

The Messenger

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This Sunday afternoon we are invited to be a part of the Americus District Rally which is being held at Cordele UMC at 4:00. Rev. Ronnie Wills, our District Superintendent will lead us in a time of celebration to highlight the exciting and positive ministries taking place in our district. Not only will we learn how our fellow United Methodists have experienced the hand of God at work in their churches, we will hear our Bishop, Rev. James R. King deliver a fresh word from God. Make plans to represent Perry UMC at this event. Our church buses will depart at 3:00.

As we begin a new year together and as we anticipate the wonder and magnitude of what God will accomplish in his Kingdom this year, it's a good time to brush up on our ABC's. May these words by an unknown author, which follow alphabetical order, remind us of the realities of life and the awesome God we serve.

The Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I AM Too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.

I pray that throughout this year we are constantly aware of the blessings of God in our lives. Hope to see you on Sunday.

Brother Billy Kimbrel

January 18
The Church At Worship
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams

No Evening Worship Service
District Rally
FUMC - Cordele - 4 p.m.
Buses leave PUMC at 3 p.m.

Greeters

9:00 a.m.
John and Rene Sirmon

11:00
Jim and Frances Worrall

Acolytes

9:00 a.m.
TBA

11:00 a.m.
Callie Ayer
Emma Lewis

And the Lord Added . . .

Marni Bell
Sarah Katherine (Sally) Hulbert
John and Dell Jackson
Welcome!



LIFE & TEACHINGS OF JESUS

**As Depicted in the
Windows of PUMC**

Study led by
Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams
January 21, 2009
2 of a 5-Part Series
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Childcare Provided
(Wednesday Night Supper begins at 5:15 p.m.)

WNS

Wednesday Night Supper

January 21 - Fellowship Hall

Serving Supper: 5:15 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

No Registration Required

Program: 6:00 p.m. ~ 6:30 p.m.

Series 2 of 5 Week Series

"Life & Teachings of Jesus"

as depicted in the Windows of PUMC

Presented by our Senior Pastor,

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams

Childcare will be provided.

Hope to see you on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall.

Prime Time Event

The Band of the U.S. AF Reserve will present a free concert on Monday, January 19 at 7:30 P.M. at the Grand Opera House in Macon. Come join us for this concert. The doors open at 7:00 so we should be in line by that time, as no tickets are required. We will meet at the Crossway and the Church vans will depart at 5:30 P.M. To sign up, call the church office at 987-1852.

Three opportunities to participate in a Beth Moore Bible Study - "ESTHER, IT'S TOUGH BEING A WOMAN" 9 Weeks

Beginning: **Monday, January 12 at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room and **Tuesday, January 20 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Books are \$14.95 each.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin A JEWEL IN HIS CROWN by Pricilla Shirer. All ladies are welcome. We will be learning about our worth in Christ. Our first meeting is January 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. For more information, contact Nanette O'Neill at 988-7804. Childcare provided.

In early fall, we organized a group from the nine adult Sunday School classes to encourage Sunday Night Church Attendance. Each Sunday morning, the representative reminded their class members to attend church on Sunday night and how important it is to the life of the church.

Our goal was to reach 100 by the end of the year. On December 21, 2008 we surpassed that goal with 134 present. We hope you have established a habit of Sunday night attendance and we will do even better in the New Year.

Here is a list of those who made it happen. Daryl Browning, Faye Doane, Jessica Cadwell, Leonard Kinsley, Ben Newberry, George Nunn, Elizabeth Flowers, Margaret Talton, Anita Williams and Elaine Wright.

Hilda Walker, Chairman ~ Krissy Pope, Christian Ed. Director



Music Notes

DVD's of the children's Christmas musical *Operation Christmas Child* are available in the church office for \$5. Thanks to Harvey and Maria Gilbert for producing the impressive DVD covers, which include priceless "in action" pictures of the children.

CD's and DVD's of *Festival of Carols* are still available in the church office and in the choir room.

Blessings,
Jane



BOBBY LEWIS RECEIVES ADVANCED ERT TRAINING

Bobby Lewis is one of twelve who successfully completed the South Georgia Conference Emergency Response Team "Train the Trainer" seminar in Savannah. He is being recognized before the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet as one who is an ERT leader and certified to train those who want to be credentialed ERT volunteers. This credentialing is essential for those who wish to participate in any United Methodist Committee On Relief project. Bobby will be available to churches in our Americus District to conduct seminars to prepare volunteers for ERT service. Thank you, Bobby, for undertaking this important work.

Deepest Sympathy ~ to Grace Cook and family in the death of Grace's husband, Byron "Tom" Cook on Sunday, January 11.

To Jane Chapman, her sister, Catherine Wolf and family in the death of Ray Wolf, Jane's brother-in-law and Catherine's husband.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

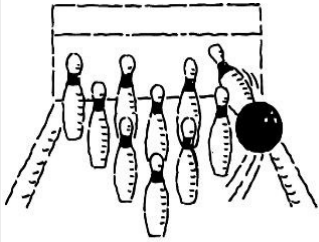
Capt. Elmo Cooper Wright, III, Lt. William R. Wright, grandsons of Elmo and Elaine Wright

Lt. Barrett Perdue, PFC John Lane Sirmon, grandsons of Rene Fendley Sirmon and John Sirmon

Lt. Phillip Ferris, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris

January

in the Children's Department!



SUPER-BOWL-ERAMA

Super-Bowl-erama At Gold Cup Bowling Alley

January 25th 5-7pm

Families are invited for an afternoon of fun and fellowship bowling, eating pizza, and having a SUPER time as a church family!

The cost for the 2 hours of bowling, shoes, dinner and dessert is \$10/person.

Families with children should meet at Gold Cup...Youth who need a ride can meet at the church and come on the bus.



**Birthdays
This Month**

Our First Birthday Celebration/ Parent Bible Study

begins this month in honor of our January Babies...

all Children are invited to the church on **Tuesday night, January 27th** to a giant party to celebrate all of the children born in January...each month we will honor the birthdays of that month! We will have pizza and cake, play games, do art, have giveaways, study a passage of Scripture, and pray for our Birthday children and their year ahead! Parents will drop off children and pick up a set of study questions to take and do while the children stay at the church...these questions are designed to be done over dinner with your spouse or over coffee with a friend...somewhere where you can have an exchange with another believer and

as a person,

a parent, a wife or husband, a mother or father, and as a friend.

The event will be held once a month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**~Nursery will be provided for
the Birthday Night gathering!**

Youth News



February 15-18, 2009

Registration forms and \$100 deposit due by Monday, January 19, 2009. Balance of \$75 is due by February 8, 2009. Middle School and High School are going to Boone, NC, February 15-18, 2009 to ski Appalachian and Sugar Mountains. Total cost is \$175.00 per person. Look for registration forms in the mail, or pick one up in the office. Please contact Mary Cyr at (478) 397 2160 with any questions.

Monday, January 19, 2009

Youth Center

6:30pm

All youth who are going on the ski trip should bring one parent to this meeting.

January 18, 2009

MYF will meet at Mello Mushroom restaurant from 5:30-7:00pm. Adult Counselors will meet you there and wait until you are picked up.

January 25, 2009 SUPERBOWLERAMA

Youth and their families should meet at the Gold Cup bowling alley for our annual Super-bowl-er-ama. Bring \$5 per person and socks.

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 18

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
3:00 p.m. - Buses leave for District Rally - Cordele FUMC
7:00 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 19

4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room
5:30 p.m. - Prime Time Trip - Buses depart for USAF Reserve Band Concert
6:15 p.m. - Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 20

9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room
11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting - Youth Center
6:00 p.m. - Missions Committee Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, January 21

3:45 p.m. - WASP - Wednesday After School Program
5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper - Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

7:00 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Attendance Report 2009	January 11
Morning Worship	600
9:00 a.m.	206
11:00 a.m.	394
Sunday School	292
Evening Worship	69
Youth	39

Finance Report 2009	January 11
Budget Needed Weekly	22,336.65
Budget Receipts	31,223.24
Needed Year to Date	44,673.30
Disbursements to Date	36,149.32
Received Year to Date	71,455.54
Other Contributions	
Altar Fund	139.01



A NEW BABY ~ George and Janet Nunn are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Elizabeth Buchanan Tarbutton, born to Benjie and Jennifer Nunn Tarbutton on January 2, 2009.

Church Staff and Our Methodist Connection

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams	Senior Pastor
Rev. Roland Fall	Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Rev. Billy Kimbrel	Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Dr. Billy Key	Pastor Emeritus
Krissy Pope	Children's Pastor & Dir. Of Christian Ed.
Jane Kimbrel	Minister of Music
Miriam Marchetti	Music Associate/Pianist

John Williams, Building Supt.
Leslie Mercer, Financial Secretary
Ginger Vance, Admin. Assistant
Grace Daniel, Organist
Deborah Walker, Pianist
Alice Releford, Custodian
Dicky Gilbert, Audiovisual Technician

Nursery Workers

Christie Rooks
Linda Hall
Amanda Suttmueller

Bishop James R. King, Jr.
Rev. Ronnie Wills

Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

Mission . . . Possible!

As we undertake mission work in our area this year, we have an opportunity to share with our community in at least three meaningful ways:

1. We can be a source of assistance to those in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical assistance, educational opportunities, counseling, childcare, legal assistance and more.
2. We can appropriately share the Good News of God's love and grace for all revealed through Jesus Christ by sharing our life story and witness of God's transforming grace and love in our lives.
3. We can invite and welcome those we serve to join us for Worship, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Suppers, Bible Studies and other times of worship and fellowship.

The Mission Committee invites all PUMC members to participate in some form or fashion with the mission work of our church: we are a team for Christ!

Interested in helping out with missions. . . please contact Brian Bowen through the church office or at blbowen@aol.com