

The Witness

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**Administrative Council meeting
Is Monday, October 19th
At 6:30 p.m.
At the Mattie St. house.**



Women's Circle Meeting

Agape II Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 20th** at **10:00 a.m.** at the Centerville St. house. All women of the church are invited to share in this time of fellowship.

YOUNG AT HEART PROGRAM Wednesday, October 21, 2009 South Park Picnic Area 11:00 a.m.

Activities for Young at Heart for October will be a picnic at South Park on Vincent Road, on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. There will be no program at the church this month. Meet at the park around 11:00 a.m. **Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.**

Fried catfish and all the "fixins" will be served. Do not bring anything unless you are specifically asked.

Bring a lounge chair if you wish.

Special Gifts

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

In Memory of:

- **Kenneth Webb** by Marguerite Cameron
- **Harvey DeLaune** by Marguerite Cameron
- **Kelli McChelney** by Marguerite Cameron
- **Virgie Mae Arnold** by Joyce & Tommy Hazleton
- **Anna Boyd** by Mr. & Mrs. Abner Cook
- **Steve Thompson** by Bob & Barbara Hill; Lisa Comeaux
- **Agnes Carney** by Bob & Barbara Hill

In Honor of:

- **Joyce Hazleton** on her birthday by Joyce Annison
- **O.P. and Betty Waldrep** by Bob & Barbara Hill

FUMC-DS Habitat Workday

**Our FUMC-DS Habitat workday is Saturday, October 17th
from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to furnish food & drinks and to register & serve.

The work will be painting, soffit, and siding.

If you're willing to help, we will find something for you to do with experts on-site to guide you when needed. Contact Ginny at revginny@gmail.com.



Everyone is invited!!

**Sunday, October 25, 2009
First United Methodist Church
319 Mattie St.
3-6:00 p.m.**



Fun for All

Carnival Games Crafts
Space Walk Cake Walk
Chili Cook-off Costume Contest
Jack-o-Lantern contest
Musical entertainment
Trunk-or-Treating
Hot Dog Supper



NEW YOUNG ADULT CLASS BEGINS

The new young adult (20-50, married/singles, both genders) class now has a TV, a DVD player, and WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE curriculum on the way. We'll begin Sunday, October 18th at 9:45 a.m. in the church office house on Centerville as Rev. Ginny Allen guides our first series.

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Instead of a lecture or taking turns reading out of a book, we'll watch the DVD and discuss how to live out practical lessons in our daily life. We'll choose a permanent name as our group's identity develops. We'll also have social times for meals and activities as our friendships grow.

If you know someone in this age group who is out of church, this is a good time for their re-entry because **EVERYONE** in the class will be new. Spread the word. Join this small group for friendship, personal support and your spiritual growth. How is it with YOUR soul?

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME ~ Jesus Christ"

Dr. David Shaler, Director of Music and Arts at Broadmoor UMC has invited our congregation to support a fund-raising ecumenical concert with the combined choirs of Broadmoor Baptist, Broadmoor UMC and St. Thomas More Catholic Churches on Sunday, October 25th at 6 p.m. at Broadmoor Baptist Church at 9755 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge.

The choirs will be performing Franz Joseph Haydn's THE CREATION with guest singers and orchestra. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be collected to support Southeast Ministries, which provides food and support to the hungry poor of Southeast Baton Rouge.

PECAN SALE

Walker United Methodist Church is selling Bergeron Pecans. Three-pound boxes are \$17 per box for halves or pieces. Orders are due, Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Please call Sylvia Arnold at the church office, 665-8995, to place your order.

Free Portraits for food donations on Halloween

Because of the recent increase in the number of families needing assistance with food, Melissa Cannon Photography and Jouett Photography will host a food drive on Halloween to benefit our emergency Food Pantry.

If you go to the Melissa Canon Photography studio at 188 Veterans Blvd., Suite B, on October 31st and bring at least 5 canned or non-perishable food items, you can **have a free portrait taken in your Halloween costume and receive a free 4 x 6 print.** *Appointments will not be taken, so make sure to get there early.*

Thank You

The Family of Virgie Arnold would like to express our appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown during the loss of our mom. The food, cards and all your expression of love touched our hearts more than you will ever know. To those who made donations in memory of our mom we want you to know she would have felt so honored as we, her family, do. We ask for God's richest blessing on your church and the role you play in our community.

**Susan & Tommy Lockhart
Reggie & Sylvia Arnold**

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/>>

We give thanks to God with . . .

Our Prayers:

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

Members in hospital: OLOL – Jo Roberts; Jim Barclay

Other Concerns:

Loretta Schultz	Hilda Neal	Shirley Callender
Joe Melilli	George Smith	Jimmy Tripp
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
Canaan Dourcher, 2-1/2 yr-old child in ICU at OLOL
Gabe Hilliard, leukemia, son of Jeff & Jeanie Hilliard
Lori Lamm Williams, surgery
Bob Holyfield, surgery
Dave Rector, surgery
Vanora Nelson, back injury, Ernestine Hood's sister
Lucy Pratt, friend of Ernestine Hood

Our Sympathy:

Our sympathy is expressed to **Beth Thompson, Emily Camp, Clayton, Terri & Alex Hines** at the death of **Steve Thompson**.

Our Joys:

We rejoice with Ernestine Hood, who celebrates her 85th birthday on Saturday, October 17th.

Our Presence:

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
October 4, 2009	63	214
October 11, 2009	58	165

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A Record of Our Faithfulness – October 11, 2009

<u>Operating Account</u>	
2008 YTD	\$334,268.19
2009 YTD	\$313,673.58
<u>Building Fund Contributions</u>	
Received 2009 year-to-date	\$195,560.87
Total funds available for construction	\$2,354,755.50