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Happy Birthday to all those who celebrate in February!!

Maggie Cravens—2/2	Kristen Maddox—2/20
Anne Marie Burriss—2/5	Michael Pharr—2/20
Emma Moore—2/7	Todd Lewis—2/21
Evan Moore—2/7	Mark Bryngelson—2/21
Jim Barry- 2/7	Carol Cartledge—2/21
Mark Bryngelson, Jr.—2/9	Irene Rousey—2/22
Randee Barry— 2/9	Mary Bowick—2/24
Betsy Strother—2/11	Ann Cook-2/15
Wilma Bunch—2/12	Aaron Moore-2/17
Emily McNure—2/12	Richard Swann-2/19
Ricky Lindsey—2/14	Dixon Caddell—2/20
	Charles Drinkard—2/25
	Iris Corbett—2/26
	Lizzie Keen—2/28
	Buzzy Randall—2/28



Prayer Concerns

Bill Branan, The Manross family (loss of Erin’s nephew, Hodges), Susan Hargrove, Casey England, Susan Hargrove, Allen & Wilma Bunch, Tommy Moore, Tim Echols, Chip Wilson, Kathleen Price, Irene Rousey, Kim Edwards, Caroline Walden, Sydney Townsend, Bonnette Marks, Ruth Farish, Ridge Moore, Wiley Crittenden, Calli Nickels, Iris Corbett, John Morrow, Louise Williams, Vivian Wickersham, Mildred Brown, Marjorie Tyler, Libby Ivey, Marquerite Thornton, Sara Gresham, Maxine Gresham, Leon Johnson, Hugh and Sue Warren, Randolph and Mary Lawrence and Mary McClearn.



Special Service on Sunday, February 14

We hope you will join us on Sunday, February 14 during our worship service. Our Cornelia Johnson Circle will be honoring all babies born in our church family in 2009 by making a donation to missions. We have 11 babies this year including children, grandchildren and even one great-grandchild.

Children’s Choir Update

Our Children’s Choir is currently working on “Life School Musical” for their performance in May. If your child would like to be apart of this ministry it is not too late to join. All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to participate. There have been no parts given out yet so some and see what it is all about. We pick your child up from school and bring them back to the church for a snack and down time and then we rehearse until 4:30 every Tuesday afternoon.

God’s Marketplace Food Pantry is collecting SMALL jars of jelly. There is a basket in the Narthex of our church where you may drop off jars.

Office hours for Gale will be on Tuesdays, from 9 am -12 Noon, starting February 9.



Upcoming Week at a Glance

- **Sunday, February 7**
8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast— guest speaker, Jeff Blakey
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. PreK Soup and Sandwich Lunch
4:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey study in FSH
6:00 p.m. Disciple Study in Wesley Hall
6:00 p.m. UMYF
7:00 p.m. “Just Walk Across the Room” study at Gale and Rich’s
- **Monday, February 8**
6:30 p.m. Men’s Group Study at Claire and David Jones’ home
6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Group Study led by Becky S. at the Jones’ home
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts in Wesley Hall
- **Tuesday, February 9**
10-11:30 Iris Garden Club in Wesley Hall
3:15 p.m. Children’s Choir
6:30 p.m. Band practice
- **Wednesday, February 10**
9:00 a.m. Cornelia Johnson circle preparing meals for shut-ins
12:00 Noon—Light Lunch and a movie in FSH
6:15 p.m. Valentine’s theme Fellowship Supper
6:45 p.m. Children/Youth Activities
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice
- **Thursday, February 11**
7:00 p.m. Seekers Circle at Debbie Holes’ home
7:00 p.m. “What to do When you Don’t Know What to Do” Study at the Ward’s home (led by Mark Ward and Trevin Burriss)
- **Saturday, February 13**
5:30 p.m. Fire Proof movie showing in FSH
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First News

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Soaring on Spirit Wings — Views from the Pastor

I’m still excited about the fact that we are in a new year with all kinds of possibilities. I hope you are asking God, “What’s my guiding scripture?” When we know what he wants us to do, then the bumps on life’s highway aren’t as paralyzing— we can pick ourselves up, grasp God’s hand and continue our journey. If you could not come to worship last week, you might ask Shelley for a CD. We have CD’s of every service for you to enjoy when you have to miss?

We didn’t have the SAVI™ communication workshop last week because Dr. Smoot, our presenter, was iced in, in Atlanta. If a scheduling conflict prevented your participation, you can come this week and enjoy his humorous insights and learn to communicate more effectively at work, at home, at school, in your marriage, with friends, etc.

This is how Dr. Smoot advertised it to clergy two years ago- “Savi™ (Systemic Analysis of Verbal Interaction) training has been shown to dramatically increase the clarity and effectiveness of interpersonal communications. Used in the business community and the public schools for over thirty years, SAVI™ can assist people in moving a conversation in these ways:

- From fighting and blaming to problem solving
- From “going around in circles” to coming to agreement
- From “competing for air time” to goal directed progress.

-From “getting lost in the chaos” to staying on track in difficult meetings.

—————**and much more!**—————

Come Saturday and Enjoy. At first I thought it was necessary to come two Saturdays in a row, but with scheduling conflicts that might be too much. Come one Saturday and you’ll reap amazing benefits.

You will discover a new way to hear and respond to persons and groups in order to clarify their context and understanding.

Doesn’t that sound like something that could REALLY make a difference in your life?

It made a difference in my life!! It made it better! It made Rich’s and my marriage better!

Remember, lunch and snacks are included as well as a free nursery. \$15/person to pay for Dr. Smoot’s travel and materials he’s giving us. Call and let us know you are coming, 706-678-7116.

Have a wonderful week. We’re planning lots of activities for Feb. so be sure and check the calendar!
God bless, Gale

MISSION Team NewsFlash

We know that Jesus said, “go and make disciples of all nations” and we’ve heard about other churches doing it. Our own mission trip to Central America is in the planning stages now. BE PART OF IT!! Hold July 11-17 open, and UPDATE PASSPORTS—join your mission team in action!

Note from Dave Toburen, Finance Chair

Dear Church Family,

The Faithful Messengers class wishes to thank all the participants in the Chili Lunch. They raised \$1,326 which went towards our Building Fund. Our loan is now down to \$66,800. The Finance Committee would like to challenge other Sunday School classes, groups etc. including the Youth (maybe a car wash which will pull in others in the community) to think of ways to raise money (a large yard sale, or perhaps an auction or other activity). Remember to collect your pocket change at the end of each day and periodically bring it to church and put it in the big jar in the Narthex. Every dime reduces debt and the interest we have to pay on it. If you have an idea on how we can celebrate the payoff of the New Fellowship Hall in June 2010 (five months away), please let Gale or Alice know.

We thought you’d like to know that our total giving to the general budget for the year 2009 was \$326,114. Our budget was \$317,840. Your faithfulness with the resources that He has given you is overwhelming. We finished the year with all bills paid. Praise the Lord!

David Toburen,
Finance Chairman

Children's Church

Listed below are the dates and volunteers of who will be supervising our Children's Church Ministry. If you are interested in serving please contact David Jones @ 678-7116.

- Feb 7 Bryngelson Mar 7 Eubank
- Feb 14 Warrenfells Mar 14 Eubank
- Feb 21 Blakey Mar 21 Johnston
- Feb 28 Holloway Mar 28 Johnston

PreK Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser

Our PreK program will have a soup and sandwich fundraiser immediately after worship this Sunday, February 7.

Cornelia Johnson Circle

The Cornelia Johnson Circle will be preparing meals for our shut-ins on Wednesday, February 10 starting at 9:00 in our FSH

Seekers Circle

The Seekers Circle will be meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 at the home of Debbie Holes.

Finance Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, February 15 at 7:00

Seekers Circle Pancake Supper

The Seekers Circle will be having a pancake supper fundraiser at McDonald's on Monday, February 15 from 5-7 PM. Cost is \$5 which includes hotcakes, all you can eat, one sausage and a drink. See any of the circle members or call the church office.

Trustees Meeting

The trustees will meet on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 in the FSH. We will be electing a new president for this year.

Haitian Relief—How to Help

Gifts can be made payable to Washington First UMC designating UMCOR Advance Haitian Emergency Relief. 100% of your gifts goes to Haitians.

Lunch and Movie Extravaganza in February

Come join us at noon on Wednesdays in February for a light lunch and a movie. Bring your favorite movie. Those who come will choose the movie for the next week! Bring a friend, enjoy Free lunch and a movie!

Missions Trip Update

Following the disaster in Haiti, we are praying about whether or not we want to rethink our plans for this Summer. Either way we definitely believe that we will be heading somewhere this Summer. Please pray with your children about this and decide if it is right for you or your family. It is open to the whole church so anyone who wants to go is welcome. The big thing we need to get started on is applying for passports. The longer we wait, the more it will cost to receive the passports on time. Please let me know if you have any questions about the process or have ideas about where we should go. We have pretty much narrowed it down to Nicaragua, Haiti, or the Bahamas (yes they need Jesus in the Bahamas too!)

Miss PattyCake Concert

Our church is hosting Miss PattyCake, a preschool Christian entertainer. She will be here live on February 27 at 6pm in our fellowship hall. You may purchase tickets by calling the church office at 706-678-7116. Tickets are \$10. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends!

Youth News

January 10-Feb 14 Online Missions Trip

Over the past few weeks, we have been training on how to reach out to our friends, neighbors, and relatives in various ways. We will be participating in a world-wide "Online Missions Trip" with hundreds of other groups from around the world. What this means is that we will utilize existing social networking circles that most of our kids already use including Facebook, MySpace, and even networked video games such as XBOX 360 and Wii, in order to reach people within our circle of online networks. For more info, check out www.onlinemissionstrip.com

February 19-21—High School Retreat

We will stay at Rich and Gale's lake house, and attend the Acquire the Fire Conference in Atlanta. The cost is \$60 which includes tickets to conference, concerts, speakers, and breakout sessions. If you have not used your auction money, you may do so for this trip. Claire and I have both been to this conference and it is truly life changing. We will leave Friday at 4 PM and return by 6 PM on Sunday night. Friday we will head straight to Atlanta, then to the lake to sleep. We will head back to Atlanta Sat. morning where you will need to bring a few dollars for lunch and dinner in Atlanta. Sunday we will hang out at the lake playing games, bowling, and discussing the conference. We will then head back home. I need to know ASAP for sure if your child is going so that I can order tickets at the cheapest rate.

April 9-11 Middle School Retreat

We will be going to the Believe Conference in Atlanta and staying at Rich and Gale's lake house. This conference is specifically designed to reach 6-8th graders. Games, concerts, speakers, worship, everything is geared towards this age range. The cost will be \$25 for the conference and around \$10 for bowling on Sunday. Please let David know if you are going.

Movie Night-Saturday, Feb. 13th

The movie **Fire Proof** will be shown in our FSH at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Free babysitting will be available at First Baptist Church for ages 6 mos. to 8 years from 5:15—9:30. Pizza will be served to the children for \$1 a slice. An idea would be to park here, go to dinner and then come back for the movie.


**Calendar of Events
February 2010**

Every Sunday Happenings:

10:00 am — Sunday School

11:15 am — Worship

6:00 pm — United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Bell Cottage

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9-2 Equipping the Saints—Secrets of Effective Communication Session 1 in FSH
7 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 12:30 PreK Soup and Sandwich Lunch Fundraiser	8 6:30 Cub Scouts in Wesley Hall	9 10-11:30 Iris Garden Club in Wesley Hall 3:15 Children's Choir 6:30 Band Practice	10 9:00 Preparing meals for Shut-ins 12:00 Lunch and Movie in FSH 6:15 Valentine's Dinner + Fun! 6:45 Youth/Children Activities	11 3:30 Youth going to Winter Jam in Augusta—\$10 7:00 Seekers Circle at the home of Debbie Holes	12	13 9-2 Possible 2nd Session of Equipping the Saints 5:30 and 7:30 Movie—Fire Proof Free + Nursery at First Baptist
14 	15 5-7 Hotcake Supper at McDonald's 7:00 Finance Mtg OFFICE CLOSED	16 3:15 Children's Choir 7:00 Trustees meeting to elect new president 6:30 Band Practice	17 12:00 Lunch and Movie in FSH 6:15 Supper 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 Choir Choir	18	19 7:00 Gideon's Pastor Appreciation in FSH High School Retreat—19-21 Leave Friday at 4 PM, Return Sunday at 6 PM	20
21 1st Sunday in Lent High Schoolers return by 6 PM	22 6:00 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 Cub Scouts in Wesley Hall	23 3:15 Children's Choir 6:30 Band Practice 7:00 Administrative Council	24 12:00 Lunch and Movie in FSH 6:15 Supper 6:45 Youth/Children Activities 7:00 Choir	25	26	27 6PM Miss PattyCake LIVE HERE

Studies Held Weekly— Call Trevin, 706-678-3690 for information and to join a study!

Financial Peace University, Sundays at 4:00 pm in the FSH

Disciple Study, Sundays, 6:00 pm in Wesley Hall

Experiencing God Study, Sundays, 6:00 pm at the home of Shay and Henry Harris (begins Feb. 14)

“Just Walk Across the Room” Study, Sundays, 7:00 pm in the Parsonage

Men's Group Study, Mondays, 6:30 pm at the home of Claire and David Jones (begins Feb. 8)

Ladies Group Study, Mondays, 6:30 pm at the home of Claire and David Jones (begins Feb. 8)

“What to do When You Don't Know What to Do” Study, Thursdays, 7:00, home of Darla and Mark Ward (begins Feb. 11)