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Membership 101 Dinners

On Sunday, August 22, and Wednesday, August 25, we are offering Membership Dinners. At these dinners, you will meet the pastors and staff of the church and learn more about what it means to become a member here. We will talk about ways that you can find your place here through small groups, service, and outreach. We will close with a question and answer time. Both dinners are in Chitwood Hall from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will be following these dinners with a Membership Sunday on August 29. You will have the chance to join with lots of others on that day if you choose. [Reservations](#)

are needed if you would like to attend one of the dinners. You may register by visiting www.fumct.org/grouplink or by calling Hannah Crisp in the church office at 345-7261, ext 15. Childcare for the dinners is available upon request, but you will need to call Hannah in the office to arrange for childcare. Reservations are needed at least three days prior to your chosen dinner.

Welcome College Students

If you are a new student to Tuscaloosa or the University, we are glad to have you, and if you are a returning student, we are so glad to have you back! Join us for a free college luncheon immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship services on August 22 and 29. This fall our college program, the Element will start back. Element meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and a free dinner is provided along with a great time of fellowship, worship, and small group time.

Older Adult Ministries/Merry Methodist News

Upcoming Opportunities

Thursday, September 30
tour Moundville Museum with dessert at the Pie Lab in Greensboro

CANADIAN ROCKIES BY TRAIN

May 11-20, 2011

Deposits being taken now on 1st come 1st serve basis-only 30 places reserved.
Contact Ethelyn at 345-7261 ext. 26 or ekstuhr@fumct.org.

New Parsonage Phone Number

The home phone number for the Dunivants at the parsonage has changed to: 205-764-0418.

Wednesday Nights Alive!



Wednesday Nights Alive! begin September 1!

Little Lambs Consignment Sale -August 27-28

Selling only gently-used Fall and Winter children's clothing, toys, nursery items and furniture, as well as select maternity clothing. The proceeds from this sale will be shared, with sellers receiving 70% and FUMC Children's Ministries receiving the remaining 30%. If you have any questions, please go to www.fumct.org or call the Little Lambs Hotline at 239-1506 or email littlelambstuscaloosa@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry

- JUST A REMINDER – Please sign your child in and out on Sunday Mornings.
 - WHAT TIMES ? - Sunday School begins at 10 am and ends at 10:50 AM. Please make every effort to pick your child up by 10:50 AM to allow Sunday School leaders the chance to attend 11:00 AM worship with their families.
 - BIGVILLE STORE (K-3rd Graders) – Parents are welcome to shop with their child in the BIGville store (room 210) before and after the Sunday School hour.
 - Encourage your child to collect pennies at home and bring them to Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday of each month. These pennies are a special mission offering separate from our regular Sunday School offerings. Pennies collected are used to buy something special for a local child in need. Pennies for children started with VBS – where the items and pennies collected went towards the year long project. This year's VBS project – We collected school supplies for Central and MLK children. Bless your neighbor is collecting supplies for
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teachers for classrooms. Year Long Project– This year we collected \$214.00 the week of VBS. We will add to our VBS “penny” collection each month to purchase reading books for classrooms at MLK and Central. There will be a book fair at our church in April and let our children shop for the books that they are donating (Kiddie Kollege will host the book fair).

- Each Sunday School class will have the chance to be “in charge” of Pennies for Children for a month (three year olds – fifth graders).

We Need Shoeboxes Again!

We are collecting shoeboxes for our Operation Christmas Child Project for 2010. We need empty shoeboxes (ones where the top comes off) to pack Christmas presents for our orphans in Zambia & Russia. Please bring these to the receptionist area in the office by Sunday, September 12. Many thanks for making a child’s Christmas!

A Walk to Remember

This year the **Walk To Remember** will be held on Saturday, August 28 starting at 8:00 a.m. inside the University Mall. **Walk To Remember** is the largest fundraiser for Caring Days Adult Day Care Center. We need individuals to walk and/or people to support the team from FUMCT. To join our church’s team or to donate funds, please contact Joshua Davis at 345-7261.

The Bigger C Encouragers



“Friends following Christ through Cancer”

There may be no other word in the English language that evokes more dread than the word cancer. It has become synonymous with suffering, disability, pain, financial hardship, and even death. It’s little wonder that cancer is referred to as the BIG C. The

good news is that we belong to a BIGGER C and that is Christ. FUMCT will participate in a community-wide ministry to support cancer patients and their families in the Big C spiritual warfare. This new ministry will focus on Christ and deliver Christ's hand of encouragement and hope as He uses us to "call back" to our friends in their journey through the Big C.

If you are a cancer patient, survivor or family/friend of someone impacted by cancer and interested in *The Bigger C Encouragers*, please contact [Ethelyn Sthur](#) or call at 345-7261, ext. 26. *The Bigger C Encouragers* first gathering will be Fall 2010—watch for upcoming announcements!

Attendance Data Entry Help Needed

Volunteers to help with Attendance Data Entry are needed! Minimal computer skills are required and training will be available. Please contact Marie Mills at 759-2449.

August is "Small Group Sign-up Month"

Fall small group studies for adults begin very soon. Visit www.fumct.org/wednesday to learn more about the start of Wednesday Nights Alive! Visit www.fumct.org/grouplink to read about all the small groups open to adults this fall and to register online. There will be tables in the Great Hall and outside Chitwood Hall this Sunday (8/22) and next Sunday (8/29) where you can look at group materials and purchase them, if you choose.

John Croyle Guest Speaker on September 1

On September 1, John Croyle, of the Big Oak Boys and Girls Ranches, will open our fall session as he speaks about God's call on his life to work with at risk children in Alabama. John will speak at 6:00 p.m. in Chitwood Hall on Wednesday. He is a 1974 graduate of The University of Alabama, he played football for Coach Bryant, won All American honors, 3 SEC championships, and the 1973 National Championship. He chose to pursue his dream to have the "best children's home in America" rather than to play pro football. And "Yes," he also is Brodie's dad.



Alliance Student Ministries



FALL SCHEDULE!

Tuesday: Element College Ministry 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 6-7:30 p.m. worship & fellowship upstairs in Callahan (*once Wednesday Night Alive starts back, dinner with the interns at 5:15 p.m. in Chitwood will start)

Sunday school: 10:00 a.m. in Callahan.

FALL SMALL GROUPS-Starting August 22, the Alliance Student Ministry is offering a different layout for Sunday nights. Along with several interest groups that will use the Bible to discuss different life topics, there will be a new area incorporating a small group called Youth Worship Arts (YWA). This is designed to not only be a small group for students, but also to serve as a creative outlet involving choir, dance, and other types of worship as YWA grows.

First small group : August 22

Time : 5-6:30 p.m.

YOUTH WORSHIP ARTS-Starting August 22, Youth Worship Arts, or YWA, will be kicking off from 5-6:30 p.m. This new choir program is led by James Seay, along with Jacob Tucker, Sara Shipp, and Whit Scott. This is going to be a whole new worship experience for everyone because it has been a long time since FUMCT had a youth choir. The first 45 minutes will be a time of fellowship and Bible study, and the remaining time will be spent working on all different types of worship music.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: We assure you, you DO NOT have to know how to sing or dance to be involved in YWA. Whether you only sing and dance in front of the bathroom mirror, or if you love to perform for a huge audience, we would love to have you in YWA. It truly is going to be a great way to have fun and worship God!

Travel to Israel with Dr. Charles Page and Dr. Ken Dunivant

[Click here](#) to see the brochure for the upcoming trip to Israel. **If you haven't signed up for Israel/Egypt yet, you need to do so and pay in full by August 25.**

Missions In Action

4 people preparing food bags
2 people distributing food bags
4 people working on Hope Initiative Home repairs
18 people serving at the weekend soup bowl
1 person serving with the "God Is the Word" Radio program

Infant Baptism

Please email [Glenda Kilgore](#) (or call 345-7261, ext. 31) to schedule an infant baptism in Traditions or the Bridge.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Traditions

Ken Dunivant preaching
"Be the One"
Scripture: Genesis 28:10-22

The Bridge

Mary Bendall preaching
"Be the One"
Scripture: Genesis 28:10-22

ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Attendance for August 15: Traditions-410; Bridge-809; Adult SS-283; K4-3rd grade SS-120; Nursery SS-64.

In the hospital as of 08/16/10: UAB-Sandra Reed.

Giving for Sunday, August 15: Budget-\$47,214.40; Building-\$714.50; Designated-\$973.77.

Congratulations on the recent births of: Mary Emma Robbins-August 13, 2010-daughter of Candice & Elliott Robbins, granddaughter of Sandra & Roger Reed; Anna Mills Masters-July 29, 2010-daughter of Dane & Kelle Masters, granddaughter of John & Carol Kendrick.

Happy 90th Birthday to Tennis Jackson on August 6!

Perceptions@ radio messages may be heard Monday through Friday between 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. on WZBQ-FM (105.9) or WTXF-FM (94.1) or between 3:20 and 3:40

p.m. on WZBQ-FM (105.9). You may learn more about Perceptions® at www.perceptionsoutreach.com.

Traditions Worship Service Is On The Radio -The Sunday 11:00 a.m. Traditions Worship Service is broadcast on WACT 1420 AM. Tapes/CD's of Traditions & DVDs of the U-2 Series in The Bridge are available in the office. Contact Jean at 345-7261, ext. 10 for more information. You may also listen to sermons by going to our website www.fumct.org. Click "Attender" and click on "listen to a sermon."

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Those Who Serve Our Country: Guy Fisher, Pfc. Scott D. Busenlehner, 2nd Lieutenant Christopher Harwell; Iraq-Jonathan Page; Kosovo-Dr. Carlos Berry.

Others: Fuller Goldsmith, Jan Leopard Wright, Brian McSorley, Ashley Mixson, Jan Rumsey, Estelle Swann, Anna Gordon, Caroline Powell, Don and Diane Salls, Carolyn Brown, Chelsa Shigley, Phillip Mann, Lanita Mayers, Leah Roberts, Walt Gary, Jake Newberry, Gianna Nicolosi Guthrie, Andy Fitch and family, Debbie Hendricks, Angie Harris.

This is a partial list of prayer requests. A team of people pray for the confidential prayer requests of the church. Please send your requests to hannah@fumct.org.
