



Disciple Messenger

Huffman United Methodist Church

Disciples in Action, Making & Growing Disciples

February 9, 2011

Calendar

February 13 - February 19, 2011

SUNDAY, February 13

7:45 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	FH
8:45 am	Sunday School	Ed Bldg
10:00 am	Morning Worship	Sanc
11:00 am	Children & Youth Council Mtg.	DDR
5:00 pm	Praise Choir Practice	Chapel
6:00 pm	Snack Supper	DDR
6:30 pm	UMYF	YC
6:30 pm	Bible 101	Parlor

MONDAY, February 14

10:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group	Rm 209
1:00 pm	Dominoes	DDR
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop 971	Rm 203
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	FH

TUESDAY, February 15

9:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conf Rm
10:00 am	Bible Study	Rm 216
6:00 pm	Finance Committee	Conf Rm
6:00 pm	Warblers Doo-Wop	Parlor
7:00 pm	Better Image	Rm 11
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts Den Mtgs.	Rm 203, 215, 216, 218, 219
7:00 pm	Warblers Practice	Chr Rm
7:15 pm	Warblers Sectionals	Parlor

WEDNESDAY, February 16

9:00 am	Children's Place Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	Betty/June Circle	Chapel
10:00 am	Beverly/Sandra Circle	DDR
5:30 pm	Fellowship Supper	FH
6:30 pm	Handbells	BC Rm
6:30 pm	Adult Study led by Jim Short	Parlor
6:30 pm	Youth	YC
6:30 pm	Children's Chimes	Rm 203
7:00 pm	Kids' Mission Activity	Rm 203
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Chr Rm

THURSDAY, February 17

6:00 pm	Chansoniers Practice	Chr Rm
6:00 pm	Children's Place Teacher Trng.	FH

CONJECTURES OF ANOTHER GUILTY BYSTANDER

Our Epistle Lesson for this week comes from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. Paul is complaining about the lack of spiritual progress in the Corinthian church. Our text is part of this conversation. He begins by saying, "I could not talk to you as spiritual people, but as fleshly people, as infants in Christ." (v. 1) He continues by asking a question: "While there is jealousy and rivalry among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving in an ordinary human way?" (v. 3)

What kind of behavior has caused Paul to react in this way? Have they gone back to their old religious practices? Have they forsaken Christ? No. They have chosen to call attention to their superiority by selecting a way to make themselves better than their fellow church members. Paul allows us to hear how they have done this by asking the following question of the Corinthians: "Whenever someone says, 'I belong to Paul,' and another, 'I belong to Apollos,' are you not mere human?" (v. 4) The Corinthians have chosen their allegiance to former pastors of the church as a means of determining who is superior within the church. In a way, they have forsaken Christ by substituting themselves in his place.

Paul had alluded to this tendency earlier in his letter by saying, "I mean that each of you is saying, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Peter,' or 'I belong to Christ.'" (1:12) Paul continues by explaining the role of God's ministers: "What is Apollos, after all, and what is Paul? Ministers through whom you became believers, just as the Lord assigned each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth." (vv. 5-7)

Why would Paul say this? It is because he is asking them to grow spiritually to a more mature level. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, says the same thing in a different way, "But whether it be of Paul, or of Peter, or of the Apostles, or of Christ, the one indivisible Christ must be recognized in all. It is essential that they all work hand in hand. The emergence of partisanship will lead to party strife, and then everyone will pursue his own interests." (p. 283) This is exactly what was happening in Corinth, the members were pursuing their own interests.

During this next week let us intentionally leave Christ in the equation of our own spirituality. It is God who gives the growth in the spiritual garden of our lives.

In Christ,
Harris

HUMC Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sunday, February 13th
7:45 am in the Fellowship Hall
See you there!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, February 20th, there will be a Sunday morning Bible study from 9:00 am to 9:45 in room 223. We will be studying the book of Galatians. This is open to anyone who would like to look at this book in depth. The Owen class invites you to join them on February 20th. If you have any questions, please call Diane Dunn (655-1048).



United Methodist Women

Did You Know?

That Sudan is the largest country in Africa?

Sudan encompasses an area the size of the United States east of the Mississippi. Our Mission Study on Sudan will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011 in the Downstairs Dining Room. All are welcome!

Eastern Area Christian Ministries
Request for February
2 pound bags of sugar

The Children's Place
Request for February
Copy Paper

Lectionary Readings **February 13 - February 19, 2011**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Our Stewardship...

Your Change Can Change the World \$4.72

Tithes & Offerings February 6, 2011

Needed Weekly	\$12,500
Offering 2/6/11	16,936
Received Year-to-Date	73,261
Needed Year-to-Date	<u>75,000</u>
YTD + (-) Budget	(\$1,739)

Attendance February 6, 2011

Church School	175
Weekly Worship Opportunities	381

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Harris Hand's Sermon Title:

In God's Garden

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Nursery: Stan / Rita Washer

Sunday Evening, February 13

5:00 pm Praise Choir Practice, Chapel
6:00 pm Snack Supper, DDR
6:30 pm UMYF, Youth Room
6:30 pm Bible 101, Parlor

Wednesday Evening, February 16

5:30 pm Fellowship Supper
6:30 pm Study led by Jim Short, Parlor
6:30 pm Youth, Youth Room
6:30 pm Handbells, Bell Choir Room
6:30 pm Children's Chimes, Room 203
7:00 pm Kids' Mission Activity, Room 203
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Wednesday Evening Menu

Adults: Chopped Sirloin/onions/gravy,
Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable Medley,
Salad Bar, Rolls, Chocolate Pie

Alternate Meat: Baked Chicken

Children: Popcorn Chicken, French Fries

Don't Forget!
The Children's Place
Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
Friday, February 11
5:00 - 7:00 pm

We have received the following gifts:

In Honor of Elizabeth Frey
by the Faith Sunday School Class

In Memory of Joe Bearden
by Evelyn Griffin

In Memory of James T. Billups
by Les & Pat Beecham
Larry & Sherri Crowe
Mark & Libby Gray
for Missions
Evelyn Griffin
Carolyn Stanton

In Memory of Billy B. Campbell
by Les & Pat Beecham

In Memory of Bill Cowen
by Mike & Harriet Bagby
Jean Bishop
John & Harriott Calhoun
for the Flower Fund
Dora Alice Coleman
Larry & Sherri Crowe
Joe & Nat Crump
Tom & Joan Farley
Fister, Williams & Oberlander, PLLC
John & Pam Floyd
for the Flower Fund
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Eddie & Meridee Gibson
Bob & Linda Hambright
Evelyn Hardwick
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Greg, Susan & Andrew Johnston
Steve & Ellen Lawrence
Mary Ann Martin
Bonnie McCoy
Richard & Anita Norton
Thurman & Virginia Robertson
for the General Fund
Bobby & Carol Romager
David & Carolyn Ross
Bill Rowell
Anne Smith
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Vulcan Materials Company

In Memory of Dot Cowen
by Bill, Pat & Stephanie Connor and
Bryan & Jennifer Gibson

In Memory of Mary Parker
by The Chancel Choir
for Children's Music
Mary Ann Martin

LOVE, SERVE, GIVE

**"My Little Brown Bag"
A Children's Food Project:
Providing Healthy Snacks for the
Children of the Huffman Community**

The deadline is FAST approaching for accepting donations for 'My Little Brown Bag' mission project. Just a reminder, we want to provide a 'Little Brown Bag' filled with healthy snacks for each child at Going Elementary School that is on the National School Lunch program (approximately 150 children). Many of these children will not have adequate food during their Spring Break so we would like to help them. We would ask that you pray for this project, the school, the children and their families. We are accepting either your monetary or food donations. For monetary donations please make your check payable to HUMC and note on the check 'Little Brown Bag'. Food donations may be dropped off in the Welcome Center. Donations will be collected until Sunday, March 6th. Our children and youth will be helping out with this project by providing notes/cards for each bag as well as helping stuff the bags.

**We've only had a few donations so
PLEASE...PLEASE consider
contributing to this project.**

We thank our God for using us to LOVE, SERVE and GIVE. Dear God, we ask that you use us in Your plan for your Huffman community. Thank you, HUMC, for your generous spirit!

FOOD LIST

Food items should be easy to open-no can opener needed and no cooking necessary. No glass containers. No refrigeration required. Individual serving sizes only.

100% Juice boxes	Crunchy granola bars
Applesauce cups	Small bags of pretzels or Goldfish
Pudding cups	Fruit cups
Pop tarts (fruit only)	Small boxes of raisins
Jif To Go Peanut Butter	Peanut butter crackers
Tuna fish in a pouch	Small bags of Animal crackers
Fruit Roll-ups	orTeddy Grahams
Dried Fruit packs	Individual size cereal boxes/bowls
Small bottles water	Beef Sticks (not beef jerky)

JOY in JESUS
Support Our Troops

We are still collecting the names of those actively serving in the military. To date we have only received the names of a few individuals. We look forward to hearing from you. Please put contact information in the mission mailbox next to the coffee machine in the education building or email/mail the information to Kathy George at kyg57@charter.net or 7624 Wind Song Drive, Trussville, AL 35173.

Continue to spread the Joy of Jesus,
Your HUMC Mission Team

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Jacey Nichols
(granddaughter of Vivian & Benny Yates)
Joyce Pilkinton
Daniel Tortorice
Donny Townsend
Steven Waldrop
Melody Whitehead
(friend of Fred Farmer)

**HUMC Book Club
BOOM!!!!**

Our book club will be reading "BOOM!" by Tom Brokaw this month. He takes us through the tumultuous Sixties through the voices of famous and ordinary people. Join us on Thursday, February 24, at 6:00 pm for what I'm sure will be lively discussion.

UMW Yard Sale

We need your donations for our annual yard sale. SAVE the dates of Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th. The yard sale is coming back this year, bigger and better than ever. Any questions, call Kathy George, 655-0860.



Mark your calendars now with the Vacation Bible School dates, June 20 - 24, 2011. All interested in working, please contact Kathy Henson. More information to follow.



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