

**Vital Signs**

2010 Budgeted Giving	\$280,860.15
Weekly Requirement	\$5,401.16
Collected Week 8	\$3,523.02
Collected YTD (8wks)	\$41,336.30
Weekly Average	\$5,167.04
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$43,209.28
Over/(under) Budget YTD	\$(1,872.98)
Cash Balance on 2/21/10	\$35,387.05
Building Loan Bal.	\$1,528,757.81

Worship Attendance Feb. 21st:  
 9:00 Service - 103  
 11:00 Service - 80

**Pot Luck Meal  
 Wed., March 3rd  
 5:00 pm**

**No Reservations Required  
 Just Bring a Dish to Share!**

**Church Information**

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**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY: 2/28/10**

- Contemporary Service.....9:00 AM
- Sunday School .....10:00 AM
- Traditional Service.....11:00 AM
- Senior High Small Group.....5:00 PM
- Disciple I.....5:00 PM
- Disciple II.....5:30 PM

**MONDAY: 3/1/10**

- Girl Scouts .....6:30 PM
- Boy Scouts .....7:00 PM

**TUESDAY: 3/2/10**

- Lenten Study .....1:00 PM
- Church Council Meeting.....6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY: 3/3/10**

- Mary Martha Circle .....10:00 AM
- Ladies' Crafts.....11:30 AM
- Pot Luck Meal.....5:00 PM
- Teen MOPS.....5:00 PM
- Little Angels .....6:00 PM
- KFC .....6:00 PM
- Ladies' Crafts.....6:00 PM
- Choir.....6:00 PM
- Disciple I.....6:00 PM
- Lenten Study .....6:45 PM
- Band .....7:00 PM

**THURSDAY: 3/4/10**

- Girl Scouts .....6:00 PM
- Disciple IV .....6:00 PM

**SATURDAY: 3/6/10**

Men's Club Boston Butt Sale.. Pick up from 1:00 -3:30 PM

**SUNDAY: 3/7/10**

- Girl Scout Sunday**
- Men's Breakfast.....7:30 AM
  - Contemporary Service.....9:00 AM
  - Sunday School .....10:00 AM
  - Traditional Service.....11:00 AM
  - Disciple I.....5:00 PM
  - Disciple II.....5:30 PM

The Weekly Connection - February 28, 2010



**Service**

to God is one of the spiritual disciplines that draws us closer to God. Service can take a variety of forms. It is generally best if we serve using the gifts God has placed in our lives through the Holy Spirit. Just as the Apostle Paul pointed out in 1 Corinthians 12, we have all been given different gifts, and we are called to use them to build up the body of Christ and to give witness and testimony to his love in the world.

One form of service is speaking, teaching and preaching God's Word. In the United Methodist Church, we have ordained and licensed pastors who preach God's Word, and we also have lay speakers who preach and teach God's Word. What is a lay speaker? "A Lay Speaker is an active supportive member of a United Methodist Church; eager to serve through the church; well informed on Scripture, doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church; committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care giving ministries, and spoken communication; and willing to improve his/her skills for service." (northalabamaumc.org) We have several lay speakers at Ford's Chapel, and I am delighted that one of them, Mike Banks, is bringing the message this Sunday. If you think that you might be interested in lay speaking, talk with Mike, or with Perry Law, Mari Allen, Patti Peusch, or Russ Peusch. Tim Williams will soon begin his training for lay speaking, as well.

Regardless of our gifts, or our avenues for service, serving God and serving God's people draws us closer to God. It is said that the Sisters of Charity (Mother Teresa's order) will often announce the arrival of a person in need by saying, "Jesus is here," or "Jesus is coming." When we can see Jesus in the eyes of another person as we serve them, we find that we experience God's presence in that moment. Then the work of service becomes worship, as we worship God with our voices, our hands, and our feet. Whether that is through collecting and distributing food, clothing or other material needs; or through bringing healing ministries to a person who is sick; or through comforting those in distress; or through singing, preaching and leading worship; or through teaching the scriptures and our faith; or through encouraging others in their faith; we worship God and re-present our best interpretation of God's Word through our words and actions.

Where might be God calling you to serve this week? How might your service interpret God's promises to others?

Grace and peace,  
*Dorothy Ann*

## Men's Club Annual Boston Butt Sale

The Men's Club annual Boston Butt Sale will be held this year on March 6th. Pick up will be from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. To buy one of these scrumptious 5-8 lb roasts, contact Jack Wolfe at 721-9285 or [jackorlisa@knology.net](mailto:jackorlisa@knology.net) or contact any member of the FCUMC Men's Club. All roasts are presold (\$30), so buy your ticket **TODAY**. Deadline for tickets is Sunday, Feb. 28th.

## ANGEL FOOD NEWS

The Angel Food program at Ford's Chapel is pleased to announce that you can now place your order online! Simply go to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) and choose Ford's Chapel as the host site. You will be directed to an order form where you can make your selection and then provide credit or debit card information for payment through a secure network. Of course, orders will still be accepted via mail, or may be dropped off directly at the church office. If you are new to Angel Food, or have not ordered in a while, you will be amazed at the variety of choices now available. Everything from grill items to seafood to allergen-free products are offered and are an exceptional value. The fresh fruit and veggie box has become a customer favorite! If you have any questions, feel free to call Diane McClure (701-6525).

## ART SUPPLIES FOR LENT (children's donation drive)

This year, the Children's Ministries will be raising money to purchase art supplies for the Harvest Boys and Girls Club! Starting Sunday, March 7 we will be selling baked goods in between the 9 and 11 a.m. services in the FLC. The drive will run through Sunday, March 21. If you'd like to donate art supplies, we can take those too! Thank you for helping teach our children how to give to others. Please contact Kristin Hinote or Tammy Sledge with any questions.

## Rummage Sale coming SOON!

The Rummage Sale will be March 18, 6pm to 8 pm, (\$2.00 admission) March 19 and 20, 7 am to 2 pm.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the rummage sale including men, women and children. All proceeds benefit the General Fund of the Church.

## Bibles, Bibles, Bibles



If you have unused Bibles, please consider donating them to the Rummage Sale.

They will be offered, at no cost, to anyone who attends the Rummage Sale that does not have a Bible.

## LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Dorothy Ann is leading a Lenten Study on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. The Tuesday study is meeting in the choir room, and the Wednesday group is meeting in the SonShine classroom. The title of the study is "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. Student books are available for \$8.50 each, but you are not required to purchase a book in order to participate.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED

There will be a Church Council meeting held Tuesday, March 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. At the meeting, we will review budget execution to date and hear updates on several church activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Wolfe at 721-9285.

## HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

On March 19-21, 2010, Dr. John Simmons, MD will lead a session on spirituality and healing for people who have terminal or chronic illness and their families. The retreat will be at Camp Sumatanga. Space is limited to 40 participants. Cost is \$150 for double occupancy room and event fee OR \$200 for single occupancy room and event fee. More information is available on the calendar of events bulletin board in the hall outside the Family Life Center.

## New Upper Rooms Available

The March/April issue of the Upper Room is now available on the information table in the foyer, the table in the hallway outside the FLC and on the table outside the Church Office. A donation cup has been placed near the magazines if you would like to help defray the cost to the church.

## Mission Trip Opportunity

Kay Twilley, former missionary to Bolivia, is leading a team from Vestavia Hills UMC to Bolivia this summer. There are openings on that team, and Kay is asking for those interested to contact her. The inclusive dates are July 9-22, 2010. A \$100.00 deposit is due by March 1st with a full refund if canceled by April 1st. The total cost of the trip is \$2144. More information is available on the calendar of events bulletin board. Please contact Kay Twilley at [ktwill2@yahoo.com](mailto:ktwill2@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Pastor Dorothy Ann will be starting a confirmation class soon for any youth (6th grade and up) who have not yet been confirmed. Date and time will be determined by availability of participants. Please let her know if you (or your child) are interested.