

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:**

### **JUST DO IT!**

For the first time in 23 years we spent the Christmas season away from our two daughters and Kim's family. And to be honest with you it was hard to get into the Christmas spirit. The church was decorated, the services were wonderful, we even had put out most of our Christmas decorations, but it was not easy to be in the Christmas spirit. The one thing missing was our Christmas tree. It was late in the season and we had talked about not getting one this year. But, on the Wednesday before Christmas I made a trip to Lowe's and picked up a tree. I rushed home that afternoon and put the lights on it (my yearly responsibility), so it would be ready to put the ornaments on when we got home from church. Since the choir was not practicing that evening Kim said she was going home after the meal. I told her she couldn't go home until I did, she knew nothing about the tree, because I had a surprise for her. We walked in the door, I told her to wait, went in and plugged in the lights. When she walked in the den, Christmas happened. From that time on the spirit of Christmas began to build in our lives and our home.

The reason I shared this is to show that sometimes when we just do, great things happen. There are times in our lives when we know we should do something, but we really don't feel like. Our heart is not in our daily Bible reading. Our mind is not on the Sunday school lesson. We just don't have the desire to get up and get going to church this Sunday or Wednesday. Too many times when this is how we feel we just let things go and keep our Bible closed, don't study our lesson, or just stay home.

But there is something to be said about just doing. You know that is the way it is many times in ministry. We might not feel like doing it, many times we might not even know exactly what to do. But, the trick is to just do it! There is an old saying that we need to push (pray until something happens). Well, guess what? Sometimes you are that something and you need to happen.

As we begin 2009, ask God where He wants you to serve and what He wants you to do. And then, even when you don't feel like it, just DO IT!!

Looking forward to GREAT; SPIRIT FILLED, GOD BLESSED new year,

**Marvin**

### **OUR STAFF**

**SECRETARY**  
Bobbi Seidel

**YOUTH DIRECTOR**  
Margaret Simpson

**CHOIR DIRECTOR**  
Audra Keller

**CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR**  
Tammy Day

**PIANIST**  
Norman Jenkins

**CUSTODIAN**  
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THE YOUTH ARE AGAIN SELLING EMBROIDERED SWEATSHIRTS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR UPCOMING RETREAT TO GATLINBURG IN FEBRUARY. THE SHIRTS ARE \$32 FOR SIZES SMALL THROUGH EXTRA LARGE. SHIRTS LARGER THAN THAT WILL COST SLIGHTLY MORE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A SWEATSHIRT, PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET SIMPSON.



Do you have a prayer emergency, a praise or a blessing that you must share? We have an active email prayer notification system, which you can reach through

the church office, or in a crisis you can activate the telephone prayer chain.

Prayer Chain:   Coordinator: Ruth Patton           891-1009  
                  Coordinator: Dee Lurker           582-5365

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An Adult Prayer Session is held each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the room next to the nursery. Please join us in praising and thanking God and in intercessory prayer for the people on our weekly prayer list. If you have family or friends you would like placed on the weekly prayer list, please call Ruth Patton at 891-1009 or contact the church office.

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*" A Higher Calling" Pledge Campaign*

The Higher Calling pledge campaign has been a true blessing. Please remember to mark your pledge checks "Higher Calling". Pledges can be given through April. As of the end of 2008, we have received \$ 22,991.65!

**USHER ASSIGNMENTS**  
***January – February – March***

- January:                   Janet Smith and Jean Hester
- February:               Eddie and Toni Arnold
- March:                   Doug and Cookie Moody

Ushers meet and greet members and visitors to our church as well as passing out bulletins and helping with collection plates. The ushers also straighten up the Sanctuary after the service. We request that ushers be in attendance about 15 minutes before the service. if you are unable to be here when you're scheduled, Please contact Jerry Smith at 582-2681. Thank you.



**CHOIR – SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**  
*January – February – March*

**ADULT CHOIR:** Director – Audra Keller, 891-2063  
Meets from 6:00 – 7:00 pm each Wednesday in the Music Room

The adult choir is made up of adults who come together in fellowship and music. Now would be a wonderful time to join as we will be learning brand new music for the months to come. We are always looking for new members of all ages who can sing. Come join us for some good music and great laughs!

**YOUTH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**  
*January – February – March*

DIRECTOR: Margaret Simpson

**YOUTH GROUP**  
Meets Wednesdays from 5:30–8:00 pm in the Conference Room

Open to boys and girls from 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the Youth program helps our young people to discern God’s will for their lives and lets them enjoy being teens in a Christian setting. Our youth participate in Bible study and devotions as well as fun, games and parties. Each Youth Fellowship ends with prayer.

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Pray for our Youth and their leaders as they attend the Encounter Retreat being held in Gatlinburg the weekend of February 20-22, 2009. The retreat will cost \$100 per person, and must be turned in by Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information regarding this outstanding youth retreat, you may contact Margaret Simpson or visit the website: <http://www.northalabamaumc.org/encounter>.

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**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Meets Sundays at 10:00 am in the Conference room.

In Sunday school, our youth learn to follow on the path God has dictated, rather than blindly accepting the world’s standards.

**COMMITTEES**

Staff/Pastor/Parrish Relations Committee (SPPRC)  
Chairperson: Ray Odell meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of  
Vice-Chair: Bobby Cornelius Jan & March at 6:30 pm

Board of Trustees  
Chairperson: Fred Robinson meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in

Vice-Chair: David Davis	Jan & Mar at 6:00 pm
Administrative Council	
Chairperson: David Davis	meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in
Vice Chair: Bobby Cornelius	Jan & Mar at 7:00 pm
Building Committee	meets as needed
Chairperson: David Davis	
Finance Committee	
Chairperson: Kelly Jones	meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each
Vice Chair: Karin Cornelius	month at 6:00 pm
Natural Church Development Team	meets as needed
Chairperson: Kelly Jones	
Vice Chair: Don Stroud	
Lay Leadership Team	meets as needed
Lay Leader: Wayne Gandy	
Lay Member to the Annual Conference: Pat Franklin	

### **OTHER MINISTRIES**

United Methodist Men	
Chairperson: Daniel Murphree	meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each
Vice-Chair: Mark Whitlow	month at 7:00 am for breakfast
United Methodist Women	
Chairperson: Sally Bartlett	meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each
	month at 11:30 am for lunch
Sisters in Spirit	
Chairperson: Karin Cornelius	meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each
	month at 7:30 am for breakfast
Springers	
Chairperson: Mildred Stroud	meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each
Vice-Chair: Ruth Mitchell	month. Times vary.
Promise Keepers	
Leader: Bill Hotalen	meets Wednesdays at 6:30 am at the Cracker Barrel.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***January – February - March***

January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00 pm  
Children's Lock-in "Henryville Olympics"

January 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm  
Finance Committee Meeting

January 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm  
Invitational Leadership Summit

January 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 am  
United Methodist Men

January 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am  
Bishop Willimon preaching

January 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 12th – 7:00 pm  
Administrative Council Meeting  
January 13th – 11:00 am  
United Methodist Women  
January 14th – 3:00 pm  
Exciting Wednesdays resumes  
January 16th – 6:00 pm  
Jesus Freaks Bonfire  
January 18th – 12:00 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Luncheon  
January 20th – 9:00 am  
Springers to Scottsboro  
January 21st – 6:30 pm  
SPPRC Committee Meeting  
January 25th – 7:30 am  
Sisters in Spirit  
February 8th – 7:00 am  
United Methodist Men  
February 10th – 11:00 am  
United Methodist Women  
February 11th – 5:00 pm  
Valentine's Banquet – hosted by Children's Ministry  
February 15th – 12:00 pm  
Third Sunday Luncheon

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

*January – February – March*

**SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

9:45 am in the classroom next to the Nursery

Led by David Davis, Pat Franklin and Ruth Patton, all senior adults are invited to join us. This quarter we will be studying "Human Commitment" exploring humankind's response to God's call. The first four lessons of twelve look at commitment to the Messiah by Mary, Elizabeth, the shepherds at the birth of Jesus and John the Baptist.

**ADULT CLASS**

9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall

Led by Wayne Gandy, this class involves discussion of pertinent issues for today's world as interpreted through the books in the Bible. The full participation of all class members provides new insights for each to help us grow in faith. This quarter we will be studying the book of Jeremiah.

**YOUNG ADULTS CLASS**

9:45 am in the Youth Room upstairs

Led by the Holy Spirit and Angie Hotalen, this class invites anyone who has a desire to learn about God's Word and how it applies to your daily life.

**SPRINGERS:**

- Jan 20th: Scottsboro Unclaimed Baggage. Vans will leave the church at 9:00 am
- Feb 17th: Harrison's Hardware, Constitution Village, Huntsville Historic Depot. Departure time to be announced.
- Mar 17th: Gadsden/Anniston. Eat at Victoria Restaurant. Departure time to be announced.
- Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11: The Springers will join Brother Marvin at Barfield Nursing Home at 10:00 am



ON SUNDAY MORNINGS A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE GO THE BARFIELD NURSING HOME TO SING FOR THEIR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE JOIN US AT BARFIELD AT 9:30 AM. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT VICTOR WILDHAGEN.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITES**  
***January – February – March***

**UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM):**

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 7:00 am for breakfast and fellowship. All men of the church are invited to attend.

- January 11th, 7:00 am – Breakfast meeting
- February 8th, 7:00 am – Breakfast meeting
- March 8th, 7:00 am – Breakfast meeting

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW):**

The UMW is a community of women ages 16-90+ who come together the first Tuesday of each month at the Courthouse Deli to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. We develop a creative, supportive fellowship, participate in the global ministries of the church, and study the Bible and mission literature. Join us as we develop a special bond of sisterhood by sharing work, laughter, joys, concerns, prayer, and fun.

- January 13th, 11:30 am – Luncheon meeting, Courtyard Deli
- February 10th, 11:30 am – Luncheon meeting, Courtyard Deli
- March 10th, 11:30 am – Luncheon meeting, Courtyard Deli

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*The UMW thanks everyone who donated items or helped in any way to make the Church Mission Bazaar a success. The proceeds raised will go toward church and community missions in 2009.*

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**SISTERS IN SPIRIT (SIS):**

We invite all the ladies of the church to join us for breakfast and worship on the fourth Sunday of each month at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our mission is to support ministries within our church.

January 25th, 7:30 am – Breakfast meeting

February 22nd, 7:30 am – Breakfast meeting

March 22nd, 7:30 am – Breakfast meeting

February 17th – 8:30 am  
Springers to Huntsville

February 20 – 22  
Youth Group Retreat to Gatlinburg

February 22nd – 11:00 am  
District Superintendent Bill Gandy preaching

February 22nd – 7:30 am  
Sisters in Spirit

February 24th – 6:00 pm  
Finance Committee Meeting

February 28th  
Jesus Freaks overnight to Camp Marenatha

March 8th – 7:00 am  
United Methodist Men

March 8th – 10:30 am  
Children lead worship service  
“He Lights the World”

March 9th – 6:00 pm  
Board of Trustees meeting

March 9th – 7:00 pm  
Administrative Council meeting

March 10th – 11:00 am  
United Methodist Women

March 10th – 6:00 pm  
Children/Youth Leaders meeting

March 15th – 12:00 pm  
Third Sunday Luncheon

March 17th – 8:30 am  
Springers to Gadsden, Anniston

March 22nd – 7:30 am  
Sisters in Spirit

March 24th – 6:00 pm  
Finance Committee Meeting

## **Natural Church Development Team**

*The Natural Church Development (NCD) Health Team will soon be sharing the results of the second survey with the church. We will also meet with our new coach, and the NCD team will continue working to help our church grow based upon the results of the survey.*

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

***January – February – March***

Children's Ministry Director – Tammy Day

**Nursery Team** – Lana Cowan, Heather Adkison

Nursery care is provided for both the Contemporary and Traditional Worship Services on Sunday mornings, as well as during Sunday School and for special activities. Pagers are available during the church services at the parent's request. If you have been attending this church for at least 6 months and would like to volunteer to help in the Nursery, contact Lana or Heather. All help is appreciated!

**Children's Sunday School** - Teacher Coordinator: Donna Black

Sundays – 10:45 am

Our children's Sunday school curriculum follows the Workshop Rotation Model created by Reverend Neil MacQueen and Melissa Armstrong-Hansche in 1990. The same Bible story or theme is taught for several weeks, and each week the children rotate to a different station, reinforcing the lesson in their memories. Using this method, our children explore each bible lesson through art, drama, movies, games and computers. If you would like to teach assist for one month, please Donna Black or Tammy Day.

**Wednesday Evening Activities** - Director: Tammy Day

Our "Exciting Wednesday" program is committed to providing a safe, friendly and loving environment for children to learn more about Jesus and his teachings. The church vans pick up the children from school at 2:30 pm and bring them to the church where they receive a snack and work on their homework. Beginning at 3:30, children enjoy choir, story time, dinner and play time and participate in many other meaningful activities. If you would like to volunteer to help with Exciting Wednesdays, please contact Lana Cowan, Donna Black or Tammy Day.

**JESUS JAMMERS** (1<sup>ST</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade)

Director – Donna Black

Meets from 3:45 – 4:15 pm each Wednesday

We would like to encourage all boys and girls from 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join us. We will be practicing music to sing at the 11:00 service.

Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities for Jan, Feb, March 2009:

### **January**

- There will be a lock-in on Friday, January 2nd starting at 7 p.m. We will have snacks for

the children throughout the night, but no meal will be served. Please make sure the children have had dinner before arriving at the church. Children should be picked up at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 3rd. Please make sure your child brings a jacket, sleeping bag, pillow, sleep cloths and a change of clothing for Saturday morning. We do ask that you not allow your child to bring toys to the lock-in. Our lock-in theme this year is “Henryville Olympics”!

- If you would like to volunteer to help with the “Henryville Olympics” lock-in, please contact Tammy Day or Lana Cowan.
- The Jesus Freaks group (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders) will be having a bonfire on January 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 o’clock. Our bonfire will take place at Lana’s house.
- Wednesday night activities will resume on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **February**

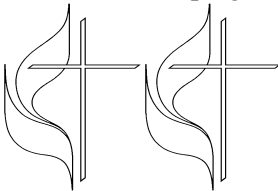
- On Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> the Children will host a Valentine Banquet. Everyone is welcome!
- The Jesus Freaks group will have an overnight trip to Camp Maranatha on February 28<sup>th</sup>. More details to come!

## **March**

- March 8<sup>th</sup>, the children will lead our worship service “He Lights the World”.

## **Other**

Helpers are desperately needed for two Sundays per month for Rotation Sunday School. Anyone interested in helping should see Donna Black or Tammy Day.



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