



THE E-MESSENGER Fellowship UMC

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Pastor's Corner

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*Our Vision and Mission
is to
Know, Grow and Go!*

Food Drive

We are collecting canned food for our food drive – please bring in your canned food and place them on the altar so they can be prayed over and distributed to Outreach's food bank of choice.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I would have never imagined how smooth my transition to Fellowship was going to be just a couple months ago. Moving at the beginning of December seemed difficult at best.

As you may know, our family situation is such that it made moving all of us almost out of the question. Fortunately, the United Methodist Church and more importantly Fellowship, understood the situation. So I packed up a U-haul with some essentials and made the move. (I want to express my gratitude to Wayne Campbell for helping me unload). I was able to settle in on Friday, be joined for the weekend by my wife and youngest son, and prepare for the eventful first Sunday. My wife remarked that I seemed anxious and a little nervous on Saturday evening. I was, for I had no real idea what to expect Sunday morning.

From the moment I was introduced or maybe even the moment I arrived on Sunday, I knew I was home. This was the place God had been preparing me all my life to serve. I could see it in the faces of my new family. I

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 4—Bud Wood

Jan. 7—Linda Cane

Jan. 21—Blossom Green

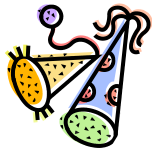
Jan. 21—Alexis Hemingway-Clark

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Jan. 27—Judi Bassage

Jan. 30—Janet Carreiro

Jan. 31—Jim Ray



May God bless you on your birthday as YOU have blessed us, your Fellowship Family!

Happy Birthday and the BEST year yet!

Please let the office know if we have missed you or our information is incorrect.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 3—DC & Vicki Padgett

Jan. 11—Bob & Norma Upton

Jan. 13—Joe & Janet Carreiro

We wish you a blessed and wonderful Anniversary,

Your Fellowship UMC family

Liturgists for January 10:15 a.m.

Jan. 2	TBA
Jan. 9	Randy Stong
Jan. 16	Deanne Campbell
Jan. 23	TBA
Jan. 30	Bernadine Cijntje

certainly experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit that day. There was energy in our sanctuary that cannot be expressed in words. I know transitions and change can be difficult, but you all have made it exceptionally easy. As we move forward, I look forward to growing closer to God with each of you. We will do all we can to be the Church for our congregation, community and world. I see the light of Jesus Christ in each of you and we will do all we can through the power of the Holy Spirit to bring the lost and marginalized into the light. Together we will all come to "Know", "Grow", and "Go" for God. I look forward to the journey.

I received the best possible Christmas gift I could have ever "dreamed" to receive. I received you and you have received me and my family. What a great Christmas! I pray your Christmas was blessed as well. Blessings and peace for a fantastic New Year, and may 2011 be the best year yet in your life and in the life of Fellowship UMC.

God's grace and peace be with you all,

Pastor Doug

We Are A Praying People



Join us in one of our two weekly prayer groups: Monday night at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday morning at 9 a.m. If you are unable to join us, please keep the following people in your prayers:

Bishop & Mrs. Whitaker, Rev. & Mrs. Mike Oliver, President Obama, all of our elected officials, Pastor Doug and Liz, our Leadership Team, our soldiers, Abbie Renaud's mother & family, the Vaughn's daughter, Norma Upton's friend, John & Joyce White, the Hemingway family, Rich Wrobel, Wayne Meddings, Kamron & family, Joyce Bascombe, Hannah, the Wildie family, the Baker family, Janet Carriero's friend, the Levy family, Lee Weldon, the McFarland family, Linda Cane's daughter & family, Christine Winschue's friend's mother, Joe & Janet Carreiro, Jim Ray, Alice Hopper and family, Teresa Semervil's daughter, Faye Nick, Ruth Wilcox, Pearlina Blackwood.

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January Ushers, Greeter 10:15 a.m.

Ushers—Liz McDonald
Clara Tilton
Greeter—Valdia Dennis

Kudos



KUDOS TO:

Everyone who help to decorate the church for Christmas—what a beautiful job!

The Scouts and the folks who helped to make our two Old Fashion Fellowship on the 22nd and the 29th come together.

The Children for their wonderful performance of "Angels We Have Heard"



Outreach

The new year is now upon us and I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you for enthusiastically supporting the various Outreach events over the last four and a half years. I believe we have all come to fully realize and appreciate the way in which many hands make for a much lighter load; and praise the Lord the number of hands that have continued to multiply. I truly believe we are the "little church that could" and will continue to "grow" and make disciples.

Let's welcome Karen Baker as the new Team Leader of Outreach.

Blessings,
Natalee Stong

Upcoming Events

January 8th –Leadership Team Meeting–9"00 a.m.

Sign up at the Information Station to be a Host for "Coffee with the Pastor" to see where we The Church would like to go.

Jan. 19th At 5:30 p.m. Monthly Pot Luck Dinner for Wacky Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, come and enjoy good food and fellowship!

IS NO NEWS TRULY GOOD NEWS?

This time of year, we all tend to become completely absorbed with the holidays. From buying gifts for family and loved ones to cleaning the house for incoming visitors or even completing remodeling projects for the house before family comes in, all of this tends to completely fill our thoughts and time. We tend to spend less time with church, which is too bad as there is no reason for the Christmas season if not for the birth of our Lord. But we are only human after all and this holds true for your leadership team.

At this time of year, getting together as a team is nearly impossible and as such, we really have nothing to report to the church as we did not have a December meeting. I guess that in this case, no news is good news. This time off gives us a chance to reflect back on the past year and, taking a deep breath, start thinking on the coming year. As I stated in the previous news letter, this past year was full of challenges like no other that came before it. We met far more often than scheduled in an attempt to deal with the tests and challenges brought before us. The New Year will certainly bring its own set of challenges, this is a constant that none of us have any control over. However, as a church, I think we all are ready after last year to deal with them as we are now "Battle Hardened", if you will.

In closing, I know all of us are grateful for the chance to rest and spend the time with family and friends and I know I speak for the entire leadership team when I say how humbling it is to be called to work on all of your behalf on the leadership team and we all wish you a very blessed New Year.

God loves you, and so do we all
Wayne Campbell



Message From Lila

A New Year and with the new year new mercies come every day, new problems new troubles. New days, weeks and months and time to fill with new energy, new friends, and new joys. You get the idea everything in the new year will be new, but what about you? Will you start the new year with the same old attitude, depressed, lonely, with an unforgiving spirit? Will you be an optimist or a pessimist? You know that God gives us new times so that we can change some of our old habits. I have heard people say, "I can't change, that is just the way I am." Yes, you can change with the help of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus. I know there are times in all of our lives that we really don't know how to change, but we all know how to pray.

So ask Jesus what He would do if He were facing the same problem and then listen. Don't do as many of us do and keep talking when we should be listening. Jesus said those who have ears let them hear. One of my problems is when someone asks a question and keeps talking while I'm trying to answer them. If that upsets me, I wonder how hurt Jesus must feel because we ask and then don't stay long enough to listen. We need to ask ourselves if we want to start a new year with new hopes and dreams and ambitions, or do I just want to stay in the same rut? What would Jesus want us to do? I know what He would want and I bet you do too. All of us need to ask ourselves, do I want to be a better person?

I know the answer is yes, so all we have to do is ask Jesus. Jesus said ask and you shall receive. Sometimes we ask and then go on doing the same old thing. Ask Him to show you what changes need to be made in your life this coming year and then follow what He tells you to do. What will you do with Jesus this year? Will you ask His help and listen or will you go on asking but not listening? Will you say with me: Jesus I love you, will you help me make some of my old ways new? He will if we really mean what we ask!

God Bless,

Love, Lila Ford

Other Programs

Boy Scouts meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Girl Scouts meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Brownies meet every Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.
Daisy's meet Fridays @ 6:30 p.m. WIC is here every 1st & 3rd Tues. and Thurs. of the month

Classes for January 2011

As the people of God we need to be in the Word of God. Sharing and learning together is the best way to do this. Join Pastor Doug as he teaches the Bible on Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning in January. See below for details!

Sunday School will continue from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., studying various Books of the Bible, with D. C. Padgett. They are currently studying the Epistle of James, and will be looking at the three Synoptic Gospels in the year to come.



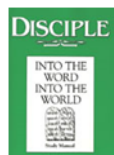
The Holiday Park Women's Class will continue on Monday afternoons with a Max Lucado study on the Book of Romans.



The Holiday Park Men's Class will meet on Monday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., with a short-term Disciple Bible Study on the Gospel of John. See Bob Upton for information and locations.



Wednesday morning and evening classes with continue in January, with Bible Buddies at 9:30 a.m., led by Blossom Green. Pastor Doug will teach the study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Both classes will be studying the *Book of Acts* in the *Genesis to Revelation* study series.



Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World will continue in January, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Deanne and Wayne Campbell are the

facilitators



Pastor Doug will be teaching *Discovering the Bible: A New Generation*, which continues in



**Dear Fellowship family,
Rod and I just want to thank you for the wonderful send off and generous and lovely gifts. The Bed, Bath and Beyond gift certificate helped us take two 1950's bathrooms and bring them into the 21st Century. The Winn-Dixie gift certificate restocked our fridge and we are looking forward to enjoying Carrabbas. We cannot thank you enough. May God bless you as you continue your ministry and walk with God.**

**Blessings,
Shirley & Rod Groom**

Fellowship received a very happy "Thank you" call from a family that received a Christmas Dinner and toys.

January on Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. *Discover* is offered this year instead of Disciple I, and involves a study of the books of the Bible in a more guided, workbook format than what we have experienced with other studies.

Please contact the church office if you have questions.

**PRAISE GOD
FROM WHOM
ALL
BLESSINGS
FLOW!**