

The Witness

AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS, WE SERVE

Safe Sanctuary policy. The two persons can "team teach," alternating leadership from week to week, or one teacher can serve as the lead teacher and the other assist - whatever works for the two of you.



During the summer we offer our faithful Sunday School teachers time off. We need your help in our children's classes. Every children/youth classroom must have two non-related adults, in order to comply with our Safe Sanctuary policy. **These are the places we have openings while school is out for summer:**

- PreK-1st Grades: **1 teacher, 1 assistant**
- 3rd - 5th Grades with Joyce Annison: **1 assistant**
- 6th Grade with Beth Thompson: **1 assistant**
- Subs to fill in on occasion: **3 teachers/assistants**



While we are registering for Summer Sunday School, we would like to go ahead and get our fall teachers in place. **These are the places we have openings during the 2010-2011 school year:**

- PreK-1st Grades: **1 teacher, 1 assistant**
- 2nd Grade: **1 teacher, 1 assistant**
- 4th - 5th Grades with Michelle Jochim: **1 assistant**
- 6th-8th Grades with Beth Thompson: **1 assistant**
- Subs to fill in on occasion: **3 teachers/assistants**

Please see the sign-up outside the sanctuary or call the church office (665-8995).

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Announced

Earlier in the year, our newly formed Youth Council began surveying our youth and congregation, to determine the best direction for the future of our Youth Ministries. At about the same time, two very good candidates surfaced, who were interested in Youth Ministry. As the findings of the Youth Council came together, so too did the interviewing (by the SPR Committee) and the salary-structuring process (by the Finance Committee). The work of these groups was presented to our Church Council, which unanimously adopted the plan to secure a full-time staff person who would be responsible for ministries to Youth, Young Adults, and Young Families.

Tony Angell (pronounced "angel") will be coming on staff in June to serve these vital areas of our congregational life.

Tony and his wife **Sarah** will be moving here from Kentucky, where he is currently enrolled as a student in the Master of Divinity program at Asbury Theological Seminary. They are both natives of Shreveport and graduates of Louisiana Tech. They are expecting their first child this summer.

During our interviews, we were all impressed with his heart for people and his passion for Christ. In his words, "... *my ministry has been one of patience and active listening spoken of in James 1:19. I aim to sit with those who sit, walk with those who walk, and run with those who run. Discipleship is just that; coming alongside people, meeting them where they are, and encouraging them, by being an example of holy living...*"

We look forward to Tony and Sarah being among us and giving us leadership in these important ministries. Please be in prayer for them and for those who God will guide their way!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bob

(See the yellow insert in this newsletter for a way you can support ministry to Youth, Young Adults, and Young Families at FUMC, Denham Springs!)

Thank You

Dear Church Family:

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, flowers, cards & calls while Dick and I have been ill. Our church family is so important to us because we live so far from family members. Love,

Diane & Dick Boso

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A big THANK YOU to United Methodist Men for sponsoring the Youth Crawfish Boil, especially Jamey Sandefur for serving as head cook and Erin Sandefur for organizing the event and presenting a program. About 20 youth and their invited guests attended, and a good time was had by all!!

Food Pantry News

Thanks to everyone who donated food or money to support our Emergency Food Pantry. During the month of March we helped 80 families (280 individuals) with food and gave out 29 Bibles. During April, we helped 85 families (298 individuals) with food and gave out 12 Bibles.

Young at Heart

Wednesday, May 19, 2010
 Lagniappe Restaurant

Activities for Young at Heart for May will begin at the church sanctuary at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday May 19, 2010, with a luncheon to follow at Lagniappe Restaurant located north of the city past Lockhart Road.

The program will consist of our regular business meeting, special music by Dot and Claud Davis, and a devotional by Rev. Bob. Please arrive at the church early so we can begin on time. We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. and carpool to the restaurant. The cost of the meal is \$10.00, and we will collect at the restaurant.

When you are called, you will select an entrée from the following:

- Grilled Chicken Strips**
- Fried Shrimp/Catfish Combo**
- Chicken Fried Steak**
- Shrimp Alfredo Pasta**
- Crawfish Patty with Shrimp Etouffee**

We will need a count and choice of entrée by Sunday, May 16th.

"Shares" in Ministry to Youth, Young Adults, and Young Families

(Gifts made to this fund will be used exclusively for salary support of the Director of Youth, Young Adult, and Young Families)

"Shares"	Given by	In Honor or in Memory of
1	Lisa Comeaux	In Memory of Weldon Averette
1	Rev. Bob Deich	In Honor of Evelyn Deich
1	Rev. Bob Deich	In Memory of Ruth E. Deich
10	Anonymous	To the Glory of God

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Special Gifts

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

In Memory of:

- **Keith Hotchkiss** by Hardy & Georgia Barnett; Bobby & Donna Welch; Caren Amacker
- **Bob Opperman** by DSHS Class of 1956
- **Shirley Callender** by Sue & Terry Howes
- **Loretta Schultz** by Bobby & Donna Welch
- **Claude Slaton** by Bobby & Donna Welch
- **Barney Thompson** by Elizabeth Kammer

SPECIAL MAY DATES

Sunday, May 16th – Hugh Debo (Shreveport) Witness of Haiti Earthquake speaks at both worship services
 Monday, May 17th - Education Committee meets at 6:30 at the Mattie St. house
 Sunday, May 23rd – Christian Motorcyclists Association – Guest speakers at both worship services.
 Tuesday, May 25th & Wednesday, May 26th – 11a.m.–1:30 p.m.-Confirmation Classes 1-4

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

June 13th, the participants from Confirmation Classes will be confirmed during both morning worship services. Plan to be present to support our young people as they make this important decision in their spiritual journey as disciples of Jesus Christ and becoming full members of the United Methodist Church and our local church. Any confirmands who cannot be present on this day will be confirmed separately on the first subsequent Sunday date that works for them.

**First United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 9, 2010:**

Sunday school attendance: 59
 Worship attendance: 237

Lord...hear our prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

New this week:

Marguerite Shiflet, heart cath. & other tests, Ruth's sister-in-law
Mike Watson, surgery 5/12, father of Cathy Sumrall
Keith Crochet, brain tumor, friend of Dot Davis
Mike Picou, awaiting a heart transplant, friend of Jenny Barclay

Recovery:

Dean Reese, motorcycle wreck, John/Betty Blackman's son-in-law
John Blackman, eye
Steve Carney, Lana Kiker's nephew, recuperating from surgery

Cancer Patients:

Liz Perrin - leukemia, David Waldrep's mother-in-law;
Brenda Lowe- colon cancer, DSHS basketball coach;
Donnie Brown, Cancer treatment, son of Bill & Marie Brown of FBC

Ongoing Illness:

George Smith **Hilda Neal** **Margarine Smith**
Norma Fox, Richard Fox's mom **John Page, Sr.**, Wesley's dad
Sue Fairchild's dad, failing health **Mae Matthews**, Teresa Ellis' mom

In Nursing Homes:

Connie Brown
Stella Jones
Jo Roberts

In La Plantation:

Fay Kling
Wally Waldrup

Military Service & Families:

Sam Allen, Ginny & Lee's son – SC, Germany

A Record of Our Faithfulness – May 9, 2010

Operating Account

2009 YTD	\$155,775.30
2010 YTD	\$144,449.97

Building Fund Contributions

Received 2010 year-to-date	\$78,879.00
Total funds available for construction	\$2,892,759.43



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