

# ***First United Methodist News***

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***September 18, 2008***

## **A Message from Brother Stephen**

Is it just me, or does anyone else feel "it" sweeping over First Church? There's excitement in the air, people are reaching out, others are reaching up, and God is working in the lives of so many people. Every week there's a new face in worship, a new child in Sunday School, and seems like a new baby being born. The fall Bible studies have begun and people are getting ready to dig deeper into the Word, there's new energy in the youth group, laity are eager to serve the world, and momentum is building for something...something that only God knows.

Our human nature is to think that we've done something to make this happen. Corporate America would suggest that we identify what caused "it" and then recreate "it" throughout the company. Strategic business planning would recommend that we continue to do "it", but put "it" in writing so we can begin to formulate a manual for all employees to read. However, this "it" is impossible to accurately describe. "It" can't be bottled, coined, or recreated. The Greek name for "it" is pneuma or spirit. In John 3:8 Jesus uses the image of wind to explain the new birth that comes by way of the Holy Spirit: "The wind [spirit] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes". God's Spirit sweeps across the country and "it" changes the landscape. We're able to detect "it's" presence but cannot chart "it's" precise movements. "It" is a mystery beyond human knowledge and control. There is no formula other than a broken and contrite heart. There is no manual other than the Bible. The only thing we can do with the Spirit of God is RESPOND to it. How will you respond? What is God calling you to do?

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Come join us Sunday morning @ 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room to listen to and support John Eisenberg. John is a United Methodist missionary serving in Paraguay, South America. Come as an individual, family, or Sunday School class to hear John share his ministry and passion for God's children abroad. John will be sharing a brief message of missionary life in each of the worship services, but he will be able to give more details and answer questions @ 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. A 'love offering' will be accepted in the Fireside room to help John continue this wonderful mission through Christ's church.

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## **-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-**

Rev. Claire Hoffman will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary services. Her sermon is entitled, "Many Blessings" and her scripture text will be Matthew 20:1-16. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center service. Rev. Bill Cheyne and Todd Vick will be Liturgists. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Ginger Taylor, 11:00, Sandy Parker. Acolytes will be Eve Jagers and Caitlin Bradley.

James Gallaher will be the soloist at the 8:30 service. The Chancel Choir's anthems will be "Plenty Good Room!" arranged by William Henry Smith and "I Choose You" by Deborah Govenor.



As of Monday, September 15, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

**Sparks:**  
Virginia Birch

**St. Edward:**  
Denise Jones  
Marie Speaks

**BY YOUR GIFTS ...**

Rec'd this week.....\$21,579  
Rec'd to date.....\$1,075,601  
Budgeted to date.....\$1,233,543

**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, Ellen Driggers, Rick Whittaker, Christopher Herrmann, Timothy Gean, Dwalyn Clayborn, V. J. Devine, Darson Emery.

**Destination Station's Bible Verse for September Exodus 5:1**

Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness".

**Foundation Information**

Consider making an endowment gift to the church for a cause dear to your heart. Scholarships, missions, lectureships, facility needs, children ministries, youth ministries, music ministries or any other area of personal interest may be named as beneficiaries of your gift to the FUMC Foundation.

**Methodist Men's Clubs**  
**Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch** (\$4.00) - Carol Matlock teaching Mark 8 on September 25.  
**Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast** (\$4.00) - Dr. Boyd Saviers will teach Hebrews 13:1-13:25 on September 26.



**Open Dates for Altar Flowers**

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **October 26.** 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**UMW AUCTION !!**

**More info to come.**  
**Watch the newsletter.**



**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**

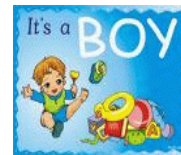
Entry fees: \$400 per team or half price \$200 per team, with 25 mailed donation cards per player. Proceeds to benefit the Community Clearinghouse Backpack for Kids program and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Registration forms on line and throughout the church, or call 782-5068 for more info.



The Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 21, 2008, are placed in loving memory of Janie Saviers by Dr. Boyd Saviers, Jim and Barbara Saviers, Mark and Vicki Saviers, Dick and Ann Appleton and their families.

**Our prayers & sympathy are for Rachel Dixon and family on the death of her brother, John Carroll Babb.**

George Gaines, Brian Gaines, Janice McCain, Michelle Cash and their families on the death of their wife, mother, & grandmother, Betty Gaines.



We rejoice with Todd and Carrie Vick on the birth of a son, Riley Cooper Vick.

We rejoice with Erin and Jacob Boussein on the birth of a daughter, Lily Ann Boussein. Maternal grandparents are Gail and Larry Oakes. Maternal great grandmother is Myra Ward.



**Infant Baptism**

Connor Roy Barth-Schelper, son of Matthew and Leah Barth-Schelper, was baptized on Sunday, September 14, 2008 in the Family Life Center service. We rejoice with this family.

**Honorariums**

**In Honor of Mrs. Nancy Vernon** - Caroline Beland, Caitlin Paris & Isabella Udouj  
**In Honor of Tom Ashwood** - The "Sunday Lunch Girls"  
**In Honor of Linda Dickson and Dave Whiteis** - Mary V. Russell  
**In Honor of Finley Turner's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday** - Patti T. Lueck

## Prayer Vigil, Communion, and Dinner



The prayer committee invites every member to observe a prayer vigil on Wednesday, October 1, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Roebuck Chapel. Communion will be observed at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. No cost for the dinner, but reservations are required. A card will be mailed and needs to be returned for reservations. Child care available upon request.

**You may bring your card to the Narthex the next two Sundays, September 21 & 28, where there will be a table with baskets for you to drop in your card.**

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### Memorials

**In Memory of Betty Jordan** - Winsy Herring **In Memory of Doris Beran** - Gladys Ware; Mr. & Mrs. Doug Parker Sr. **In Memory of Karen Sizemore** - David & Karen Hutcheson **In Memory of Irene Taylor** - Katherine Croom; Mary Lee Kulin & Lola Mangruson; Norval A. Nichols; George & Carole Beattie; Mickey & Joseph Irwin; Lawrence & Anna Marie Lachance; Mr. & Mrs. Doug Parker, Sr.; Donna Phillips; Amy & Walter Scales; Phyllis Davidson; Agnes Davis **In Memory of Tom Fleri** - John W. & Rose Mary Ayers; Bercher Tire Service; Randy & Jane Bittle; Robert Cooper; Marjorie Daniel; Mr. & Mrs. Russell Daniels; Marlin & Janet Fretheim; "Friday Afternoon Girls"; Carol Greene; Debbie Hall; Bill & Jane Holder; Mickey & Joseph Irwin; Beth & Bobby Knox & Family; David & Leanne McClanahan; Bob & Nadine Miller; NAPA Mt. Vernon Distribution Center; Beth O'Neal; Mrs. Mary Pott; Mrs. Carol Schullian; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stewart; Len & Nancy Warden; Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Weston; Dick, Ann & Andrew Appleton; J. Thomas Archer; Lester & Agnes Baker; Fran & Sam Bateman; John & Harriett Beasley; Bruce & Suzanne Bethell; Phyllis Davidson; James & Lavonne Hayes; John & Jackie Hoffman; Michael & Susan McFerran; Marilyn C. Maiers; Richards & Jean Mauroner; Kyle & Renee Parker; David & Joanne Phillips; Sandi & Sandy Sanders; Mary & Harry Shipley; Dorothy Spilker; David & Judy Staggs; Charles & Karen Still; Steven & Marcia Strom; Finley & Evelyn Turner; Richard & Audrey Walz; Mke Willis & Lori Hardin; Dean & Sue Wiseman; Chris Fauble; Sam & Virginia Fleri; Jerry & Jane Hartfield; Carolyn Jenkins; Keith Sowers, Amy Spencer, Renold, Inc.; Sharon & Ed Westbrook **In Memory of J. Fred Patton** - Betty Lou & Pat Steele, Anne Ayers Henson; Ted, Ginger & Ruth Taylor; Jane Williams; Bill & Jenny Adair; June & Jim Alexander; Frank & Rosie Anderson; Treva, Christy, Lela, & Gary Garrison; Michael & Susan McFerran; Taylor & Mary Prewitt; Mary & Harry Shipley; Mike Willis & Lori Hardin; Dr. & Mrs. William Klusmeier; Jeffrey & Tracey Geren **In Memory of Thell Buell** - Mary & Harry Shipley; Nan Benn; Dr. & Mrs. William Klusmeier; Judy Owens; Ann & Leon Woods **In Memory of Charlotte Caron** - Builders Class **In Memory of Eva Graham** - Builders Class **In Memory of Mina McCoy** - Mary & Harry Shipley **In Memory of Juanita Mayberry** - Prentiss Ware Family; Jack & Louanna Green **In Memory of Paul Nichols** - Roundtable Class **In Memory of Freda Tays Rowe** - Lana Kimes Bailey & Nelson & Dottie Kimes **In Memory of Mary Frances Beasley** - Dr. & Mrs. William Klusmeier; Sharon & Ed Westbrook **In Memory of Pearl Brooks** - Janice & Bob Powell **In Memory of Maxine Cassat** - Jim & Marilyn Rauser **In Memory of: Tom Condren, Ben Core, Libby Edwards, J. B. Garriosn, Ernestine Hunter, Jane Hunter, Bill & Vi Phillips, Gordon Watson, Jeanne Temple, Margaret Trout** - Dr. & Mrs. William Klusmeier **In Memory of Alvin Hall** - Gleaners Class **In Memory of Creo Bennett Smith** - Sandra Smith Garner

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**We are sending you email messages through "Constant Contact".**

Various ministries and the church administration would like to make our congregation aware of upcoming church events via email. All messages would be prepared by an FUMC staff member and sent through Constant Contact, an email service. This is not spam, but a message from your church.

Please fill in your name and email address below, cut it off, and mail or bring to the church. You may also email your current email address to [jhartfield@fsfumc.org](mailto:jhartfield@fsfumc.org). You may cancel this service at any time by contacting Jerry Hartfield at the email address listed here.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
September 14, 2008**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Infants	3
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	5
3 yr. olds	5
4 yr. olds	10
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	22
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	16
Grade 5	
Grade 6	12
<b>CHILDREN'S DIV.</b>	<b>80</b>
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	18
<b>YOUTH DIV.</b>	<b>18</b>
Aldersgate(Room M105)	16
Believers (Room M302)	6
Builders (RoomM209)	23
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	28
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	19
Disciples*(Room M312)	21
Discussion*(Room M301)	49
Encouragers*(Room M310)	28
Friends (Room M103)	9
Gleaners (Room M201)	24
Good News (Room M202)	6
Le Menage (Room M306)	3
Roundtable*(Room M213)	26
Seekers*(Room M107)	15
Uplifters*(Room M205)	26
<b>ADULT TOTALS</b>	<b>299</b>
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>401</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	
8:30	79
11:00 Family Life	250
11:00 Sanctuary	246
Wed. Communion	59
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>634</b>

**OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK**

**Sunday, September 21**

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open  
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
 9:30-10:45 - Library Open, M211  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 9:45 - John Eisenberg, Fireside Rm.  
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center  
 12:00 - Acolyte Trng., Sanct. & M219  
 5:00 - Family Ministry, Conf. Rm.  
 5:00 - Jr. High Youth, Loft & Gym  
 6-7 - Walk on Water Study, FLC101  
 7:00 - Sr. High Youth, Loft & Gym

**Wednesday, September 24**

6am - Men's Fraternity Bible Study, Gym  
 9:15 - Beautiful Offering Study, Fireside  
 10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall  
 12:00 - Gen'l Staff Meets, Fireside Rm.  
 3:30 - Children's Choirs  
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
 6:00 - Joy of Signing, Conf. Rm.  
 6:00 - Disciple IV, M200  
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym  
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall  
 7:00 - Knitwits, Narthex  
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, September 22**

11:30 - Intro to Old. Test., FLC102  
 6:00- Cub Scout Pack Mtg., Gym  
 6:00 - Beautiful Offering, Fireside Rm.  
 6:30 - Disciple I, Conf. Rm.  
 6:30 - Disciple II, M103  
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 6:30 - Jesus/Gospels, M200

**Thursday, September 25**

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

**Friday, September 26**

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC  
 8:00 a.m. - Golf Tournament, Alma

**Saturday, September 27**

9:30 - Angel Food Pick-up, Gym

**Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are  
broadcast over KFPW 1230AM.**

**Tuesday, September 23**

10:00 - Dorcas Meets, Fireside Rm.  
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204  
 5:30 - Stephen Ministry, FLC101  
 6:00 - Commitment Rally, Conf. Rm.  
 6:00 - Devo Task Force, FLC102  
 6:30 - Down Home Mtg., M103

**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.

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