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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Worship services were cancelled last Sunday due to the snow and icy road conditions, but we shall resume our regular services and activities this week.

We pray that everyone will be sure to make up your financial contributions this Sunday as we endeavor to keep our budget strong and healthy.

Snow may not necessarily enhance a church's attendance and financial stability, but it sure makes ugly things look beautiful!

God's amazing grace has much in common with snow because it not only covers a multitude of sins, but it leaves all recipients with a clean and pure heart. The Lenten season seriously challenges us to give our spiritual hearts and lives to Jesus Christ that He can begin the redeeming and purifying process. How often do we take a spiritual inventory of our relationship with Christ? The Scriptures remind us of what happens when we confess and repent of our sins: "Old things pass away, and all things become new." Yes, indeed! It will take much more than snow to take away our sin and put us right with Christ. The blood of our Savior is the only means through which we can be "born again" into this life-cleansing relationship. As John Wesley would ask us: "Would you like your heart 'strangely warmed' today by the Holy Spirit?" If so, I know that God expects to see you and me back in worship this Sunday and also living up to our church vows through acts of love.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

YOUTH NEWS by Jacob Ross

February 27 thru March 1, our youth attended a 30-Hour Famine at Bartlett UMC. It was a weekend of mission work and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. A few of the projects we participated in: Made 10 fleece blankets for Project Linus, 24 care bags and 70 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Memphis Union Mission, 1 full-size hand-crocheted quilt, 1740 chocolate chip cookies for Kiaros Prison Ministry (we baked while we fasted), sorted meds for medical missions and sunglasses for Project 20/20, served lunch and attended (and spoke at) worship service at Memphis Union Mission, sorted clothes and cleaned at MIFA (Memphis Interfaith Assoc.), visited residents at King's Daughters and Sons Nursing Home, counted and rolled \$184.00 of pennies given by preschoolers. Our youth, along with youth of BUMC raise \$9,500 that will be matched 5x by a government grant totaling \$47,500. Consider this: 29,000 children die a day from hunger, but it only takes \$1 to feed a child for one day. God did wonders through our youth this weekend. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

Also, in March, **Breakfast Club at 6:45 AM at Cotton's Cafe will be moved to March 17** due to my being out of town for spring break on the usual date. All ages (9 months to 90s) are invited to attend to eat breakfast and fellowship with our youth.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!!!

We need at least 2 volunteers to clean the sanctuary in March and April. We also need at least 2 volunteers to be moppers of our vinyl floors, downstairs only. If you will help, phone Glenda Lane this week at 855-4723.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Wednesday, April 8

Noon Luncheon at Trenton First United Methodist Church

Devotion by Joel Pigg, pastor of Salem Baptist Church

Thursday, April 9

Noon Luncheon at Salem Baptist Church

Devotion by Clyde Rose, pastor of Trenton First

Assembly of God Church

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

At Trenton First Baptist Church

Sermon by John Singleton, pastor of Soul's Harbor

Pentecostal Church

Friday, April 10

Noon Luncheon at Trenton First Presbyterian Church

Devotion by Tommy Jowers, pastor of Trenton First

United Methodist Church

DR. BARKER MEMORIAL DOOR PROJECT HAS ALMOST REACHED ITS GOAL(only \$252 now needed!)

We need only \$252 reach our goal of purchasing a new door for the north entrance near the parking lot. On February 22 we received \$180; February 23 our United Methodist Men gave us \$200; an individual then donated \$50; and now we need only \$252 to meet our replacement goal. We are extremely proud to honor Dr. Edward Barker, a most skilled and dedicated doctor, whose past service to the people of Trenton and Gibson County will always be remembered and appreciated. **IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE A CONTRIBUTION, PLEASE PLACE IT INTO THE OFFERING PLATE THIS SUNDAY OR MAIL IT TO THE CHURCH, P.O. BOX 256.**

PASTOR'S CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS

On March 8 we will be having our fourth confirmation training program with our 9 young people. Please be in daily prayer for all those involved. The class members are Teagan Bartholomew, Blake Estes, Jake Hinson, Daniel Hodges, Sydney Phelan, Christian Roberts, Rachel Rollins, Logan Wallsmith, and Bailey Williams. Adult Mentors are Carolyn Blankinship, Betty Denton, Glenna Helms, Marty Hinson, Barbara Jones, Sid Phelan, Betty Poteet, Judie Reasons, Larry Ridings. **Parents: Be sure that your child brings his or her Bible to class this Sunday at 4:30 sharp.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

Loyal Workers next meeting is Monday, March 23.

Sweet Spirits will next meet on Tuesday, March 24.

GOSPEL SING TO BENEFIT DORADO FAMILY (Wanda Dyan Dorado and her daughter Rosa)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 AT 7 PM

AT CHRIST CHAPEL CHURCH,

Clay Farm Road

(between Atwood and McLemoresville)

The Singing Fire Fighters

Under Grace

Frog Jump Gospel Quartet

Another chance to identify the boy from last week. Here he is as the dark-haired young man on the left (the one not in uniform). There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to call 855-0561 and identify him.

PRAYER AND CARE: Terry Agee, Ryan Bennett, Mattie & Finis Carr, Erma Dollar, Pat Goodrich, Bill Goodrich, Bob Jeton, Sophia Ragusa, daughter of Mike & Shannon Hawkins Ragusa, Terry Rivas (sister of Lori Michel), Janice Singleton, C.B. Singleton.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), James Patrick Inman, Paul Michael Ross (brother of Jacob Ross), Chris Smith, Jesse Vinson (grandson of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Chais Milligan Wallsmith (son of Michael Wallsmith).

IN RETIREMENT HOMES: Agnes Evans, Greenbriar Meadows, 436 Hannings Lane, Martin, TN 38237; Dorothy Hardaway, Room 5, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN.

IN NURSING HOMES: Finis & Mattie Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street; Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road., Humboldt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH: Sammy Dickey

USHERS FOR MARCH

*Judie Estes Judy Woods Judie Reasons
Joyce Flack Janice Dickey Joseta Barker

MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

To volunteer to feed the youth, call Glenna Helms 692-3531

March 8 Judie & Roger Reasons
March 15 NO UMYF
March 22 Christy & Michael Wallsmith
March 29 Jim & Debbie Grant

Supper volunteers need to be present from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The meal is served at 5:30. If you are unable to come at 5:30 or to stay after the meal until 7:00, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

GREETERS

March 8 Sherry & Gary Buchanan
March 15 Peggy & Fred Davis
March 22 Judie & Roger Reasons
March 29 Barbara & Harold Griggs

ACOLYTES

March 8 Logan Wallsmith & Blake Estes
March 15 Josey Phelan & Tyson Bartholomew
March 22 Daniel Hodges & Blake Estes
March 29 Gracey Estes & Annie Bartholomew

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

March 8 I Peter 3:18-22 TBA
March 15 Psalm 139:1-18 TBA
March 22 Romans 8:35-39 TBA
March 29 St. John 12:27-36 TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

March 8 Barbara Griggs

March 15 Steve Mischke
March 22 Jane Maule
March 29 Sandy Hodges

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1-Franky Hodges. 2-Josephine Jackson. 3-Christy Wallsmith. 4-Leah Jean Rollins. 7-Sonny Lane. 7-Trent Helms. 12-Alex Jones. 13-Judy Woods. 14-MaryLauren Agee. 14-Josey Gail Phelan. 18-Bobby Moore. 20-Ken Holder. 20-Barbara Jones. 20-Glenda Lane. 20-Charlie Singleton. 25-Landon Jones. 31-Aaron Jowers. 31-Hunter Smith. 31-Jean Smith.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks forward Saturday night, or you will be late to church on Sunday!

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service
4:30 p.m. - Confirmation Training Class
5:30 p.m. - UMYF meal followed by UMYF meeting
7:00 p.m. - Love Notes Handbell Choir rehearsal for Easter

Wednesday, March 11

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday Meal – Pot-Luck
6:00 p.m. - UMYF upstairs. Adult study in the fellowship hall.
6:00 p.m. - Children's Music Time, 6:30 p.m.- Craft Time.
7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary

Friday-Sunday, March 13-15

Junior and Senior High Retreat at Lakeshore

Sunday, March 15

Noon - Ribeye steak sandwich lunches for sale at First Presbyterian Church to benefit Relay for Life.

No UMYF Meeting.

Tuesday, March 17

6:45 a.m. - Breakfast Club at Cotton's Café with our UMYF

Monday, March 21

5:00 p.m. until fish runs out - United Methodist Men's Fish Fry

Sunday, March 22

5:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School Planning Mtg. of volunteer counselors, parents, & all others who would like to participate.

No Love Notes Handbell Choir rehearsal

COMING EVENTS

Sunday April 5--Palm Sunday Children's Choir and Children's Handchimers to perform in worship service at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, April 12-Easter Sunday Love Notes Handbells perform. Reception and Dedication of Lenten Hunger Offerings.

2009 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

Vacation Bible School 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 13-16. Theme: CAMP EDGE, "Experiencing God Anywhere"

ATTENDANCE MARCH 1, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL & MORNING WORSHIP cancelled.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP MARCH 1: Worship cancelled.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship, so that our visitors will do that, too.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 1

TO DEBT ON MARCH 1:	None
YEAR DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	\$528
TO YOUTH FUND ON MARCH 1	None
YOUTH FUND 2009 TO DATE:	\$320

MEMORIALS**IN MEMORY OF FEDERICO DORADO**

Donna & Charles Carr