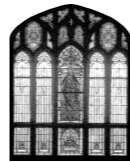


STEWARDSHIP FOR 2012

2012 budget \$517,754.00
Received January 8, 2012 Budget 6,887.00
Received to date, Budget 16,479.00
Received January 8, 2012 Bldg. 1,057.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 1,394.00

ATTENDANCE, JANUARY 8, 2012

Sunday School.....116
Early Service.....38
10:55 AM Service.....165
Total Worship.....203



THE WINDOW

of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

January 10, 2012

USHERS: Eugene Bailey Jim Helveston Michael East
Bill Atkins Bob Wyman Bubba Atkins

ACOLYTES:
COFFEE & JUICE: Men’s Bible Class

CRUCIFER:
FIRST FRIENDS: Bob & Joni Seitz

SOUND TECH: Bob Seitz
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Jason & Lucy McKellar (1/15)
Troy & Ronita Grindol (1/22)

LAY READER:

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital
Joe Stephens - NMMC, Tupelo
Liz Cook - CCMC

At Home
Merlaine Nichols Maggie King Grace Cliett
Ora Trenor Carolyn Cooper Dr. Robert Lott
Mary Lester Jeanette Pyle Mike Meeks
Thomas Hodo Walter Nichols Maxine Hinshaw
Laverne Fowler Mary Murphy Kathryn Provencher

Waverly Care Home **Dugan** **WP Living Center**
Charlotte Young Dinks Thornton Barbara LeBlanc
Dot Bandy

Deployed Military
Sgt. Robert (Bob) Harrell
288 Eng. Company
Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan
APO/AE 09380

The 10:55 Worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM.

First United Methodist Church *Dated Material*
P. O. Box 293 *January 10, 2012*
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2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 15, 2012
8:45 & 10:55 AM
Romans 8:18-25
“Hope for a Creation in Travail”
ANTHEM
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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As we endeavor to have a good start for the year, I want to thank everyone who has participated in our ministries,. Allison Trolio and helpers had 24 children on the first children’s Wednesday; our parenting study had 10 parents present. Over 40 people have already indicated they will attend our first supper on January 18th – and that’s just a start. A few more people have come to Sunday school to begin the year. We’re glad for our youth getting started under Jacob’s leadership. The music ministries of the church are strong, as always.

Let’s turn to this Sunday: There is an old Scottish proverb that says, “The Devil’s boots don’t creak.” Let that sink in You got it? In case you don’t, here is what it means - Satan, indeed evil in any form, doesn’t advertise itself. You don’t know it is upon you.

Banish from your mind the image of the devil as a red-dressed, grimacing pitch fork wielding angel of darkness. Try instead a handsome, smiling personage dressed in an expensive suit. The point being, you cannot see evil on the outside very often or clearly. It’s even harder to see it in ourselves.

This Sunday my message will speak to some of the different guises of evil and brokenness. It is a hard subject, and admittedly depressing in some ways. However, without more clarity in our lives about the powers of evil we more easily succumb to it. I’m not in the least hinting that one short message “straightens it out.” But there are things we need to understand here, and thankfully, a word of great hope about God’s triumph.

Jeff Shannon

CONSECRATION OF NEW OFFICERS

On Sunday, January 22nd during the 10:55 AM service we will consecrate our new church officers for 2012. If you are an officer, committee chairman or administrative council member, please make plans to attend.

SYMPATHY...We extend sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Carothers who passed away on Monday, January 9th. Visitation will be Thursday, January 12, at 10:00 AM and the service will be at 11:00 AM at First United Methodist Church.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2012 Contribution envelopes are still at the printers and have not been shipped yet. Hopefully we will receive them in two weeks. Please just earmark your check operating or building fund and place your check in offering plate. Sorry for the inconvenience.

What's Happening at FUMC

ANGELS IN APRONS

January 2 - January 15- Mary Jo Hill and Sherrill Weems

January 16 - January 29 - Holly Hitt and Penny Pearson

PARENTING PROGRAM

January 8th thru 22nd - 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

For parents, grandparents and anyone else, we will have a video/discussion program on January 8th, 15th and 22nd (and possibly the 29th) using material from John Rosemond. Children's Choir will also meet at the same time as this group, 4:30 -5:30 PM.

Children's Council

Wednesday, January 11th 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Parents of children up to 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Upcoming plans will be made for the spring. Debbie Hinshaw is the coordinator for Children's Council.

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, January 11th

6:30 PM - Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, January 18th

5:30 to 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

Menu costs is : under age 2 - no charge, Ages 2-12 \$3; ages 13 and up \$14 (\$25 maximum per family). Serving time is anywhere between 5:30 and 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu for January 18th is: Smoked chicken, green beans, peas, mac & cheese, bread, tea and dessert. Please call the church office by Monday, January 16th at noon to sign up.

UPCOMING PRECEPT CLASS

Anita Lee will be teaching the Kings and Prophets series beginning Wednesday, January 18th at 9:00 AM. This first course will focus on Solomon's reign and the building of God's magnificent temple. Classes will be held at First Baptist Church. The

cost is \$25.00. Please call Melissa Henry at 494-4213 to order a book.

District Leadership Training

Saturday, January 14, 2012

10:00-3:00 Starkville FUMC

Workshops will be held for Trustees, PPRC, Finance, Vital congregations, Conflict transformation and Safe Sanctuaries. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

- Thanks to **Chris Jester, Julie Gray and Deborah Smith** for making chili/soup for the Children's activities, **Heather Blaylock, Susan Hallmark and Tiffany East** for helping with activities. Thanks to **Allison Trolio** for chairing this month and to all the children who participated.



JUDY'S JUBILATIONS

Sunday was a good day! Our Chancel Choir was in good attendance again and if you were in worship, I'm sure you noticed that we have a new choir member! Our newest member is Jim Helveston and we are all so happy to have him. Jim seems to have adjusted to the choir quickly and guys in the bass section love having him. Welcome, Jim! As we welcome Jim, we have also, with mixed emotions, said our farewells to Carlisle and Beverly Campbell. They have been actively involved in our music ministries since the 1970s and gave of themselves tremendously during those years. After much thought and prayer, they decided it was time to go on a permanent sabbatical! Bev and Carlisle will be greatly missed!

Now.....back to the Chancel Choir.....their anthem was wondrously received this past Sunday. Thank you, congregation! The anthem was from their cantata and is titled "Tell It On the Mountain." Oh me.....we receive much enjoyment while singing this anthem. It's just FUN and it also has a grand message!

Our anthem this Sunday will be "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," a beautiful and majestic arrangement of a hymn we know and love.

The Bell Choir is scheduled to practice this Wednesday in the bell room beginning at 5:45 PM.

The Singspirations Choir will meet next Tuesday, January 17, at 9:30 am in the choir room. Members are encouraged to be present AND to bring a friend.

The Joyful Jammin' Children's Choir resumed its rehearsals Sunday and welcomed three new members! These children, John Christian, Abigail and Ainsley Landrum, are the grandchildren of Deborah and Lyman Smith. We are so tickled to have them and look forward to getting to know them and singing with them. What delights they are! All children in pre-K to 6th grade are invited to come be a part of our children's choir on Sunday afternoons in the choir suite from 4:30-5:30.

WALK AEROBICS!!! We have such a good time exercising with our sisters in Christ on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and would love to share this fun time with others who would like to come. We exercise on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:45, on Thursdays from 2:30 - 3:45, and on Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45. Each of these days will allow you to do free weights, necessary stretching, walk aerobics, abdominal work, as well as warm ups and cool downs. It's doable and enjoyable and we would love to have you! Call me at 494-2198 or come by my office if you'd like to visit or join.



Hello again! Again I just want to thank everyone here at the church for such a warm welcome that ya'll have provided. It is such a good feeling to be a part of such an inviting church. I am surely blessed to be a part of this. So again thank you. Now for some more important news. **Disciple NOW 2012** is coming up. It will be the weekend of February 24-26. If you want to attend I need to know by February 12th. That's the last day anyone can sign up for it. There will be a sign up in the Bryan Youth Center for any youth that wants to sign up for it. Also, we will need some places for the

youth to stay so if you would like to host a couple of awesome teenagers at your house, please contact me as soon as you can. We will need a couple of places. Also, if you want to help in anyway possible, contact me as well.

YOUTH t-shirts are in. If you ordered one and have not picked it up, please come by the Bryan Youth Center.

Again, thank you for all being such accepting and wonderful people. I am super excited to be here.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 11 - January 17

Wed.	5:30 PM	Children's Council
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir
	6:00 PM	UMYF
	6:30 PM	Prayer Service
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	2:30 PM	Walk Aerobics
Fri.	9:30 AM	Walk Aerobics
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:55 AM	Worship Service
	4:30 PM	Parenting Seminar
	4:30 PM	Joyful Jammin' Choir
	6:00 PM	UMYF
Mon.	4:00 PM	Methodist Purls
	7:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle, Wilma Hinshaw, hostess
Tues.	9:30 AM	Singspirations
	1:30 PM	Walk Aerobics

Come Ride with Us to Church...

Our Transportation Ministry Needs Riders!!! Call if you need a ride!

- 2011 Transportation Monthly Schedule -

(1st Sunday) Jim Helveston - 662.494.2047

(2nd Sunday) Carl Miller - 662.494.6773

(3rd Sunday) Trolio Family - 662.574.5959

(4th Sunday) Nina Millard - 662.494.7763

(5th Sunday) Brasfield Family - 662.494.1371