



# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

## First United Methodist Church

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January 3, 2011



I pray that you and your family had a blessed Advent and Christmas. Here at the church, we tried to provide you with meaningful opportunities to worship and serve the Lord during this holy season. If you enjoyed a particular aspect or activity of the season or if you have suggestions or concerns, I hope you'll let me know. Feedback is important as we evaluate the past and plan for the future.

I'd like to share with you some of the goals that will be emphasized in the coming year. I encourage you to prayerfully consider making these priorities in your own life as well.

### **Bring Your Bible to Church**

In 2012, I'll be encouraging you to bring your Bible to church each Sunday. I know we have the scripture displayed in the early service and I know that there are Bibles in the pews in the sanctuary, but there are some really good reasons to bring your own Bible to church.

First, it shows that the Bible is important to you. We keep close the things that are important to us. We seldom leave the house without our wallets, our keys, and our cell phones. Bringing our Bibles to church shows that the Word of God is important to us as well.

Second, it's a testimony. Not only does bringing your Bible show how you feel about the Word of God, it also communicates its importance to others. When your neighbor sees you walking to the car with your Bible or when a passerby sees you walking into the church with your Bible in hand, it conveys something about you and something about God.

Third, when you have your Bible with you, you can make notes in the margin or underline the scriptures that especially speak to you during our worship services. You can also bookmark passages for further reflection at a later time.

I'm sure that there are other reasons to bring your Bible to church but these were the first to come to mind.

Some of you may not own a Bible or may want to purchase a new Bible for you or a family member. If I can help you in that process, whether it be recommending a particular translation or study Bible, just let me know.

### **Read Your Bible Every Day**

Another goal I'll be encouraging you to embrace is reading your Bible daily. There are many different approaches to reading your Bible and one of the most helpful websites I've found in this regard is <http://www.youversion.com/reading-plans/all>. If you don't have internet access, the church office can print out this material for you. Personally, I use the Life Journal format and would be happy to provide you with more information about this approach if you're interested.

If you've never really read the Bible, don't start by trying to read for thirty minutes. Set a reasonable goal that is challenging but also achievable.

### **More Goals to Come**

Stay tuned to future newsletters and emails for more goals to be emphasized in 2012. In the meantime, know that it's a privilege to serve God as one of your pastors.

~Tommy

### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, January 4 - Wednesday Night Meals & Activities Resume

Saturday, January 7 - Upward Games Begin

Sunday, January 8 - Sunday School Superintendents Meeting - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, January 8 - Women's Bible Study - 5:30 p.m. Media Room

Sunday, January 8 - Sunday Night Youth & Children's Choir Resume

Tuesday, January 10 - Stephen Ministry - 6:00 p.m. Room 223

Thursday, January 12 - Children's Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Room 223

Monday, January 16 - Women's Friendship Group - 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 24 - Stephen Ministry - 6:00 p.m. Room 223

Thursday, January 26 - Church Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

**~JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES~**

- 1-Terry & Jennie Jobe
- 2-Steve & Linda Maddox
- 3-Justin & Cheryl Pendergrass
- 14-Steve & Julie Miller
- 18-John & Ann Towry
- 29-John & Amy Holcomb



**~JANUARY BIRTHDAYS~**

- 3-Andi Marie Stocstill
- 4-Eagin Evans
- 4-Ruth Damron
- 4-Don Denton
- 4-Dustin Fox
- 5-Rob Simms
- 6-Beverly Robertson
- 6-Kevin Higgins
- 6-Pat Haynes
- 7-Gene Muse
- 7-Brandy Maddox
- 8-Kali Honey
- 8- Lydia Johnsey
- 9-Judy White
- 10-Larry Robertson
- 11-J. T. Cobb
- 11-Marilyn Ashby
- 13-Judy Toon
- 13-Becky Bowden
- 16-Alease Pigg
- 16-Tina Osgood
- 17-Betty Askins
- 17-Jean Hill
- 18-Jordan Dempsey
- 18-Barclay Crawford
- 19-Ken Wylie
- 19-Ranny Ellett
- 20-Rick Lamon
- 20-Gail Sandlin
- 22-Sharon Cunningham
- 22-Polly Askew
- 22-John Jeffries
- 23-Jennifer Mayes
- 23-Jim Cook
- 23-Gloria Wallis

**BIRTHDAYS**

*If we do not have your anniversary or birthday listed, please call the church office at 433-2251.*

**Service for January 8, 2012**

Children's Church: Jennifer Wallis  
 Acolytes: 8:30 a.m. Evan & Carter Gleghorn  
 11:00 a.m. Abrahm Osgood  
 Ushers & Greeters:  
 8:30 a.m. \*Wayne & Ruth Damron, Clay & Beverly Jackson, Mike Ross, and Sissy Parks  
 11:00 a.m. Randy & Margaret Nell Fowler, Jan Duncan, Ray Landman, Jim Malone  
 Prayer: 8:30 a.m. Wayne Damron  
 11:00 a.m. Ron Osgood

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Have you ever thought about joining a Bible study group? Do you **really** want to grow in knowledge and faith? You are invited to come as we put life into this part of the FUMC mission statement. Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways by studying the Book of James with us!



**This interactive 8 week study will begin January 8th. Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Room-CLC.**

The study is appropriate for all skill levels—beginners to seasoned scholars. Please contact Ann Hatcher for more information.  
[ahatcher@fpunet.com](mailto:ahatcher@fpunet.com)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS**

**Menus for January**

- (Team D) Jan. 4 - Italian Feast, Dessert
- (Team Youth) Jan. 11 - Pizza Night
- (Team A) Jan. 18 - Chicken & Dumplings, Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Ham/Cheese Sandwiches for Kids
- (Team B) Jan. 25 - Soup and Salad, Bread, Dessert



*Flowers for the Altar*

**If you would like to reserve dates to provide altar flowers for the new year, 2012, please call or sign up in the church office.**

**2011 Contribution Statements**

Those members with e-mail accounts will receive their 2011 contribution statement via e-mail this week. Please make a copy of this if you need it for tax returns. Those without e-mail accounts will receive a statement by mail by January 10, 2012.

Eleanor Helton,  
 Financial Secretary

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

*The Mobile Food Pantry in conjunction with Hands of Mercy Outreach Center will be in Fayetteville, SATURDAY, JAN. 7, 2012 at the Fairgrounds. Volunteers report at 8:00 a.m. Event begins at 9:00 a.m.*

**Jan. 8th**  
 Steve Austin  
 993-7751



**Jan. 15th**  
 John Krause  
 433-3109

~Our Mission~

**To welcome** others into the fellowship of Christian believers  
**To nurture and love** one another  
**To grow** in knowledge and faith  
**To reach out** to witness and serve in Jesus' name.



**JANUARY**

Presence 1-1-12

Worship Service	252
<u>Gifts</u>	
Regular Offering	\$9372.50
Building Fund	1344.00
Building Fund Memorial	170.00
Comm/Charity	145.00
Sew-n-Sew Memorial	50.00
Reimbursement	1199.96
Communion	438.00
Youth Supper	50.00

***Upward Devotional Leaders Needed***

I will be serving as devotional coordinator for this year. I need volunteers to conduct about a 5-8 minute devotional at the Saturday ball games in January and February. You may choose which Saturday you would like to participate. The devotional will be presented 4 times, at the half of each game. Bible verses, life lessons, or other stories may be used. If you would be willing to do a devotion, please email me at [dhale@fpunet.com](mailto:dhale@fpunet.com) or call at 703-3580 to let me know which Saturday you will be available for this important ministry.

Thank you, Darrell Hale

**Dates for the games are: January 7, 14, 21, 28**

**February 4, 11, 18, 25**



**Memorials**

**ROBERT CORDER**

**BUILDING FUND**

Mark & Susie Cobb

John & Alison Hoagland & Family

**ED YOUNG**

**BUILDING FUND**

Wilma Putman

Flavil Hatcher

Margaret Carter

**ED YOUNG**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**CHRISTINE LILES**

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Wilma Putman

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**MARIE NELSON**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**ANN SIMMS**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**JIMMY CHILDRESS**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**BETSY FITZGERALD**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**JIM MCKINNEY**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**TRIPP ELDER**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**FRANK JOHNSON**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**CLAYTON GIBSON**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**JOHN HELTON**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**MEADOWS DAWN POSEY**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**ROGER TAYLOR**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**Dear Church Family,**

*Thanks so much for your kind gift given at this "special" time of the year. The support and Christian love that you have shown me these past twenty years is greatly appreciated. This has been a difficult year for me and I so appreciate your kind words, cards, and prayers. May the Lord bless you during this holiday season and for the new year to come.*

**Barry Petty**



**Praise God for Your Faithfulness**

At the end of 2010, our church was approximately \$26,000 short of fully funding our 2010 budget. Fortunately, expenditures were kept down and we finished the year in the black. With 2011 now in the books, Financial Secretary **Eleanor Helton** reports that we finished the year with \$15,000 more than what was needed to fully fund the 2011 budget. Your faithfulness and generous giving means that we can start 2012 with a little bit of a cushion. Praise be to God for all the ways you support our church!

**RED NEW TESTAMENT**

Norma McKinney misplaced a very special New Testament with a red cover. It once belonged to her son, Tripp. If you have seen this Bible at church please let us know.

Thank you

**Honorariums**

**LINDA ASHBY**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**NORMA WEIMER**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson

**CONNIE ELLETT**

**SON RISE BAND**

Joyce Johnson



Begins again on **Sunday, January 8, 2012** at **5:30-6:30pm** downstairs. All Children 5 years—5th grade are encouraged to participate. We will learn a couple of songs to sing during worship and then sing some for fun. We will also discuss a Spring Musical. Don't miss the fun! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Brenda Smith.

## Youth Calendar

Sun. Jan. 8th  
 SNY (Sunday Night Youth)  
 Jr. High @ 5:30 p.m.  
 Eat @ 6:15 p.m.  
 Sr. High @ 6:45 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 11th  
 Bible Study @ 6 p.m.  
 (Dinner @ 5:15 p.m.)

Sun. Jan. 15th  
 SNY (see above)

Wed. Jan. 18th  
 Guest Testimony  
 @ 6 p.m.  
 (Dinner @ 5:15 p.m.)

**Friday, Jan. 27**  
**Rock & Worship**  
**Road Show**



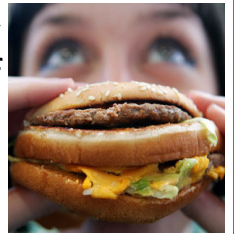
**THE ROCK & WORSHIP ROAD SHOW**

**MERCYME TENTH AVENUE NORTH**  
**LEGRAE HAWK NELSON**  
 DISCIPLE & SIDEWALK PROPHETS  
 SPECIAL SPEAKER BART MILLARD

**\$10**  
**AT THE DOOR!**  
**NO TICKETS REQUIRED**

### YOUTH PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

We need your help once more to provide Snack Suppers for the Youth on Sunday evening. If you would be willing to help in this area or provide a donation to cover pizza/subs, please contact Mark or Brenda Smith.



### Mark Your Calendar!!!

- \*First Upward Games - Jan. 7th  
8 a.m. - noon
- \*Children's Committee Mtg.  
Thursday, Jan. 12th @  
6:00pm



**Von Braun Center, Huntsville**  
**January 27, 2012 @ 7:30pm**

(The Youth will leave the church at 5:00pm. Bring \$ for fast food on the way down plus \$10 for the concert.)

**Brenda Smith**  
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 ms.brender@gmail.com

**Mark Smith**  
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 mbjaas@gmail.com

*Thomas H. Ward, Senior Pastor*  
*Ann Hatcher, Associate Pastor*  
*Barry Petty, Music Director*  
*Jane Bradford, Organist*  
*Mike Bradford, Director of Contemporary Music*  
 Mark & Brenda Smith,  
 Youth/Children's Directors  
 Lynne Wood, Admin. Assistant  
 Jeff Bradford, Custodian

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