

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 7, 2010

*Requests for Prayer*



**TO PROTECT THE  
PRIVACY OF OUR  
CONGREGATION  
MEMBERS AND  
FRIENDS,  
WE DO NOT PUBLISH  
PRAYER CONCERNS  
ON OUR WEBSITE.**

### Haiti Earthquake Relief

If you would like to make a gift above and beyond your regular giving to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, please make your check out to Winder FUMC and mark it "Haiti". We will send it through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). 100% of your gift will go to aid the victims.

## Glancing at the Coming Week

### Sunday, February 7

8:45 A.M. Worship  
9:30 A.M. Coffee Time  
9:45 A.M. Sunday School (Children & Youth)-  
NEW! All Star Arena Begins in the Gym  
9:45 A.M. Confirmation Class  
9:50 A.M. Group-Link  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School (Adults)—40 Days  
of Community Church-Wide Study Begins  
-10:55 A.M. Worship  
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship  
2:00 P.M. Service on Cable Channel 24  
5:00 P.M. Kidstuf  
5:00 P.M. Friendship Circle  
5:00 P.M. Disciple I Bible Study  
5:00 P.M. Disciple III Bible Study  
5:00 P.M. Youth Super Bowl Party

### Monday, February 8

9:00 A.M. Senior Stretch  
12:30 P.M. Program Staff Meeting  
5:30 P.M. Emmaus Men's Group  
5:30 P.M. Emmaus Women's Group  
6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop #700  
7:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, February 9

7:00 A.M. Youth Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study  
10:30 A.M. Disciple I Bible Study  
12:00 P.M. CPR Training  
6:30 P.M. Praise Team

### Wednesday, February 10

9:00 A.M. Senior Stretch  
9:00 A.M. U.S. Census Testing  
12:00 P.M. Staff Bible Study  
5:00 P.M. Adult Handbells  
5:45 P.M. Serving Line Opens for  
Valentine's Wednesday Night  
Supper Sponsored by our Youth  
6:00 P.M. Youth Handbells  
6:45 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 P.M. Children's Programs/Preschool  
6:45 P.M. Children's Programs/Elementary  
6:45 P.M. A.C.T.S. (Active Christians  
Teaching with Skits (6th Grade)  
6:45 P.M. Youth Bible Studies  
6:45 P.M. Grief Group  
6:45 P.M. Women's Study—"Grand New Day"  
6:45 P.M. Methodist 101

### Thursday, February 11

9:00 A.M. Senior Stretch  
10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study  
1:00 P.M. Garden Club  
7:00 P.M. Local Missions Meeting

### Friday, February 12

**No Preschool or After School Program**  
**Barrow County Schools OUT**  
6:30 A.M. Men's Study Breakfast  
**Saturday, February 13**  
9:30 A.M. Wedding Coordinator Training

### VALENTINE'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU—February 10th

Sponsored by Our Youth

**Spaghetti Casserole, Bread, Salad Bar & Dessert**

SERVING LINE OPENS AT 5:45 P.M.

**Come join us for food, fun & friendship!**

**ADULTS (11 yrs. & older) — \$6 CHILDREN (up to 10 yrs.) — \$4**

Please Fill Out a Gold Reservation Card and Drop it in the Offering Plate or  
Contact the Church Office by NOON each Monday.

If You Cannot Keep Your Reservation, You MUST Cancel by NOON on Monday!  
Permanent Reservations: You can come every week without signing up, but you MUST  
cancel by NOON on the Monday of the supper you will miss  
or you are responsible for that week's payment!

### CHURCH STAFF:

*Pastor* - Terry L. Tippens  
*Part-Time Dir. of Music* - Bruce Nunley  
*Min. to Youth & Contemporary Worship* - Todd McCain  
*Part-Time Dir. of Children's Ministries* - Allison Clark  
*Dir. of Programs/Education* - Alice Lipscomb  
*Dir. of Family Life Center* - Kelly West  
*Office Manager* - Chris Hurd

*Admin. Asst./Worship Coordinator* - Debbie Brock  
*Part-Time Financial Secretary* - Randy Blalock  
*Part-Time Dir. of Weekday Preschool* - Karen Garren  
*Church Hostess/Nursery & Older Adult Ministries  
Coordinator/Clerical Support* - Shelly Epperson  
*Custodian* - Vickie Skelton  
*Dir. of Security/Maintenance & Part-Time Custodian* -  
Tom Morton

### Today's Volunteers

**Greeters:**  
Derek Bass, Jo Bentley, Shadie Thompson,  
Nell Howard, Larry & Dianna Lokey

**Children's Sermon:** No sermon this week.

**Security:** Clevey Moseley (February 6th & 7th)

**Sound & Video Technicians:**  
David Ewing, Rich Faglier, Laurie Martin,  
Eric Spoto, Jeff & Kathy Stansell

**Ushers 8:45:** Tommy Sanders-Captain, Scott  
Major, David Maynard, Michael Sims, Steven  
Smith, Jeff Stansell, Sam Stewart, Jimmy Terrell  
**Ushers 10:55:** Mike Martin-Captain, W.D. David,  
Kerry Lipscomb, Henry Mays, Jim Pilgrim, Danny  
Rampey, John Sheats, Britt West  
**Youth Snack Supper:** Mike & Chance Bentley,  
Ron & Diane Speight  
**Contemporary Worship Team:** Doug Boyles,  
Greg Duffey, Nic Duffey, Patrick Ecklund,  
Holly Gilbert, John & Laura Janick, Todd McCain,  
Zoe Meadows, Gary Pierce, Dani Reeves,  
Dana Snyder, Cyndi White

The Winder FUMC Staff would like to send a huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful ladies in Circle One for their generous donation of supplies for the church office. This will really help us with our expenses! We love you all!!!

### Step Up

Inspiring thoughts often come with a thunder clap. However, just as often, they spring up from either an unexpected place or person. Mrs. Dottie Reynolds has served as the secretary of the church Finance Committee as long as I have served. Dottie always brings a great work ethic, a smiling face, and a sweet and kind personality to everything that she does.

At the close of our December meeting, Dottie did something that she rarely does. She stated that she had something to SAY. The committee had just finished a tiring and painful meeting to determine how the church was going to address the fact that our pledges for 2010 was going to be less than what we pledged in 2009. A strong plan for 2010 was developed and approved but all agreed that 2010 was going to be a challenging year.

While I cannot quote her verbatim, basically what she said was that sometimes a year that is challenging can be a good thing. There is value to be gained from being tested. The day-to-day activities of the church will require the efforts of more volunteers. The programs will require that we all be involved and work to participate. The congregation will have to strive to reach and exceed the pledge. We all need to realize that ultimately it is God's church. Our obligation is to see that its work is completed. Dottie went on to say that when the congregation is challenged, often that is when we find the best of ourselves and each other.

She is absolutely correct. 2010 is the year that our congregation has to increase its participation in the activities and programs of the church. You can volunteer to teach, man the telephones, and participate in various ways to support the many programs of our church. Use this year to develop and grow your faith. It will be a growing experience for all of us. It reminded me of an old gospel song that talked about our God is our God on both the mountaintops and the valleys. Our challenge is to remember that we are his servants in the valleys as well.  
~Michael Sims

**What: Divine Design Women's Conference**

**Who: All Ladies**

**When: Saturday, February 27th, 2010 from 9AM-3PM**

**Where: Winder First UMC Fellowship Hall**

**Cost: FREE (a love offering will be received)...**

**Lunch is available for \$6, with proceeds going to fund Romanian Mission (Please RSVP if you will be purchasing lunch.)**

**Nursery will be available!!!**

**Please let us know how many children you will be needing care for. Thanks!**

The Divine Design Conference takes you through the trash and treasures in the attic to washing away your burdens in the laundry room. Be led into developing a servant's heart in the dining room and find total intimacy with God, becoming HIS DIVINE DESIGN! For more information or to register, please contact Joann Smith at 770-868-6828 or garysgirljo@gmail.com.

### Scheduling Events in the Fellowship Hall After Church

We ask that all "after church" events on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall be scheduled with a 12:30 start time because of the Living Stones Contemporary Worship Service that takes place at 11:00 AM in the same building. Please note: events that are on the calendar now will be moved to 12:30. The kitchen and small dining room will still be available that morning for any preparation that needs to be done. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Todd McCain at 770-867-4594, ext. 14 or tmccain@winderfirstumc.com.

### New Women's Study on Esther Begins

All women are invited to attend the Thursday Morning Women's Study Group at 10:00 a.m. in Room 221. This group is led by Dotty Gunby. A new study on the book of Esther will begin on February 18th. Please join us!

**Preschool Registration**

In-house preschool registration will be February 22nd and 23rd from 8:30-9:30am and 11:00am-12pm on both days in the Youth Center. Our Preschool offers classes for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Child must be said age by September 1st. This registration is for church members and current students only! Remaining slots will be open to the community on February 25th and 26th. Please call or come by the preschool office on or before February 17th to pick up a registration packet. For more information, call the preschool office at 770-307-2089.

**Ash Wednesday Service**

This year's Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 17th in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. following Wednesday Night Supper. Children's Church will be available for older children (K5-5th grade) in addition to our nursery for infants and younger children. Most of our regularly scheduled Wednesday night programs will be cancelled due to this service with the exception of Chancel Choir Rehearsal which will take place at 7:30 p.m. after the service.

**Acolytes Needed!**

We need young people (3rd-5th grade) to volunteer to be acolytes for our 10:55 traditional worship service on Sundays. We have a rotation schedule, so volunteers would only need to serve about once every two or three months (depending on how many young people volunteer). Acolytes light the candles on the altar table at the beginning of the service. Lighted candles remind us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. At the end of the service, the acolytes then extinguish the candles. If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please call Debbie at the church office (770-867-4194).

**ATTENTION—All United Methodist Men, Their Spouses and Widows of Former United Methodist Men Members!**

The United Methodist Men will have their Annual Ladies Night Dinner on Monday, February 22nd at 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a night of delicious food and wonderful entertainment for the United Methodist Men, their spouses and widows of former United Methodist Men members. Steak will be on the menu this year and the cost is FREE for all United Methodist Men members in good standing. (Note: The \$35 you have—or plan to pay—for United Methodist Men's dues will cover this event as well as other meals and mission projects for the year 2010. New members are welcome to come and be a part of the year's activities. Checks may be dropped off at the church office or given to Ron Lemke, Treasurer.)

As for our entertainment, when the possibility for the return of Happy Calhoun was brought up at the last United Methodist Men's board meeting, nods of approval and smiles went around the room. So, now we're pleased to announce that he will return from Possum Gap, deep in the mountains of North Georgia. Those who were there last year will want to come again and those who weren't will not want to miss his visit!

Happy Calhoun is a character Rev. Claude McBride of Athens, GA has created—a man from the Hills. Rev. McBride was pastor of a Baptist Church in Athens for 20 years, the Chaplain Emeritus of the Georgia Bulldogs and is a consultant in the Department of Alumni Relations for the university.

So, mark your calendars NOW for this happy event! We would like to get a head count so we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone. If you plan to attend, please fill out the form below and either place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office as soon as possible.

**Deadline to register is Sunday, February 14th!**

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**United Methodist Men's Annual Ladies Night Reservation Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # Of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery Needed? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No # Of Children in Nursery \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY  
February  
14th**

**LIVING STONES  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**



What are you doing this Valentines day at 11:00am?



Well,  
we will be worshipping with...

**You Do Not want to miss them!!!!**

**THE Oswald BROTHERS**

Come on out and see Zach, Jacob, and Nick as they join us as the special guest praise team on Sunday February 14th for the Living Stones Contemporary Worship Service.



*Please Join in the Celebration of  
Jim & Kathleen James'*



*on Saturday, February 27th  
2:00-4:00 P.M.*

*The Villas of Winder Clubhouse  
Casual Attire. No Gifts Please!*



**Family Movie Night  
FREE...Hotdogs  
and a Movie!**

Friday, February 19th,  
at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall



**Attention: Kids in Kindergarten—5th Grade!**  
Join us on Sundays at 5:00 P.M. for these fun events:

February 7th  
February 14th  
February 21st

**Movie Night**—Popcorn & lemonade in the Fellowship Hall.  
**NO KIDSTUF!—President's Day Weekend**  
**Jungle Jumpers\*\*\*SPECIAL TIME\*\*\*4-6PM\*\*\*Bring \$6 and SOCKS! We will leave promptly at 4PM.**

**Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt - March 26th at 7PM**

We are in need of donated bags of candy, plastic Easter Eggs (empty or pre-filled) for our Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please bring donations to Allison. Thanks so much for your help with our programs!

The Children's Council Presents

**The Spring Children's Consignment Sale**  
**Saturday, March 13th from 8:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.**  
**in the Winder FUMC Fellowship Hall**

**Half-Price Sale from Noon—2:00 P.M.**

**Come & Shop for Quality, Gently-Used  
Children's Clothing (Spring & Summer) & Gear!**  
**30% of All Sales Supports our Children's Ministries!!!**

**Call for consignor code numbers February 8th-19th:**  
**Last Names A-L call Christy at 678-687-8072**  
**Last Names M-Z call Stephanie at 678-232-4647**

**Consignor Information Packets & Tags are now available  
in the Church Office & on our Website.**

**Youth Super Bowl Party**

TONIGHT, February 7th, the Youth will be having a Super Bowl party in the Youth Center beginning at 5PM until the game ends. Everyone needs to bring food (chips, desserts, drinks, finger foods, etc...). This is a great night to bring a friend and introduce them to our Youth Group!

**Youth Prayer Breakfast: \$2 Each—What a Deal!**

The next Youth Prayer Breakfast will be on Tuesday, February 9th, at 7AM in the Youth Center. Join us as we nourish our spirits as well as our bodies! **Remember to bring \$2!** Transportation will be provided for those who need a ride to school.

**Ski Trip Sweatshirts**

**NEXT SUNDAY**, February 14th is the deadline to order ski trip sweatshirts! Cost is \$23. Please see Todd to place your order.

**Youth 30 Hour Famine—March 5th-6th**

Fundraiser packets are now available. See Todd to get your packet.

**Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsals Resume!**

The Youth Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH! Mrs. Belinda Agnew, a new member of our congregation with 20 years of handbell playing experience, will be directing our Youth Handbell Choir. She would like to extend an invitation to all the youth at Winder First UMC to consider joining the Youth Handbell Choir. Rehearsals will be from 6:00 to 6:45 PM on Wednesday evenings upstairs in the "handbell room" (#225). All church youth —please consider joining this dynamic youth ministry!