

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

* Nursery Available

Sunday, October 18, 2009

- 7:30 AM UM Men's Breakfast
- * 8:55 AM Sunday Morning Praise
- * 9:45 AM Sunday School
- * 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 4:00 PM Youth Handbells
- 4:45 PM Awesome Kids of God
- 4:45 PM Adult Handbells
- 4:45-6:30 PM UMYF
- 5:55 PM Children's Handbells
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

Monday, October 19, 2009

- 10:00 AM Arthritis Exercise Class
- 6:00 PM UMW Board

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

- 10:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
- 6:30 PM Beth Moore Study—Believing God

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

- 10:00 AM Circle 2 at Judy Rikard's Home
- 6:00 PM Family Night Fellowship
- 6:45 PM Adult, Youth, & Children Bible Studies and Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 22, 2009

- 8:00 AM Adult Bible Study—Youth Suite
- 5:30 PM Sonshine (Praise Team) Practice

Friday, October 23, 2009

- PASTOR'S SABBATH
- 10:00 AM Arthritis Exercise Class

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The Pastor will be attending a seminar at Erskine October 26 & 27. This is the Prospectus Seminar which will lead to the writing of a Prospectus and, eventually, a Dissertation.

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REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

On November 1, in the 11:00 Service, we will honor the memory of our friends and family members who have completed their labor and now rest in peace with God. If you have had a death in your family in the last year (November 2008—present), please call the church office so that your loved one may be included in our memorial.

OUR FAITHFULNESS October 11, 2009

Sunday School	110
Sunday Morning Worship	139
Evening Worship	N/A
Budget Needs This Week	8,626. 10
Receipts This Week	7,761. 76
Receipts To Date	270,191. 95



Charge Conference



CHARGE CONFERENCE October 28 After Supper

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Thanks to the members of the Lay Leadership Committee for your diligence during the nominating process.

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NOVEMBER YOUTH CELEBRATION

November 20-22
6th-12th grades
Epworth By The Sea

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October 17th
4:00 - 6:00
in the fellowship hall
games - goodies
great fun
Bring a Friend



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GETTING THE RIGHT SEAT

As I sit to prepare this week's message, I have a nagging question: Why is it that the best seats in the theatre or the cinema or the stadium are always the closest to the action and the best seats in the church are always in the back? If you're late for a football game, you're likely to have to sit on the sides, but if you're late to worship, you'll have to move closer to the front. Truth is: we all want the best seats we can get.

At a church nearby, there was great trouble brewing over who would sit on the "church mother's pew" once Sister Sharon passed. And interestingly enough, several women were vying for the honor. Most were seeking the seat for purely selfish reasons. Some wanted the power and control that came with the position. Others wanted the prestige of sitting in such a visible seat. When no consensus was reached, a meeting was called to decide who would have the seat and there was nearly a brawl as words became heated and gestures became pointed.

Then, the pastor noticed an uninvited guest in the corner of the room. Sister Annie had come to the church, not to attend the meeting, but to perform her weekly labor of love. Every week, Annie came to church to sweep the old hard wood floor of the sanctuary, clean the toilets, put out fresh paper goods where needed, and pick up stray bulletins. As the argument raged on, the pastor walked across the room, put his arm around Sister Annie and said: "Ladies, I want you to meet our new 'church mother,' Sister Annie."

In a world that seeks reward through power, position, and prestige, Annie was recognized for her performance, for her dedicated service to God and to the church. Go and do likewise ...

Tucker



The Worship Of God
 20th Sunday after Pentecost
 Liturgical Color: Green
 October 18, 2009 11:00 A.M.

THE PRELUDE Adult Handbells
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Please register your attendance, using the pew pads, during this time

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
 I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
 I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood.
 Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
 for I'm part of the family, the family of God.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

* **THE CHORUS** (words below)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

* **HYMN** No. 577
God of Grace and God of Glory (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

* **THE AFFIRMATION**
 Pastor: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
 Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or
 famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: **No! In all things we are more than conquerors
 through the One who loved us. We are sure that
 neither death nor life, nor angels, nor
 principalities, nor things present, nor things to
 come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor
 anything else in all creation, will be able to
 separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
 our Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

* **THE RESPONSE**
I Stand Amazed in the Presence
 How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
 How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pam Carswell
 Children through Third Grade may attend Children's Church.
 A Nursery is provided for small children.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **THE HYMN** No. 356
When We Are Living (vs. 1, & 2)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER
THE OFFERTORY Adult Handbells
Spirit of the Living God

* **THE DOXOLOGY** (words below)
Great Things He Has Done
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice.
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.
 O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
 and give Him the glory, great things He has done.

THE ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Come Now, Almighty King

THE GOSPEL Red Denty
Mark 10:35-45

THE SERMON Rev Tucker Lewis
Can I Have a Better Seat Please?

* **THE HYMN** No. 430
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

* **BENEDICTION**

* **THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
At the Cross
 At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
 and the burdens of my heart rolled away;
 it was there by faith I received my sight,
 and now I am happy all the day.

* **THE POSTLUDE** Davida Phillips
 * Congregation Standing

*The beautiful flowers placed at the altar this week
 are given to the Glory of God and in Memory
 of Vonice A. Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Peel.*

WELCOME VISITORS

*All who worship here enter into God's presence as family.
 Worship is designed to honor God and to strengthen us in our
 faith. We trust your experience has been a blessing and that
 you will join us again soon.*

THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

GREETERS: Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Rob & Anne Patton
ACOLYTES: Lauren Stephens, Rachel Stephens, Walker Priester,
 Nicholas Priester, Dawson Trapnell, Logan Trapnell
ALTAR GUILD: Jean Walker, April Drury, Debbie Stephens
VISITATION TEAM: 3

School of Discovery's Annual Fundraiser is happening now through Oct 27th. You may place your order on the form located on the bulletin board outside the church office. Thank You!!

2010 CALENDARS ARE HERE!



Wall Calendar: \$6.00
 Pocket Calendar: \$5.00

*Thank you for your prayers, flowers, calls,
 cards, and visits during my recent surgery.*
 Babe McGregor

*A big thanks to Lee Rikard for sanding the
 SOD tables preparing them for refinishing.*

*The Trustees are working to improve security and
 safety in our church building. One of the biggest
 problems is doors being left unlocked. If you are in the
 church building after hours, please be certain, when
 you leave, that all doors are locked. Your help in this
 area will be greatly appreciated.*

Our Ministry of Prayer

Members: Elaine Brannen, John Barry Nichols, John Wolfe, Sr.,
 Babe McGregor, Tracy Murphy, Kathy McCormick, John Lee,
 Layton Martin

Friends and Family: Dorothy Sponholtz (Louise Dear's sister),
 Jack Jordan, Russell McGehee

Shut-In's: Lucille Collier, Martha Gibbs, Tom & Sara James,
 Carolyn Littlefield, Adele Long, Ashley Madray