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February 15, 2010



**WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE
CONSIGNMENT
SALE!!**

**PLEASE CONTACT
ALLISON CLARK
AT 770-867-4594.
EXT. 28
IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO HELP!**

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The Children's Council Presents
The Spring Children's

Winder First United Methodist Church

**Consignment
Sale**



Barrow County's Largest 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**

**Volunteers & Consignors of 50+ Items
Can Shop at the Friday Preview Sale!**

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



Around Our Church

Letters to Our Congregation

“Living Life—God’s Way!”

Welcome to 2010! I’m looking forward to a great year and I’m sure you are as well. The start of the New Year is always a time when I do a self-examination to be sure I’m still doing what I believe I ought to be doing. I teach Sunday school in the W.Y. Smith class on the 2nd Sunday of each month and I’ve told them on multiple occasions that I really do try to live the kind of life I teach about so that my lessons can be from a personal experience. Easier said than done, but I’ve also learned that God is always there with me when I am doing what His will is for me.

One of the things I’ve done over the past few years is to pray about and work on surrendering everything about me so that the Lord’s will is what I strive to accomplish, not what I want to do. I’ve been amazed at what I’ve learned as I’ve submitted myself to His will. Seems like my life is just not as complicated or stressful or anxious. That’s quite a statement when you consider the state of our economy: so many people in stressful or dire situations -- home foreclosures at all time record highs and joblessness also at unprecedented levels.

What I’ve learned is that God intends good for all of us. He intends us to live an abundant life no matter what our circumstances are. And here’s a fact from my life – He holds true to His promises of that. The reason I tell you this is that I want you all to know that life hasn’t always been so for me and my family. Too many years I tried to be in charge – too much in control – too much in my own world. Since I’ve surrendered all to Him – I’ve seen the promises of the Bible come to life. Are you that assured in His promises? Do you live your life that confident of His abiding love and care in all you do?

One area of my life that I really did hold onto was that of my finances. After all, I know how to take care of my family and me better than anyone does. I know my bills, what I make and how best to allocate that to stay ahead and also maybe to save a little. When I decided to live the life I teach about, I had to face this area with a new perspective. I determined that this too would be surrendered and whatever came my way relative to my financial situation – if the Lord is in it, then it would be to my advantage. That has become the most eye-opening decision of my life. Not only have I learned that God is a better financial planner than I am, I’ve learned that I can’t out give Him. That applies to my time, talent, mercy, forgiveness, generosity, compassion and yes, my money. The more I give, the more I’m blessed.

As we near the end of the 2009/2010 Capital Campaign that was initiated back in March 2009, I am told that we’ve not achieved the giving that was pledged. We built our fabulous Fellowship Hall based on all of us pledging and then following through on that pledge so that we could meet our obligations to pay back the loan we incurred. Our Lord was right in the midst of all the planning and subsequent work to get us to where we are today. This is His work that we are accomplishing. I would like to remind all of us to review our giving and if not up to date, then to please prayerfully consider allowing the Lord to work through us and in us to get on track before our campaign has ended.

May God lead you to Himself and His promises so that you can rest assured He is with you in all things.

~Larry Lokey, Stewardship Chair

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 were 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 how 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



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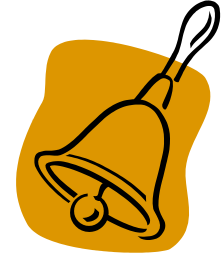
We Extend A Warm Welcome To:

- * Shirley Collins who received baptism and joined our church family on profession of faith.

Youth Handbell Rehearsals Have Begun!

The Youth Handbell Choir began rehearsals on Wednesday, February 10th. Belinda Agnew, a new member of our congregation with 20 years of handbell playing experience, is 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 are 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!

Welcome
Our *New*
Members



Acolytes Needed!

We need young people (3rd-5th grade) to volunteer to be acolytes for our 10:55 traditional worship services 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 are an important part of worship. Their job is to 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, ext. 23).

ACOLYTES



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.)



**Annual
Ladies
Night
Dinner**

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!**

United Methodist Men's Annual Ladies Night Reservation Form

Name _____ # Of People Attending _____

Nursery Needed? Yes No # Of Children in Nursery _____

**HURRY!
The Deadline
to Make
Reservations is
Sunday,
February 14th!**

Around Our Church

SUNDAY
February
14th

LIVING STONES
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Well...
we will be worshipping with

THE OSWALD BROTHERS



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



**You don't want
to miss them!**

preschool registration



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

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. The season of Lent is the period of forty days before the celebration of Easter. Lent intensifies our repentance from sin and reconciliation with God and each other. Ash Wednesday was known in the old days as *dies cinerum* (day of ashes). On this day, the faithful are marked on the forehead with the sign of the cross using ashes that come from the burning of the palm branches used during Palm (Passion) Sunday of the previous year. The use of ashes is very Biblical and signifies repentance.

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.



Please plan to
attend this very
moving service to
begin the Lenten
season.

Family Movie Night

FREE... Hotdogs and a Movie!

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



*Please Join in the Celebration of
Jim & Kathleen James'
50th Wedding Anniversary
on Saturday, February 27th
2:00-4:00 P.M.
The Villas of Winder Clubhouse
Casual Attire. No Gifts Please!*

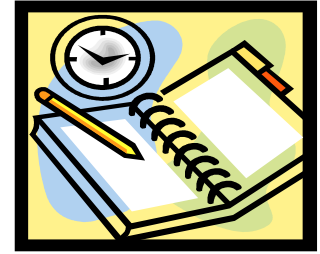


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Scheduling Events in the Fellowship Hall

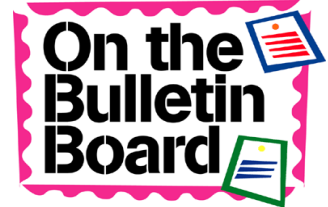
We ask that all "after church" events on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall be scheduled with a 12:30 start time because of the Living Stones Contemporary Worship Service that takes place at 11:00 AM in the same building. Please note: events that are on the calendar now will be moved to 12:30. The kitchen 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.



Volunteer Bulletin Board

We now have a volunteer board located in the hallway across from the elevator. Please stop by and see how you can volunteer your time or make donations. There are many opportunities and they will continue to change as people sign up to help and more needs arise.



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)

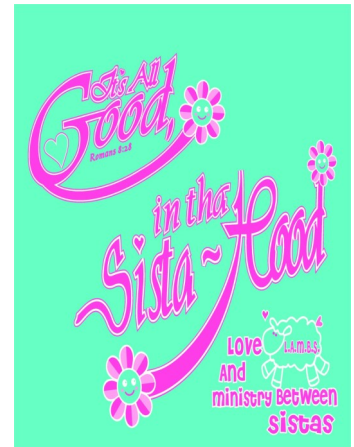
Lunch available for \$6, with proceeds going to fund Romanian Missions

PLEASE RSVP IF YOU WILL BE PURCHASING LUNCH!

Nursery will be available!!!

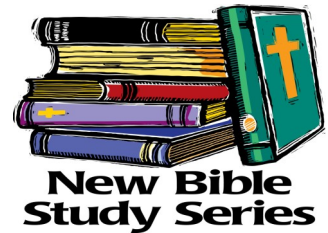
Please let us know how many children you will be needing care for.

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.



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!



UMW Gifts to Missions in Honor of Babies

If you would like to honor a child (infant—4 years old)...consider making a gift to missions in their name. In the name of the child being honored, a gift of money will be sent through the United Methodist Women into the mission field to help other children. To honor a child, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate along with a \$10 donation.



Each child honored will be recognized during our worship services on Sunday, March 21st.

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, March 14th!

UMW Gifts to Missions in Honor of Babies Submission Form

Child's Name _____

Parents' Names _____

Given By _____ Phone # _____

Children & Youth Ministry News



Kid Stuf Schedule

Attention: Kids in Kindergarten—5th Grade!

Join us on Sundays at 5:00 P.M. for these fun events:

- February 14th NO KIDSTUF!—President’s Day Weekend
- February 21st **Jungle Jumpers***SPECIAL TIME 4-6PM***Bring \$6 and SOCKS! We will leave promptly at 4PM.**
- February 28th **Board Game/Video Game Night in the Fellowship Hall—**
Bring \$2.00 for pizza!

Note: PARENTS: Please remember to sign in your child each Sunday night!



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 26th. Please bring donations to Allison. Thanks so much for your help with our programs!



Hands & Feet Rehearsals Resume

After a short break, Hands & Feet (our Youth Music & Drama Group) will resume their rehearsals on Sunday afternoons at 3PM in the Fellowship Hall beginning February 21st.



Youth Confirmation Mentor Training Day

Attention All Youth Who Are Confirmation Mentors: We will have a training day on Sunday, February 21st, immediately following the late worship services. Gather in the Youth Center to depart to an offsite location for our training.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 30 Hour Famine

The 30 Hour Famine is an international youth movement to fight hunger. Our Youth will participate in the 30 Hour Famine by having a lock-in at the church beginning at 6PM on Friday, March 5th. In addition to bringing pajamas for overnight, please bring work clothes because we'll be doing some outdoor projects. We will break our fast by going out to eat at 6PM on Saturday, March 6th and will return to the church by 9PM. Fundraiser packets are now available for this event. Please see Todd to get your packet.



Please Pray for:



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

Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, visits, prayers and the love you have given George and me after his accident and long illness. I very much appreciate the delicious meal that you prepared and served for us the day of the funeral. We are very fortunate to be part of a caring and loving church.

~God Bless, Betty Bauknight

*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!!!*

A Look at our Faithfulness—1/31/10

Worship Services Attendance:	438
Budget Received:	17,964.00
Needed Weekly	20,920.00
Received Year to Date	83,021.00
Need to Date (Computed Weekly)	104,600.00
Current Status	-21,579.00

Building Fund

Received:	2,500.00
Received Year to Date	17,739.00

Our Gifts (Year to Date) as of January 31, 2010

(Computed Monthly)

Forecast:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$104,600.00	\$104,600.00	\$0.00

Actual:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$97,114.00	\$83,474.00	\$13,640.00

A Look at our Faithfulness—2/7/10

Attendance:	463
Worship Services	463
Budget Received:	27,440.00
Needed Weekly	20,920.00
Received Year to Date	110,461.00
Need to Date (Computed Weekly)	125,520.00
Current Status	-15,059.00

Building Fund

Received:	2,510.00
Received Year to Date	20,249.00

Non-Profit Organization

U.S. Postage Paid

Permit No. 62

Winder, GA 30680



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CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor—*
Terry L. Tippens, ext. 19
- *Dir. Programs/Education—*
Alice Lipscomb, ext. 12
- *Dir. Family Life Center—*
Kelly West, ext. 15
- *Min. to Youth & Contemporary*
Worship—Todd McCain, ext. 14
- *Part-Time Dir. of Children's*
Ministries —Allison Clark, ext. 28
- *Part-Time Director of Music—*
Bruce Nunley, ext. 21
- *Office Manager—*
Chris Hurd, ext. 10
- *Admin. Asst. & Worship*
Coordinator—
Debbie Brock, ext. 23
- *Part-Time Financial Secretary—*
Randy Blalock, ext. 24
- *Part-Time Weekday Preschool*
Director—Karen Garren, ext. 11
- *Church Hostess, Nursery & Older*
Adult Ministries Coordinator &
Clerical Support—
Shelly Epperson, ext. 20
- *Church Custodian —*
Vickie Skelton
- *Dir. Security/Maintenance*
& Part-Time Custodian—
Tom Morton, ext. 29



United Methodist Volunteers In Mission Team Training

North Georgia United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) will offer training for those who have a heart for missions. Whether you are considering a local, state, national or international mission experience, there are practical considerations and spiritual rewards for serving the Kingdom.

When: Saturday, February 20, 2010 @ 9:00 am to 4:30pm

Where: McEachern Memorial UMC, 4075 Macland Road, Powder Springs, GA

Who: Team Leaders, Team Members, Pastors, Mission Committee Members, Church Leaders

Cost: \$25 per person (includes Team Leader Workbook and lunch)

Register: Register on-line at www.ngumc.org/Events/Detail/4357

Questions: Tom Snyder, tomdsnyder@earthlink.net, or Donna Goff, donna@mceachernumc.org.

This training is to equip those who will lead or help plan teams for any type of mission experience. It will better prepare your church leadership to support their efforts and get the entire congregation involved in the experience. Whether you have been on many teams or this is your first mission experience, we want to equip you with the tools to conduct meaningful, safe and Christ centered work for His Kingdom. In conjunction with the Southeast Jurisdiction UMVIM, we will supply you with a workbook to help plan, prepare, conduct and celebrate mission and ministry. Connect with those who have already been where you want to go, and learn how you can better serve Our Lord.