



# NEWS AT THE CROSSROADS



Hope Through Jesus Christ at the Crossroads

March 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)

## Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 2, at 7:00pm

The best way to appreciate Easter is to take time and reflect on the meaning of Good Friday – the day that commemorates Jesus’ suffering and death upon a cross. A Tenebrae Service, which means “service of darkness,” tells the story of Christ’s passion through candles, readings, music, and art. We will remember the costly sacrifice Jesus paid for our salvation. This service, a blend of traditional and contemporary worship, will be held in the CLC.

## Saturday, Easter Eve Vespers, 6:30pm, at Wesleyan College

This is a family event where families are asked to come and help place luminaries for the Community Sunrise Service the next morning. The luminaries will be lighted as the sun sets, and there will be brief time of prayer. Bring your cameras!

## Community Easter Sunrise Service April 4, at 6:30 am, at Wesleyan College

**Note the corrected time!** Our own Pastor John Horton will be the preacher for this special community service which reminds us that the miracle of the empty tomb was discovered at dawn.

## Easter Morning Services

Two at 9:00am and two at 11:00am (Sanctuary and CLC)

Please bring fresh cut flowers from your yard or the store to adorn the cross in each service. The Rev. Tommy Mason, our district superintendent, will be the guest preacher at 9:00 in the sanctuary and 11:00 in the CLC. Easter is the main event, and every preacher loves to preach on that day. (Jay will preach 9:00 in the CLC and 11:00 in the sanctuary.) I am glad to have my good friend and former seminary classmate, Tommy, share with you the gospel. Since we are expecting company, we are adding a service, not having Sunday School (unless individual classes elect to meet) and changing the times of the service to help accommodate the increased number of people in our services and parking areas.

## Our Missionary, Gordon Greathouse, to be our Guest Speaker on UMW Day, April 11!

We have given financial support to our missionaries, Gordon and Teca Greathouse, for a number of years. Gordon will be here to tell about their exciting work in Brazil at our Sunday Services on April 11. The United Methodist Women, a group dedicated to strengthening the local church’s involvement in world mission, is sponsoring our services that day.

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**Save the Lost, Disciple the Saved, Alleviate Suffering**

### SUNDAY—4TH

6:30 AM Sunrise Service/Wesleyan College Lawn  
 9:00 AM \*Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM \*Worship/CLC  
 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 \*Worship/CLC  
 11:00 AM 2K-5K Sunday School/Preschool Area  
 6:30 PM Driving Force Study/Library

### MONDAY—5TH

7:00 AM 6th Grade Breakfast Club/Chick-fil-A  
 7:00 PM +Lord, Change My Attitude/Room 216  
 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 21/The Reef

### TUESDAY—6TH

9:30 AM +One In A Million/Room 142  
 9:30 AM +He Speaks to Me/Room 214  
 10:45 AM Lunch Bunch/Yoder's  
 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 St/McPhail's home

### WEDNESDAY—7TH

9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out/Nursery  
 5:30 PM The Wesley Ringers Reh./Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM Cookout/Lawn  
 6:30 PM +Who Is This Jesus?/Room 212  
 6:30 PM +Did God Really Say...?/Room 216  
 6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/CLC  
 6:45 PM Introduction to Handbells/Sanctuary  
 7:15 PM Contemporary Choir & Band Reh./CLC  
 7:45 PM Contemporary Band Rehearsal/CLC  
 8:00 PM Youth Student Leadership/Room 142

### THURSDAY—8TH

9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out/Nursery  
 1:00 PM Garden Club Meeting/Prayer Garden  
 6:30 PM Youth Worship Band Reh./Youth Room

### FRIDAY—9TH

9:00 AM +MOPS/CLC

### SATURDAY—10TH

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

### SUNDAY—11TH (UMW Sunday)

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—12TH

7:00 AM 6th Grade Breakfast Club/Chick-fil-A  
 7:00 AM Pancakes and Prayer/Youth Room  
 9:15 AM MOPS Consignment Sale Mtg./Room 142  
 2:00 PM +Living Beyond Yourself/The Gables  
 7:00 PM +Lord, Change My Attitude/Room 216  
 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 21/The Reef

### TUESDAY—13TH

9:30 AM +One In A Million/Room 142  
 9:30 AM +He Speaks to Me/Room 214  
 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting/Room 132  
 7:00 PM +A Woman After God's.../Room 216  
 8:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study/McPhail's home

### WEDNESDAY—14TH (Bible Stud/Supper Ends)

9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out/Nursery  
 5:30 PM Fellowship Supper/CLC  
 5:30 PM The Wesley Ringers Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM +Who Is This Jesus?/Room 212  
 6:30 PM +Did God Really Say...?/Room 216  
 6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/CLC  
 6:45 PM Introduction to Handbells/Sanctuary  
 7:15 PM Contemporary Choir & Band Reh./CLC  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room 103  
 7:45 PM Contemporary Band Rehearsal/CLC

### THURSDAY—15TH

9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out/Nursery  
 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting/Room 142

### FRIDAY—16TH

### SATURDAY—17TH

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

### Message from the Pulpit

April 4 - Rev. Tommy Mason (9am Sanctuary)  
 Pastor Jay Harris (9am CLC)  
 Rev. Tommy Mason (11am CLC)  
 Pastor Jay Harris (11am Sanctuary)  
 "Easter: The Difference It Makes in Your Battles"  
 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

April 11 - UMW Sunday  
 Guest Speaker: Gordon Greathouse

### Worship Service - April 4

9:00 *Worship Leader:* Charles Lewis  
 11:00 *Worship Leader:* Ann Loyd

9:00 *Ushers (Sanct):* John Rohde, Jimmie Powell, Larry DeFore

11:00 *Ushers (Sanct):* Phil Misch, David Haney, John Hiscox, Ellen Phillips, Richard Norton

9:00 *Greeters (Sanct):* Jan Satcher, Cathie Resseau, Duck Moss, Tami Gibbs

9:00 *Greeters (CLC):* Kathy Geeslin, Lynn Faulkner, Cay Kite, Chuck Kite

11:00 *Greeters (Sanct):* Bob Easter

9:00 *Int. Prayer (Sanct):* Cecil Canady, Jane Canady, Winnie Hinton

9:00 *Int. Prayer (CLC):* Skip Mounts, Mona Mounts

11:00 *Int. Prayer (Sanct):* Jimmie Powell, Paula Josey, Joyce Fossette

*Altar Guild:* Frances Van Horn, Mary Dell Gardner

*Muggers:* Rod Holmes, Cristy Holmes

### Worship Service - April 11

8:30 *Worship Leader:* Bill Pilcher

9:30 *Worship Leader:* Anthony McPhail

11:00 *Worship Leader:* Bill Pilcher

8:30 *Ushers:* Steve Alford, Duck Moss, Guy White, Donnie Davidson

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 Googe, Linda Horton

11:00 *Greeters:* Rhonda Lidstone, Jim Lidstone, Joy Crawford, Johnny Crawford

8:30 *Int. Prayer:* Diane Melvin

9:30 *Int. Prayer:* Judith DeLancey, Bryan McDowell, Sherry McDowell

11:00 *Int. Prayer:* Cay Kite, Virginia Tyndall

*Altar Guild:* Ann Holbert

*Muggers:* Stewart Brown, Kathy Brown

### MACON OUTREACH



Christian Sympathy is expressed to:

- The family of Lovick Culverhouse upon his death on March 23, in Macon.
- Walt Miller and family upon the death of his mother, Carolyn Miller, on March 22, in Gordon.
- Maureen King and family upon the death of her father, Francis Barry, March 18, in LA.
- Earle Barnette, Pam Pilcher, and families upon the death of Helen Culpepper (Earle's sister, Pam's aunt), on March 12.

## YOUTH MIN. NEWS

### FREQUENT FLYER MILES NEEDED!



The Youth Ministry is looking for people to donate their frequent flyer miles to offset the cost of our summer mission trip to Mexico. If you have miles to donate, please call Ashley Griffin at 477-4188, ext. 116.

### COME JOIN US



Please join us for a cookout on April 7th starting at 6:00 p.m. on the MBC lawn. (No Fellowship Supper)

### THANKS

Martha Bowman UMC,

Thank you so much for your support! This week we started our Mission Adventure ministry for the spring. We have about 20 youth here working with the local church and orphanage. Last night we performed the passion play for the congregation. It was really awesome! I was a 'mourner' with Mary. We are also working on building a website for our children's ministry, 'circulo andante'! And more to come...



With love,  
Elizabeth Lange

### BLOOD DRIVE

Please donate for a good cause!



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
April 19, 2010  
2:00 - 7:00 PM  
The Reef

Childcare is available by reservation only:  
477-4188, ext. 121.



### ---PRAYER CONCERNS---

#### In the Hospital:

#### Chronic Needs:

Barry Bissonette, Sherry Brady, Darlene Capista, Pat Creamer, Gail Davis, Martha Durr, Caleb Fortuna, Bonnie & George Gardiner, Dan Gates, Carolyn Gibbs, Hinton Harris, Betty Karnay, Hugh & Debbie O'Neal, Harry Rankin, Ruth Roberts, Clyde Rogers, Betty Rountree, Thomas Spohn, Kim Tyson's father, Jamie Waters

#### Circle of Concern:

Barbara Brennan, Cay Kite

#### Extended Family:

Frances Clark, Lynn Davidson, Stephanie & Tate Garrison, Helen Harvell, Faye Holley, JB James, Tom MacDonell, Gwen Milliner, Lynn Neville, Melanie Olmstead, Tammy Richardson, Debbie Scott, Layton Williams  
*(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.)*



Noble National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives & The Mentors Project invite you to:  
"Meet and Greet" Young Men on the Brink of Success who need a mentor

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**  
**The Buck Melton Center Gym**  
**150 Sessions Drive**  
**(corner of Felton & Sessions)**  
**6:30-8:00 PM**

Please bring other potential mentors  
RSVP - (478) 765-8624

## A WORTHY CAUSE

The Francis Asbury Class will be selling purple bows to raise money for Relay for Life.

**\*\*Large: \$5.00\*\***

**\*\*Small: \$3.00\*\***

Relay would like to paint Bibb County purple the week of the Relay which is April 30th.

If you would like to purchase a bow, please come by room 216 on any Sunday morning.

## NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Letters from the Land of Cancer

By: Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Given by: Naomi & Pat Creamer

## MMO

MB Summer MMO Program is now open for registration.

**Dates: June 16-July 22**

**9:00AM-1:00PM Wed & Thurs/**

**ages 6 months through just completed 5K**

Cost:

- ⇒ \$100 - 1 child 1 day per week
- ⇒ \$200 - 1 child 2 days per week
- ⇒ \$180 - 2 children 1 day per week
- ⇒ \$360 - 2 children 2 days per week

This is a one-time fee for the 6-week program PLUS registration is \$20 for first child and \$10 for second.

Contact Robin Martinez: 477-1901, ext. 130

## FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

*The final fellowship supper for this season is Wednesday, April 14th.*

## VBS



**VBS 2010**

**3K - 6TH GRADE**  
**JUNE 7-11**



Martha Bowman UMC  
 500 Bass Road  
 Macon, Georgia 31210  
 (478) 477-1901  
 (478) 471-6378 (FAX)  
 www.marthabowman.org

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization  
 U.S. Postage PAID  
 Macon, GA  
 Permit # 472

**ATTENDANCE: March 14, 2010**  
 Worship: 393 Sunday School: 396  
 8:30: 112  
 9:30: 133  
 11:00: 119  
 Nursery: 29

**ATTENDANCE: March 21, 2010**  
 Worship: 427 Sunday School: 373  
 8:30: 120  
 9:30: 125  
 11:00: 152  
 Nursery: 30

Mar. 24	\$\$ FINANCIAL INFO \$\$	Month to date	YTD
Sources of Funds	69,248		299,393
Uses of Funds	87,880		335,105
Sources Over (Under) Uses	(18,632)		(35,712)
2010 Total Budget			1,523,390

Gift given in honor of Amy Rauls' birthday to the Trustee landscaping project by Rick and Kim Lanford.

**Spring Women's Bible Studies**



**"One In A Million"** By Pricilla Shirer  
 Beginning: Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 9:30 AM in Room 142  
 Facilitators: Peggy Grimsley & Sabrina Carter  
 Workbooks: \$12.00



**"Living Beyond Yourself"**  
 Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit  
 Beginning: Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
 2:00 PM at The Gables on Forsyth  
 Workbooks: \$15.00  
 Facilitator: Jimmie Powell  
**Please register prior to April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Kathy Griffin (477-4188 ext. 124  
 or kgriffin@marthabowman.org) for reservations!

**MUSIC NEWS**

**CHANCEL CHOIR does NOT meet on April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**A SPECIAL TREAT**



**The WESLEY RINGERS will ring for Contemporary Worship on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and for Traditional Worship on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**IN THE LIBRARY**

**How Can a Good God Let Bad Things Happen?**  
 By: Mark Tabb

Throughout the ages, Christians have struggled with the question of why God allows suffering to happen. Mark Tabb uses the book of Job as a reference point to remind us that God never promised us an easy life, but that instead, "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows." (John 16:33) And God's people have the promise of inheriting eternal life in heaven with Jesus Christ. This book is not only thought-provoking, but it also provides comfort for those facing tribulations.