

**Worship Schedule:
January 28, 2007**

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Morning Worship
On the radio each Sunday on
WZLT 99.3 FM at 10:45 am

Ushers

Matthew Butters, Scott Meyer,
John Allen Anderson, and Tony Holmes

Greeters

Pauline Stanfill and Jan Thomas

Acolytes

Colin Meyer and Brandon McBay

Sound/lighting Technician

John Mobley

Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of
God and in honor of our entire church family.

Wee Worship

Angie Holmes and Laurie Sanders

Infant Nursery

SS hour: Karen Henderson and Pat Kyle
Worship: John & Daphne Renfroe
and Margaret Stowe

Toddler Nursery

Bart & Janna Beth Shaull

Kitchen Ministry Team

Ruth Hurtt

Offering Counters

Thelma Hawkes and Barbara Clement

OUR LOYALTY REPORT

Sunday, January 21, 2006

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 128 UMYF: 26

Worship: 194

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the budget: \$

5,087.86

Needed each week for budget: \$

7,753.29

Needed for Budget to date: \$ 23,259.87

Budget Receipts to date: \$ 18,232.37

Difference: \$ - 4,027.50

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Pastor
Business Administrator
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Music Director
Organist/Pianist
Facilities Manager

Wednesday, January 24

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal
5:40 pm Katrina Mission Team Meeting, Spirit Seekers
6:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, January 26

5:00 pm Pinewood Derby Set-up

Saturday, January 27

9:00 am Pinewood Derby

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Morning Worship
1:00 pm Birthday Reception for John Threadgill (90th)
5:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm Lay Person Training
6:00 pm Red Bird Mission Team Meeting

Monday, January 29

9:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 30

4:45 pm Evening Prayer
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Upcoming Events:

February 4 – Red Bird Chili Sale

February 10 – Jamaica Mission Trip

February 17-19 – Sr. High Youth Retreat

February 21 – Ash Wednesday

February 25 – 1st Sunday of Lent

March 10 – UMW Mission Study

March 17-18 – Women's Retreat

April 14 & 15 - The Miracles

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR



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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Several people have talked to me about the proposed building plan that would encompass tearing down the old gym and constructing a multi-purpose building to serve the church in many ways for many years. Option 4, as it has been christened, was approved by the Church Conference. A Building Committee was elected to return to another church conference with preliminary and financial plans of the project for vote. Just about everyone has said positive things to me about Option 4. The conversations seem to end with one of two statements: "We can do whatever we set our minds to" or "I just want to be sure we can do it."

Now the word "we" refers to us, the church folk. "Do" and the phrase "do it" refers not to the actual building, but to the ability to fund the project. I've thought about those statements and they're right. **We CAN do whatever we set our minds to doing.** Yes. **And we do need to be SURE we can do it.** Yes, again.

Both of those viewpoints need a little adjusting, however. Our statements must include **GOD** in there somewhere. Maybe, we can talk in terms of "We can do whatever **God** sets before us" or, "I want to be sure that **God** wants us to do it."

That's the one thing absent from those statements. **God.** Whatever God sets before us to do, we can do it if it is of God. IF God wants us to do it, God will help us with all aspects of any mission, any ministry. Many Christians in this church can remember when God helped us do the impossible. That's a part of our spiritual DNA; believing that, once we know what God wants us to do, God will guide us and help us do it.

If someone says, "I don't see how you are going to do it" maybe your reply could be, "**God is going to help us do it.**" God is interested in how we do what God wants.

After all, God gave dimensions and details for the temple of the Ark of the Covenant. **After all,** God gave dimensions to the building of Noah's Ark,

After all, the angel, Gabriel said to little Mary, "**With God, all things are possible.**"

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WANTED: GROUP PARTICIPANTS

Soon we will begin sign-ups for Small Groups. Small Group studies are a proven effective way to grow a spiritual relationship. I recently read in "The Life Giving Power of Community", that God wired us up to know and to be known, to love and to be loved, to serve and to be served, to celebrate and be celebrated. I may be wrong, (Lord knows it won't be the first time), but I believe that to know and be known, to love and be loved, to serve and be served, and to celebrate we need more than ourselves. We need people around us to know, love, serve, and celebrate with.

John Wesley did not set out to begin the Methodist Church. He set out to start "small groups" who would come together in homes and hold each other accountable for their own as well as each other's spiritual formation and growth.

Plans are in the works to have several small groups within our church family. Just as everyone cannot wear the same size shoes, everyone will not fit into the same type group. That is why we hope to have groups for men, women, couples, singles, youth, and even children. We hope to have groups in the morning, afternoon, and evening, weekends and weekdays.

I am currently looking for group facilitators. I have already had a few people called to this position but more are needed. Please prayerfully consider where God is leading you. Will you facilitate a group, will you open your home to a group, or will you participate in a group? Remember, it is up to you...but it is a very important decision to make and I promise that the benefits and rewards will be immeasurable.

MISSION & MINISTRY BOOKS READY

The 2007 Mission and Ministry books are ready to be picked up. If you received a white, 3-ring pictorial directory last year, you need to throw out everything except the pictures and replace it with this year's information. If you did not receive a 3 ring binder last year or if you have misplaced yours, bound copies are available. If you need one, Lisa will gladly make one up for you.

KATRINA MISSION NEWS

The deadline for signing up for the Katrina Relief Mission trip is this Friday, January 26th. Please make sure that you are on the list if you are planning to go. Contact Al Edmonson: 967-9766

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The 2007 Women's Retreat will be March 17 & 18. This year's retreat will be held in Memphis, Tennessee at the Downtown Hilton Double Tree Hotel.

Guest speaker for this year's event will be Linda Douty, Methodist lay speaker. Also speaking will be our very own Carolyn Stripling. Entertainment for the retreat will be at The Orpheum Theatre. Retreat price will include a ticket to see the Broadway musical, "All Shook Up", meals, and hotel room. Double room registration is \$171, payable in 3 payments of \$57. Quad rooms are \$132, payable in 3 payments of \$44.

Registration deadline is Sunday, January 28th. Your first payment is due at registration.

YOUTH NEWS

The Senior High Youth will be heading to the Smoky Mountains on February 17th for a Winter Spiritual Retreat. All high school students are encouraged to attend. Cost for the retreat is \$40 per person plus food. We have rented a chalet so we will prepare most of our meals there. We will eat out on the trip up and back and one night while we are there. We will also tour the Christus Gardens Christian Museum in Gatlinburg. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 28th.

Attention All Youth: Due to a district training meeting that Mr. Jeff must attend, we will be **unable** to go to the **movies** in Jackson on the 28th. Instead, we will use our new projector and surround sound system to watch a movie in the youth room. **Everyone needs to bring a finger food to share.** We will reschedule the trip to Jackson soon.

RED BIRD TEAM MEETING

The 2007 Red Bird Mission Team will meet on Sunday, January 28th, at 6:00 pm, in the Faith Builder's classroom upstairs. If you are interested in this year's trip you should attend this meeting.



**You are invited to a
90th Birthday Celebration
in Honor of
John W. Threadgill
January 28, 2007
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
First United Methodist
Church
Lexington, Tennessee
No Gifts Please!**



OUR PRAYER LIST

Sandra Spears	Lauren Grozinger	Virginia Butler
Sue Armstrong	Alba Crockett	Charlie O'Brien
Johnny Creasy	Teague Cooley	Colby Ward
David Dunham	Mike Stumpe	Wanda Ross
Stewardship Team	Building Team	Charlie Waldon
Nancy Ray	Dorothy Powell	Sharon Warner
Whitney Davis	Patsy Pruitt	Shawn McGhee
Fred Hertel	Leroy Pope	Ann Clutts
Ann Carwile	Lucas Wynes	Jerry Slay
Ray Stewart	Hunter Bryant	Gina Tucker
	Chuck Snyder	"Doc" Melton
Mary Ann Anderson		Thomas Blankenship
		Family and Friends of Amy Lee



MEMORIALS

Shannon Harwell

by Jerry & Janet Scott for the Budget

Edward Blowers

by Brent & Donna Ross for the Budget

Dona Webster

by Ray & Linda Marcum for the Budget

Margaret Coates

by Diana Dawson/Hoddick for the Budget

Bertha & Cecile Knott

by Conley & Laurie Sanders for the Budget

HONORARIUMS

Lorene Hatley

Anonymous for the Katrina Relief Fund



JOHN WESLEY'S RULES FOR LIVING



DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.