home hotel size soaps, shampoos, etc. for the Next Step Day Room. They can carry these smaller sized items in their backpacks. Just drop them by the church office or Janice's office.

Don't miss the opportunity

to train for **International Missions** and for **Disaster Training**. This one day combined class will allow us to lead teams at home and abroad. You will need to take this class to be able for further training that will be offered in late Fall. Cost is \$20 and includes all training materials and lunch. For more info and to register, call Becky Neighbors at the district office, 783-0385 or register on the district web site www.district.org

Infant Baptism

Lily May Cronkhite, daughter of Ben Cronkhite and Jackie Forsgren was baptized in our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service on July 27, 2008.



If you own a bread machine and would be willing to let the church borrow it for August 10th worship service in the Family Life Center, please call Rev. Claire Hoffman, 782-5068 by Aug. 4, or email her at choffman@fsfumc.org



MUSIC CAMP 2008 Spaghetti Dinner and Show



“Are We There Yet?”

Moses and the Israelites journey through the wilderness!

Join us for dinner and a show in the Family Life Center on Friday, August 8th

6:00 p.m. for a great spaghetti dinner!

Cost \$6 for adults - \$4 for children

7:00 p.m for a fantastic show!
The show is free!

Please call the church office, 782-5068, and make your reservations for dinner.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
July 27, 2008**

Class	Attendance
Infants	4
Toddlers	6
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	7
4 yr. olds	9
Kindergarten	9
Grade 1and	
Grade 2	15
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	6
Grade 5	
Grade 6	11
CHILDREN'S DIV.	71
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	13
YOUTH DIV.	13
Aldersgate(Room M105)	21
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	29
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	36
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	18
Disciples*(Room M312)	18
Discussion*(Room M301)	28
Encouragers*(Room M310)	14
Friends (Room M103)	12
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	5
Le Menage*(Room M306)	6
Roundtable*(Room M213)	23
Seekers*(Room M107)	11
Uplifters*(Room M205)	29
ADULT TOTALS	284
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	372
Worship:	
8:30	86
11:00 Family Life	130
11:00 Sanctuary	281
Wed. Communion	55
Down Home Singin'	54
TOTALS	606

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, August 3

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
 6:30-8 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, August 6

9:00-2:00 - Music Camp, FLC
 11:00 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel
 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

Monday, August 4

9:00-2:00 - Music Camp, FLC
 5:30 - Nominations, M103

Thursday, August 7

9:00-2:00 - Music Camp, FLC
 10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 5:15 - Foundation Trustees, Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, August 5

9:00-2:00 - Music Camp, FLC
 9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204

Friday, August 8

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 9:00-12:00 - Music Camp, FLC
 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up - FLC
 6:00 - Music Camp Dinner, FLC
 7:00 - Music Camp Show, FLC

Saturday, August 9

9-11 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

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. David Orr
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 August 1-3
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