

First United Methodist News

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July 24, 2008

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Bob Miller and I were honored to be part of the Arkansas delegation to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference last week in Dallas, TX. Three bishops were elected to filled vacancies created by two retirements and one death in the ranks of our bishops. Elected were Earl Bledsoe, Mike Lowry, and James Dorff. They will serve faithfully and effectively. We all were supporting Arkansas' endorsed candidate, Rodney Steele. While we were disappointed that he was not elected, you need to know that he represented Arkansas with great grace and integrity.

You may have read in the secular media of the controversy at the Conference regarding the Bush Foundation and Southern Methodist University. The following quote is from Newscope, The United Methodist News Service: "Delegates to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference affirmed their Mission Council's decision to lease land to the President George W. Bush Presidential Center, but also approved a petition protecting the integrity of both Southern Methodist University (SMU) and the jurisdiction itself by indicating that a proposed institute "does not speak" for either. The jurisdiction, which owns the university, says that it is "essential that the President George W. Bush Institute function in a manner that maintains the integrity of SMU and the South Central Jurisdiction of the UMC." The conference instructed the university to give a status report to its 2012 meeting about its relationship with both the Bush Foundation and the institute.

The institute has been opposed by UMs across the country who fear it will be a partisan think-tank. Supporters have said it would be an independent research facility. . . An SMU faculty member, the Rev. Jeannie Trevino-Teddle, wants the UM Judicial Council to rule on whether the leasing of property to the Bush Foundation violates the university's articles of incorporation and the Book of Discipline. . . Bishop Robert Hayes of Oklahoma, who was presiding over that session of the jurisdictional conference, will now examine her petition and submit the two opinions to the Judicial Council for a declaration of law. - (UMNS)"

Thank you for your solid support of The United Methodist Church. We have a faith to grow and a Lord to share. It is wonderful, beyond description, to be home and serving with you.

See you Sunday,
David Orr

-SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. His sermon is entitled, "Kingdom Visions" and his scripture text is Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. 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, John Ayers, 11:00, Jeri Moffett. Acolytes are Courtney Wright, Natalie Chapman and Karen Kimes.

Karri Altrogge will be the soloist at the 8:30 Chapel and 11:00 Sanctuary services. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "This Little Light of Mine" by Howard Helvey.



As of Monday, July 21, 2008 the following members were listed in the hospitals:

Sparks:

- Irene Taylor
- Helen Brown
- Orbie Hopkins
- Tom Fleri
- Reba Cheyne
- Virginia Birch

St. Edward:

- Morgan Wright, Jr.
- Lawrence LaChance
- Oleta Orr

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$40,053
 Rec'd to date.....\$770,324
 Budgeted to date..... \$966,831

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 July
Luke 10:42**

Mary had chosen the right thing and it will not be taken from her.

Foundation Information

Did you know that the state has made a Will for you if you have no Will yourself? These laws might not leave your property to the people you wish. These laws definitely don't leave any property to the church or any charity. Shouldn't you prepare a Will or Living Trust?

Methodist Men's Clubs
Thursday Noon Bible Study and Lunch (\$4.00) - Jean Williams teaching Matthew 28 on July 31.
Friday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast (\$4.00) - Ted Goodman teaching Hebrews 3:1-4:16 on August 1st.



Open Dates for Altar Flowers

We have the following dates open for Altar Flowers: **August 24 & 31**. 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.

YOU CAN HELP!

Twice in one week during June, 911 First Responders were called to FUMC to assist one of our members. Because of cars parked on the street, the First Responder attendants had limited access for the stretcher and their emergency vehicles blocked traffic.

For the safety of our members and our community partners, the Building and Grounds Committee is asking that you PLEASE refrain from parking at the curb side on North 15th and 16th streets and use the parking lots that are near all church entrances.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Building and Grounds Committee

Everyone invited!

Our Pastors
Rev. David Orr
Rev. Janice Sudbirnk
Rev. Stephen Dickinson
Rev. Claire Hoffman
 will be teaching
 Sunday School in the
 Chapel Class during
 the month of August.
 Please join us!



Rob ert Liner and family on the death of his brother, Jeff Liner of Tulsa. (This is a correction from last week)

Ken Redding, Christie Jacobs, and their families on the death of their mother and grandmother, Clarice Price.

Mary Booth and family on the death of her aunt, Betty Jordan of Tulsa.

Jeff Geren and family on the death of his grandmother, Gladys Marie Joyce of Booneville.



Teacher 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).

Shoal Creek Camp for Grades K-2 - Day Camp

Date: Thursday, July 31, 10 am - 4 pm.

Cost: \$15 (includes t-shirt)

Session Directors: Sharon Balloun.

To register: Call the McClurkins, (479) 632-5822 or (479) 651-3279 cell.

Campers will learn to "care" for God's creation through the story of Noah, by hiking, swimming, crafts, worship, friends and fun - all without spending the night. Bring a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen.

Please note: If you need a ride, Mardell will pick up at the church at 8:45 a.m. that morning.



The Cancer Support Group will meet on Sunday, July 27, at 4:30 p.m. in Room M200. Snacks will be provided. Come join us and bring a friend.



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.



Music Camp 2008
presents
"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 dinner
7:00 p.m. for the show
Make your reservations now by
calling 782-5068).

You won't want to miss this show!
It's gonna be GREAT!



Let's have breakfast together.

Join us in the Family Life Center this Sunday, July 27, for a free breakfast from 8:30-9:30 a.m., cooked and served by the Chapel Class. Your donation for the breakfast will be given to the "Backpack for Kids" program at the Clearinghouse. The Backpack for Kids program provides food for area children on the weekends and when school is out.



Christmas in July or August

Have you ever celebrated 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. Are you wondering why? Because, 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. There are approximately 500 students or more in each school. Both of these schools seldom begin the new year with the supplies they need to have a productive and educational school year. 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 Christmas in July (and August) event!

Memorials

- In Memory of Violet Phillips** - Larry & Jan Nelson
- In Memory of Mary Frances Beasley** - Maxine Eggensperger; Brad & Mary Ellen Jesson
- In Memory of Jim Bradley** - Helen Gray & Ann Scott Winters
- In Memory of Thell Buell** - Albert Pike School; Aldersgate Class; Ernest & Ruth Bartlett; Bill & Toka Beall; John & Harriet Beasley; Richard & Barbara Blaine; Tommy & Vickie Bray; Herb & Helen Couvillion; Carolyn Davis; Clifford & Ruth Davis; Thelma Davis; Mont & Ann Echols; Maxine Eggensperger; Kathryn Englehart; Charlotte & Dudley Flanders; Juanita Gelly & Joyce Patton; Dr. & Mrs. R. C. Goodman; Nell & Al Harris; Susie & Jim Henley; Bernie Houser; Mickey & Joseph Irwin; Mary & Layton Jackson; Brad & Mary Ellen Jesson; Lawrence & Anna Marie Lachance; Mitch & Nancy Llewellyn; Marilyn Manis; Meadowcliff Elementary; Bob & Nadine Miller; Jerry & Kathryn Orler; Charles & Sherron Shuffield; Mr. & Mrs. Warren Stephenson & Boyd Stephenson; Ted, Ginger & Ruth Taylor; Janet Udouj & Neal Beaton; Gladys Ware; Carol Sue & Alan Wooten
- In Memory of Joe Byars, Sr.** - Jerry & Kathryn Orler
- In Memory of King Collier** - Elvin & Sally Frick; Brad & Mary Ellen Jesson
- In Memory of Tom Condren** - Charles & Johnnie Alley; Builders Class; Patton Condren; Cornerstone Class; Herb & Helen Couvillion; Madison M. Daily; Elvin & Sally Frick; Don Flanders; Helen Gray & Ann Scott Winters

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE

July 20, 2008

Class	Attendance
Infants	3
Toddlers	4
2 yr. olds	4
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	12
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1and	
Grade 2	
Grade 3and	
Grade 4	16
Grade 5	
Grade 6	9
CHILDREN'S DIV.	55
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12 (trip)	12
Youth trip	9
YOUTH DIV.	21
Aldersgate(Room M105)	17
Believers (Room M302)	5
Builders (RoomM209)	24
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	29
Cornerstones*(Room M311)	19
Disciples (Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	40
Encouragers*(Room M310)	16
Friends (Room M103)	10
Gleaners (Room M201)	31
Good News (Room M202)	5
Le Menage*(Room M306)	7
Roundtable (Room M213)	20
Seekers*(Room M107)	12
Uplifters*(Room M205)	25
ADULT TOTALS	273
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	353

Worship:

8:30	90
11:00 Family Life	150
11:00 Sanctuary	258
Wed. Communion	40
Youth trip	9
TOTALS	547

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, July 27

8:15 - Prayer Team, M203
 8:30 - Breakfast, FLC
 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
 4:30 - Cancer Support Grp, M200
 6:00 - Down Home Singin', Roebuck Chapel w/reception in Narthex
 6:30-8 - Combined Youth, Loft & Gym

Wednesday, July 30

9:00 - Wonderful Wednesday
 11:00 - Prayer Team, Memorial Chapel
 12:00 - General Staff
 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, July 28

1:00 - Movie Monday, M219
 6:00 - Ad. Board Meets, M201
 6:30 - Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

Thursday, July 31

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

Tuesday, July 29

1:30 - Archives Open, M204

Friday, August 1

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 10:00 - Pacesetters, Fireside Rm.
 10:00 - CEC Movie Time, M21

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
July 25-27
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