



## **NEWS HEADLINES**

- ◆ Mission Workdays on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4p.m
- ◆ Youth Car Wash rescheduled for April 10th
- ◆ Messiah rescheduled for April 25th
- ◆ Mothers, Daughters & Friends dinner, April 23
- ◆ VBS —July5th-9th
- ◆ Blood Drive—April 11th
- ◆ Get Your FUMC T-shirts!

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April 7, 2010

### *From Our Pastor, Rev. Tom Stephenson*

#### ***Looking at the World through Easter***

I started wearing eyeglasses all the time just after Christmas. I had the Lasik procedure several years ago, and while it corrected my distance vision, it couldn't stave off the effects of aging. I got tired of carrying a pair of reading glasses with me all the time, and my mid-range vision was beginning to be a problem, so my Ophthalmologist prescribed glasses for me, and I've been much happier ever since. It's nice to be able to look at something and see it in focus. Reading is enjoyable again!

As Christians, I believe we look at the world through a lens much like I look through my glasses. That lens is Easter. We are a post resurrection people and we know and believe the Good News that Jesus is raised from the dead. It is through that lens that we see the world not as the world sees itself, but with hope and possibility. We are able to see things in a focus that no one can see without Easter lenses.

This story illustrates at least one problem we avoid with Easter lenses:

A man was standing in line at the bank when there was a commotion at the counter. A woman was distressed, exclaiming, "Where will I put my money?! I have all my money and my mortgage here!! What will happen to my mortgage?!"

It turned out that she had misunderstood a small sign on the counter. The sign read, WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY. I guess Easter was not uppermost in her thoughts, because she thought that the bank was going to close "for good" that coming Friday.

It may be an innocent misunderstanding, but I believe when we learn how to view the world through Easter lenses, we see things differently. We learn that we live through Good Friday to Easter and beyond. And what changes most, I believe and hope, is how we view those in the world whom we may have missed before: the poor, the homeless, the hungry. Anyone who is so different from us that before Easter they were invisible and now we see them through Easter lenses. And we believe that resurrection is possible for their lives and our own. For ultimately, our Easter lenses let us see ourselves and the need for grace in our lives too. Happy Resurrection Day, Church! Let's put on our Easter Glasses!

Peace,

Rev. Tom Stephenson

## Our Faithfulness

### Our Gifts

#### Giving Report March 2010

Our monthly needs:  
**\$65,500.00**

Receipts as of March 31:  
**\$49,700.00**

### Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	Mar. 21
8:15 a.m.	45
8:55 a.m.	101
11:00 a.m.	123
Sunday Worship	Mar. 28
10:30 a.m.	40
8:55 a.m.	101
11:00 a.m.	159

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work with your tithes and offerings.

**Stewardship is what a man does after he says "I believe".**

## Members Serving in Worship

**April 11, 2010**

### 2nd Sunday of Easter

- Ushers:** Team #6 8:15—John & Beverly Hanes, Duane Anthony  
11:00—Nelson Derrick, Barry Bates, Travis Miller, Gwen Whitehead, Ken Steppe, Curt Leger
- Altar Guild:** 8:15— Beverly Millsap  
11:00 - Angela Abshire/Rosalie Jones
- Greeters:** 8:55— Trisha & Bobby Anderson  
11:00— Judy & Gerald Taylor
- Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55 - Jeannie & Errol Waguespack  
11:00— Bill Bailey
- Lay Reader:** 8:15 – John Hanes 8:55 – Leighia Barron  
11:00 – Gwen Whitehead
- Acolytes:** Madison Miller/McCartney Miller

**April 18, 2010**

### 2nd Sunday of Easter

- Ushers:** Team #1 8:15—Billy Permenter, Bobby Anderson, Don & Debbie Bayliss  
11:00—Vern Campbell, Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, O'Neal Waldrop, Frank Beauchamp, Daniel Grooms
- Altar Guild:** 8:15— Leighia Barron  
11:00 - Amy Worsham/Carolyn Miller
- Greeters:** 8:55— Julie & Richard Allensworth  
11:00— Wilda Hart & Jim Finklea
- Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55— Leighia & Richard Barron  
11:00— Ken & Kathy Reeves
- Lay Reader:** 8:15 – Darby Byrd 8:55 – Kenneth Wiemers  
11:00 – Carol Izer
- Acolytes:** Kyle Stephenson/Kaylin Abshire

## Memorials

### In memory of Sandy Sanford by:

The Joe McClelland Family  
 Ken & Carolyn Hillsten  
 Denise St. Pierre  
 Gwen & Sarah Boehme  
 Frank & Nancy Finchum  
 Charles & Christie Day  
 Yvonna Boehme  
 Barry Hunt  
 Jerry & Beth Ann Windham  
 John & Beverly Hanes  
 Ruby Parks  
 John & Beth Holm  
 Darby & Doris Byrd  
 Bart & Ginger Williams & Family  
 Robert Stelter  
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hulse  
 Louise Fuselier, Clay & Ann  
 John & Gail Griffith  
 Ed T. Malloy Foundation  
 Charles & Dorothy Slusher  
 Charlotte Hale  
 Robert & Susan Swan  
 Jimmie & Carol Allen  
 David & Amy Worsham  
 Edith & Emory Webb  
 David & Linn Cardner  
 Merlin & Joyce Broussard  
 Stacey & Steve Wood  
 Gail Harris  
 Tom & Florence Holcomb  
 Rebecca & Bill Harrison  
 Tim & Donna Griffin  
 William & Betty Bryant  
 Arlon & Lynn Fields

### In memory of Lisa Fraley by:

Ken & Carolyn Hillsten  
 Gwen & Sarah Boehme  
 Frank & Nancy Finchum  
 Fidelis Class  
 UMW Board  
 Charlie & Beverly Blalack  
 Jerry & Beth Ann Windham  
 John & Beverly Hanes  
 William & Betty Bryant  
 John & Gail Griffith  
 Charles & Dorothy Slusher  
 Jimmie & Carol Allen  
 Edith & Emory Webb  
 Catherine & Lewis Henslee  
 Arlon & Lynn Fields

### In memory of Eura Mayfield by:

Ken & Carolyn Hillsten

### In memory of Bubba Andrews by:

John & Gail Griffith  
 Jean Andrews  
 Pat Geis & Family

## Messiah Rescheduled

### Messiah Rescheduled for April 25th

Technical problems prevented the Chancel Choir from performing Part III of Messiah. Come at 11:00 on April 25 and hear!

## New Births



### It's a Boy!

### Mason Thomas McDavid

Born: March 26, 2010  
 9 lbs and 15 oz

**Proud parents:** Tom and Debra McDavid **Grand-parents:** Darby and Doris Byrd

Birthmother and baby are doing well. Please keep them all in your prayers as they wait for the legalities to be taken care of by Edna Gladney Adoption Agency on Sunday morning. Tom and Debra will be traveling back to Atlanta with Mason.

## Blood Drive

The Lifeshare bus will be in the church parking lot Sunday, April 11th from 9:00am-1:00pm  
Please come and support this cause!

## Caring Ministry

Please notify the church office of any healthcare needs in order to get help from the Caring Ministry Team.

## Habitat for Humanity

Greater Orange Area  
Habitat for Humanity  
Annual Charity Golf Tournament

**When:** Saturday, May 1, 2010

**Where:** Sunset Grove Country Club

**Cost:** \$100/two person team

**Format:** 2 person best-ball

**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, April 27th

**To register:** call Sunset Grove 883-9454

## Visitors

Arnulfo Arcira  
Sandra Frasier  
Sue Harvey  
Ladelle Ivey  
Dianne Bagley  
Roger Wood  
Spencer Johns  
Elizabeth Johns  
Lisa Dees  
Amberly Wilcox  
Melanie Wiemers  
Amelia Wiggins  
Southey & Jane Hays  
Dennis & Steve Cerkiewicz  
Heather & Bailee Rogers  
Kevin Malcolm  
Karry Craus  
Emily Lee  
Mykala Toler  
Mary Sue Carter  
Sheila Survey  
Christian Skidmore  
Lessie Spikes

## Reach Out to Our Neighbors

Now's the time to put our faith into action! The Mission Team Pancake Supper raised \$700 to support local mission projects. We have several homes in need of minor repairs and will sponsor 2 Church-wide **Mission Workdays on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** All sorts of support is needed: Food & drinks for volunteers, skilled and unskilled labor, prayer coverage for each site, trucks and trailers to transport supplies and tools to be borrowed such as ladders, gardening equipment and basic construction tools. We will take volunteers for part of the day or all day if you can offer it. Sign-up sheets are available for the next 3 weeks in the lobby of the Praise Center & the hall by the Sanctuary elevator. Or contact Ellen Weimers, Missions Chair at 779-2799 or Pastor Beth Tatum in the church office, 886-7466 for more information.

Also, we will be selling t-shirts and polo shirts with the new church logo over the next couple of months. Look for more info at the sign-up tables. We hope every member will purchase a shirt to wear as we are in service around the area and at local meeting to make our name known and tell others that FUMC is a church with a heart.

## VBS



**Mark your calendars for:**

VBS – Galactic Blast

July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

First Christian Church

If you would like to volunteer, please talk with Leighia Barron, Susan Lafley, or Wendy Stephenson. THANKS!!

## Youth Car Wash

Saturday, April 10th  
At the Dairy Queen on 16th St.  
9:00am-1:00pm

## Youth Link Sale

Saturday, April 24th  
at Superior Tire  
10:30am—2:00pm  
Tickets can be purchased from the Youth.

## Get Your FUMC Shirts



### Mission Fundraiser

Featuring the new church logo with the tag line "In the heart of Orange with a heart for all of God's people." We hope you'll purchase one for every member of your family.

The polo-type are a medium

blue of 100 % pique cotton and will have the logo embroidered on the left front and the tag line on the sleeve. Prices-\$25 for adult sizes and \$15 for children.

T-shirts are sport gray and will be screen-printed with a large logo on the front and the tag line on the back. Cost for the t-shirt is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Both styles are available in sizes from Children's S through Adult 3XL. Sample sizes are available. Order Yours Today! Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Beth Tatum for more details.

## Mothers, Daughters & Friends

Mark your calendars! The United Methodist Women are having a "**Mothers, Daughters and Friends**" dinner on Friday, April 23, 2010. It will be at 6:30pm in the Praise Center. We will have a delicious meal prepared by our own chefs and served by the wonderful men of FUMC. Following the meal, we have a special program by "Spinners and Weavers of Imperial Calcasieu". Come and see the art of spinning and weaving as wool goes from its raw form to finished product. Tickets are \$12. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a candle in memory or honor of a special woman in your life for our candle lighting ceremony. Make plans now to attend this fun evening. If you have any questions, you may call Wendy Stephenson at 883-3727.

## Spelling Bee

**GOALS 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee** Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 - 1:30PM

**Lamar Student Center**  
4<sup>th</sup> St. and Green Ave.



**BEE THERE!**

## Prayer Notes & Care Notes

A wide variety of new pamphlets have recently been added to all the library station racks. The booklets include a mixture of special themes which may be of interest to you or a helpful resource for someone you know. Some of the topics available: "Praying About Something That Can't Be Changed, Giving Your Worries to God, Telling God - Thanks - No Matter What, How Faith Can Help When Bad Things Happen, Turning to God When You Hurt, Living Wills - A Simple Guide for You & Your Family, Teaching Children Simple Ways to Pray & Letting the Bible Inspire Your Prayers". We invite you to visit the library racks to view all of the new theme pamphlets. These complimentary Notes are provided by the Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

## Group Meetings in the Office

We ask that you please respect the fact that the office area is a work place and not a meeting place. Church Committees & any other small groups please do not conduct meetings in the church office **during office hours**. The Praise Center area is available if you need to meet during work hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Caring Meals-New Service

During the last few months, the need for a quick meal entree has become apparent, for occasions when members have a lengthy hospital stay or illness, a death in their family who is not a member of our church, etc. This new service, Caring Meals, is in the process of stocking frozen entrees to fill this need. Caring Ministry and Bereavement came together and purchased a freezer for this use from their memorials.

Please help this ministry get started by either preparing an entree to freeze or giving a donation. Call Beverly Blalack - 886-4832, Regina Patillo - 746-2435, Malissie Bailey - 886-0047, Angela Abshire-670-1751, Davie Thompson - 882-9936.

More details when stocking completed. Thank you all!



**6TH-12TH GRADE**  
Sundays  
at 5:00-7:00p.m.  
in the Praise Center

### **Money Due by April 25th**

UM Army—\$50  
Church Camp—\$50  
Summit—\$25  
Big Stuf—\$110

## **Upcoming Events**

- ◆ **Car Wash @ Dairy Queen on 16th St.**  
Saturday, April 10th from 9:00am-1:00pm
- ◆ **District Lock-Inn**  
Friday, April 16th—April 17th  
6:00pm-10:00am
- ◆ **Fundraiser Lunch**  
Sunday, April 18th  
Chicken Spaghetti  
Will begin serving after Sunday School
- ◆ **Link Sale**  
Saturday, April 24th  
At Superior Tire  
10:30am-2:00pm  
Will begin selling tickets March 28th
- ◆ **Bowling**  
Sunday, April 25th  
3:30-7:00pm  
\$10.00
- ◆ **Confirmation Retreat**  
April 30th—May 1st

## Children's Ministry



**Sunday School Rotation NOT YET AVAILABLE**  
Please Contact Jay Neff (779-9566 (or)  
jay.neff@fumcorange.org) for Sunday School Rotation info

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**Traditional Service  
in Chapel  
8:15 a.m.**

**Celebration Service  
in Praise Center  
8:55 a.m.**

**Sunday School  
9:50 a.m.**

**Traditional Service  
In the Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m.**

**Office Hours  
M-Th 8:30-4:30  
Fri 8:30-Noon**

## Coming Up This Saturday, April 10th

8:00am -UMM Breakfast in Praise Center

8:00am-4:00pm - Mission Workday

9:00am-1:00pm - Youth Car Wash @ Dairy Queen on 16th St.

## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, April 8

9:30am Faith Circle  
10:00am Joy Circle  
6:30pm Love Circle

### Saturday, April 10

8:00am Men's Breakfast  
8:00-4:00pm Mission Work Day  
9:00-1:00pm Youth Car Wash at DQ

### Sunday, April 11

**Can Collection/Communion**  
8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel  
8:55am Celebration Service  
9:00-1:00pm Lifeshare Blood Drive  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
3:30pm Praise Team  
5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids  
5:00pm Jesus in the Gospel

### Monday, April 12

10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
10:00am Caring Ministry  
3:00-6:00pm Youth Outreach  
6:30pm Evangelism

### Tuesday, April 13

6:00pm Finance

### Wednesday, April 14

11:30am Lunch with the Lord  
4:00pm Confirmation  
5:00pm WNL  
6:00pm Bells  
7:00pm Choir

### Sunday, April 18

**Youth Fundraiser Lunch**  
8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel  
8:55am Celebration Service  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
3:30pm Praise Team  
5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids  
5:00pm Jesus in the Gospel

### Monday, April 19

10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
3:00-6:00pm Youth Outreach  
6:00pm Worship Meeting

### Tuesday, April 20

6:00pm Admin Council

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors