

January 8, 2012

making new disciples

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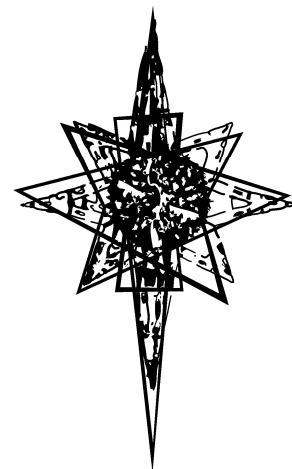


JACKSONVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## *A Prayer for Epiphany*

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



## *Epiphany*

Ruth Circle  
meets at  
2:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 10

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## *Altar Flowers*

*Would you like to give flowers?*

Upcoming open Sundays are:

January 15 through February 26

April 29 through June 3

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# We Support First United Methodist Church

## By Our Gifts...

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	January 1, 2012
Received this week.....	\$7,642.00
Received to date .....	\$7,642.00
Expenses to date .....	\$0

## Christian Sympathy is extended to:

David Kellogg and family in the loss of his mother.

Matovu Godfrey and family in the loss of his brother, Nathan.

The family of Dr. Dougie MacIntire.

The family of George Davis.

## Giving Statements

Contribution statements will be available immediately by email. Email Earl Lockette at earl@jfumc.org with your request.

Hard copies (paper) will be mailed out between January 15 and 20.

## By Our Prayers...

(ALL CAPS denotes church members)

James Bush  
Linda Carter  
Johnnie Hope  
RUSSELL INGRAM  
Mary Ann Miller  
Antonio Phillips  
Rev. George Quiggle  
Rebecca Robertson  
ESTHER SHERMAN  
KAREN TRAVIS  
Callie Williams  
ANN WOODROW  
RANDY WOODROW

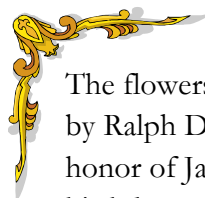
## By Our Presence...

ATTENDANCE	JANUARY 1
New Year's Day 10 am.....	88
Nursery .....	3
Chapel .....	NA
<b>Total Worship .....</b>	<b>91</b>
Sunday School.....	NA

## Memorial Gifts

### John Collins

Ms. Willodean S. McCain



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Ralph Drake to the glory of God and in honor of Janice Drake, on the occasion of her birthday.



## Pray for Those Who Serve our Country:

If you have names and addresses for other military church members, please call the office: 435-6021.

† Deployed overseas ‡ Home (in the States)

- SFC David Beard ‡
- MAJ JEFFREY BUCKNER ‡
- SFC Aaron Causey ‡
- MAJ Michael Dempsey ‡
- SGT Allen Frederick †
- PO3 Matthew Hamrick ‡
- CPT BRANDON MAYE ‡
- PFC David Pike ‡
- SFC Matthew Reid †
- SGT Garrett Rose ‡
- PVT Steven B. Sanders †
- PVT Arlis Saunders ‡
- LCPL JONATHAN SHADOAN ‡
- 2LT Mike Skinner †
- MAJ MIKE THORNTON ‡
- SGT Benjamin C. Tomlinson ‡
- The 2025th Transport. Co. ‡
- CHARLES TRAVIS, civilian †
- PVT Jason Truell †
- The 115th Signal Bn †
- The 666th EOD Detachment †
- The 1312th Engr. Detachmt. †

# Calendar

# Those Who Serve God in His Church

- Jan. 8** 2p Kids 1st Board mtg.  
4p SPRC mtg.
- Jan. 9** 6p Disciple III resumes
- Jan. 10** 7p Handbells
- Jan. 11** 9a JOY Together  
10:30a JOY Singers  
NO CROSSWALK  
5:45p Crossfire Youth Worship  
6p Flames of Faith Prayer Group  
7p Bible Study  
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Jan. 12** 8:30a Flame Volunteers  
9a Disciple III  
11a Warm Hearts Prayer Group
- Jan. 13** 9a Bridge Group  
9:30a Quilting Class

- 8:30am**      **10:50am**
- Ushers:** Pete Brooks      Hardy, Suzanne, Anna  
Carolyn Brooks      Jackson & C. Brightbill
- Lay** Joe Holliman
- Leaders:** Ricky Rutledge NC
- Acolytes:** Anna Jackson  
Holleigh Colvin
- Nursery:** Carol Stokesberry      Suzanne Jackson

**Devotion for JOY, Wednesday, January 11:**  
Annette Fagan

**Pastor on Call January 7 & 8:**  
John Simmons, 365-5550, 239-5054



by Bro. Ted

## “Give Me That Old-Time Religion”

Begins January 8 in T1.

## Bulletin of the week bloopers

From Mickey, age 8:

“Dear God, If you watch me in church Sunday, be sure to check out my new shoes.”

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### Readings for Sunday, January 8:

Scripture Reading      John 3:1-18  
Jude 3

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## Services This Week

### 8:30 New Community

John Simmons

**Scripture:** John 3:1-18

**Sermon:** *Pathways to Spiritual Understanding: The New Birth*

### 8:30 Traditional

Ted Anderson

**Scripture:** Jude 3

**Sermon:** *Basic Beliefs in the Old-Time Gospel*

### 10:50 Traditional

John Simmons

**Scripture:** John 3:1-18

**Sermon:** *Pathways to Spiritual Understanding: The New Birth*



# Children's Corner

## Stacie Johnson

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### Sunday School Attendance

For the month of January we are going to see which Sunday school class can have the highest attendance percentage! The class with the highest percentage will win a prize at the end of the month! Come and help your class.

### Ugandan Thunder

Mark your calendar for Monday, January 16, at 6:00 p.m. The African children's choir, "Ugandan Thunder," will be performing in the MAC. Please make plans to attend and invite your friends! Admission is free, however, if you would like to donate, cash or canned goods are welcome. A love offering will also be collected.

### Outreach Opportunities

There are two opportunities available to assist the Ugandan Choir:

1. We are in need of host homes for the choir to stay (Monday night). If you are interested or have questions about having a small group (two to four choir members) stay at your home, please contact me as soon as possible.

2. While they are here they will need to be fed three meals (lunch and dinner on Monday and breakfast on Tuesday). If you, your Sunday school class, prayer group, etc. would

be interested in providing one of these meals, please let me know.

We will be feeding approximately 30 people.

### Crosswalk

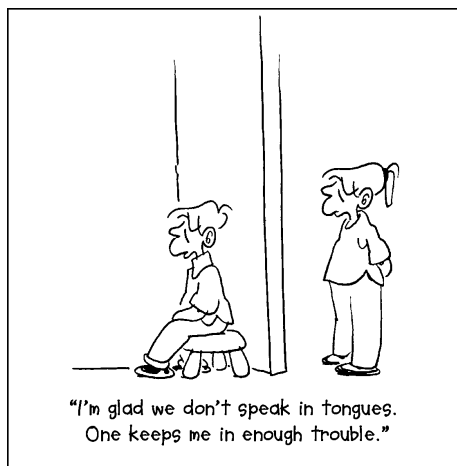
Crosswalk will resume on Wednesday, January 25! See you then and invite a friend to come join us!

### Candy Grams

It is that time of year again!!! Valentine's Day Candy Grams will be going on sale next Sunday, January 15th! They will be \$5.00. Order forms will be available in your Sunday school class. Candy Grams will be delivered on Sunday, February 12th during Sunday School.

### Upcoming Dates

January 3rd- Kids 1st Reopens  
January 8th- Kids 1st Board Mtg.  
January 22nd- Pages of Faith  
January 25th- Crosswalk Resumes  
January 29th- Confirmation Classes begin  
Mrs. Stacie



## Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Church family,

Nancy and I would like to express our deep appreciation for all the cards, food, gifts, hugs, and well wishes from everyone. It is such a pleasure to lead you in worship. May God bless each of you!

John & Nancy Simmons



# January

SPRC Meeting Sunday, January 8

4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

**Jeremy Clayton**

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Happy New Year!!! It's great to be back! The new year is full of so many possibilities! Everyone wants to make the most of it. Resolutions are made, broken, and, occasionally kept. Everyone understands the concept of a "New Year's Resolution"; you promise to do something more (or less) this year than you did last year: lose weight, exercise more, stop biting your fingernails. Come February, though, we often find our will-power exhausted. However, if we keep persevering, we sometimes find that the reward was worth the journey.

Our Christian walk with God is the same way; it's not always easy, but the reward is worth all the trials and tribulations here on Earth. I feel like we spend a lot of our time asking God "Why?" and "When?" and "How?" instead of just going with what He has planned. In theory, it's a great idea, but in actuality it's one of the hardest things we have to do as Christians. It's human nature to want to know everything, but sometimes God wants to keep things to Himself. It's our job to trust Him and let Him lead us

wherever it is that we're going. And where are we

going? Well, if we do our best to live as Jesus did, the answer is heaven! After a life full of heart-ache mixed with happiness, we get to live in heaven for eternity! (If you thought high school was long, eternity's longer!!) I've always imagined heaven as a multitude of puffy clouds the colors of a sunset with angels gliding melodiously around strumming peacefully on harps and flutes and a giant golden gate towering above it all. In heaven, there's no pain or sorrow or hurt feelings, just happiness and love. When you get there, you get to see everyone you've lost and it's like a reunion (with people you like!). You get to catch up on old times and things that have happened, and God just sits there and nods and smiles.

With an image of heaven like that, or however you picture heaven, it's hard to imagine going on living life here, where things never seem to go as smoothly as we like or happen like we planned in our heads. But I've always thought that if we didn't experience life here, we wouldn't understand how truly remarkable the glory of heaven is when we get there...

Live, Laugh, Love,  
and Happy New Year!

Katie Cline

Announcements

- This Sunday, January 8, we will have our first Youth Council meeting immediately following youth activities at 7:00 pm.
- Youth who signed up for the Encounter Retreat in February will be bringing home a letter this week with all the information and forms.

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encounter  
youth retreat

**February 17-19**

Mark your calendars and  
make your plans!



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### PRAYER GROUP

*If your New Year's resolutions included wanting to join a small, meaningful group, the **Warm Hearts Prayer Group** always welcomes new members. They meet in the parlor on Thursday mornings at 11 AM. Just show up and you will be "warmly welcomed".*



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### Mission Message from Dr. Bruce Cunningham:

On February 29, 2012, my team plans to return to Uganda, East Africa to complete our dental extraction training and introduce our next curriculum, Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART). ART is a way to fill simple cavities using only hand instruments and resupplying our Dentechs.

Again this year, Cathy & David Mashburn, owners of Classic on Noble, have generously offered to host a fundraising dinner at their restaurant located at 1024 Noble St. Anniston. The dinner will be on Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 pm for a suggested donation of \$30 per person. Even if you are unable to join us for the dinner, you are invited to participate by donating for kits & training expenses.

Please call my office at 256-435-2007 for more information or to make dinner reservations. Please make checks payable to "African Children's Mission," a charitable non-profit organization.



### WORSHIPTIMES

*Resuming January 8, 2012:*

Traditional - 8:30 & 10:50 am

Contemporary - 8:30 am

Sunday School - 9:45 am

# Happy New Year!