

JUNE 25, 2006

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

Greg Crockett, Tony Holmes,
Tommy Holmes, and Terry Nance

GREETERS

Edith Ramer & Martha Hay

ACOLYTES

Alex Odle and Katy Mobley

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of
God and in loving memory of Sue Anderson.

SOUND/LIGHTING TECHNICIAN

Dustin Coyne

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR JUNE

Angie Bartel and Tara Gilbert

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: John & Rachel Mobley

Worship: Julie Meyer and Christina & Robert Jowers

TODDLER NURSERY

Bart & Jana Beth Shaull

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Libby Smith

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Edwina Bunch

OFFERING COUNTERS

Thelma Hawkes & Kay Henderson

Our Loyalty Report

Sunday, June 18, 2006

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 108 Morning Worship: 214

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the budget: \$ 5,487.22

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,370.40

Needed for budget to date: \$ 184,260.00

Received for budget to date: \$ 165,779.19

Difference: \$ - 18,480.81

Communion Offering: \$85.58



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WHAT IS THE REWARD?

At Annual Conference, I heard a whole lot about reward and obedience. **"God rewards obedience."** was the statement from the pulpit and the dais to delegates, from delegates speaking on the Conference floor, to casual talk in corners and around tables.

One thing troubled me and I couldn't put my finger on it until I came home and relived the Conference in my memories. That statement, **"God rewards obedience."** sounds awfully self-serving. It sounds like we should be obedient to God so that God will reward us. It almost sounds like "works-righteousness." God will reward me for being a good little Christian boy and my obedience will be paid for with rewards from God.

That doesn't sound like true love to me. Nor does it sound like faithfulness. Let's reverse this. If we were NOT obedient, would God still love us and provide for us? Yes, I believe so.

The reward for obedience to God should be our obedience itself. I WANT to be obedient to God because I want to respond to God's love with my love. My love includes my trust in God, my respect to God, my obedience to God.

My children weren't obedient to me so I would give them things. I think they were obedient because they loved me; and respected me; they believed in me and if I told them something, they would know I was telling them because I wanted them to learn something, avoid pitfalls, stay out of harm's way. I think God desires the same thing.

We desire to be obedient to God because of our great love for God, not because we want God's *"Perks package"* to kick in. Didn't we learn a long time ago that we couldn't play God that way? It sounds like that old 4 part-harmony-3-chords-and-a-cloud-of-dust gospel song that says I'm doing Christian deeds down here to send up planks for my mansion in heaven. Pleazzzzzzze.

If someone asks, what incentive could there be for obeying God, if rewards aren't forthcoming for that obedience, I ask, **"Isn't the relationship with God enough to satisfy us?"** If not, we're in more trouble than a faulty relationship with God.

Stan

Thursday, June 22

6:30 pm Scouting Committee Meeting, Spirit Seekers

Friday, June 23

Rehearsal: Melton/Adams Wedding

Saturday, June 24

6:00 pm Melton/Adams Wedding

Sunday, June 25

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Morning Worship

Monday, June 26

9:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting, Spirit Seekers

Tuesday, June 27

8:00 am UMYF Whitewater Rafting Trip

4:45 pm Evening Prayer, Prayer Chapel

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Events:

July 3 & 4: Church Office Closed

July 11: Stewardship Team Meeting

July 13: Upper Room Prayer Line

July 17: Mother/Daughter Banquet

July 18: Facilities Team Meeting

July 23: UMW General Meeting



Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Adams
request the pleasure of your
company at the marriage of
their daughter
Ashley Katz
To
Josh Melton
On Saturday evening,
June twenty-fourth, at
Six o'clock
First United Methodist Church

A reception will follow at the
home of
Howard & Lana Douglass
130 Scenic Circle

VMW SUNDAY CIRCLE

Due to the illness of my father-in-law, I must postpone our June 25th meeting to a later date. I will reschedule soon. Thank you for your understanding and your prayers.
Mary Lou Martin

NEW ADDRESS

Rev. Ron & Ann Medearis Lee
102 South Powell St.
Union Springs, AL 36089
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CONGRATULATIONS!

David & Tammy Townsend have a new baby girl! Her name is Carly Marie and she was born on June 6th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. Carly is welcomed by big brother James, grandfather Lyman, and Uncle Lynn & Aunt Elaine. They all agreed that she is absolutely beautiful.

WELCOME OLD FRIENDS

We are pleased to announce that Becky Middleton is transferring her church membership from Forest Heights United Methodist Church in Jackson to First United Methodist Church in Lexington. The Discipline of The United Methodist Church states that retired pastors must be connected to church by being a member of a UM church's Charge Conference. Rev. John Middleton is moving his Charge Conference membership from Forest Heights to First United Methodist Church, Lexington. Say a word of affirmation to John & Becky when you see them.

THANK YOU!

The Dickerson Family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting their fundraiser for our Habitat House last weekend. They raised \$330.00. Way to go!!

PRAYER LIST

Keith Martin	Dana Annereau	Russel Martin
Lorene Hatley	Dottie Harris	James Paul Kyle
Karyl Fisher	Charles Stanford	Sue Patton
Howard Reeves	Becky Ujcich	Max Harwell
Zach Baker	Retha Wood	Karol Fisher Cherry
Virginia Dodds	David Dunham	Frank Shelton
Edd Burke	Harold Johnson	Bill Reed
Jean Clampitt	Roy Odum	Dianne Ward
Marilyn Blurton	Joe Mills	Janice Strawn
Royce Drewry	Sandra Spears	Joe Isaac
Thomas Blankenship		
	Family & Friends of Ed Kraisinger	
	Family & Friends of David Johnson	
	Family & Friends of Estelle McPeake	

MEMORIALS

Ed Kraisinger
by *Buster & Edwina Bunch* for the Budget

HONORARIUMS

Our Shut Ins
by *Wanda Bailey* for the Shut In Ministry Team

SCENES FROM PEARLINGTON

