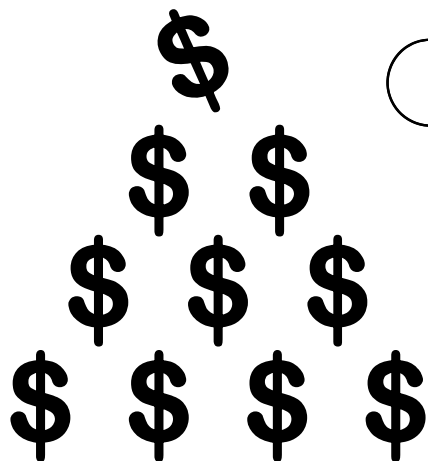


October 9, 2011



JACKSONVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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October is Stewardship Month

Theme: *Generosity*

Stewardship Sunday, October 23

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25 NLT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:00 PM

LIGHT THE NIGHT

WITH JESUS!

FALL FESTIVAL



Ruth Circle

meets at

2:00 pm

Tuesday, October 11

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We Support First United Methodist Church

By Our Gifts...

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	October 2, 2011
Received this week (checks & cash)	\$21,618.25
E-Giving this week	\$572.00
Total Received this week	\$22,190.25
Received to date	\$444,356.03
Expenses to date	\$419,662.52

By Our Presence...

ATTENDANCE	
Traditional Worship 8:30	30
New Community 8:30	76
Traditional Worship 10:50	90
Nursery	8
Youth Wed. Night	28
Blessing of the Animals	34
<u>Chapel</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Worship	316

By Our Prayers...

(ALL CAPS denotes church members)

PEGGY ABERCROMBIE
Kristen Alsobrook
Truman Brown
SFC Aaron Causey
BRENDA CLINE
JENNIFER STOKESBERRY
COLLINS
Barbara Cosper
BOB DOBSON
JEAN FRANCIS
Ray Giles
Barry Greenwood
LOIS KOPP
OPAL LOVETT
Dennis Morgan
Herbert Mundy
2011 Nominating Committee
Pat Poehler
Rebecca Robertson
ESTHER SHERMAN
JERRY SMITH
Steven Tierce
SGT Ben Tomlinson

If you would like to
send a card:

Memorial Gifts

Fran Hundley

Ralph & Janice Drake

James McFall

Ernie & Margaret Valine

George Michelson

Ralph & Janice Drake

Jerry Smith
325 Dulaine Cove
Birmingham AL 35210



Soldiers to Pray for:

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

† Deployed overseas ‡ Home (in the States)

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

Calendar

- October 9** 1p Children's Corn Maze Trip
- October 10** 6p Disciple III
- October 11** 2p Ruth Circle
7p Handbells
- October 12** 9a JOY Together
10:30a JOY Singers
3p Crosswalk
5:45p Crossfire Youth Worship
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- October 13** 8:30a Flame Volunteers
9a Disciple III
Quilters
11a Warm Hearts Prayer Group
- October 14** 9a Bridge Group

Those Who Serve God in His Church

- 8:30am** **10:50am**
- Ushers:** Laurie Donovan Jim & Dee Dee Lloyd
Jack Lawler Kristi Francis, D. Myer
- Lay** Joe Holliman Mary Jane Peters
- Leaders:** Larry Stewart NC
- Acolytes:** Kyle Parker
Paul Earle
- Nursery:** Carol Stokesberry Kathy Colvin

Devotion for JOY, Wednesday, October 12:

Jill Pike

Pastor on Call October 8 & 9:

Ted Anderson, 435-6892, 591-5666

October 2011						
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Bulletin of the week bloopers

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

David Talley and family in the loss of his sister, Delores.

the family of Christy Skinner.



The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given by Jim Watson for the glory of God and in honor of Marita Watson, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

Please welcome Carl Kilpatrick to our congregation. His telephone number is 444-982-2674, but he has requested that we keep it private.

Readings for Sunday, October 9:

Scripture Reading John 4:19-24
Acts 20:17-35

Services This Week

8:30 New Community

Ted Anderson

Scripture: : John 4:19-24

Sermon: *Its Many Facets*

8:30 Traditional

John Simmons

Scripture: Acts 20:17-35

Sermon: *The Lifestyle of a Generous Person*

10:50 Traditional

John Simmons

Scripture: Acts 20:17-35

Sermon: *The Lifestyle of a Generous Person*

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Corn Maze Family Day

October 9, 2011

We will be going to the Sardis City Corn Maze this Sunday, October 9. We will meet in the back parking lot of the church at 1:00 pm.

The cost is \$11.00 per person and includes access to the corn maze, pumpkin patch, and several other activities. There are additional games available for \$1.00 per play. If you are planning on attending, please sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board in the downstairs hallway, in the church office, or email stacie@jaxfumc.org. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Light the Night 2011

Attention Adult Sunday School Classes:

If you have not done so, please let me know by this Sunday which game your class would like to sponsor and the person in charge of the game. I will also be going around to the different classes with the sign-up sheets for "Light the Night with Jesus!"

Schedule for "Light the Night With Jesus!"

2:00 Set up for Fall Festival

3:30 Game Station Volunteers

Arrive

4:00 Fall Festival begins

6:00 Potluck Soup/Chili

7:00 Entertainment for

Children / Group Picture

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(Adults set up for Trunk-or-Treat)
7:30 Trunk-or-Treat

Sign - up sheets will be available in each Sunday school class and also in the church office.

Attention Kids 1st Board Members:

The date has been changed for the next Kids 1st Board meeting. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 23 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room. See you there!

Mrs. Stacie

Kids 1st
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Jennifer Thomas

Kids 1st Coordinator

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This past Saturday was Alexandria Elementary's Homecoming Celebration for Gabriel and Zoey. Gabriel couldn't care less. Zoey, on the other hand, had a meltdown before we ever left the house. She wanted so badly to win Homecoming Queen. I wanted so badly for her not to repeat last year's episode if she didn't.

I finally sorted my way through all of the tears and mumbling to figure out the reasons she wanted to win: she wanted her dad and me to be proud, and she wanted to know that her friends like her, and she wanted to know that her hard work meant something. I quickly realized that her self-worth was all wrapped up in what other people thought of her and how well she

performed.

I reassured her that I was already proud of her, and then I told her a wonderful "secret": She is already a princess!! Her Heavenly Father is not only a king, He is THE king!!!! Then I asked her what would be different when she walked off that field if she did win. "Nothing, really," she said. "Exactly," I told her. "Who you are matters more than what you do or don't win. This time next week, your friends won't even remember who won that crown, but they will all remember who always treats them how they want to be treated. Those are the things you should be concerned with."

The riches of this world are meaningless; they will one day be gone. I want my children to be more concerned with the condition of their souls. How about you?

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on Earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."

Matthew 6:20

Mrs. Jennifer



Jeremy Clayton

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Servitude is kind of a funny word in today’s time. In school, we learned that servants were people who did whatever their masters wanted; often a belittling and lowly job reserved for desperate, penniless people who couldn’t find any other work. Then you hear about serving God.

Serving God doesn’t mean we’re going to be poor, homeless, and practically enslaved our entire lives, but it does mean that it’s our “job” to make God happy and to, well, serve Him. This doesn’t mean that we do everything literally solely for God. In a popular Bible story, Jesus says that every time we feed the hungry, clothe the poor, or give the thirsty a drink we’re really feeding, clothing, and giving water to Jesus himself. I think that’s pretty cool! So, serving God is really just as easy as holding the door for someone or helping a neighbor mow their lawn. Colossians 3:23 says it like this: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

I always find it truly amazing how many people are willing to

serve. Especially at this point in my life, I feel

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blessed to be surrounded by so many loving people; they really are angels that serve. Hebrews 1:14 says, “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?” Yes, and there are plenty of angels right here in Jacksonville, Alabama, serving those who need it the most. Psalm 91 says that God “will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.” That verse, combined with the idea of serving and everything that’s happened to me recently, blows my mind. I find it so surreal that just the little kind, thoughtful things I do for someone can make me an angel to them, but I know from personal experience that it really is the little things in life that are the most valuable, and to lose them so suddenly is devastating.

I am so, so grateful for the people who have jumped at the opportunity to help me and my family through this difficult time. They are living angels and remarkable people. So, yes, God has given me angels to protect me; he gave me my outstanding church family full of incredible people dedicated to serving Him and spreading His love. I only hope that one day I have the chance to return the favor and make someone else feel as blessed as I do now.

Live, Laugh, Love,
Katie Cline

Announcements:

There are still times available at the Pumpkin Patch, so if you haven’t signed up, please do so - we need all the help we can get!

Sunday, October 23 Mrs. Kirk will be our guest speaker at youth. I will be sending a letter home next week with more information.



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

Bonnie Harnett, Jacksonville, 6/7

Brent Books, Jacksonville, 6/13

Brandon Francis, Alexandria, 8/14

Jean Francis, Alexandria, 8/14

Frank Hembree, Jacksonville, 9/18

Greg & Cheryl Potts, Oxford, 10/4

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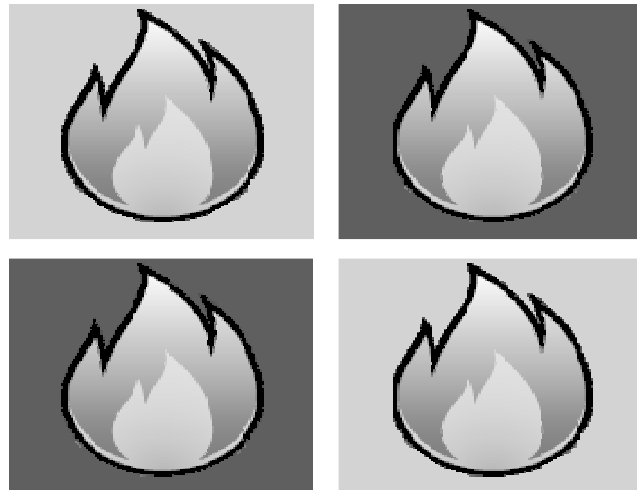
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J.C.O.C. Needs this week:

breakfast cereal
peanut butter
jelly
saltines
Spam
canned chicken
sloppy joe mix (can)

beef stew
vienna sausages
potted meat
spaghetti sauce
dried beans
rice



Flames of Faith PRAYER GROUP

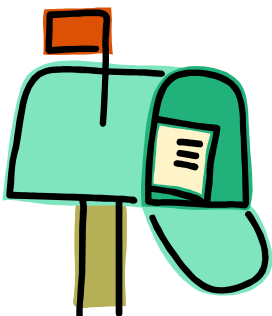
Flames of Faith Prayer Group and Wednesday Night Bible Study (6 pm) will resume on Wednesday, October 19.
(There is no book to purchase, just bring your Bible.)

The Flower Chart has openings on the following dates:

October 16, 23

FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2012 has been posted and is ready for reserving dates. It is on a bulletin board about half way down the first floor hallway.



Please check your mailbox!
Kids 1st, Sunday School classes, Scouts, Committees (Missions!!), all have mailboxes. Check yours to stay current with FUMC happenings.

WORSHIPTIMES

Traditional - 8:30 & 10:50 am
Contemporary - 8:30 am
Sunday School - 9:45 am



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