

# ***First United Methodist News***

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***Rev. Janice Sudbrink***

***Rev. Stephen Dickinson***

***Rev. Claire Hoffman***

***Rev. William Cheyne***

***Rev. Herschel McClurkin***

***August 21, 2008***

## **ACROSS DAVID'S DESK**

***FIRST UMC BLOCK PARTY  
AUGUST 24TH, 5:00 P.M.***

***HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS  
OLD FRIENDS AND NEW***

***GREAT MUSIC  
BOUNCE-AROUNDS AND GAMES FOR KIDS***

***YOU, FIRST UMC, HAVE INVITED THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO COME  
SO, BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIRS AND JOIN THE PARTY***

As school begins, your gifts to Christmas in July for Tilles Elementary have provided basic supplies to every student there! Your gifts have also supplied a "planner" for every student at Darby Jr. High! Thank you for enlarging your hearts and including more children in your circle of care.

The congregation welcomes Ben Rogers as the interim Youth Director. Ben is a student this fall at UAFS and is "one of our own", a member of FUMC and has been active in the youth ministry of this church the past eight years. He'll need and welcome the full support of the church. Let's each make it a point to be a supporter of the youth ministry. Our youth deserve the best from us. I, for one, will give nothing less than my best for the youth. Will you join me?

Dr. Jim Fleming comes to FUMC September 7-8, 2008. He will preach on Sunday morning, then bring his teaching on Sunday evening and Monday evening. He's only as good as they come in Bible teaching.

FUMC Homecoming is September 14th. Send out the invitations! Remind your family & friends! Everybody's coming! Sunday, September 14th!

See you on Sunday,  
David Orr

## **-SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. His sermon is entitled, "I Am the Vine" and his scripture text is John 15-1-5. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are, 8:30, Brian Gaines, 11:00, Tom Ashwood. Acolytes are Sam Kimes and Kelsey Vickery.

Gaye McClure will be the soloist at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arranged by Fred Bock.



As of Monday, August 18, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**Sparks:**  
Helen Brown

**BY YOUR GIFTS ...**

Rec'd this week.....\$18,849  
Rec'd to date.....\$977,696  
Budgeted to date.....\$1,100,187

**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**

Your Will is the proper place to name the guardians for your children. Pick your guardians yourself, rather than leaving this decision to the probate courts. In addition, consider naming your church as a beneficiary.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**  
**Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00) - Rev. Stephen Dickinson teaching Mark 4 on August 28.**

**Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast - Holiday Weekend. See you again September 5.**



**Open Dates for Altar Flowers**

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **September 7, 14, and 21.** 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.

**Chapel Class**

**Rev. David Orr, teaching August 24.**

**Everyone invited!**

**WELCOME!**

We welcome Bob and Suzanne Swofford to our church family. Bob and Suzanne joined on Sunday, August 17, 2008 by transfer from another United Methodist Church.



Peyton Tyler Zimmerman, son of Brandon and Michelle Zimmerman, was baptized in our

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service on August 17, 2008.

**Honorariums**

**In Honor of the Chancel Choir -Rev. Beth Turner**

**In Honor of Amy Ashwood's Graduation - Zuma Dooly**



Reba Cheyne and family on the death of her sister, Charlotte Caron of Calhoun, Georgia.

**"Women of Faith Infinite Grace Conference 2008"**

**Oklahoma City  
November 14-15**

This two day, one night, conference will allow 24 women of FUMC to learn about why we can stop trying so hard. Join Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Hoffman to see what it can mean to rest in God's amazing, infinite grace.

Trip will include a pre-conference session on Friday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., travel, hotel stay, and conference package, including a t-shirt. Cost is \$160.00 per person with women staying two to a room. Sign up sheets are available at the tables in the Narthex. Space is limited, so sign up right away.

**Financial Peace University**

is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace.

**When:** Wednesdays, Sept. 17-Dec. 17

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$93. for membership kit

The class is taught by Dave Ramsey, via DVD. Dave Ramsey is a popular radio personality and author. For more information, contact Scott Price, 452-5692.



### Churchwide/Neighborhood Block Party

Make plans to  
attend our  
Churchwide  
Neighborhood



Block Party this Sunday, **August 24 at 5:00 p.m.** on the parking lot behind the church sanctuary. Good food, bounce arounds and music will be on the agenda! Through this party and the donations of school supplies, FUMC is reaching out to love our neighbors! Pray our neighbors will respond and attend and our hearts will be open and loving. **Bring a lawn chair and join the fun!!**

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### **There's still time to sign up for BIBLE STUDIES at FIRST CHURCH**

#### **DISCIPLE 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. If you want a better working knowledge of the Bible, Disciple is the right class for you.

#### **Women's Studies**

"Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering" by Angela Thomas, is a seven week study. Offered twice a week on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. beginning September 17 and 22. Taught by Rev. Janice Sudbrink, Rev. Claire Hoffman, and Connie Adrion.

#### **Men's Studies**

"Men's Fraternity: Quest for Authentic Manhood" developed by Robert Lewis. A captivating journey comprised of 25 sessions. This series helps men understand their masculine identity and shows them how to make the pursuit of authentic manhood a lifelong priority. Offered on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m., beginning September 17.

#### **Young Adult Study**

"If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat" by John Ortberg. Through six sessions that include video clips and group discussions you will discover how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure and trust God. Relating the story in Matthew 14 to life today; this study invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone. Offered once a week on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., starting September 14.



**FUMC - Fort Smith**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity**

**Golf Tournament**

**Friday, September 26, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. Shotgun**

**Eagle Crest Golf Course, Alma, Arkansas**

Entry fees: \$400 per team or half price \$200 per team, with 25 mailed donation cards per player.

Proceeds to benefit the Community Clearinghouse Backpack for Kids program and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Registration forms on line and throughout the church, or call 782-5068 for more info.

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#### **Memorials**

**In Memory of Tom Condren** - Dr. & Mrs. R. C. Goodman; J. Paul & Shelly Hardwick; Bob & Margaret Hawkins; Lavonne & James Hayes; Bernie Houser; Mary Jacobs; Brad & Mary Ellen Jesson; Col. Joe & Jean Knox; Bob & Nadine Miller; Kelly & Marilyn Newton; Mr. & Mrs. Doug Parker, Sr.; Melvin & Nadine Roberts; Carolyn & Maynard Sauder; Dr. David & Judy Staggs; Finley & Evelyn Turner

**In Memory of Libby Edwards** - Jerry & Kathryn Orlor

**In Memory of J. B. Garrison** - Helen Gray & Ann Scott Winters

**In Memory of Jason Gregg** - Mrs. Donald Peer

**In Memory of Jimmy Hanks** - Builders Class; Mont & Ann Echols; Mary V. Jones; Col. Joe & Jean Knox; Lawrence & Anna Marie Lachance; Bob & Nadine Miller

**In Memory of Ruth Harris, In Memory of Ernestine Hunter, In Memory of Jeanne Temple, In Memory of Jimbo Thompson** - Helen Gray & Ann Scott Winters

**In Memory of Helen Mapstone** - Bill Batchelor; Bill & Toka Beall; John & Harriet Beasley; Kathleen Coleman; Herb & Helen Couvillion; Clifford & Ruth Davis; Gleaners Class; Bob & Margaret Hawkins; Bernie Houser; Brad & Mary Ellen Jesson; Larry & Jan Nelson; Eldon & Betty Pence; Gladys Ware;

**In Memory of Wynelle Mertens, In Memory of Mary Frances Beasley** - Maxine Eggenesperger

**In Memory of Bill & Vi Phillips** - Helen Gray & Ann Scott Winters; Ted, Ginger, & Ruth Taylor

**In Memory of Freda Rowe** - Brown Hiller Clark & Associates

**In Memory of Henry Spruce** - Larry & Patsy Cochran

**In Memory of John Alfred Whisenhunt** - John & Harriet Beasley

**In Memory of A. G. Benham** - John & Harriet Beasley; Dr. Boyd Saviers

**In Memory of Thell Buell** - Kay & Richard Aclin; Maurice & Thelma Carter; Jane & Richard Cunningham; Phyllis Davidson; Bob & Ann Dawson; Olen & Billie Gist; Al & Ila Sass; Dell & Carolyn Nelson; Dr. Boyd Saviers

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**August 17, 2008**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	3
Toddlers	4
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	6
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	8
Grade 1and	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	
Grade 5	
Grade 6	27
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>61</b>

Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	16
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>16</b>

Aldersgate(Room M105) w/Chapel	
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders*(RoomM209)	33
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	100
Cornerstones*(Room M311) w/Chapel	
Disciples*(Room M312) w/Chapel	
Discussion*(Room M301)	59
Encouragers*(Room M310) w/Chapel	
Friends (Room M103) w/Chapel	
Gleaners (Room M201)	34
Good News (Room M202)	10
Le Menage*(Room M306)	4
Roundtable*(Room M213)	29
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	37
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>323</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>404</b>

<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	79
11:00 Family Life	188
11:00 Sanctuary	293
Wed. Communion	45
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>605</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, August 24**

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  
 5:00 - Churchwide/Neighborhood Block Party, on the parking lot behind church sanctuary.

**Wednesday, August 27**

12:00 - General Staff Meets, Fireside Rm.  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, August 25**

11:30 - Intro to Old Test., FLC102  
 5:00 - Nominations, Conf. Rm.  
 6:00 - Cub Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Thursday, August 28**

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

**Tuesday, August 26**

10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside  
 1:30 - Archives Open, M204  
 5:30 - Stephen Min., FLC101  
 6:30 - Down Home Mtg., M103

**Friday, August 29**

11:00 - CEC Speech Therapy, FLC101

**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. Claire Hoffman**  
**Emergency**  
**on call Minister for**  
**August 22-24**  
**Phone: 459-5060**

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