

Happenings

a newsletter sent with love from



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**DISCOVERY
FULL TEAM
MEETING**
Saturday, Aug. 7
9 until 11 AM
Founder's Hall

GOT OLD CELL PHONES??

The Building Committee is collecting old cell phones to benefit the building fund. Please drop them in the box in the Narthex each Sunday. A box will also be provided for those who attend the Next Step Service. Tell your friends, coworkers and neighbors, they may be glad to find a place to recycle them. *Bernice Blount.*

SUNDAY DINNER

August 8th

following morning worship

Menu:

BBQ Chicken or BBQ Ribs
with all the fixin's

Tickets:

Adults \$10.00

Children age 10 or under \$3.00

Also, you may call the church office
to be put on the reservation list.

PLUS A Cake Auction

*Our great cooks will donate cakes to
be auctioned by Jay Lockridge in ca-
hoots with Randy Moody. Fun!!!*



Your "piggy" is coming
to Holmes Street UMC this
Sunday, August 1. Be
here to greet him.

BANNER FUND RAISER underway but needs more squares!!!



A signature banner will be quilted to benefit the Holmes St. Building Fund. The banner made for the Narthex will serve as a memorial to our church's heritage and it's members.

A signature banner is a quilt that contains blocks with signatures or inscriptions.

Signature quilts have long been made to commemorate and celebrate many events:

- anniversaries
- birth dates
- baptisms
- weddings

The content of the signature block may also be a

- Bible verse
- an inscription to serve as a memorial or in honor of someone
- or, obviously, a signature.

The minimum donation is \$50.00 per signature block and they will be available for purchase until September 7th.

If you have questions, see Lisa Marshall or Kelly Clem.

DISCOVERY NEWS

The Discovery weekend is less than one month away and the Discovery Team, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is hard at work finalizing plans for this Spiritual retreat on August 20th - 22nd. This weekend will be an awesome time of discovery for the youth in grades sixth through ninth who are participating as they discover God's love through the adult and youth members of our church. We ask that the entire church family surround these youth in love and prayer as this weekend approaches. Also, be in prayer for our Discovery team. Friends of our church family who are in these grades are also encouraged to attend, we need to know their names by August 14th. Please let Sue or myself know before this date. Blessings in Christ, *Sue and Bill*

LIFE. MONEY. HOPE

A special 3-part series will be offered only in the Next Step Services at 9:00 a.m. featuring Dave Ramsey who will bring our sermon with some relevant and useful messages. These will be held on August 8, August 29, and September 5. Dave Ramsey is a popular and renowned speaker, national radio and television talk show host, and author of several books, including The Complete Money Makeover on the subject of Christian financial management. Bring friends, bring an open mind, and prepare to receive a blessing! *KClem*

HAPPENINGS FOR:

WEDNESDAY - July 28

3:00 PM - String Ensemble
5:30 PM - Beth Moore Bible Study
Family Night - Stars Game

THURSDAY - July 29

5:30 PM - Praise Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - August 1

9:00 AM - Next Step Worship Service
9:40 AM - Sunday School
10:55 AM - Morning Worship
5:00 PM - Snack Supper
5:30 PM - UMYF

MONDAY - August 2

6:15 PM - Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal

TUESDAY - August 3

9:30 AM - Bible Study
1:00 PM - Music & More for Children
6:30 PM - Trustees

WEDNESDAY - August 4

3:00 PM - String Instrument Group
5:30 PM - Beth Moore Bible Study

THURSDAY - August 5

5:30 PM - Praise Band Rehearsal

Thanks

to Tammy Sharp for helping to collect water and Gatorade for our homeless friends. If you'd like to assist in this effort, please drop cases of bottled water off in the church office or the narthex. She will deliver them.

THE SUNDAY REPORT

ATTENDANCE:

9:00 AM Next Step Service 89
10:55 AM Morning Worship 144

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Children 18
Youth 14
Adults 99
Total 114

VISITORS:

Hugh Johnson Huntsville
Hank, Phyllis and Samantha Holland "

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Dr. Don Huber Vanderbilt
(Bill Woods to have knee replacement on Thurs.)

OFFERINGS:

On the Budget \$6,121.00
Building Fund 2,374.00
First Fruits 500.00
Bettie Roberts Memorial 200.00
Needed Monthly for Budget \$37,572.00
Offerings on Budget this month \$28,350.51

MEMORIALS: (combined reports)

In memory of Wilburn Patterson: (all Building Fund)

M/M Dennis Dean (First Fruits)

M/M Ralph Jones

In memory of Amie Elliott:

M/M Jack Manry Building Fund

In memory of Boyd Lockard:

M/M Bill Glover Building Fund

In memory of Jennie Styles:

M/M Gerald Wheelock Building Fund

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Check out the
pics of the week!



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR Openings for 2010:

August 1
September no openings
October 17
November - no openings
December 26

Altar arrangements are \$45.
Call the church office if you
would like to fill one of
these dates. Thanks, Ann

NOTARY SERVICE

is available in the church
office at no charge to
church members.

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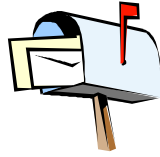
Custodian

Steven Chumley

Traffic Control

Tim Whisenant

FROM THE MAILBOX:



Dear Holmes Street,
You are amazing! George and I want to thank you for the delicious meals, phone calls, emails and cards, beautiful flowers (thank you, Ray), and so many other acts of kindness and caring. Kelly, I appreciate so much the wonderful prayers you offered before the surgeries and also that you stayed with George during the 2 surgeries. We feel so loved by this caring congregation. God bless each and every one of you.

George and Kay Kozub

2010 Day Trip Schedule

Several fun and exciting day trips are ready for reservations. Call Eddie in the church office for more information or to make reservations.

Lee High School Drama/Musical

Fall 2010 - TBD

**Christmas at
The Alabama Theatre**
December 2nd
Birmingham, AL

Family Nite at Stars Game

Our third and final "Family Night" event will be a return engagement to see the Huntsville Stars play baseball at Joe Davis Stadium. The date is a change from what was originally announced. The date is **WEDNESDAY, July 28 at 7:00 PM**. The stars play the Mississippi Braves, so come see some of the Atlanta Braves future superstars! Call Eddie in the office for more information. EJ

YOUTH NEWS

Hey guys! Youth Sunday went great last weekend, so thank you all so much for stepping up and making that happen. Planning for Discovery Weekend is coming along well with our brainstorming sessions Sunday nights, and I think it's going to really be a great event. Speaking of Discovery Weekend, don't forget to invite your friends in Jr. High to come (and Sr. Highs to help out), and if you have any personal items you think would be nice in the Prayer Chapel, go ahead and start bringing them. Have a great week, and I look forward to seeing y'all Sunday!

In and through Him,
-John

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Join us for fun activities every Tuesday this summer:

August 3 - Music & More (1-4 PM)

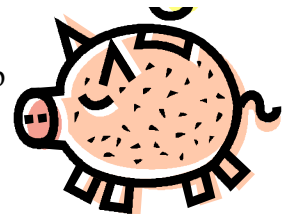
Summer music fun for children in completed grades 3rd-6th grade

Making instruments, singing, music experiments, field trips, playing instruments and preparing a program will be on the agenda. Come join the fun!

Pennies for "Piggie" Program Introduction

ATTENTION! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All children ages 3 to 100!

Holmes Street is offering all God's children regardless of age, an opportunity to develop a consistent Bible reading habit while helping make our new building project become a reality. The program is called "Pennies for Piggy". Read on for an overview of the program to see what Piggy the Pit has to show you.



Each participant will obtain a calendar with an endearing picture of Piggy each month for the duration of the program. Everyday the calendar will have a specific daily Bible verse listed that will relate to the weekly theme noted each Sunday on the calendar. Along with the calendar, each person will obtain a distinctive "Piggy Bank". The "Piggy Bank" is for the collection of the pennies.

The object of the "Pennies for Piggy" campaign is to consistently read the scriptures and to give pennies or any coin denomination to the "Piggy Bank" each day you read the Bible to help our new building become a reality.

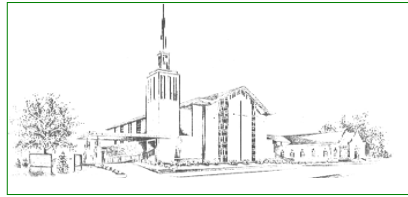
All you kids, regardless of age, be on the lookout for when the rules, calendars and piggy banks are ready.

Piggy says, "All you kids get in the habit of reading the Bible everyday and feeding "Piggy" at the same time!"

-Keith Wilson

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY *by Rev. Kelly Clem*



Looking for God in All the Right Places

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." (Romans 8:18,19)

I cannot even count how many times people have asked me "have you read *The Shack*?" Considering it has been out for a few years, yes, I'm tired of being asked -- so on my recent trip, I finally had a chance to sit down and read it. Even the stewardess on the plane wanted to talk about it. I have to say, now, a word of thanks to those who recommended the book. It is a stirring and surprising work of fiction that will cause the reader to consider God through new lenses. I think that it is a particularly poignant message that we need to recognize God not just in the beautiful and wonderful experiences, but at the center of the most gut-wrenching places where we cannot imagine God to be.

This week we heard of the tragic murder of our Northeast District Lay Leader, Mr. Herb Gray. I have served on two committees with him, and was planning to invite him to be our lay speaker this year. He was a man with a vision for what the church can be, a love for his local church and for the United Methodist Church, and a kind and gentle spirit. I shudder to think about what happened in the last moments of his life. And yet ... I know that God was there, and God is there in the deepest hurt and sharpest broken places his family and friends are feeling.

If you read *The Shack*, you'll understand what I mean by this, and if you don't, I hope it still makes sense: It takes courage to visit painful places, and yet when we can make our way through the storms of memories and anger and hurt, we will be surprised by a God whose presence changes our perspective on everything. In all things, we are being invited to draw closer to God's presence.

Keep your eyes open!

Kelly

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