



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

Our youth will hold the annual "FAT TUESDAY" celebration on **February 8, 2005**. Mardi Gras, also known as Shrove Tuesday or Carnival, is an annual festival marking the final day before the Christian fast of **LENT**. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday. Our congregants and guests are urged to dress in traditional

Mardi Gras colors: purple, gold, & green, and come for a night of fun and merriment. A traditional Fat Tuesday meal will be served. Cost will be \$8.00 per person. All profits from this event will go to help the tsunami victims and our own bus fund. You may purchase your tickets from the church office or our youth on Sunday morning.



PICK-UP YOUR CHILI

The **Annual Redbird Mission Team Chili Fundraiser** will be held on *Super Bowl Sunday, February 1ST*. Chili will be available for take-out at 9:30am. Stop by Wrather Hall to get yours to go. Team members

should have their chili in the kitchen no later than 9:00 am.

ITEMS STILL NEEDED

The Jamaica Mission team is still in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste. If you want to purchase these items and send them with the team, please do so before this Sunday. Other items needed are: school supplies, pens, pencils, Tylenol, aspirin, Motrin, children's Tylenol, vitamins, sunglasses, and anti fungal creams.



ASH WEDNESDAY

We will have our traditional Ash Wednesday service with the Imposition of Ashes on February 9, 2005 at 6:00pm. Keys Chapel United Methodist Church will be joining us and Rev. Sharon Karamoko will be delivering the message. At 5:00 pm we will have a meager meal of soup and sandwiches. As you know, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent and fasting.

FUN FOR ALL

Have you signed up? The team needs to know if you are going bowling with them next week. They must have 40 to rent the bowling alley. So, if you plan to go but did not sign up on Sunday, please call Kelly Odum now.

Make plans to **meet at Eastgate Lanes at 12 noon on Sunday, January 30**. All children, 6th grade and under, are invited. If you are under 5 years old, you must have an adult with you, but everyone can bring an adult if you want too. Cost for this outing will be **\$9.00** per person, which will include bowling, hamburger, fries, and drink.

3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th

This Sunday, January 30, the 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School class will go out to eat breakfast with Ms. Daphne. The 5th & 6th grade Sunday School class will go out to eat breakfast with Mr. Jeff. Everyone will be back in time for the 10:15 worship service. All class members should be at the church by 9:00 am so you do not get left behind.



TEAM VOTED - VAN TO GO

The Facilities Ministry Team has voted to sell the church's 1992 Ford van. If you are interested, please call Bob Gaines at 614-2973.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

Would you like to honor or memorialize a loved one with Altar Flowers? The list has been started for 2005. Please call Lisa in the ministries office (968-2116), today, to insure your date. Cost is \$40.00 per week.



PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

Our neighbors are very kind to us. On Sunday morning, we have always been welcome to park in the BP/Little General Parking Lot. For the past couple of weeks it seems that we may have taken advantage of the situation. One Sunday we completely blocked one of the entrances to their gas pumps. We are still welcome to park next door, but in the future, please notice where your car is parked. We would hate to be told we could no longer use this area.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Barbara Jones O.L. Mattox Kyra Matin
Jim Lumpkin Howard Laster Kym Finley
Dathal Mathis Nancy Bogle Johnny Houston
Tommy Baker Melanie Baker John Thomas
Brenda Willis Bonnie Dunlap Tsunami Victims
Members of the U.S. Armed Services
Alexis Odle (for a good check-up)
Family & Friends of Tyler Bomer
Family & Friends of Sue Millner
Family & Friends of Bill Haggard

REMEMBER OUR MISSION:

"Recognizing that we are members of the family of Christ and have been richly blessed, we feel drawn to a life of servanthood. Therefore, we envision that through prayer and with God's direction, the congregation of First United Methodist Church, Lexington, Tennessee, will open our hearts to offer our gifts and talents to the entire community so that we can grow in faith and discipleship."

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.

