

# The Witness

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## Welcome a New Member

We welcome our newest member, **Nancy Parker**, who joined FUMC Denham Springs on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Nancy lives at 8275 Vincent Rd., Apt. 308, and her phone number is 225-533-5096. *Welcome, Nancy!*

## Children's Music for Christmas

The Christmas Program this year will be a combined dramatic musical offering presented by the Chancel Choir, Praise Group, Children's Choir and Handbells on December 13<sup>th</sup> in the 11:00 a.m. worship. The children will be singing three songs in this program, and rehearsals will begin on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30-10:00 a.m., following the early worship service. Please make every effort to have your child at the rehearsals so that we can glorify God through our music. If you need more information, please contact Rev. Rita Chiasson or Diane Boso.

## Mission Trip Interest Meeting

If you are interested in knowing more about traveling with a group from FUMC Denham Springs on either of these foreign mission trips, come to the informational meeting at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Mattie Street house** directly across the street from the sanctuary on the corner of Mattie and Budley Streets. This is not a commitment to make either trip, but a time to give you more information to make a decision as God guides you. The two planned trips are:

- **To Mexico** to the Rancho Louisiana Orphanage in late October or first part of November 2009.
- **To Cuba** to visit United Methodist Churches in the District of Matanzas and the UM Seminary there. Dates set: February 4-13, 2010.

## Special Gifts

The following special gifts have been made to First United Methodist Church:

### In Memory of:

- **Virgie Mae Arnold** by Lela Alexander; Josephine Schultz; Margarine Smith; Steve & Jana Landry; Lynette Bigham & Shelley & Jeff Gray; Agape II Women's Circle.
- **Genevieve Pawley** by Lela Alexander
- **David Walters** by Lynette Bigham and Shelley & Jeff Gray; Jesse & Rooney Davis
- **Mrs. Ollie Jackson & Leon Jackson** on their birthdays by Minnie Allen.
- **Anna Boyd** by Lela Alexander; Josephine Schultz; Charlotte Mayo
- **Kenneth Webb** by Josephine Schultz

### In Honor of:

- **Elliott Mulhearn** on his baptism by Josephine Schultz

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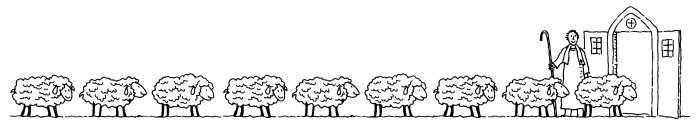
- 1) **Our new young adult Sunday School class** needs a TV and DVD player. If you have either of these items to donate or you would like to donate funds toward them, contact Ginny.
- 2) **Prayer Pager Sponsor:** \$20 per month pays for the cost of a prayer pager.
- 3) **Our Praise Team needs** 1-2 more male vocalists & 1 electric guitar player.

Contact Ginny at [revginny@gmail.com](mailto:revginny@gmail.com) or 225-771-6681 (text or voice) if you will help with any of the above needs.



Meetings/Events this month:

- Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Mission Interest meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – Agape I Circle, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – UMM breakfast, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Finance committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Evangelism meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – FUMC Habitat for Humanity workday
- Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Administrative Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Agape II Circle, 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – YAH picnic in the park
- Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival, 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.



## Attention Shepherds:

Thanks to all the Shepherds who attended the meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Plans were made for contacts to be made monthly and reported to Rev. Rita. The information will be coming by mail if you were not able to attend the meeting.

This is a ministry that is of vital importance to our church and is a way of staying in close contact with persons in the congregation of FUMC. Each Shepherd has a list of names that they call monthly to listen to joys and concerns. There are approximately 25 Shepherds who are hard at work at this time.

Please contact Rev. Rita if this ministry area appeals to you. Be on the lookout for a surprise coming soon in the worship services.

**Rev. Rita**

## LAGNIAPPE COUNTRY EMMAUS COMMUNITY MEN'S RETREAT MARCH 4-7, 2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT MARCH 18-21, 2010

If you have attended an **Emmaus Walk**, you may serve on a team or sponsor a pilgrim.

If you are interested in being sponsored as a pilgrim to attend this spiritual life retreat, print the Pilgrim form at <http://lcwe.org/Forms.htm> and turn it in to a pastor. Plan in advance. Retreats fill up months prior to date.

## Domestic Violence Volunteers

To volunteer with Women Outreaching Women, attend a semi-annual domestic violence training class scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For information: [www.womenowomen.com/id27.html](http://www.womenowomen.com/id27.html)  
\$20 for training supplies; scholarships available.

Contact: (225) 791-3940

See home page for other ways to help:

[www.womenowomen.com](http://www.womenowomen.com)

## Thank You

Dear FUMC-DS Congregation and Clergy,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and the prayer pager for my family. Thanks to Bob and Ginny for visiting my Dad in the hospital. My Dad is recovering well from the stroke and is now at home, and my Mom's eye surgery was a success. Thanks be to God for helping them heal, remain healthy and for watching over the entire family. Thanks again for lifting us up in prayer, for the concerned phone calls, for the delicious meals, and for being doers of the Word - not hearers only.

**Wendy Gibson and Family**

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To My Church Family:

Many thanks for the food, cards, flowers, calls and prayers after my recent surgery.

May God bless my church family.

Thanks again.

**Jerry Delrie**

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Dear Friends,

Love & thanks for your thoughts, prayers and calls of concern during our time of recovery from the loss of our precious little daughter-in-law, Kelli, the wife of our son Chuck. Please keep our family, and especially Chuck, in your thoughts and prayers.

With love and blessings,

**Jane and Butch Crawford**

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To the Pastors and Congregation of FUMC:

Thank you for all you have done, and for all of your prayers for us and our family.

**Gerald & Betty Soulier**

## Looking Ahead - YOUNG at HEART

**October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Picnic in the Park  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Luncheon at the Hills' home  
**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Luncheon at Bass Pro Restaurant

### ACOLYTES for Sunday, October 4, 2009:

8:30 a.m. – Victoria Page & Ainsleigh LaCombe  
 11:00 a.m. – Darby Miller & Saige Annison

### *Witness* Newsletter

Please notify the church office at [office@fumc-ds.org](mailto:office@fumc-ds.org) if you would prefer to receive your *Witness* newsletter by email instead of by U.S. Mail.

## *We give thanks to God with . . .*

### *Our Prayers:*

**Members in Nursing Homes:** Connie Brown; Stella Jones; Marilyn Lobell; Fay Kling; Keith Hotchkiss

### **Other Concerns:**

Loretta Schultz	Hilda Neal	Shirley Callender
Joe Melilli	George Smith	Kehl Waltman
Barney Thompson	Chuck Marten	Wilbert Hutchinson
Shannon Tanner	Lois Peairs	Cookie Packson
Bill Benton	Jimmy Bamber	Duane Amacker
Ben Johnson	Shirley Hammons	Padd Holdimon
Kevin Monceaux	Tristen Picken	Sally McClanahan

Sudy Edwards, hip break, surgery, Judy Nelson's mother  
 Melvin Myers, brain tumor, friend of Robbie Lamm  
 Hazel Creamer, cancer, Shirley Callender's sister-in-law  
 Tommy Ray's father, liver cancer, new treatment  
 Jean Balkenheimer, injuries from wreck, Sam Delrie's sister  
 Brian Watson's father, cracked sternum from fall  
 Louis Moore, OLOL, treated for Guillane Barr disease  
 Gene Davis, recovering from surgery, Diane Boso's brother  
 Sabrina Sisk, brain tumor  
 Gloria Phillips, recuperating from fall, Ginny Allen's mother  
 Hugh Underwood, released from hospital; now on Hospice  
 People of Georgia in flooding  
 Canaan Dourcher, 2-1/2 yr-old child in ICU at OLOL, swine flu,  
 Pneumonia & surgery; 10-14 more days at hospital.  
 Gabe Hilliard, leukemia, son of Jeff & Jeanie Hilliard

### **Prayer Pager assignments:**

Keith Hotchkiss: (225) 378-4072  
 Gabe Hilliard: (225) 378-4003

**To call the prayer pager:** Pray for the person, then call the pager #. After 4 beeps, enter your numeric **zip code** and #. The pager will buzz with your zip code, so they can see where prayers originate and know how often they are being prayed for.

**Prayer News:** We now have an online prayer request page link at the top of our home page: [www.fumc-ds.org](http://www.fumc-ds.org) <<http://www.fumc-ds.org>>

### **Sympathy:**

Our sympathy is expressed to the following individuals:  
 - **Rev. Bruce Phillips** (who came on his motorcycle to help after Gustav) at the death of his wife, **Rev. Vonnie Phillips**.  
 - **David Galasso** at the death of his brother, **Michael Galasso**. There will be a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. on October 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Aloysius Church.

### *Our Presence.*

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
September 20, 2009	77	241
September 27, 2009	63	219

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### A Record of Our Faithfulness – September 27, 2009

Operating Account	
2008 YTD	\$315,028.19
2009 YTD	\$298,036.63
Building Fund Contributions	
Received 2009 year-to-date	\$191,307.87
Total funds available for construction	\$2,350,627.50