

1982-2012...20th Anniversary Year!



- ◆ February 2nd @ 5:30p—
Family Skate Night
- ◆ February 7th @ 7:00p—
Finance/Church Council mtg
- ◆ February 8th @ 6:00p—
Family Night Supper
- ◆ February 10th @ 10:00a—
Preschool Muffins with Mom
- ◆ February 12th @ 12:00p—
Long Range Planning mtg
- ◆ February 22nd @ 6:00p—
Ash Wednesday Service
- ◆ February 26th @ 11:00a—
Youth to Camp Glisson
- ◆ February 28th @ 7:00p—
Trustees meeting
- ◆ February 28th @ 7:00p—
Altar Guild meeting



We have some amazing people working with Ministries in our area: Chrysalis, Emmaus, Adopt-a-Child, Peace Place, Waypoint — just to name a few. I wanted to share with you an update from Betty Hoyt regarding yet another—the Kairos Prison Ministry. Be Blessed!

~David

I was in prison and you visited me.

Last weekend, January 19 - 22, 38 women of the Kairos #11 Team visited 42 prison residents at Lee Arrendale State Prison in Alto. Sandy Casey and Betty Hoyt attended the closing worship service on Sunday afternoon. Here are some of the testimonies we heard from the residents:

- † “I came to Kairos feeling alone, I leave here knowing I am among sisters in Christ and He is with me.”
- † “I came here feeling lost and last night I was saved.”
- † “I came here feeling hopeless and full of guilt, I leave here with the hope of Jesus in my heart knowing I am forgiven.”
- † “I came here with unforgiveness in my heart, I leave here having forgiven others and myself.”
- † “I will study God’s Word.”
- † “I will take Him with me into the compound.”
- † “I will share my joy in Him with others who are lost.”
- † “I will smile.”

Thank you for your prayer support. Several of the team members told us this was the best weekend ever! Please continue to pray for Kairos as plans are already beginning for the Spring weekends at Lee Arrendale and Hancock State Prison for Men. Your prayers make a difference! Please contact Betty Hoyt at brhoyt@windstream.net if you want to know more about Kairos Prison Ministry.

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We are pleased to announce a new addition...

Effective February 1, 2012, Donna Wilson will join our church staff as the new Church Treasurer. Donna will be filling the position left vacant by Inez Mize’s retirement. While we will miss Mrs. Inez very much, we are looking forward to working with Donna on our team!



Please join us for our annual Ash Wednesday service in our chapel on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 6:00p.



Tuesday, February 7th @ 7:00p- Called Finance Committee/Church Council meeting

Monday, February 27th @ 7:00p- Stephen Ministry meeting

Tuesday, February 28th @7:00p- Trustees' meeting (Church Office)

Tuesday, February 28th @7:00p- Altar Guild meeting (Chapel)



Circle 3 will meet on **February 20th at 7:00p.**

Hannah Circle will meet on **February 21st at 2:00p** in the Fellowship Hall.

Circle 5 will meet on **February 21st at 7:00p** in the Fellowship Hall.



All men of our congregation are cordially invited to the annual Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Men's (rabbit) Breakfast on Sunday February 26, 2012 at 7:30a at the church. The guest speaker this year is Rev.

David Sharpton of Maysville Baptist Church. Mt. Calvary is located at 96 M.L.K., Jr. Dr., Commerce.

For more details, contact Mt. Calvary at 706-335-6263.



Sponsors of children in Guatemala:

There are two opportunities to travel to Guatemala, visit the ministry and meet your child.

Summer Envision trip--leaves 7/16/12 and returns 7/25. Cost is \$400 + the cost of your plane ticket. The \$400 covers all room, board and transportation within Guatemala. This trip will allow you to see various aspects of the ministry. The highlight of the trip will be meeting your sponsored child. I have 6 available slots on a "first come, first served" basis. This is a wonderful and rare opportunity. Most adult trips leave during the school year and I've been on the list for a summer adult trip for 3 years!

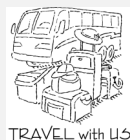
Construction trip--There is an opportunity for healthy men with the ability to assist in construction to travel with the construction team. These men must raise their funds in order for the group to cover the cost of construction materials. I do not have dates or exact cost on these trips. If you are interested please let me know and I'll get you in touch with the construction director.

Thanks for all you do for the kids in Guatemala,
Janni (770.605.3812)



The College and Career class invites you to embark on a "Chazown" journey with us!

God placed you on earth for a purpose that's solely yours to fulfill. Dig under the surface of your life to discover and pursue your Chazown. Chazown (pronounced kawh-ZONE) is a Greek and Hebrew word meaning "God's vision for your life". Looking for a Sunday school group? Please join us to see what it is all about. The class meets in the Cherry street office on Sunday mornings at 10:00a. Already have a Sunday school class? No problem- you can follow along on your own as a personal journey.



TRAVEL WITH US

David and Billie invite you to travel with them to Alaska in August 27, 2012. If you are interested in more information about the trip, please call Billie at 706-335-4242, 678-230-9427, or e-mail her at billiebowen@windstream.net.



Thank you to those who participated in The Mary & Joseph Traveling Project during Advent 2011. Some of our participants suggested that the "Believe" journal that accompanied the traveling dolls be shared with our congregation. Plans are underway to post this travel journal on our FUMC web site. To those whose entry might be considered too "Private and Personal" to share with others, please contact Shelley Williamson on 706.423.9844 to decline the opportunity to not post such entry.

Praise and Prayer

Kathy Wolfe, request of Rose Richard, prayers for continued healing
 Charles Matthews, brother of Carolyn Stephenson, prayers for peace and healing
 Joe Gibson, nephew of Judy Paugh, prayers for healing, needs kidney transplant
 Betty Kincheloe, request of Judy Paugh, prayers for healing, finished chemo
 Mike Myers, request of Joel Beauchamp, prayers for healing, lung cancer
 Cathy Cummings, sister-in-law of Linda Brake, prayers for healing, undergoing radiation
 Bev Nesbit, prayers for healing
 Doris Parr, prayers for healing, continuing non-chemo meds
 Steve Ward, nephew of Arlene Bolton, prayers for healing, receiving treatment in TX
 Stan Hodsdon, prayers for healing of eyesight
 Jackie Whitfield, prayers for healing
 Ray Wright, friend of Art & Rose Richard, prayers for healing, cancer diagnosis
 Don Brown, friend of FUMC, prayers for healing
 Tommy Siegel, prayers for healing, at Northridge for rehab
 Kay Franklin, sister of Att Stephenson, prayers for healing
 Danielle Frazier, mother of Jacob Bailey, prayers for healing
 Ruby Huss, mother of David Huss, prayers for healing, in rehab at Emory
 Kale Corbett, son of Brandy and Tim Corbett, possible bone marrow donor found
 Debra Moore, grandmother of Jacob Bailey, prayers for healing after surgery
 Amanda Segree, request of Disciple 3, prayers for healing, battling cancer
 Stanley Seagraves, prayers for healing, upcoming diagnostics
 Kathy Gifford, request of Sara McClure, prayers for healing
 Mike Hand, brother-in-law of Brenda Meadows, prayers for healing
 Kenneth Whitlow, brother of Billie Bowen, prayers for healing after surgery
 Walter Cronin, father of Sandy Willkomm, prayers for healing
 Brandi Angel, request of Rory McClintock, prayers for healing after surgery
 Dennis Bergmann, son-in-law of Anna Diemond, prayers for healing after surgery
 Cary Seltzer, cousin of Marty Seltzer, prayers for healing, for kidney and heart problems
 Joel Benton, son of Lucy Benton, prayers for healing, undergoing radiation
 Ernestine Dickerson, mother of Mackie Nix, prayers for healing after broken hip
 Sandra Rainey-Perry, request of Peggy Purcell, prayers for healing
 Heather Wilkie, request of Michele Gaissert, prayers for healing
 Mandy Prescott, niece of Chris Harmon, prayers for healing, undergoing chemo
 Mary Corkery, request of Shelley Williamson, prayers for healing
 Sammy Ingram, father of Samantha Whitfield, prayers for healing
 Lynn Boyskin, sister of Sharon Williamson, prayers for healing
 Dubose Tuller, request of Pam and Tony Barnett, prayers for healing
 David and Jane Kee, request of Tom Murphy, prayers for healing
 Jason Puryear, request of Jeff Sheffield, prayers for healing
 Robert Phillips, father of Kinsey Phillips, prayers for healing
 Mary Gaissert, mother of John Gaissert, prayers for healing, in hospice at St. Mary's
 Renie Geller, request of Shelley Williamson, prayers for healing
 Kathy Myers, request of Shelley Williamson, prayers for healing
 Mildred Daniel, mother of Jenny Sheffield, prayers for healing
 Trey Lance, member of our Youth, prayers for healing, consult next week
 Jessie Sheffield, daughter of Jeff and Jenny, prayers for healing after surgery
 Mike Manus, prayers for healing, shoulder issues
 Judy Scranton, request of Rachel Odum, prayers for healing, undergoing chemo
 Joy Hodges, friend of Gina Hagan, prayers for healing
 Helen Siegel, prayers for healing at home
 Bob Everling, request of Lucy Gailey, prayers for healing after surgery
 Joan Nix, niece of Edith Nix, prayers for healing



Second Sunday Report

The Results: January 8th-

Our Congregation brought
24 bags of breakfast food
and other assorted food
items!

Our Next Challenge:

February 12th-

Spaghetti and Sauce

Also, there is always a
need for Breakfast Items
and Instant Potatoes.

Please remember, if for some
reason you cannot attend
church on the second
Sunday, you can always
drop items off at the church
office.

Cash contributions are also
accepted and appreciated.

Serving this month:

Worship in

February

February 5th -
Mark 1:29-39

February 12th -
Mark 1:40-45

February 19th -
Mark 9:2-9

February 26th -
Mark 1:9-15

Acolytes:

Week 1- Makayla Malner

Week 2- Maddie Fowler

Week 3- Cathleen Hill

Week 4- Abigail Suarez

Altar Guild:

Donna Wilson, Linda Brake, Doris Smith

Ushers:

Roger Beauchamp, Ken Harmon,
Jim Williamson, Jimmy Hooper

Trustee:

Ron Wilson

Children's Church:

Week 1- Joanna Suarez

Week 2- Jessica Outz & Lynn Gibson

Week 3- John & Kelly Cassidy

Week 4- Stewart & McKenzie Smith

Counters:

Week 1- Dave Moon, Art Richard

Week 2- Tom Murphy, Al Fleming

Week 3- Jack Legg, Marty Seltzer

Week 4- Jimmy Bolton, Lee Hagan

Kitchen Crew:

Billie Bowen (Co-chair), Kelly Cassidy (Co-chair),
Jennifer McClintock, McKenzie Smith, Shonda
Jones-Leggett, and Lori Martin

Birthdays

- 2/1 Nancy Collins, Jeff Legg
- 2/3 Tommy McClure
- 2/5 Jason Phillips
- 2/7 Leigh Anne Weaver
- 2/10 Connie Wilson
- 2/12 B.J. Harbin
- 2/14 Gina Hagan, Dynelle Johnson
- 2/15 Dana Maddox, Jennifer Pope, Beverly Williams, Trey Parr
- 2/16 Elizabeth Benton-Scalise, Hailey Fleming
- 2/18 Lucy Gailey, Martha Young
- 2/20 Patty Griffith
- 2/21 Joel Beauchamp
- 2/24 Joanna Suarez
- 2/25 Janis Parkhill, Tommy Sanders, Morgan Scannell, Nadine Waters
- 2/26 Ann Drinkard
- 2/27 Jane Bramlett
- 2/28 Matthew Gregory

Anniversaries

- 2/5 Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harmon
- 2/11 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cleveland
- 2/15 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fenn
- 2/26 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vickery, Jr.



From the Desk of Rev. Lynn Gibson, Minister to Youth & Children...

Sticky Faith

I have been reading an interesting book recently called *Sticky Faith* (Kara Powell). Researchers at Fuller Youth Institute in California have looked for characteristics of churches, families, etc. that are found in young adults who have carried their faith from youth group through college into young adulthood. In other words, what helps develop faith that sticks? Several things have impacted me as I have prayerfully read *Sticky Faith*, one of which is the importance of the family in faith development. “The most important social influence in shaping young people’s religious lives is the religious life modeled and taught to them by their parents.” (117) Dr. Powell encourages relationship building in faith and in everyday issues. She particularly emphasizes sharing your faith story with your children and youth. When did you become a Christian? What path did you follow and “what did it feel like? What surprised (you) about those early days as a believer?” (124)

Then there is the story of churches. What characteristics do “sticky churches” exhibit? Interestingly, one of the chief characteristics is this: “High school and college students who experience more intergenerational worship tend to have higher faith maturity.” (75) Moreover, it is important for faith development for youth (and children) to be involved in varied aspects of church life. Relationship with our church family matters! We here at Commerce First are off to a wonderful start in involving our children and youth in different aspects of church life. Children and youth acolyte, help lead worship, and participate in various ministries (Peachtree Village visitations, Great Day of Service, children’s church ministry projects, Youth Sunday, our Thanksgiving meal). Again, relationship with our church family matters!

In looking at the spiritual benefits of relationships between children, youth, parents and the church family, we (children and youth ministries) will be sponsoring (at least) 6 events this year aimed at growing those relationships even farther. These events are for our church family and let me say by church family, I mean you! These events are not limited to children, youth and parents. Please join us as you can during the year for our Family Events. You and our upcoming generation will be blessed by your presence.

Our first family event of the year is our Roller Skating party this very week! You are all invited to attend Skate Night with the Commerce First UMC Church family on Thursday, February 2. We will be meeting at Great Skate in Jefferson, Georgia from 5:30-7:30 pm (706-387-5283). Great Skate is located off Hwy 129, just behind the Dairy Queen. This is a parent (or grandparent) - child event. Skaters will pay \$5, which includes skating and skate rental. Observing parents are free. Look forward to see you at Great Skate!

Blessings,

Lynn



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Children’s Ministry Activities:

Skating party at Great Skate, February 2nd....
See details in Mrs. Lynn’s article above!

Wednesday, February 22nd...

We will not have Wonderful Wednesday this evening so our children, families and Wonderful Wednesday leaders may attend our Ash Wednesday service.



Youth Ministry Activities:

*****Sunday, Feb 12, 9:30 am.** Hand bells resumes in the Fellowship hall. ***

I need to let Camp Glisson know by **Feb 20 if your youth is able to join us for our Day apart on **Feb 26**. *** **Please call Lynn (706) 248-5300 to RSVP**

Sunday, February 5th...

Super Bowl party at the church, in the youth room. Dinner will be provided. Pick a team and bring a friend! 6 pm – 8 pm (we will go home at halftime)

Wednesday, February 8th...

Stewart Smith will be sharing with our youth.

Sunday, February 12th...

9:30a —Hand bells resumes in the Fellowship hall; 5:30p-7:00p—Valentine cookie decorating at Peachtree Village. Meet at the church at 5:30. We will leave promptly – returning to the church by 7:00p. (No dinner tonight, but plenty of cookies!)

Wednesday, February 15th...

5:00-6:00p— Lynn leads Bible night.

Sunday, February 19th...

9:30a—hand bells, 5:00p -7:00p— painting the youth room (and dinner).

Wednesday, February 22nd...

No Youth this evening so our youth, families and youth leadership may attend the Ash Wednesday service.

Sunday, February 26th...

9:30a—Youth hand bells. **We leave for *Camp Glisson Day apart* at 11:00a – immediately after Sunday school. At Camp Glisson, we will participate in low elements, picnic lunch, devotional time and lots of fun! Back to church at 6:00p.

Wednesday, February 29th...

5:00p-6:00p Planning our May Youth Sunday.



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER!

Join us on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:00p

Menu: *Choice of Chicken & Dumplings or Country Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Broccoli & Cheese, Salad, Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake and Beverages

Name: _____

*Please indicate the quantity desired of each main entree so we can have an accurate count.

Adults: \$6.00 _____ # Country Fried Steak _____ #Chicken & Dumplings
 Junior: \$4.00 _____ # Country Fried Steak _____ #Chicken & Dumplings
 Kids: \$3.00 _____ (includes Chicken Strips, Sides, & Dessert)

Please sign up by NOON on 2/6/12

Maximum Cost per Family will be \$15.00.



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