

**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

\* Nursery Available

**Sunday, March 7, 2010**

- \* 8:55 AM Sunday Morning Praise
- \* 9:45 AM Sunday School
- \* 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 4:00 PM Youth Handbells
- 4:45 PM Adult Handbells, Awesome Kidz of God
- 4:45-6:30 PM UMYF
- 5:55 PM Children Handbells
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

**Monday, March 8, 2010**

- 10:00 AM Arthritis Exercise Class
- 7:00 PM Circle 5 at Kathy Harrell's Home

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

- 10:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

- 10:00 AM Circle 2 at Lou Wolfe's Home
- 4:45 PM Confirmation Class - Pastor's Office
- 6:00 PM Family Night Fellowship
- \* 6:45 PM Adult, Youth, & Children Bible Studies and Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 11, 2010**

- 8:00 AM Adult Bible Study—Youth Suite

**Friday, March 12, 2010**

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



*Our Deepest Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family of Evelyn Harrell in the event of her death.*

UM Men's Breakfast Sunday, March 21 @ 7:30 am

**Memorials**

Donations have been given in Memory of Sara James by M/M Fletcher Stevenson, M/M Warren Purvis

Donations have been given in Memory of Martha Lee Gibbs by M/M Fletcher Stevenson

Donations have been given in Memory of Charles Yates by M/M Sonny Reddish

**OUR FAITHFULNESS February 28, 2010**

Sunday School	155
Sunday Morning Worship	212
Evening Worship	15
Budget Needs This Week	8,008.48
Receipts This Week	8,813.52
Receipts To Date	64,643.85

**HOLY WEEK**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sun., Mar. 28	Palm Sunday Worship	
Mon., Mar. 29	Rev. Bernie Khaw	Circle 3
Tues, Mar. 30	Father Lee Domenick	Circle 4
Wed., Mar. 31	Rev. TA Lewis	Circle 5
Thr., Apr. 01	Rev. Van Dempsey	Circle 2
Thr., Apr. 01	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00
Fri., Apr. 02	Rev. Mike VonMoss	FBC
Sun., Apr. 04	Easter Sunday Worship	10:30

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School of Discovery is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Classes are offered for 2, 3, & 4 year old children. Using the A Beka Book and Bible curriculum, we offer spiritual, social, emotional, and academic guidance. The school is in session Monday through Friday from 9 am until noon. Registration forms are available at the school or church office. For more info, call 427-2914.



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**WHY BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOD'S PEOPLE**

*On September 11, 2001, our nation was shocked into a new reality. Early that morning, Islamic radicals boarded planes in the North East, high-jacked those planes, and used them as lethal weapons. Over 3100 people - good people, innocent people - were killed that day. Why?*

*On July 20, 1994, in the wee hours of the morning, Tara rose from her bed to give Tyler his regular bottle. She prepared the bottle before moving to his bed. Then, she lifted Tyler from his crib, but something was wrong. Tyler wasn't breathing; his six week old body was cool. Why?*

*Don't you wish you could understand the mysteries of this life? When we experience hardships and trails, it is only natural to ask why. Sometimes, we blame! The tragedy has to be someone's (even God's) fault. And when blaming doesn't give us a satisfactory answer, we sometimes dismiss it with thoughts like, "Well, I guess I'll never know why, so I'll just have to move on," but that answer doesn't satisfy either.*

*Would it surprise you to know Jesus addressed this subject on His journey to the cross? One day, some people brought news to Jesus that Pilate had killed a group of people in the Temple. Jesus responds with a story about 18 people who were killed during one of Herod's building projects. Both stories raise a significant question: why do bad things happen to good people? Only Jesus has the answer. Let's explore it together!*

**Tucker**

Our Mission in the World

*God envisions Jesup First United Methodist Church as a vibrant community of faith, courageously bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God, as we Reach out in Christian love to those around us, Welcome everyone into our church family, Nurture one another in Christian faith and love, and Equip God's people for ministry in the church and in the world.*



*The Worship of Almighty God  
Third Sunday of Lent  
Liturgical Color: Purple  
March 7, 2010 11:00 A.M.*

**THE PRELUDE** Johnnie Hayes

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please register your attendance, using the pew pads, during this time

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor TA Lewis

\* **HYMN** No. 368  
*My Hope is Built* (vs. 1, & 4)

\* **THE PSALTER** No. 788

Leader: O God, you are my God, I will seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

People: **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

People: **So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Leader: My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, when I think of you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

People: **For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

\* **THE RESPONSE** No. 70  
*The Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\* **CHORUS** (words below)  
*Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER  
THE OFFERTORY**

\* **THE DOXOLOGY** No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**THE ANTHEM** Chancel Choir  
*Before the Throne*

**THE GOSPEL** Joyce Stephens  
*Luke 13:1-9*

**THE SERMON** Pastor TA Lewis  
*When Bad Things Happen*

\* **HYMN** No. 292  
*Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service* (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

**AN ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION** (see insert)

\* **HYMN** (words below)  
*Have We Any Gift Worth Giving*

Have we any gift worth giving to the Giver of all things? What would please the everliving one true God from who life springs? Not dead gold or merchandise, but a living sacrifice; worship both profound and freeing, serving God with all our being.

Christ the costly incarnation dwelt in human time and place to reveal to all creation God's redeeming love and grace; so are we in flesh and bone given means of making known through the web of daily living God's own pattern of self-giving.

Let us shun the selfish merit worldly wisdom has defined, but renewed by God's own Spirit be transformed in heart and mind: By past mercies taught and led, let us seek the path ahead, trusting that, like those before us, God will guide us and restore us.

\* **BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

\* **THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (words below)  
*We Are Singing*

We are singing for the Lord is our light,  
we are singing for the Lord is our light,

\* **THE POSTLUDE** Johnnie Hayes

\* *Congregation Standing*

**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:** First Sunday School Class

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Lori Lewis

**YOUTH SUPPER:** Rindy Trapnell

**ACOLYTES:** Amanda Sharp, Laura Raczkowski, Daniel Schleder, Richie Schleder, Alan Schleder, Jacob Popkin

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jean Walker, April Drury, Debbie Stephens

**VISITATION TEAM:** 1

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Like Father; Like Son  
Tonight at 6:00

Confirmation Class: Wednesday @ 4:45 pm.

The Pastor is teaching a Confirmation Class for all interested students grades 6—12. Class meets in the Pastor's Office.

**WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD**

The Book of Galatians at 6:40 pm

**STEPHENS MINISTRY TRAINING**

Savannah Christian Church  
Saturday, May 1

Learn how to minister to others in times of grief and other difficult times. The pastor will be taking a group by van to a seminar at Savannah Christian Church. The seminar is designed to enhance pastoral care within the congregation by equipping lay people to provide Christ-centered care. Cost = \$15 + Lunch! Please call the church office to register.

*Our Ministry of Prayer*

**Members:** Family of Evelyn Harrell, John Wolfe, Fred Donica, Derek Raczkowski, Larry Collins, John Lee, Kathy McCormick, Layton Martin

**Friends and Family:** W.A. Alsobrook, S.S. Mackey (Jane Yeoman's dad), Cecil & Mary Jane Lassiter, Pam Chappell, Laura Lynn Nichols in Haiti, Laura Haley (Marianne Patton's niece), Ham & Marianne Hamlet (Pam Carswell's parents),

**Shut-In's:** Lucille Collier, Tom James, Adele Long, Ashley Madray, Carolyn Littlefield