

The Flame

First United Methodist Church, Paragould, Arkansas

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Get on board for an exciting journey at First United Methodist Church as we learn together about how to travel down the R.O.A.D. to **Reach Out And Disciple** others.

Please **RSVP by Friday, September 3** for the following if you plan on attending as we need to have a count for planning the meals.

Men of the church are invited to a breakfast on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 a.m.. The Men's Class meets every Wednesday morning at 6:00, and you are welcome to find out what they're up to at that hour! We are preparing to begin a new series, "The Mission of the Church Matters" that will equip us to be the leaders God intends us to be. Please RSVP to the church office (239-8541) by Friday, September 3.

The Alpha Course and Disciple Bible study both share one common goal: growing in our relationship with God. If you are considering attending either the Alpha Course or Disciple Bible study, you are invited to a special dinner in your honor on Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions about either course, this will be an opportunity to find out more. Please RSVP to the church office (239-8541) by Friday, September 3.

The ABCD groups will resume on Sunday, September 12 with a Pot Luck/Love Feast at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Our current ABCD members are urged to attend; and if you are ready for an adventure in discipleship, you are encouraged to join us.

Women's Bible Studies meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. Our studies this Fall are: *Breaking Free 2009* (based on Isaiah 61) by Beth Moore on Wednesday and *The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob* by Beth Moore on Thursdays. Please call the office if you are interested in this study so workbooks can be ordered.

First Class is for those who are new to our church and those curious about United Methodism. Learn what we believe, what we do, who we are. Even if you're already a United Methodist from another church, this is a good opportunity to brush up on the entire United Methodist experience, as well as find out more about First United Methodist Church, Paragould. **This class begins on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 10:00 am** and ends on Sun., Oct. 10. This class is especially recommended for those considering membership at FUMC, Paragould.

FIRST Cup is a new ministry here at FUMC. **Every Monday morning at 6:00 am**, a small group meets at Sugarbakers on Pruett St. for coffee and devotional. This is also an accountability group that asks questions in the Wesleyan way: How is it with your soul? Have you prayed? Have you read your Bible? We have a short devotional time, sharing, and laughs over coffee. Join us as we have our First Cup to start the week off right.

Rebuilding the Temple Our new Health and Wellness support group meets on **Monday nights beginning on Oct. 4 at 7:00 pm**. This ministry serves as a support and accountability group for anyone who is trying to become more physically healthy. No matter what weight loss or exercise program you are on, this is the group for you as we share our successes and struggles as we are Rebuilding the Temple. We can not do it alone, but with God's help and the support of others along this ROAD we can find new strength in the journey to better health.

Walk To Emmaus Group If you have attended the Walk to Emmaus, this is the group for you. If you are interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus weekend retreat, this is the group for you. The Walk to Emmaus group **meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm** in the Welcome Center. Come and join us as we share with others during our journey to Reach Out And Disciple others.

Book Club Why join our book club? This book club will help you meet new people in our church and allow existing relationships to strengthen. We will grow together in God through our discussions of the books we select to read. A book club website will allow ongoing discussion or commentary to ensue. The club will officially gather once each month. Please consider becoming an important part of this new group! There will be a meal served our first meeting where we will choose a book to read and discuss the format we desire for subsequent meetings.

R.O.A.D Schedule		
Date	Time	Study
7-Sep	5:30 PM	Emmaus Reunion
8-Sep	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast*
8-Sep	5:30 PM	Bible Study Kick-off Dinner*
12-Sep	5:30 PM	ABCD groups
12-Sep	5:30 PM	Disciple I
15-Sep	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
15-Sep	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
15-Sep	6:00 PM	Alpha
15-Sep	6:00 PM	Disciple
16-Sep	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
19-Sep	10:00 AM	First Class

Children's Music Director Opening

First United Methodist Church in Paragould is seeking to fill the part-time position of Children's Music Director. This individual will be responsible for the Wonderful Wednesday Children's Choir and the Preschool Music Program.

The Children's Choir rehearses Wednesday afternoons during the school year. The Preschool Music Program meets at the beginning of the Sunday School hour and includes singing and ringing.

Minimum performance expectations are: during one of the morning worship services once a month, plus coordinating a special afternoon concert the Sunday following Easter. Our entire worship team works around a theme each week, and the Children's Music Director will work closely with the Director of Fine Arts Ministries when selecting children's music for the worship services.

We are seeking someone who loves God, loves children, and has training/experience working with children's music. We expect duties/salary to increase in the coming years as our fine arts program expands. Currently the salary is \$3,570.

Please submit your resume no later than Sept. 3 to Celeste Letchworth at cletchworth@fumcparagould.org or via fax 870-239-6009.

Expressions of THANKS to First United Methodist Church Members

Thank you so much for the delicious cookies. What a "sweet" idea! Thank you for thinking of us and keep us in your prayers.

Greene Co. Tech Superintendents Office

Thank you so much for the cookies. Our staff greatly appreciated your kindness and hospitality. It made our first day much sweeter.

GCT High School Staff

Thank you very much for the delicious cookies delivered to the school last Thursday. Your thoughtfulness and prayers made it a great beginning.

Faculty and Staff of Paragould High School

Thank you so much for the cookies. We are glad that we had them on our first day of school.

GCT Intermediate School

Thanks for the cookies. They were delicious!

PSD Superintendents Office

Thank you so much for the delicious cookies you sent us the first day of school. We had a great day and the cookies made our day even better.

GCT Primary School

Thank you so much for the cookies to start off the new year. Pray for our school, students, and teachers to be blessed. Thanks again.

GCT Jr High School

Thank you for thinking of us on the first day of school. The cookies were delicious and appreciated.

Oak Grove Elementary School

Faith Hope Love in Action

The United Methodist Women will be holding their general meeting on Tuesday, September 7 at 2:00 pm. in the Welcome Center. The program will include the World Thank Offering and the Pledge Service. Members please bring your Thank offering. ALL women are welcome.

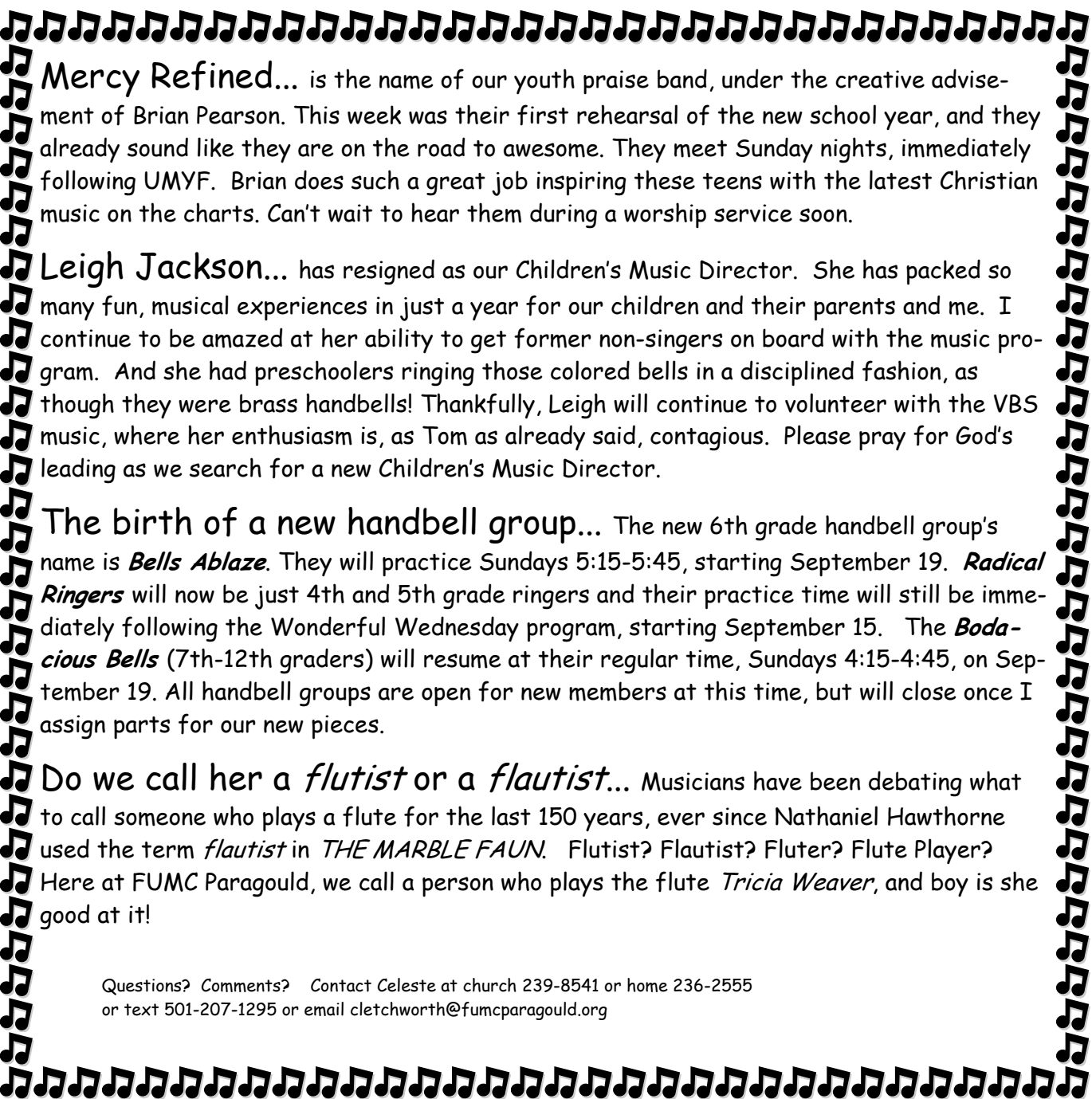
Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

Wonderful Wednesdays - Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on Wednesday, September 15. A drop-in registration time is set for Wednesday, September 8, from 6-7pm in the Welcome Center. You may come any time during that hour to register your child for the school year. More details will follow.

Acolytes - Acolytes will resume on Sunday, September 12. Schedules will be mailed the week of August 30. If you have a child in 4th grade that missed training, but would still like to acolyte, contact Mrs. Tricia

Rotation Sunday School - The next rotation will be "Noah's Ark" and will run from September 19 - October 10. Still need teachers for Arts & crafts, Storytelling, and Music. Contact Mrs. Tricia to teach.



Mercy Refined... is the name of our youth praise band, under the creative advisement of Brian Pearson. This week was their first rehearsal of the new school year, and they already sound like they are on the road to awesome. They meet Sunday nights, immediately following UMYF. Brian does such a great job inspiring these teens with the latest Christian music on the charts. Can't wait to hear them during a worship service soon.

Leigh Jackson... has resigned as our Children's Music Director. She has packed so many fun, musical experiences in just a year for our children and their parents and me. I continue to be amazed at her ability to get former non-singers on board with the music program. And she had preschoolers ringing those colored bells in a disciplined fashion, as though they were brass handbells! Thankfully, Leigh will continue to volunteer with the VBS music, where her enthusiasm is, as Tom as already said, contagious. Please pray for God's leading as we search for a new Children's Music Director.

The birth of a new handbell group... The new 6th grade handbell group's name is *Bells Ablaze*. They will practice Sundays 5:15-5:45, starting September 19. *Radical Ringers* will now be just 4th and 5th grade ringers and their practice time will still be immediately following the Wonderful Wednesday program, starting September 15. The *Bodacious Bells* (7th-12th graders) will resume at their regular time, Sundays 4:15-4:45, on September 19. All handbell groups are open for new members at this time, but will close once I assign parts for our new pieces.

Do we call her a flutist or a flautist... Musicians have been debating what to call someone who plays a flute for the last 150 years, ever since Nathaniel Hawthorne used the term *flautist* in *THE MARBLE FAUN*. Flutist? Flautist? Fluter? Flute Player? Here at FUMC Paragould, we call a person who plays the flute *Tricia Weaver*, and boy is she good at it!

Questions? Comments? Contact Celeste at church 239-8541 or home 236-2555 or text 501-207-1295 or email cletchworth@fumcparagould.org

Wayland Spring Camp will have a Fish Fry September 18. Tickets will be available at the door. In conjunction with the fish fry, there will be a bake sale and arts and crafts auction. For more information, you may contact Linda Holt at 870-886-9514.

September Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 5	11:00 am Worship	11:00 am Worship	10:00 am First Class
8:00 am Worship	1:00 pm Hispanic	1:00 pm Hispanic	11:00 am Worship
9:00 am Worship	5:00 pm UMYF/Mercy Refined	1:30 pm Fall Festival/Bake-Off	1:00 pm Hispanic
10:00 am Sunday School	6:00 pm ABCD Potluck	4:15 pm Bodacious Bells	4:15 pm Bodacious Bells
11:00 am Worship	Monday, September 13	5:00 pm UMYF/Mercy Refined	5:00 pm UMYF/Mercy Refined
1:00 pm Hispanic	6:00 am First Cup @ Sugar-baker's	5:15 pm Bells of Blaze	5:15 pm Bells of Blaze
5:00 pm UMYF/Mercy Refined	Tuesday, September 14	5:30 pm ABCD	5:30 pm ABCD
Monday, September 6	1:30 pm Glenna Rose UMW	5:30 pm Disciple I	5:30 pm Disciple I
<i>Office Closed</i>	2:00 pm Jennie Knox UMW	Monday, September 20	Monday, September 27
Tuesday, September 7	6:30 pm Scouts	6:00 am First Cup @ Sugar-baker's	6:00 am First Cup @ Sugar-baker's
1:30 pm UMW General Mtg.	Wednesday, September 15	Tuesday, September 21	Tuesday, September 28
5:30 pm Emmaus Reunion	6:00 am Men's Bible Study	5:15 pm Trustees	6:30 pm Scouts
5:30 pm SPRC	9:00 am Beth Moore	6:30 pm Scouts	Wednesday, September 29
6:30 pm First Friends	1:00 pm Juanita Keeton UMW	Wednesday, September 22	6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm Scouts	3:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday	6:00 am Men's Bible Study	9:00 am Beth Moore
Wednesday, September 8	5:00 pm Family Dinner	9:00 am Beth Moore	3:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday
6:00 am Men's Bible Study	5:15 pm Radical Ringers	3:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday	5:00 pm Family Dinner
5:30 pm Alpha/Disciple Dinner	6:00 pm Beth Moore	5:00 pm Family Dinner	5:15 pm Radical Ringers
6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday	6:00 pm Alpha	5:15 pm Radical Ringers	6:00 pm Beth Moore
Drop in Sign-Up	6:00 pm Disciple	6:00 pm Beth Moore	6:00 pm Alpha
6:30 pm Chancel Choir	6:30 pm Chancel Choir	6:00 pm Alpha	6:00 pm Disciple
7:30 pm Praise Team	7:30 pm Praise Team	6:00 pm Disciple	6:30 pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 9	Thursday, September 16	6:30 pm Chancel Choir	7:30 pm Praise Team
9:00 am Prayer Ministry	9:00 am Prayer Ministry	7:30 pm Praise Team	Thursday, September 30
7:00 pm Scout Roundtable	9:00 am Beth Moore	Thursday, September 23	9:00 am Prayer Ministry
7:00 pm Hispanic	Noon—Silver & Gold Potluck	9:00 am Prayer Ministry	9:00 am Beth Moore
Saturday, September 11	7:00 pm Hispanic	9:00 am Beth Moore	7:00 pm Hispanic
9:00 am Soccer training	Sunday, September 19	7:00 pm Hispanic	
TBA Scout leader training	8:00 am Worship	Sunday, September 26	
Sunday, September 12	9:00 am Worship	8:00 am Worship	
8:00 am Worship	10:00 am Sunday School	9:00 am Worship	
9:00 am Worship	10:00 am First Class	10:00 am Sunday School	
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**Happy Anniversary to John and Jane McKenzie
who celebrate their 68th Wedding Anniversary on September 5.**

Wesley Foundation

On September 30 we will be providing lunch for the Wesley Foundation at ASU during their Soul Food time. We need people to help with:

- ✓Providing food
- ✓Delivering & serving the food

Menu will be in next week's Flame. If you can help, please call the office.

Fair Trade Coffee

In 2008, the United Methodist General Conference passed a resolution calling on all UMC churches to use fairly traded products. In response to that call, the FUMC church council voted to begin purchasing coffee for corporate use from a fair trade organization called Equal Exchange. Equal Exchange has partnered with the United Methodist Committee on Relief to begin a denomination wide coffee program. Through this partnership, any United Methodist Church or individual buying coffee through Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program can order coffee through UMCOR who will then receive approximately 5 percent of the purchase price from Equal Exchange to be used in small farmer economic development programs. It is the council's plan to extend this opportunity to individuals in the church.

Order forms for Fair Trade Coffee are available in the Welcome Center and outside the church office.

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	10,110.63
YTD Contributions	367,970.88
YTD Budget	471,119.60
2010 Budget	699,494.00
Debt of Gratitude:	
January 2010 Debt	674,315.76
Paid to date (8/30)	128,154.67
 Attendance 	
	Aug 29 Last Year
8:00	24 33
9:00	270 222
11:00	126 136
Total	420 391

Hospital Brian Griffith Mandy Randleman

Prayer Requests

SPC Andrew Goodwin	875th		
Johnny Townsley	Bette Brewer	Randy Boyd	Sara MacDonald
Kristi Millard	Bill Burnett	Jackson Shepherd	Jorden Davidson
Berneice Howard	Don Hudson	Candi Crosno	Keith Bean
Joyce Vallentine	Keith Willis	Ronnie Reeves	Lori Thompson
Jane McKenzie	Claude Martin	Noah Crowe	Keith Griffith
Ryan Hobson	Kenyon Huggins	James Rashke	Marti Refkin
Joan Ratton	Joey Barr	Robin Williams	Velma Clifford
Dalton Lane	Joann Allison	Parker Kocsis	Yuba Williams
Julie Wilkins	Mike Holsten	Helen Havens	Ashlyn Walker
Shirley Mcoord	Paul Hampton	Peyton Millard	Owen Church
Ary Collier	Rev. Ron Pickney	John Lynn	Mary Stark
Dennis Estes	Devin Greene	William Findley	Todd Dudley
Amy Davis	Anna Brass	Gayle Eden	Debbie Bunting
Sarah Bolton	Leonard Bolton	Doyle Rippy	Richard Kelly
Andrea Dickey	Charles McDonald	Paul Combs	Craig Nanke
Greg Collins	Mike Ford	Joe Wallace	Brennan Hodges
Gary Newby	Joe Schreit	John Hambrick, Jr.	Roella Williams
Jimmy Vassar	Charles Erwin		

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

<p>NURSERY</p> <p>Sept 5: Sam & Andrea Dickey (9-10) Jeff & Teresa Branch (10-12)</p> <p>Sept 12: Kay Luter (9-10) Jennifer Cook (9-10) Mary Ann Rand (10-12) Kelly Huffman (10-12)</p> <p>Sept 19: Janice Wilcox (9-10) Pat Fulkerson (9-10) Crete Rhodes (11-12) Frankie Arant (10-12)</p> <p>Sept 26: Debbie Brown (9-10) Louise Woods (9-10) Donna Jones (10-12) Mary Ann Allen (10-12)</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</p> <p>Sept 5: Clint & Melanie Beliew</p> <p>Sept 12: Stan, Carol & Cameron Phillips</p> <p>Sept 19: Bobby & Kelly Kasserman</p> <p>Sept 26: Youth Council</p> <p>BLUE JEAN USHERS</p> <p>Sept 5: Charlie & Crete Rhodes, Jeff Block, Melissa Tarry</p> <p>Sept 12: Mike, Tracy, Travis & Payton Finch</p> <p>Sept 19: Shane & Liz May</p> <p>Sept 26: Erik & Kerry Eliason Dale & Caroline Schenk</p>
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GREETERS			
8:40-9:10	<i>August 29</i>	<i>September 5</i>	<i>September 12</i>
Welcome Center Door	Gina Starling	Chip Dortch	Darwin Goehring
Welcome Center Door	Greg Starling	Trey Dortch	Nancy Key
Welcome Center Desk	Sally Martin	Judy Dacus	Kelly Roswell
Fellowship Hall	Shane May	Clifford Gordon	Tim Roswell
Fellowship Hall	Liz May	Beverly Gordon	
9:45-10:05			
Welcome Center Door	Nate Herget	Mary Beth Weidman	Dale Schenk
Welcome Center Door	Kersten Herget	Jim Weidman	Caroline Schenk
Welcome Center Desk			
10:40-11:10			
Welcome Center Door	Bobby Kasserman	Susie Cook	Brock Wooldridge
Welcome Center Door	Kelly Kasserman	George Cook	Laura Wooldridge
Welcome Center Desk		Linda Futrell	
Sanctuary	Lacy Lusk	Kat Block	Jeannie Willcockson
Sanctuary	Jan Parker	Laura Jackson	Bonnie Wyatt
Sanctuary			John Wyatt

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<p><u>HEALTH KITS</u></p> <p>Sept. 5 Bath-size bar of soap (3 oz or larger)</p> <p>Toothbrush (single brushes in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)</p> <p>Sept. 12 Hand-towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)</p> <p>Washcloth</p>	<p><u>LAYETTE KITS</u></p> <p>Sept. 19 Baby sweaters (must open in front)</p> <p>Sept. 26 Cloth baby diapers (no disposable)</p> <p>Diaper pins</p> <p>Oct. 3 Baby gowns or sleepers</p> <p>Baby t-shirts or one piece body suits</p> <p>Oct. 10 Baby washcloths</p> <p>Receiving blankets</p>
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404 West Main Street

Ministers—Every Church Member

Bishop—Charles N Crutchfield
District Superintendent—Kurt Boggan
Pastors—Tom Letchworth, Angie Gage
Director of Fine Arts Ministries—Celeste Letchworth
Minister of Music—Danny Davis
Pastor to Youth and their families—Jeff Weaver
Children/Christian Education Director—Tricia Weaver
Church Administrator—Denise Chipman
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