



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## FROM OUR PASTOR, REV. JOHN WARREN

### ***Gosh Darn If They Like Us!***

They REALLY like us! According to a recent survey by Life Way Research, an office of the Southern Baptist Convention, found that 62 percent of Americans have a "very favorable" or "somewhat favorable" opinion of United Methodists. That is refreshing news. That presents us with an opportunity to rekindle the flame so to speak. Bishop Will Willimon, of the North Alabama Conference said, he wished the survey had gone on to determine the factors behind the United Methodist Church's popularity. But before we crow too much the survey also says that 35% of Americans aged 18-29 "strongly agree" that they assume a church is NOT for them if "Methodist" is in the name.

So what should we do INVITE folks to church events, and church groups. Many times people will get connected to a small group before they get involved in worship. Begin to look at all groups and activities as portals of entry into the life of the church.

See you Sunday if not before,

John

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## Our Faithfulness

### Our Gifts

#### Giving Report Jan. 2012

Monthly needs: **\$50,000.00**  
Received as of Jan 15: **Not Available**

**AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL:** If you would like to have your pledge drafted directly out of your bank account. Please call Norma in the church office (886-7466) for more info.

### Our Attendance

**Sunday Worship** Jan. 1  
9:30 a.m. 76

**Sunday Worship** Jan. 8  
8:15 a.m. 37  
8:55 a.m. 80  
11:00 a.m. 83

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

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

## Members Serving in Worship

### January 22, 2012 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

#### Ushers: Team #3

8:15 – Vernon Murray, Pie & David Bridges  
11:00 – John Holm, Al Vasquez, Jerry Windham, Jim Armstrong, Arlon Fields

**Altar Guild:** 8:15–Beverly Hanes /Glenda Whitley  
11:00– Kathy McKenzie

**Youth Greeter:** Jaycie Dardeau

**Greeters:** 8:55–Joy & Tim Hughes  
11:00– June Gunstream/Joy Gilliam

#### Parking Lot Greeters:

8:55 - Barbara & Dale Dardeau  
11:00– Jim & James Armstrong

#### Lay Reader:

8:15 – Marilyn Powell  
8:55 – Angela Abshire  
11:00 – Beverly Blalack

### January 29, 2012 4th Sunday After Epiphany

#### Ushers: Team #4

8:15 – Ed & Charlotte Foreman  
11:00 – Jack Jones, Jim Finklea, Mike Hoke, Ron Hopperton, John Cochran

**Altar Guild:** 8:15–Beverly Hanes  
11:00– Rosalie Jones

**Youth Greeter:** Trystin Hague & Chris Henry

**Greeters:** 8:55– Donna Benefield & Cindy Reynolds  
11:00– Shirley Hudson Betty James

#### Parking Lot Greeters:

8:55 - Bart & Ginger Williams  
11:00– Rock Rothrock

#### Lay Reader:

8:15 – Beverly Millsap  
8:55 – TBA  
11:00 – Jim Armstrong

## Memorial Gifts

### In loving Memory of:

#### Jack Taylor by:

Evelyn Nix & Sandra Coggins  
Don & Charlotte Terry  
Jeanie Jordan

#### Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Burrows by:

Gwen Burrows

#### Archie Rogers by:

Jerry & Beth Ann Windham  
Wanda & Pat Monogue

#### Eddie Warren by:

Ken & Carolyn Hillsten  
Ron & Bonnie Hopperton  
Travis & Janice Gresham  
Bill & Malissie Bailey  
Edith Webb  
Vernon Murray  
John & Beverly Hanes

#### David Cardner by:

Jerry & Beth Ann Windham

#### Mary Martell by:

Jerry & Beth Ann Windham

#### Charles Pou by:

Charles Pou, Jr.

## Visitors

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

Jerry Roberts  
Lisa Romeis  
Christian Pratt

## New Birth

### Kaleb Andrew Smith

born December 31, 2011  
in Camp LeJuene, NC

Laqueta & Archie McLellan's 1st great-grandchild!



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# Youth Ministry



**6TH-12TH GRADE**

Sundays

at 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Praise Center

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 20-21:** Hot Hearts

**January 22:** No Youth

**January 29:** Polar Games at the Henry's

**February 5:** Super Bowl Party

**February 12:** Bake Sale during Worship  
Party Hearty at 5:30p in Tow Inn

**February 19:** District Youth Day

**February 24-26:** Mid-Winter



Visit our webpage  
[www.fumcorange.org/youth](http://www.fumcorange.org/youth)



Check us out on Facebook  
FUMC Orange Youth

# Children's Ministry

## Preschool Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

January 8	Becky & Melissa	Jesus at the Temple
January 15	Melissa & Becky	Jesus is Baptized
January 22	Donna R. & Heather	Jesus / Fishermen
January 29	Heather & Donna R	Jesus Calls Matthew

## K-5th Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

January 8	Ginger & Julie	Jesus at the Temple
January 15	Ginger & Julie	Jesus is Baptized
January 22	Dana & Misty G	Jesus / Fishermen
January 29	Dana & Misty G	Jesus Calls Matthew



1st Kids Choir meets on Sunday nights at 5:00pm. We will gather on the playground (weather permitting, otherwise in Tow Inn.)  
Hope to see you there!

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# Spot Light

Keeping our members informed!

# Wednesday Night Live

## Wednesday Night Live

The Winter Session begins with

Courageous, the Movie

January 18<sup>th</sup>

5:45 in the Praise Center

### **Boundaries**

**Presenters: Carol Allen & Christy Day**

**January 25 – April 4**

Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend offer biblically based answers to these tough questions as they show us how to set healthy boundaries with our parents, our spouses, our children, our friends, our coworkers, and even ourselves. Designed for use with the Boundaries Participant's Guide-now revised- this compelling nine-part video resource helps us define and maintain the clear personal boundaries that are essential to a healthy and balanced life.

### **Heaven is For Real**

**Presenter: Bonnie Hopperton**

**January 25 – February 15**

The best-selling book about heaven that has changed the world is now a DVD-based curriculum for churches and small groups. In addition to learning more about what the Bible teaches about heaven, groups will hear first-hand from the Burpo family about Colton's experience in heaven and the way it has changed their lives. Each video session features Todd, Sonja, and Colton, and is filmed interview-style with Natalie Tysdal, the Denver FOX/CW News reporter whose initial interview with the family has gone viral on the internet.

### **Courageous – A Men's Bible Study**

**Presenters: Greg Defrates & Al Vaquez**

**January 25 – February 15**

Filled with action-packed police drama, COURAGEOUS is the fourth release from the moviemaking ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. COURAGEOUS provides the opportunity to strengthen families and fathers. The story of four law officers who discover leading a family takes even more bravery than fighting crime, COURAGEOUS captures the heart of the father, calling him to Christ as he seeks to be a better dad.

### **Life Rules**

**Presenters: Gwen Whitehead & Joy Hughes**

**February 29 – April 4**

Everything You Need to Know in Life, You Can Learn Here. When we were in kindergarten, half the fun of living was breaking the rules without getting caught. In real adult life, however, there is nothing fun about broken promises, relationships, or hearts. In this DVD and study guide from North Point Resources, Andy Stanley explains God's set of life rules that can improve current relationships and mend broken ones. Every game requires parameters, and in this lifelong journey toward heaven, it's never too late to learn, relearn, and follow the rules God clearly outlines for His people, because they set you on the course for success. As adults, we understand that rules are for our protection, and that when we break God's rules we cause heartache and broken relationships. Life Rules explains God's basic set of life rules which, when lived, hold the power to improve all your relationships.

### **24 Hours That Changed the World**

**Presenter: Pastor John Warren**

**February 29 – April 4**

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Whether readers are long-time Christians or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, they are invited to join the author in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.

If your committee or group has some information that would be of interest to FUMC members, please email Ginger Williams at [bwilliams11@gt.rr.com](mailto:bwilliams11@gt.rr.com) or call 883-4428.

## Go Green for God

Need to dispose of old, outdated, unwanted prescriptions? Pick up a postage paid envelope at Walgreens for \$3.99 for environmentally friendly disposal.



## Books for Outreach

The Love Circle is collecting books and magazines for several outreach programs: the Orange County Jail, Sabine House, and the Military. If you have Sunday School books that you are no longer using, that would be great. The Chaplain said if they have multiple copies of books, they can offer Bible studies at the jail. Please bring to the welcome center and we'll find them. If you bring magazines, please cut your name and address off. We will be collecting through mid February. THANKS!!!

## Feed My Sheep

**Saturday, January 28 at Salem UMC  
10:00am—1:00pm**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare food, fill take-out plates, put ice in cups, set tables, serve dinners, go with those delivering homebound meals, and clean-up. You may volunteer for all or part of the day. Contact Christy Day cdaze@gt.rr.com or 882-9671.

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help answer phones & door and possibly assist with making basic copies. Right now, we are looking for help on Mon., Tues., and Wed. mornings. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer.

## WNL Menu

Jan. 25	--Pairs & Spares	--Baked Potatoes
Feb. 1	--New Beginnings	--TBA
Feb. 8	--Altar Guild	--Frito Pie
Feb. 15	--Good News	--King Ranch Chicken
Feb. 22	--Love Circle	--Lenten Soup
Feb. 29	--WNL Kids	--Meatball Subs
Mar. 7	--UMM	--Links
Mar. 21	--Fidelis	--Ham
Mar. 28	--Missions	--Spaghetti
Apr. 4	--Youth	--Hot dogs

## Dine In/Dine Out

Want to have a great reason for dining out or hosting others for dining in your home? Want to know others in your church on a more personal level? Then, join a Dine-in/Dine-out group to meet once a month from **February to May**. You will be assigned to a group of 8. It's up to the host person or persons to decide where to dine out or to have you in their home. Please sign up in the entry of any service, call the church office, or call Angela Abshire at 670-1751 to **sign up during January**.

## A New Invitation to Study the Scriptures

Invitation to the New Testament is another new series of shortened DISCIPLE Bible studies. This eight-week, video based Bible study series including putting the same focus on in-depth study of the bible text, weekly preparation, accountability in a small group setting, and a call to more faithful discipleship. This study examines how the New Testament writers and the early Christian community wrestled with the implications of the story of Jesus for their lives and their communities of faith.

**WHEN?** Tuesday, January 31st at 9:30am

**WHERE?** Pairs & Spares classroom

**WHY?** Come for orientation and to receive your book along with your first assignment. Regular classes will begin the following Tuesday, February 7.

**Questions:** call Carol Allen 883-5067

## Party "Heart"y

**Party "Heart"y with your church family for Valentine's Day!  
Sunday, Feb 12 from 5:30-7:00pm in Tow Inn**

Fellowship Life has had many requests for another event similar to the Sock Hop, since we had so much fun together. So, wear your red, white, pink or Valentine attire; bring your favorite Valentine themed dish to share; and come ready for some fun! This is **NOT** a couples event, but a chance for all ages to join together in fellowship. There will be games, food, dancing and more. See you there!



## Defensive Driving Class

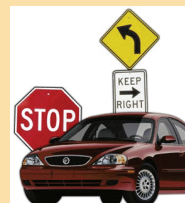
**Want a 10% discount on your insurance?** We are offering an inexpensive Defensive Driving class here at the church!

*Saturday, February 18th  
8:00am - 2:00pm in the Praise Center*

**Bring your own lunch.**  
Cost is \$15.00 per person

**This class does NOT cover violation tickets.**

**We must have 20 people signed up by THIS FRIDAY, Jan. 20  
or we will have to cancel the class.**



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Traditional Service

8:15 AM - Chapel

Celebration Service

8:55 AM - Praise  
Center

Sunday School

9:50 AM

Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

OFFICE HOURS

Mon- Thurs - 8:30-4:30

Friday - 8:30 - Noon

*Sign Up for Altar Flowers*

The following dates are open for Altar Flowers. If you would like to reserve a Sunday please call the church office.

January 22 & 29  
February 12, 19 & 26  
March 25  
April 8, 15, 22 & 29  
May 27

June 10 & 24  
July 8, 15 & 29  
August 26  
September 16 & 30  
October 28  
November 11 & 25

Calendar of Events: January 18-31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			18 <b>NEWSLETTER</b> 10:00a Staff Mtg. 5:00p WNL Begins 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	19 2:30a MOPS	20  <b>Youth—Hot Hearts</b>	21  <b>Youth—Hot Hearts</b>
22 <b>OCS Collection</b> 8:15a Traditional 8:55a Celebration 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional 2:00-5:00 Lay Speaker School 3:30p Praise Team 5:00p 1st Kids <b>NO Youth</b>	23 10:00a Inter. Prayer 6:00p Worship Mtg.	24	25 10:00a Staff Mtg. 4:00p Fellowship Life 5:00p WNL 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	26	27	28 10:00a Feed My Sheep @ Salem
29 8:15a Traditional 8:55a Celebration 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional 3:30p Praise Team 5:00p 1st Kids/Youth- Polar Games <b>Dist. Comm. Training</b>	30 10:00a Inter. Prayer	31 9:30a Bible Study				

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