

FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Friends,

This last week has brought a lot of exciting changes in our building construction. We have poured the slab for the atrium. We have made progress in prepping the site of our family life center/worship area. We also have dug out the hallway that will link the atrium to the family life center so that it will all be on one level. That means now the chapel area will be a bit above the level of the atrium. This week, weather permitting, we will begin to put up the steel framing for our atrium. Once the steel starts going up we will quickly be able to see what our atrium will look like.

Our friends at First Christian are making progress on their new building. They still expect to move some time the middle of March. First Christian will be of great use to us for the immediate future as a worship, Sunday school, and fellowship space. We hope to demolish the Warner building sometime this summer to give us a lot more parking space.

Obviously, we are going through tremendous changes here at First Church. Please pray with me that through this whole process we not lose sight of our purpose of, "Putting Jesus First in our Lives".

Yours in Christ, John

Dave Ramsey, in one of his Financial Peace University talks, employs the phrase "opportunity cost." Here is the basic idea: if you have \$100, and you choose to spend it on a new coat, that necessarily means you cannot save it or spend it on something else. Simple, right? When you spend your money, time, or energy on something, you are making a choice to elevate one thing over the others. Spending in one area means sacrificing the other. Overtime at work? That costs you time with your family. I think you get the idea. Here is my thought for the week: God has blessed us all with gifts, talents, and abilities. Some have more, while others have less--but all of them can be used to God's glory. (Check Matthew 25, and what Jesus teaches in the parable of the talents.) What are you doing with yours? How do your decisions and choices reveal to your neighbors and to God what truly matters in your life? What gets put on top of the priority pile, and what gets sacrificed? How can you use your God-given gifts this week to share the love of Christ with others?

Blessings, Blake

BACK TO MAYBERRY

Another session of the six week study, Back To Mayberry, will begin February 20 and run six consecutive weeks. Each week is based on a different episode of the Andy Griffith Show, which aired in 1960. Following a viewing, the class will discuss Christian principles dealt with in the episode.

Scripture will be included to enhance the discussion. The class meets on Mondays, from 6-7pm in the Annex Building.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 22. We will have a light meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm. An Imposition of Ashes service will follow at 6pm in the Sanctuary. See the children's section of the newsletter for information concerning them.

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

The Women's Crisis Center is needing assistance with their upcoming move.

If you are willing to help out, please contact me at

epollock@fumcjonesboro.org

Putting Jesus First, Ellen Pollock

4TH QUARTER TRIP

***Memphis, I Max Theater: "Born To Be Wild"**

February 20 (Monday). We will be leaving the church parking lot at 10am.

Sign-up begins Monday, February 6. Cost: \$6.75 (Due at time of sign up)

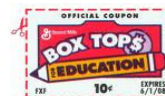
Lunch is at the "Women's Exchange" and is at your own expense.

RESPONSE TRAINING

In previous situations such as the Joplin tornado disaster, we were not allowed to go into the area to assist without being certified in Emergency Response. First United Methodist Church of Harrisburg is hosting an Early Response Training (ERT) for area residents who want to help with disaster relief on Saturday, February 25, from 9am-3pm. You must register by Friday, February 17. This training covers very basic procedures for helping our neighbors following major disasters, such as the flooding in our area last year. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will issue credentials to persons who attend and pass this UMCOR-sponsored training. These credentials, with an appropriate ID badge, will allow volunteers to enter restricted areas to provide assistance. Cost is \$20, and scholarships are available. You must pre-register to receive the credentials. Please contact me at epollock@fumcjonesboro.org for instructions on pre-registration. **FUMC, Jonesboro will also host a training on March 10 for those who cannot make it to the Harrisburg training.**

VOLUNTEER

We have so many places you can help out! Last week, I listed some volunteer opportunities for some needs we have here on campus, but here are a couple of things you can do in YOUR home! We collect Box Tops from all kinds of grocery products for Micro Society Elementary School. Micro Society can turn them in for cash that they can use for all kinds of supplies for their school.



Secondly, we collect tabs from drink cans, soup cans and other food items. They have the highest content of aluminum and are valuable for recycling dollars. We donate the ones we collect to St. Jude Children's Hospital for their recycling program to help fund treatment and cures for kids.



These are two great ways to help others with products you consume every day!

Putting Jesus First, Ellen Pollock

We have some extra 150th t-shirts for \$10 in the office. Call the church office or email Ellen at epollock@fumcjonesboro.org or 932.7479.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

February 19, 2012

8:15 AM Sanctuary: John Miles 8:30 AM First Christian: John Soward
 9:35 AM Sanctuary: John Miles 11:00 ELEVATION (Annex): Blake Langston
 11:00 AM Sanctuary: John Miles 6:00 PM Sanctuary: John Soward

For after-hours emergencies, please contact one of our pastors on their cell phones:
 John: 870.932.2320; Blake: 870.283.9498; Patty: 870.275.2100

WEDNESDAY MEALS

Wednesdays at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall

February 22: Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,
 Salad & Fruit KIDS: Same

FAITHFULNESS

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

8:15 AM SANCTUARY: 153
 8:30 AM CHAPEL: 44
 9:35 AM SANCTUARY: 432
 11:00 AM SANCTUARY: 232
 11:00 AM ELEVATION: 84
 Nursery(8:30AM): 5
 Nursery(9:40AM): 6
 Nursery(11:00AM): 5
Total Worship: 961
 Sunday School: 343
 6:00 PM Evening: 30

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

Parking Pals:
 James Hunter, Daryl May, James Nichols, Brian Graf
Bus Ministry:
 Jeff Fielder
Altar Arrangements:
 Thad & Carolyn Wyatt
Altar Guild:
 Deb Roberts & Karen Carpenter



OPERATING BUDGET

| FEBRUARY 12, 2012 | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Weekly Budget Need | \$34,207.58 | \$32,608.84 |
| Weekly Budget Receipts | \$26,556.00 | \$25,961.87 |
| YTD Budget Need | \$239,453.06 | \$228,261.88 |
| YTD Budget Receipts | \$234,608.47 13% | \$256,470.21 15% |
| YTD Over/(Under) Budget | (\$4,844.59) | \$28,208.33 |

FIRST FORWARD AS OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012



| | AMOUNT | HOUSE HOLDS | RECEIVED TOWARD PLEDGES | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Pledges | \$4,826,331.68 | 378 | \$1,677 | 34% |
| Contrib. Rec'd OVER Pledge | \$31,420.00 | 15 | \$31,420.00 | 100% |
| Contrib. Rec'd With NO Pledge | \$126,175.63 | 89 | \$126,110.63 | 100% |
| TOTAL PLEDGES | \$4,983,927.31 | 482 | \$1,800,028.57 | 36% |

Over the next few weeks I'll provide attendance and financial information on our new website. I look forward to being able to provide this information along with tables, graphs, etc. on the web. Some of the information will be ongoing and updated every week or month while other information may just be something you may want to know once or twice a year.

Have a blessed week, Jon.

SYMPATHIES

...Sympathy to Steve Smith & Family in the loss of his father, Horace Stephen Smith, who passed away on February 13, 2012.
 ...Sympathy to Clark Elkins & Family in the loss of his wife, Norma Elkins, who passed away on February 12, 2012. Mrs. Elkins had been a member of FUMC since January 4, 1970.
 ...Sympathy to Carla Brunner & Family in the loss of her husband, Frank Brunner, who passed away on February 12, 2012. Mr. Brunner had been a member of FUMC since September 20, 2009.
 ...Sympathy to Archie Flanders & Family in the loss of his mother, Doris Flanders, who passed away on February 9, 2012.
 ...Sympathy to the Family & Friends of Donald Gillespie, who passed away on February 9, 2012.

YOU'RE INVITED

We will be having a wedding shower for Zoë Miles, daughter of Rev. John & Susan Miles, Sunday, March 4, from 12-3:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Zoë is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target, Amazon & Main St. Mall in Heber Springs.

HOSPITAL LIST

The names below are in the hospital or have recently been in the hospital. LaRue Cunningham, Kitty Sisk, Russell Patton Jr., Kay Davis, Ed Quinn, Gerald Rainwater

FUMC PRAYER LIST

We are updating the current prayer list. Please review the list below and inform the church office if you need to renew or remove a prayer request.

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| Jim Mowery | Brenda Phillips | Shirley Hurt | Ty Collins | Ranella Clemmons | Sarah Orr | Mae Herndon | Vanita Catalina |
| Kate Crews | Joe Milano | Armed Services | Pat Williams | Maranda McNair | Nathan Ingram | Don Barnes | Cindy Lipscomb |
| Leroy Clark | Willis Green | Jo Lee | Owen Church | Riley Alexander | Louise Halley | Shirley Martin | |
| Susan Virginia Barker | Tom Wainscott | Thelma Fowler | Joanne Allison | Jay Simmons | Dennis Hamm | Ed Quinn | |
| Eloise Albright | Oscar Goodwin | Nancy Graham | Joe Kopp | Rev. Gerald Rainwater | Debbie Landry | Kay Parda | |
| John Edwards | Alberta Kelly | John Hogan | Joann Deiseline | Lanney Jo Ross | Gene Mitchell | Sandra Sitzer | |
| Bill Gardner | Danny Joe McHaffey | Wesley Reynolds | Joe & Judy Belk | Ida Herrin | John West | Nicholas Camferdam | |
| Jacob West | Johnna Pate | Mary Kathryn Marcom | Karen Hollis | Mary Beth Oliver | Dr. Robert Potts | Dr. Willie Young | |
| Nelma Barnhill | Linda Mosely | Rick Applin | Sue Bren | Helen Gay | Dee Smith | Scott House | |
| Barbara King | Rose Marie Lam | Brian Noland | LuAnn Higgins | Cindy Lipscomb | Hannah Ball | Bobbi Pharis | |

PANTRY NEEDS

2/19: CANS OF SOUP

"Please LIKE the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry on Facebook for up to date information on the pantry's needs as well as events and volunteer opportunities."

Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM Nursery Opens
8:15 AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
8:30 AM Chapel Worship, First Christian
9:00 AM St. Bernard's Village Bus Ministry
9:35 AM Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
9:35 AM Sunday School, all ages
11:00 AM ELEVATION Service, Annex A
11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
2:00 PM Wayland Spring Committe Mtg, Room 111
3:00 PM Confirmation Parent's Meeting, FH
5:00 PM Disciple I, Room 204
5:00 PM Disciple III, Room 209
5:00 PM Youth Small Groups
5:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Miles), Room 205
5:00 PM Cancer Support Group, Room 111
6:00 PM Evening Service, Sanctuary
6:00 PM Young Women's First Group, Room 201
6:10 PM Youth Choir, Room 300

Monday, February 20

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Miles), Room 204
10:00 AM 4th Quarter Trip: IMAX
1:45 PM Members to Skillcare Nursing Home
5:30 PM Couples First Group (Horton), Room 111
6:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Pollock), Room 204
6:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Miles), Room 209

Monday, February 20

6:00 PM Back To Mayberry Study, Annex D
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 3416, Annex E
7:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 6, Annex B
9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Room 111
10:00 AM Temple Keepers Bible Study, Room 111
10:00 AM Anna-Deborah Circle, Offsite
2:00 PM Priscilla Circle, Offsite
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, Annex B
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 340, Annex E

Tuesday, February 21

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Hope/Miles), Room 209
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study(White/Johnson), Room 204
9:30 AM Daycare Chapel Time
5:00 PM Fellowship Meal, FH
5:45 PM Children's Programming Begins
5:45 PM Tiny Tunes/Twinkly Stars, Room 101
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
6:00 PM Disciple II, Room 205
7:00 PM Co-Ed Bible Study (Pollock), Room 204
7:00 PM FUMC Men's First Group, Annex D
7:00 PM Real Men's First Group, Annex C
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Chrisco), Room 209
7:00 PM Chancel Choir, Room 300
7:00 PM Youth Worship, Annex

Wednesday, February 22

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Hope/Miles), Room 209
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study(White/Johnson), Room 204
9:30 AM Daycare Chapel Time
5:00 PM Fellowship Meal, FH
5:45 PM Children's Programming Begins
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7:00 PM Real Men's First Group, Annex C
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Chrisco), Room 209
7:00 PM Chancel Choir, Room 300
7:00 PM Youth Worship, Annex

Thursday, February 23

9:30 AM Kindermusik, Room 111
12:00 PM Women's First Group, Room 111
5:00 PM FUMC to City Youth, Offsite
6:00 PM Co-Ed First Group (Soward), Room 204

Friday, February 24

6:15 AM Men's Prayer First Group, Room 111
7:00-9:00 PM Underground Church Game

UMW GROUPS/NEWS

Anna/Deb. Group - February 21, 10:00am
Hostess: Mary (Mrs. Elvis) Coble
Priscilla Group - February 21, 2:00pm
Hostess: Sondra Bostic
Susanna Group - March 12, 6:30pm
Joanna Group - March 13, 6:30pm
Coordinator: Suzanne Herndon

KID'S NEWS

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation classes (6th Grade) will begin Sunday, February 26, from 4-5:30pm. Brother John teaches this class with help from Brother Blake and Jeff Jones.
A PARENT Confirmation Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19, at 3pm. All parents are encouraged to attend.

UNDERGROUND CHURCH

Attention all 4-6 Graders!!

Friday, February 24, from 7-9pm we will play an awesome game of underground church with our college group. Pizza will be served and dark clothes are encouraged. You should have received a postcard in the mail with details describing the game. For more information, contact Shannon May.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 22. We will have a Children's Service at 6pm (after dinner) in the Fellowship Hall for children (Tiny Tunes - 6th Grade). It will include music, a message and snack. We will take the children to the Sanctuary for the imposition of ashes toward the end of the service and will return to the Fellowship Hall for pick up.

KID'S MUSICAL

Auditions for the upcoming musical, Jonah's Druthers will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22, from **5:30-6:00pm**, in the Choir Room on the 3rd Floor. This audition is mandatory for any one that wants a speaking part.

ARKANSAS MISSION OF MERCY (ArMOM)

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First come, first served, Friday and Saturday, April 27 & 28th.

ASU Convocation Center

Dentists, hygienists and volunteers from all over the state of Arkansas will be providing cleanings, fillings and extractions. We will need volunteers for all areas, including translators for the spanish speaking. The link below is to the state dental association website, registration is online at this site.

<http://arkansasdentistry.org/index.php/armom/armom-2012/>