



NEWS AT THE CROSSROADS



Hope Through Jesus Christ at the Crossroads

February 28, 2010



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Style
(Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Style
(Christian Life Center)

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship Style
(Sanctuary)

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The Lenten Journey and our Epic Spiritual Battles

The season of Lent is a journey of forty days leading us closer to the cross of Jesus. In our Sunday messages we're recalling the epic spiritual battles that continue to shape our lives.

- Mar. 7 – The forty years God's people were tested in the wilderness
- Mar. 14 – The forty days Jesus was tested by the devil in the wilderness
- Mar. 21 – The clash between Jesus and the religious leaders in the temple
- Mar. 28 – The struggle in Gethsemane and the resolve to go to the cross
- Apr. 4 – The climatic battle of Jesus with the powers of sin and death

Fundraising for new conference center underway

In December, detailed plans were announced for a new South Georgia Conference Center, to be located on the grounds of Wesleyan College in Macon. The new Conference Center will allow many conference offices to work under the same roof instead of being dispersed in multiple office buildings. It also gives the conference the ability to design the space to fit their needs and optimize work flow and delivery of services to the conference. Estimates show that \$2,900,000 will be needed to complete the project. With \$487,750 in hand as of September 2, 2009, the remaining funds will be received from private donors, not local churches. We will accept gifts from anyone in the conference or beyond, said Dr. Hal Brady, chairman of the task force. All funds will be raised through special giving. This will not be an apportioned item to the local churches beyond what is already being apportioned to pay for the rented office space. If you are interested in making a financial contribution to this project, please contact Dr. Brady's administrative assistant, Maggie Roberson, at 706-327-4343, or email maggie@stlukeum.com.

Stephen Ministry

This ministry of lay Christian care-giving has been going on for a number of years here. Stephen Ministers, after completing the Stephen Series training, are putting their skills and compassion to work, caring for people in our congregation. We're excited because our congregation's Stephen Leaders are ready to begin training in March for the next class of new Stephen Ministers. The training is work, fun, and an opportunity for spiritual growth. Graduates bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others – listening and comforting in a time of need. If this job description fits your ministry goal and spiritual gifts, please call one of the following leaders to learn more: Bill Pilcher (935-3836), Bernard Meyer Von Bremen (474-5039), and Beverly Hiscox (742-7282).

Celebrating Jane Canady & Prayer Ministry

We recently celebrated Jane's retirement and the prayer ministry she has established. Jane and Cecil will still serve among us, of course, as members of this church. This ministry is being passed down now to the good hands of the volunteer leaders and servants of the various prayer ministry programs. Jane's ministry is also in the hands of the leaders and volunteers of the Congregational Care ministry that she helped to give birth to in the last several months. Let's all remember the part we play – in our Sunday School classes, small groups, and ministry teams – to pray and help create a climate of prayer in our church. I know I speak for the whole church in thanking you, Jane, for what you and the Lord have built in our church and for your inspiration, guidance, teaching, and example. May God bestow His richest blessings both to you and Cecil.

Save the Lost, Disciple the Saved, Alleviate Suffering

SUNDAY—7TH

Ladies Retreat/Epworth by the Sea

- 8:30 AM *Worship/Sanctuary
9:30 AM *Worship/CLC
9:30 AM *Youth & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM Children's Worship/1st-6th Grades/Reef
9:30 AM 2K-5K Sunday School/Preschool Area
11:00 AM Children's Worship/1st-6th Grades/Reef
11:00 AM *Worship/Sanctuary
11:00 AM *Youth & Adult Sunday School
11:00 AM 2K-5K Sunday School/Preschool Area
4:00 PM Girls' Ensemble/Room 103
5:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal/CLC
5:00 PM Pre-K Choir Rehearsal/Room 142
5:00 PM *Kids Sing Praise Choir Reh./Room 103
5:45 PM Youth Choir Supper/CLC Gath. Area
6:15 PM Student Pursuit/Youth Room
6:30 PM Driving Force Study/Library
7:15 PM Yth Small Gr/Rooms 133, 142, 212-214

MONDAY—8TH

- 7:00 AM 6th Grade Breakfast Club/Chick-fil-A
10:00 AM Esther/The Gables
7:00 PM +Lord, Change My Attitude/Room 216
7:00 PM "Come, Touch the Robe" Reh./Room 103

TUESDAY—9TH

- 9:30 AM +One in a Million/Library
9:30 AM +A Heart Like His.../Room 142
9:30 AM +He Speaks to Me/Room 216
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting/Room 142
7:00 PM +A Woman After God's.../Room 216
8:00 PM Young Adult Bible St/McPhail's home

WEDNESDAY—10TH

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out/Nursery
5:30 PM Fellowship Supper/CLC
5:30 PM The Wesley Ringers Reh./Sanctuary
6:00 PM Breakout Supper/The Reef
6:30 PM Breakout/Rooms 010-015
6:30 PM P&W Choir Rehearsal/CLC
6:45 PM Introduction to Handbells/Sanctuary
7:15 PM P&W Choir & Band Reh./CLC
7:30 PM "Come, Touch the Robe" Reh./Room 103
7:45 PM P&W Band Rehearsal/CLC
8:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room 103

THURSDAY—11TH

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out/Nursery
12:00 PM SPRC Meeting/Room 216
6:30 PM Youth Worship Band Reh./Room 139

FRIDAY—12TH

SATURDAY—13TH

MACON OUTREACH



SUNDAY—14TH

Relay for Life Bake Sale/Gathering Area

- 8:30 AM *Worship/Sanctuary
9:30 AM *Worship/CLC
9:30 AM *Youth & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM Children's Worship/1st-6th Grades/Reef
9:30 AM 2K-5K Sunday School/Preschool Area
11:00 AM Children's Worship/1st-6th Grades/Reef
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7:15 PM Yth Small Gr/Rooms 133, 142, 212-214

MONDAY—15TH

- 7:00 AM 6th Grade Breakfast Club/Chick-fil-A
10:00 AM Esther/The Gables
7:00 PM +Lord, Change My Attitude/Room 216

TUESDAY—16TH

- 9:30 AM +One in a Million/Library
9:30 AM +A Heart Like His.../Room 142
9:30 AM +He Speaks to Me/Room 216
11:45 AM Birthday Bash/CLC Gathering Area
6:30 PM G.R.I.E.F. Support/Library
7:00 PM +A Woman After God's.../Room 216
8:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study/McPhail's home

WEDNESDAY—17TH (Happy St. Patrick's Day!)

- 7:30 AM HUB Meeting/Library
9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out/Nursery
5:30 PM Fellowship Supper/CLC
5:30 PM The Wesley Ringers Rehearsal/Sanctuary
6:00 PM Breakout Supper/The Reef
6:30 PM Breakout/Rooms 010-015
6:30 PM P&W Choir Rehearsal/CLC
6:45 PM Introduction to Handbells/Sanctuary
7:15 PM P&W Choir & Band Rehearsal/CLC
7:30 PM "Come, Touch the Robe" Reh./Room 103
7:45 PM P&W Band Rehearsal/CLC
8:00 PM Youth Student Leadership/Room 142
8:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room 103



THURSDAY—18TH

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out/Nursery
9:00 AM Ramblers/The Wren's Nest
6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting/Room 142

FRIDAY—19TH

Confirmation Retreat/Epworth by the Sea
6:30 PM Emmaus Gathering/The Reef

SATURDAY—20TH

Confirmation Retreat/Epworth by the Sea

*Nursery Provided
+Nursery by reservations (477-4188 ext. 114)
CLC-Christian Life Center

Message from the Pulpit

March 7 - Dr. Jay Harris
"Wilderness Tests that Reveal Malnourished Spirits"
Exodus 16:1-8

March 14 - Dr. Jay Harris
"Tests that Forge Our Principles"
Luke 4:1-13

Worship Service - March 7

8:30 / 9:30 / 11:00 / Dr. Jay Harris

- 8:30 Ushers: John Rohde, Jimmie Powell, Larry DeFore
9:30 Ushers: Jimmy Stewart, Caroline Stewart, Keith Ochs
11:00 Ushers: Phil Misch, David Haney, John Hiscox, Ellen Phillips, Richard Norton
8:30 Greeters: Jan Satcher, Cathie Resseau, Duck Moss, Tami Gibbs
9:30 Greeters: Kathy Geeslin, Lynn Faulkner, Cay Kite, Chuck Kite
11:00 Greeters: Bob Easter
8:30 Int. Prayer: Dendy McCuen, Randy Griffin
9:30 Int. Prayer: Tom Spohn, Amy Spohn, Thomas Spohn, Hayden Spohn
11:00 Int. Prayer: The Victory S.S. Class

Altar Guild: Tossy Alston, Pat O'Neal
Muggers: Stewart Brown, Kathy Brown

- 8:30 Comm. Servers: Jimmy Melvin, Diane Melvin, Jay Harris, David Becker
9:30 Comm. Servers: Jay Harris, Diane Bennett, Wade Bennett, Matt Brown, Wendy Brown, Patti Cole, Lydia Sutherland, Smokey Sutherland
11:00 Comm. Servers: Ed Burns, Emmie Burns, David Bethune, Stacy Bethune, Ian Hancock, Patrice Hancock, Jay Harris, Ned Steele

Worship Service - March 14

8:30 / 9:30 / 11:00 / Dr. Jay Harris

- 8:30 Worship Leader: Charles Lewis
9:30 Worship Leader: Anthony McPhail
11:00 Worship Leader: Jeff Hanson
8:30 Ushers: Steve Alford, Duck Moss, Guy White, Donnie Davidson
9:30 Ushers: Barbara Keene, Wyatt Keene, Paige Feibelman
11:00 Ushers: Gerry Bennett, Ed Burns, Linda Glass, Bud Long
8:30 Greeters: Paula Josey, Joe Appling, Teri Hall, Lu Appling
9:30 Greeters: Betsy Griffin, Randy Griffin, Bobbi Gooze, Linda Horton
11:00 Greeters: Rhonda Lidstone, Jim Lidstone, Joy Crawford, Johnny Crawford

8:30 Int. Prayer: Sam Huggins, Cynthia Huggins, Katie, Megan, & Ben Huggins
9:30 Int. Prayer: Mack Jones, Gary Wilson
11:00 Int. Prayer: Ken Fortuna, Rachel Fortuna, Bill Pilcher
Altar Guild: Mittie Jackson
Muggers: Chester Chapman, Brenda Chapman

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

March 21, 2010
5:30 PM
Room 216

Please contact John Horton at (478) 477-1901, ext. 120 for more information.

UMW

Attention: United Meth Women of Martha Bowman

There is to be a

DAY APART/APPRECIATION DAY LUNCH
April 17, 2010

Riverside United Methodist Church
Rev. B.J. Funk, Speaker

Honorees: 80 years of age (during 2010) plus 40 years service in UMW

Please notify Carol Maynard at the church office (477-1901) or Betty Terrell (477-9600; bebote99@cox.net)

Deadline: April 1, 2010

NEW TROOP FORMING



Interested in being a Junior Girl Scout?

Girls 8-11 or entering 4th grade in the Fall. A new Troop is being formed at Martha Bowman.

To register, attend first girl/parent meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 5:30 in The Reef.

Please call Troop leader Dawn Willis at (478) 471-7250 for more information.

Next Sunday, March 7, in Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 AM, hear **Voice of Praise** (youth girls' ensemble) singing "You Are Faithful."

---PRAYER CONCERNS---

In the Hospital:

Ruth Roberts-Northside; Layton Williams-Albany

Chronic Needs:

Hal Baskin, Barry Bissonette, Sherry Brady, Darlene Capista, Pat Creamer, Caleb Fortuna, Bonnie & George Gardiner, Dan Gates, Carolyn Gibbs, Hinton Harris, Betty Karnay, Stacey Moring, Hugh & Debbie O'Neal, Mike Ousley, Clyde Rogers, Betty Rountree, Thomas Spohn, Rodney Williams, Jamie Waters

Circle of Concern:

Cay Kite

Extended Family:

Frances Clark, Lynn Davidson, Stephanie & Tate Garrison, JB James, Tom MacDonell, Melanie Olmstead

(Names in ext. family will be left on for 4 weeks unless church office is notified.)

Those in the Military:

John Allen, Major Robert Ashcroft, Ben Bryant, Bryan Caldon, Drew Clarke, Titus Clements, Val Collins, Mark Dawson, Jared Ellenwood, Stan Fossette, Ronald Hallman, Alicia Hancock, Brean Hancock, Spencer Herron, Chris Holbert, Warren Holbert, Jr., Wyne Hutchings, Jeff James, Captain Phillips Jones, Jamison Kirby, Justin Krautkremer, Lee Land, Brad Mate, Daniel Mattox, Gina Maynard's brother, Adam Neal, Brian Palen, Jonathan Pritchard, Mike Rich, Charlie Richardson, John Rogers, Christopher Rolfe, Shawn Roller, Jay Rosado, Adam Rosenbond, Brian Royal, Brandon Ryals, Maurice Scream, Art Smith, Steve Stone, Nathan Tart, Chris Thorn, Chase Usher, Erik Walker, Brian Walton, Steven Watts, Chris Whatley
(If names in military are not active duty, please notify church office so they can be removed.)



Thank you for serving Martha Bowman in such a special way!

Ashley Griffin 4 years
Director of Youth Ministries

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Dear Church Family,

I have been so very blessed by your notes, cards and words of love and appreciation upon my retirement as Director of Prayer Ministry, thank you! I have served in Prayer Ministry with many of you over the past 11 years. It has been my privilege to go to God's Throne of Grace in prayer with many of you. My life is richer because of my service with you in Prayer Ministry at MBMUMC. Thank you for that opportunity.



With love, prayer and joy,
Jane Canady

EMMAUS

The Martha Bowman Emmaus community is hosting the Cluster meeting on March 19. Take this opportunity to become recharged and reconnected. Bring a covered dish and wear your name tag. We'll meet in The Reef for food and fellowship starting at 6:30.

OLDER ADULT MIN.

March 16 ~ Birthday Bash
11:45 AM ~ CLC Gathering Area

March 18 ~ The Ramblers
9:00 AM ~ The Wren's Nest

For reservations, please call Carol Alford at (478) 477-1901, ext. 104.

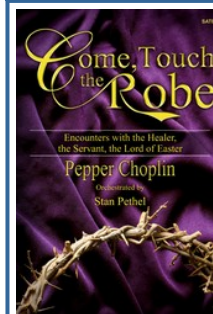
SAVE THE DATE



VBS 2010

3K - 6TH GRADE
JUNE 7-11

MUSIC NEWS



"Come, Touch the Robe"
Saturday, March 27
& Sunday, March 28
7:00 PM each evening.

Encounter the power, the majesty, the drama, and the glory! "Come, Touch the Robe" is presented each evening in the Historic Sanctuary with Choir, Orchestra, and Multi-media.
Do Not Come Alone. Invite someone who needs a Savior Encounter.



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Return Service Requested

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ATTENDANCE: February 14, 2010
Worship: 404 Sunday School: 302
8:30: 125
9:30: 103
11:00: 162
Nursery: 14

ATTENDANCE: February 21, 2010
Worship: 488 Sunday School: 366
8:30: 133
9:30: 170
11:00: 176
Nursery: 9

Feb 24	\$\$ FINANCIAL INFO \$\$	
	Month to date	YTD
Sources of Funds	80,578	203,711
Uses of Funds	<u>94,580</u>	<u>204,064</u>
Sources Over (Under) Uses	<u>(14,002)</u>	<u>(353)</u>
2010 Total Budget		<u>1,523,390</u>

⇒ Gift in memory of Doris Jean Alford, Steve Alford's mother, by Bill and Pam Pilcher.

⇒ Gifts in memory of Helen Venable, Karen Brown's and Karen Ennis' mother, by Conie Mac and Cindy Darnell; Winnie Hinton; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Register; Tom and Judy Parshall; Lou Bailey; Patrick and Shirley Topping; Doug and Sue Moody; Terrell and Joy Lynn Stanley, Sugarloaf UMC



Martha Bowman Music News:



Grades 1 – 6 Music, Music, Music!! *K&S* Choir is working on "Here We Are," a fantastic musical about all about Love, Belief, Grace, Praise, & Faith. We are ready to start assigning **solos and speaking parts!** *K&S* Choir meets Sundays from 5:00 – 5:45 PM in room 103 (Choir Room). *K&S* Choir ROCKS!

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The Chancel Choir of Martha Bowman UMC is an open, loving FAMILY and you are invited to consider being part of it. You know in your heart if God is calling you to be in choir – and the Choir is ready to receive you. AND there is still time to be part of "Come, Touch the Robe." (If Wednesday rehearsals are not convenient for you, we offer a series of alternative time Bonus Rehearsals.) See Steve Hester for more information.

Martha Bowman is purchasing an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). If you are a certified trainer in CPR and AED and would be interested in training a Martha Bowman team of Emergency Medical Responders, please contact Rhonda Dorminy at 477-1901 ext. 110 or rdorminy@marthabowman.org.
Thank you so much!

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Evening
"Who Is This Jesus?"

Has your understanding of Jesus changed/grown since you were in Children's Sunday School? Who was He really? Was He just a great prophet as Jews and Muslims think? We will be using Philip Yancey's "The Jesus I Never Knew" DVD series to help us answer these questions!

Beginning Wednesday, Mar. 10th, 6:30, in Room 212
Facilitator: Dr. John Horton
Workbooks: \$8.00

Women's Study Group - "Did God Really Say....?"
Come Join us to embrace some of the sayings of God that Challenge us to understand, follow, and love Him more intimately.

Beginning Wednesday, Mar. 10th, 6:30, in Room 216
Facilitator: Linda Horton
No workbook required

Men's Study Group - **Game Plan for LIFE**
In the 8-week study, we will take a look at Super Bowl champion and 3-time NASCAR champion Joe Gibbs recent book that shares the principles that guided him to success in every area of his life. Join us as Joe and his team of experts as they walk us through the greatest playbook for modern-day success-the BIBLE- and address 7 issues identified as the most important ones facing men today.

Beginning Wednesday, Mar. 10th, 6:30 in Room 210
Facilitator: Ed Vaughn
Book costs: \$15.00

To register, contact Kathy Griffin
(477-4188, ext. 124 or kgriffin@marthabowman.org)