

The Flame

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Although attendance was down this past Sunday because of the weather, it was a great morning of worship. Mercy Refined (youth praise band) did a wonderful job leading music during the 9:00 service and Bro. Jeff did a great job filling in for Bro. Tom while he and Celeste were on vacation.

This coming Sunday Bro. Tom will be back in the pulpit and at the 9:00 service we will be featuring bluegrass music.

Sunday School Classes—Please make an extra effort to fill out your attendance folders each week. It is very important that we have this record of attendance. Each year this number is needed for year end reports.

-- Denise

When God's People Pray

This bible study will be offered church-wide during the Lenten season. It will begin the week of February 21. Let's get our church focused on prayer! This will be the only study going on in the church during Lent. For certain we will offer the study on Wednesday at 9:00 am and again at 6:00 pm. The Wednesday evening study will be facilitated by Bro. Tom. We will also offer classes on other days and times so that the study will be accessible for everyone. Please contact Tricia if you are interested in taking the study, and what day will be best for you so we can schedule accordingly. Books will be \$11 each and you need to register by Sunday, February 14.



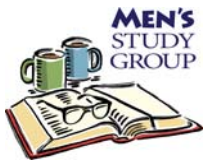
YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRUNCH



Join us for our *brunch* to be held during the Sunday School hour **February 14**. Everyone is invited—visitors, active members, and not so active members.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

You don't want to miss this great fellowship opportunity.



Men's Early Morning Class—The 6:00 am Wednesday Men's Class will resume this week, February 10 with David Ramsey's Financial Peace. If you haven't attended this class, this is a great time to start.

Debt Retirement - A Debt Retirement Planning Committee has been formed. It will be several weeks before plans are finalized and the campaign formally begins. If you would like to donate now to retire the debt, label your contribution "Debt Retirement Fund." All contributions will be immediately applied to the notes which could substantially reduce the total amount of interest the church ultimately pays.



Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

Rotation Sunday School

Thanks to everyone that is graciously helping in "Man Beside the Pool". Now recruiting teachers for "Lost and Found" which will run from February 21—March 21. The different teachers needed are: Movie, Arts & Crafts, Games, Cooking, and Storytelling. To volunteer to teach, please contact Mrs. Tricia at the church, or sign the list on the bulletin board on the first floor hall.

Children's Council

There will be a Children's Council meeting on Monday, February 22, at 6:00 pm in the Pairs and Spares classroom on the second floor. The agenda will be Easter and setting a date for VBS. Nursery will be provided.

Confirmation Class

Reminder that this coming Sunday, the Confirmation Class will be meeting in the kitchen after the 11:00 am Worship service for pizza! Then, we will divide the food and money that has been donated and deliver it to Mission Outreach and Griffin Memorial UMC's food banks. Please do not forget the permission slip you received with the initial letter, you will need it to be able to ride the van. If you are attending, please let Mrs. Tricia know by Friday, February 5, so the pizza can be ordered.

Also—The Confirmation Class has been invited to join the UMY at their annual Super bowl party on Sunday night, February 7. The party will begin at 5:00 pm and will be over when the game ends. Join us for food, games, and the big game on the big screen!

Wonderful Wednesday

Looking ahead: Wonderful Wednesday will not meet on March 24 because of Spring Break.

Youth News

Jeff Weaver, Youth Minister

Super Bowl Party

The UMY will have their annual Super Bowl Party this Sunday, February 7, starting at 5:00 pm and ending when the game ends. Please bring chips & dip if you come!!!

Hams

Don't forget! If you signed-up to cook hams on February 13, we will be cooking from 2:00-5:00 pm. Even if you didn't sign-up, please feel free to come help. If you have ordered a ham from the UMY, they will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, February 14.

Van Drivers

If you have volunteered to be a part of the van ministry, we will have a meeting on Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, feel free to attend the meeting.

Tony Melendez & "Toe Jam"

The concert has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 21. We will leave at 12:45 pm from the church parking lot. Bring money to eat afterwards. There will be no youth this night because of the day trip.

Holy Grounds Café' volunteers:

February 7: Zach Hill, Carlley Riggan, Sarah Yopp,
Mary Katherine Brengard

Soup & Sermon Series

The Ministerial Alliance will again be sponsoring the Soup & Sermon Series during Lent. A Sermon will begin at noon followed by a soup lunch at the following churches:

February 18 - Griffin Memorial UMC

February 25 - St. Mary's Catholic

March 4 - First United Methodist

March 11 - First Baptist

March 18 - All Saint's Episcopal

March 25 - Shiloh United Methodist

Make plans to attend as we prepare for Holy Week.

Calendar

Sunday, February 7
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 4:15 pm Bodacious Bells
 5:30 pm ABCD Group
 6:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined

Monday, February 8
 6:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, February 9
 6:00 pm Scouts

Wednesday, February 10
 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Beth Moore Study
 3:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday
 5:00 pm Family Dinner
 5:15 pm Radical Ringers
 6:00 pm ABCD Group
 *6:30 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Praise Team

Thursday, February 11
 9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 10:15 am ABCD Group
 7:00 pm Scout Roundtable
 7:00 pm Hispanic

Saturday, February 13
 Wedding Shower

Sunday, February 14
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Brunch
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 4:15 pm Bodacious Bells
 5:30 pm ABCD Group
 6:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined

Monday, February 15
 6:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, February 16
 5:15 pm Trustees
 6:00 pm Scouts
 *6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday
 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 3:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday
 *6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
 *7:00 pm Praise Team

Thursday, February 18
 9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 10:15 am ABCD Group
 Noon—Soup & Sermon @ Griffin UMC
 6:00 pm Baby Shower
 7:00 pm Hispanic Service

Saturday, February 20
 Scout Pinewood Derby

Sunday, February 21
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 4:15 pm Bodacious Bells
 5:30 pm ABCD Group
 6:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined

Monday, February 22
 6:00 pm Children's Council
 6:00 pm Scouts—Court of Honor

Tuesday, February 23
 6:00 pm Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet

Wednesday, February 24
 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 3:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday
 5:00 pm Family Dinner
 5:15 pm Radical Ringers
 6:00 pm When God's People Pray
 6:00 pm ABCD Group
 *6:30 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Praise Team

Volunteers

NURSERY

Feb. 7: Kay Luter (9-10)
 Susan Blossom (11-12)
 Feb. 14: Jennifer Cook (9-10)
 Mary Ann Rand (10-12)
 Feb. 21: Janice Wilcox (9-10)
 Crete Rhodes (10-12)
 Feb. 28: Elizabeth Sheldon (9-10)
 Jamie McIlvoy (9-10)
 Donna Jones (10-12)

ACOLYTES

Feb. 7: Kirby Weaver, Jesse Grooms, Quentin Cupp
 Feb. 14: John Brengard, Walt Reynolds, Lily McDaniel
 Feb. 21: Lauren Garrison, Holly Blair Benson, Anna Clara May
 Feb. 28: Jenna Rawls, Hannah Risker, Kirby Weaver

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

February 7: Clint & Melanie Beliew
 February 14: Liz May & Dannelle Rogers
 February 21: Angela Newby
 February 28: Stan, Carol & Cameron Phillips

BLUE JEAN USHERS

Feb 7: Charlie & Crete Rhodes, Dale & Caroline Schenk
 Feb 14: Shay Nanke, Jeremy Willis, Susan Nanke, Jeff Block
 Feb 21: Mike, Tracy, Travis & Payton Finch
 Feb 28: Erik & Kerry Eliason, Dale & Caroline Schenk

Mugging Ministry

Feb 7: Robert & Tori Thompson
 Feb 14: Errol Van Stralen
 Feb 21: Johnny Baldwin
 Feb 28: Greg Starling

Memorials

In Memory of

Monra Riggs by Mary McDaniel, Everett & Sandra Rogers, Forrest Tripod, Elizabeth Keeton, Dr & Mrs Don Purcell, Phillip & Paige Wooldridge, Fred & Judy Workman

Virgil Rodgers by Dr & Mrs Don Purcell, Phillip & Paige Wooldridge

United Methodist Women

At the January unit meeting of the United Methodist Women, it was decided to meet quarterly rather than monthly. Hopefully, this change will allow more women to attend. The future dates are:

March 9
 June 8
 September 14
 December 14

Meetings will begin at 2:00 pm. All of the women of the church are invited to attend!

Thursday, February 25

9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 10:15 am ABCD Group
 Noon—Soup & Sermon @ St. Mary's
 7:00 pm Hispanic

Saturday, February 27

6:00 am BPW Breakfast

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School

*11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 4:15 pm Bodacious Bells
 5:30 pm ABCD Group
 6:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined

*Nursery Provided

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

2010

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	5,318.90
YTD Contributions	43,531.56
2010 Budget	699,494.00

Attendance

	Jan 31	Last Year
8:00	6	19
9:00	101	136
11:00	53	100
Total	159	255

Hospital

Roella Williams

Prayer Requests

SPC Andrew Goodwin
 Spc Jeremiah MacDonald 875th
 Johnny Townsley Bette Brewer
 Randy Boyd Jerry Yates
 Sara MacDonald Kristi Millard
 Bill Burnett Jackson Shepherd
 Jordan Davidson Berneice Howard
 Don Hudson Janese Hyde
 Tommy Shirley Candi Crosno
 Nichole Babcock Keith Bean
 Keith Willis Ronnie Reeves
 Joan Rattton Joyce Vallentine
 Martha Crump Gretta Jernigan
 Gayle Eden Mary Stark
 Lori Thompson Jane McKenzie
 Brian Noland April Smith
 Claude Martin Noah Crowe
 Keith Griffith Yuba Williams
 Ryan Hobson Kenyon Huggins
 Melissa Becton Mary Carr
 Tyler Smith James Rashke
 Alice Jones Tim McCarty
 Maleta Scudder Marti Refkin
 Anna Bass Glenda Kaminer
 Karen Stanczek Cline

Please inform the church office if a name can be removed from this list. Thank you

Sunday mornings the youth have coffee and donuts in the welcome center prior to the worship service. Tips are appreciated to help with the cost.



Family Dinner—Don't forget to sign up for family dinner on February 10. There will be no dinner on February 17 but be back on schedule February 24.



February 17
6:00 pm
Sanctuary