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Chaires UMC Newsletter

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Our Featured Member ~ Ms. Elinor Shuford



I have enjoyed getting to know Ms. Elinor in the time I have attended CUMC. She always has a smile and a little chuckle for me. I enjoy talking with her and just being around her as she seems to have such a young spirit. Ms. Elinor just makes me want to smile and be thankful for every day.

Ms. Elinor, along with Ms. Hazel, worked for the telephone company before she got married. After marrying, she did not work outside of the home and was a faithful and loyal wife for 55 years. She has always been a very determined and strong woman and as her daughter, Jessie remembers, "She was always right there, working alongside Daddy as he made beautiful furniture. Mother was his 'right hand woman.'"

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Evangelism and Outreach

Are you passionately and inwardly committed to your faith? You've undoubtedly read or heard that we as Christians are tasked with going and making disciples.¹ Most of us would probably agree that people do need to hear about Jesus, but we shy away and hope the Lord will just find somebody else for this part of the job. Have you pondered what the Lord would have you do in this regard?

A key to our witness for Jesus is our lifestyle and we should be always conscious of what it expresses about our faith. For example, if we drive like the devil, we should probably think twice about putting a fish or other symbol of faith on the car. We must always remember, "Actions speak louder than words." When our actions and our words are consistent we will be more convincing and sometimes, this is all it takes to open a door to questions about our faith.

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Pastor's Column



On November 21, 2005, at the Preacher's meeting, Bishop Whitaker shared some thoughts he

had about congregational transformation and building healthy, growing churches. He developed two goals for each of the fundamental areas of ministry; evangelism, worship and outreach of the church to the community and the world. One goal is a measurable goal; the other is an effort goal. The goals focusing on the ministry of inviting others to profess their faith in Jesus Christ, offering quality worship that brings people closer to God and motivated to serve their world, and reaching out in service to others by continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ on earth.

At the mid-point of the year, listed below are the goals and where we stand.

Evangelism: Measurable goal: No barren churches – that is, every church will report at least

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**Wednesday Night
Prayer Meeting**

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm there is a short devotional reading by Pastor Ingram and sharing of prayer requests that have been received. The remainder of the time until 7:00 pm everyone prays in their own way. Everyone is urged to attend and be a part of the prayerful needs at CUMC.

The Trustees will make a presentation on the building project at the Family Night Dinner September 6



BACKPACKS

CANNED FOOD

CLEANING SUPPLIES

CLOTHING (BAGGED)

DIAPERS

FURNITURE

Beds

Dining Table

Dressers

Lamps

Sofas & Chairs

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Alarm Clocks

Coffee Makers

Cookware

Dinnerware

Fans for summer

Irons & Boards

Linens

Microwaves

Toasters

PERSONAL HYGIENE

PRODUCTS

Sunday School Activities

~ submitted by Joy Marshall

There was a time when I thought I did not need to attend Sunday School. I thought I could learn everything on my own. Then my children were born. The Lord spoke to me, saying that it was selfish of me to not bring my children to Sunday School simply because I did not think I needed to go. I listened. My children love Sunday School. They love the teachers and are excited to see them.

Not only have they benefited from the classes, but I have the opportunity to grow spiritually as well through study and conversation.

Beginning in September we will offer new classes. We have "Prime Time" for grades K-3 and "The Edge" for grades 4-6, in addition to a middle school to high school class. Encourage your children to come! Adults - we have a class for you too!

We are still looking for a Sunday school teacher for one of the elementary level classes. If you feel called by the Lord to share your gift please let me know.

United Methodist Men's & Women's Meetings

The United Methodist Men's group has been chartered for some time now. There was a time when there wasn't very much participation, but we are slowly making a comeback. We will welcome any fresh ideas on attendance and fundraisers.

For quite a few years there was the horse show and barbeque. Mr. Herbert would donate a steer for a drawing. We really had a good time and a large turnout. Can we come up with a fund raiser of that magnitude again?

The UMM and UMW (both the men's and women's groups) meet on the second Tuesday of each month except during July and August.

"Dinner by Mike" will be served at 6:30 pm, with the meetings held separately at 7:00 pm. If you are not a member, please come and join us.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Sunday	4 Labor Day	5	6 *Family Night 6:00pm Trustees Meeting Choir 7:00pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 United Methodist Men & United Methodist Women 6:30 pm	13 Ephesians Study 10:45am Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm	14	15	16 Chaires UMW Garage Sale 8:00 am 'til 2:00 pm.
17	18 Cluster Meeting at Sardis UMC 7:00pm	19 Mission Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Ephesians Study 10:45am Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm	28	29	30

Birthdays

Susan Thompson	1
Rick Davies	2
Dorothy Hutto	3
Murray Thompson	6
Brian Matthews	8
Lewis Jones	11
Bobbie Harrison	13

Anniversaries

Ashley Thompson	13
Michael Alley	17
Judy Taylor	17
Michelle Parker	20
Amber Matthews	26
Alex Taylor	26
J. C. O'Steen	28
Gordon and Lucia Lightfoot 13	
First Wednesday Family Night	
*The Trustees will make a presentation on the building project at the Family Night Dinner on September 6 th , 2006. Why not attend, enjoy a good home-cooked meal and catch up on the news.	

The Chaires UMW will be holding a YARD SALE at the church on September 16, 2006 from 8:00 am til 2:00 pm. Sale items and volunteers needed! For details please call Teresa Smith at 878-4351.

~ Ms. Elinor - con't from page 1

Jo Ella, another daughter, remembers that there seemed to be nothing that her Mother couldn't do as she repaired broken pipes, harvested food and prepared it for the family and performed a myriad of tasks that most women would shy away from.

Ms. Elinor learned a lot from her mother and used it well and often in caring for her family. She was an incredible seamstress. Her daughters say that they could pick out an outfit from a *Seventeen* magazine and Mom could make it without use of a pattern! She could make something out of nothing and made just about everything they wore. All of their clothes were made to match each other, so Edna, being the youngest, got to wear all of them the longest.

They all remember her as an excellent Mother, always in the background and never thinking of herself. She treated each of them equally, never comparing any of her three girls to each other. She sacrificed and did without a lot so they could have what they needed (or wanted) – even to the last piece of a freshly baked pie!

She enjoys exercising weekly at the Community Center, is in good health and could walk to the Center if we only had sidewalks out here!

Ms. Elinor is the Communion Steward for the church on Communion Sundays, according to Pastor Ingram. She has done this for many years and still enjoys it as it “keeps her busy for the Lord.” Her whimsical smile and spry spirit is enjoyed by many. Ms. Elinor is a very pleasant person to know and has a way of making others feel happy when around her. We look forward to having Ms. Elinor worship with us for many years to come.

~ compiled by Evelyn Brown from interviews with family and friends

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one profession of faith or a person that renews their acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior. This goal has been met with **six** professions or renewals of faith.

Effort goal: One evangelism outreach event. This goal will be met through VBS and our efforts this September (Open House) to invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to church.

Worship

Measurable goal: 5% increase in average worship attendance (5% of 105 or 5). This goal has been met as to date with an 11% increase or 13.

Effort goal: Laity and staff planning a quality worship service under the leadership of the pastor. This goal is in the works, but let me hear your ideas.

Outreach

Measurable goal: An increase in the number of members involved in ministries of outreach to the community and the world, equivalent to 5 % of the average worship attendance (5 members). This goal was met with our love at work team this summer.

Effort goal: Identify one community need in 2006 to be addressed by the church. I believe the love at work team met this goal. Also, the woman's conference this fall should fulfill this goal.

Many thanks for all the folks that have been willing vessels for the past years and those that will join in to help fulfill the Bishop's goals, but more important that we are good stewards and servants.

In Christ's love,
Bill

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Love at Work

The last week of July, six of our youth participated in The Love at Work Mission in Gretna along with two other youth groups from Ocala and Quincy. We enjoyed a week of hard work and many blessings! We helped repair a roof, paint a house and build wheel chair ramps for needy users.

Gretna, in Gadsden County, Florida, is one of the most poverty stricken areas of our nation. Low income along with high unemployment and infant mortality is higher than in some 3rd world countries - such as Honduras and Sri Lanka. Our youth were intermingled and worked with other youth they had never met, performing tasks they had never done, during the heat of the day and never a whine was heard! Each evening there was a service with a message presented by a youth pastor from Savannah, followed by praise and worship led by a professional musician. Both of these gentlemen were raised in Tallahassee, attended Killearn UMC, and were original Love at Work missionaries. It was so awesome to see all these youth in one room praising and worshiping Our Lord with all of their hearts and minds. We plan to have reunions with the youth from Quincy and definitely will plan one next summer with hopes for a larger group. I have to say it was one of the most encouraging and inspiring things I have ever done. I have never been so proud as to be associated with these folks; Sarah, Alex, Craig, Matt, Taran, and Alice. It is a blessing to be their “Friend in Christ”.

~ Submitted by Sue Wilson

FALL CLEANUP DAY

Fall Cleanup Day will be held on September 9, 2006, from 8:30 am until noon. Please come, bring hand tools and lots of enthusiasm and energy!



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Again, we would like to thank the many contributors to this newsletter and to thank everyone for their comments on our first issue. This being our second issue, we can be more positive in saying *it is our intent* to publish and distribute this newsletter monthly. In order to do so, we sincerely need your continuing comments, ideas, articles, etc. In other words, **HELP!** If you wish to contribute, please submit articles to Evelyn Brown in person, by phone at 877-1975 (H) or at 487-3579 (W), or, if you prefer, by email to evelynbrown@comcast.net prior to the 20th of the month.

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~ *Evangelism and Outreach* ~ cont'd from page 1

Jesus doesn't need us to defend Him or convince anyone to become a Christian. A weak effort, from a heart truly in love with Jesus, is made strong because of His divine grace. God's work through His Holy Spirit is the key to a true response to Jesus and salvation of souls.

How can we prepare to simply and clearly answer questions and point people to Jesus without getting flustered, embarrassed, or tongue tied? Prayer and daily Bible study are keys to spiritual growth. In addition, take time to regularly fellowship with other believers and simply sit and talk about Jesus together. You will then find it much easier to weave expressions of your faith into discussions with others outside the believing fellowship.

Take the initiative! Form a small group of 3-5 persons and meet regularly to begin these discussions. The Lord will bless your efforts!

1 *Matthew 28:16-20 and also Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:6-8*

~ Contributed by Lynne Mulder

Women ~ Save these dates!!

November 10 - 11, 2006

Chaires UMC Inaugural Women's Conference

Food, Fellowship, Worship, Wisdom

Don't miss it!

Watch for more information in late September

News From Your Trustees

We have instituted a LOANER program for the temporarily handicapped members of our church. If you or a family member are in need of any items listed below, please contact Bob or Donna Stephenson at 656-6679. Items that are presently available are as follows:

- 3 non-rolling walkers
- 1 shower or bathtub seat
- 1 bed side commode

If you have any other items that will make life a little easier for our handicap family, such as canes, crutches, etc, we will greatly appreciate your donations.

Your Trustees Committee

Barometer of Our Faithfulness

We have pledged to support Chaires United Methodist Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

As of July 31, 2006

Yearly Budget	\$142,101.00
Needed Weekly	\$2,733.00
Needed YTD	\$81,990.00
Beginning Balance	\$6978.10
Contributions YTD	\$83,382.38
Actual Exp. YTD	(\$77,832.76)
Ending Balance	\$12,527.72

Our faithfulness in Attendance

Gatherings	2005	2006
January	101	119
February	100	118
March	111	115
April	100	132
May	115	119
June	84	110
July	81	113
Average	99	118

Bible Verse Scramble

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Tennessee church hosts “makeover” cast

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. — Some 300 volunteers clad in blue “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” shirts gathered at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church July 30 before beginning a 106-hour building blitz. Ty Pennington, host of the popular ABC television program, said producers decided to rebuild the home of Jerrod and Amy Hawkins after learning how Amy had saved her two children by shielding them from falling brinks and timber during an April 7 tornado.

UMCOR responds to Nebraska wildfires

United Methodist Committee on Relief will be added to the Nebraska United Methodist Dawes/Sioux Fire Relief Fund to help local people and defray some of the expenses of local fire departments that have exhausted their budgets for gas and food. Both local firefighters and hundreds of federal firefighters battled wildfires July 29 and forced the evacuation of some residents in Chadron. According to local reports, expenses for the firefighting were more than \$1 million, with damage estimates expected to exceed \$10 million.

Church signs are food for thought

~ by John Gordon, a freelance producer and writer based in Marshall, Texas

WASHINGTON — Just off the busy Washington beltway, or driving along a winding Texas highway, motorists can find food for thought from pastors who are learning the power of advertising. Signs outside churches carry messages ranging from inspirational to humorous.

“Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them,” reads a sign outside North Bethesda United Methodist Church in Bethesda, Md. The Rev. Debbie Scott said the sign has become the church’s biggest outreach. “It seems far more folks recognize us from the sign out front than the steeple on top.”

Another sign outside Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Silver Spring, Md. carried a reminder to be patient--“God supplies all our needs one day at a time.” Good Shepherd’s pastor, the Rev. Joye Jones, never misses a chance to add some humor to the church’s sign.

“An awful lot of the signs are funny or at least have a hint of humor to them,” Jones said, “So that people can kind of chuckle and say, ‘Oh, well, maybe these Methodists aren’t so stuffy after all.’”

Some of Jones’ favorite sign messages have included, “What the caterpillar calls the end, God calls a butterfly,” and, “We use duct tape to fix everything. God used nails.”

“I just hope it brings somebody a little lightening of their day or a little bit of an ‘aha’ moment that just makes it a little better,” said Jones.

Wade Johnston, a member of Summit United Methodist Church in Marshall, Texas, changes the sign each week alongside a busy highway.

“I just hope that it has a positive influence on people,” said Johnston. “I’ve never had anything but positive comments.”

One of Johnston’s favorite messages was, “The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.”

Some church members recall the messages on signs years later.



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