



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Family of Clinton Rabb
 Family of Jean Arnwine
 Bob Oltman
 James Culp (Terryl Brater's father)
 Haiti Earthquake victims
 UMCOR Disaster Relief

Continued Prayers for Members

Donna Cottle	Kelsey Hall
Janet Skauge	Lucille Pemberton
Judy Rudoff	Bob Grove
Sally Grove	Nita Clark
Clifton Julian	Janet Sullivan
Fred Tarpley	Mildred Davis
Geneva Teel	Gavin Rodden
Gene McKenzie	Helen Dickson
Peggy Fox	Jean Ward
Robert Seay	Gary Kibler

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Chance Thornton	Tucker Levi Hamilton
Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)	Zelda Fisher
Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)	Billy Orum
Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)	Betty Bryant
Wayne Billups (Hayley Jobe's father)	Mary Helen Sloan
L. A. Sims (Ruth Ann White's friend)	
Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)	
Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)	
Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)	
Kenneth Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's uncle)	
Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)	
Grace Swindell (Caitie, Scott, Sam and Anna Wells' grandmother)	
Mary Woodley (Ruth Ann White's mother-in-law & Anna Knutson's Grandmother)	

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



Remembering those serving in our military.

Our Troops and their families
 Robert Starkey (headed to Haiti to help)-Wanda Beane's brother
 Travis Miller (in *Afghanistan*)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
 Aaron K. Brister-son of Eddie and Roberta Brister
 Alex Dech (in *Afghanistan*)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
 Chris Hall-Kelsey Hall's brother
 1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-Wanda Robnett's grandson
 Nathan Grove
 David Wheat- Edna O'Quinn's nephew
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
 Maj. Richard Bailey
 Lt. Col. Peter Bailey
 Lt. Col. Keith Williams
 Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Brian Richards- nephew of Judy Rudoff
 Derik Johnson
 Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
 Terry Starkey - brother of Wanda Beane
 Lt. Dan Barton
 Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed
 Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson
 Garrett Johnson

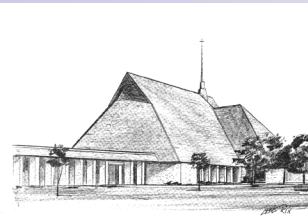


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Sharing The Love
Student Sunday- February 7



GREAT WORSHIP ✠ FELLOWSHIP MEAL ✠ OVERFLOWING LOVE

Share the Love Student Sunday is a way to spread the love of Christ by opening our hearts, minds and doors to the various student organizations who will participate.

This event was previously announced as the WCM's annual FUN-Raiser, but through the generosity of WCM Board members, we have decided to make this a great free church-wide fellowship event.

We are asking everyone to participate in this special day. We will have student participation throughout morning worship, a great fellowship meal, immediately following, and prizes to be given away.

ALL are encouraged to support the WCM!

The Bridge IS HERE!



We have officially started the 3rd service of First United Methodist Church-Commerce. With much prayer and anticipation, the time has finally arrived for our non-traditional worship experience!

We appreciate all the prayers and support, but the work of reaching "beyond our walls" continues. We extend an opportunity for ALL to join us Sunday evenings and experience Worship in a NEW, DIFFERENT WAY! Dinner begins @ 6:30 and Worship @ 7.

Come Casual, Come Ready, JUST COME to experience The Bridge!

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Dear Church Family,

We have all watched with horror as the events have unfolded in Haiti. Whole buildings flattened, debris and dust, and bodies... the bodies. It's gruesome and gut wrenching and so terribly, terribly sad.

And then we got the news we had lost one of our extended family, Rev. Clinton Rabb, Robert's brother and Mary Beth Tuck's nephew. A United Methodist pastor and head of the Volunteers in Mission (VIM) program for the whole United Methodist Church, the loss is personal to so many (including us), but it is also a loss to the work of God on this earth!

Clint was what we call, "One of the Good Guys!" He worked for what can arguably be one of the most bureaucratic, red-tape-filled organizations in the world: the general church. The General Board of Global Ministries oversees the work of every mission on the globe—no small task. And incredible life-changing ministries are accomplished.

Lives are transformed because of people like Clinton Rabb. He was not one to sit behind his desk. He was always on the ground seeing what the needs were and then making connections to make a difference.

When he realized that the war-ravaged, volatile nation of Colombia was in dire need for basics like water as well as deep spiritual healing AND that they had been largely overlooked by outsiders because of the fear of lingering violence, Clint gathered a team to go. Robert Rabb and Dana Coker were on that first team. Thanks to Clinton's initiative, and Robert & Tina's ongoing commitment to be the VIM coordinators for Colombia, there are now teams working to improve the conditions in that desperate place.

Clinton was in Haiti with several others looking at ways to strengthen the medical missions that do so much good in that struggling country.

In the face of such loss, I can't help but wonder what possible good can come out of this devastation. God promises streams in the desert, a way out of no way. Paul reminds us that "all things come together for good," so I'm looking for the good. I'm not sure I can find it.

Don't get me wrong, I see God everywhere... in the people coming together to help, in the singing of praises right there in the midst of the rubble, in rescue workers and people all over the world donating time and money... I see the presence of God.

So, then I think maybe it *seems* like there's very little good to be gained from this horrific tragedy, but I know one "Good Guy" who would be praying that more attention be given to the dire situation in Haiti—not just the earthquake recovery, but every day conditions. Perhaps, if nothing else, we as a world might be reminded that we are indeed our neighbor's keeper.

"Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11

By the grace of God, may it be so!

See you in church Sunday,



Worship

January 24, 2010

Rev. Lisa Greenwood will continue the sermon series "Fill 'er Up!"

Please join us!

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Community/Family Faith Sunday School Class Bible Study Update

The Community/Family Faith Sunday School classes have finished their journey THROUGH THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR! We took a look through the year at the Old Testament stories we learned as children and marveled at the beauty of the language of the Psalms and the wise and often straight forward advise of Proverbs. The teachings of Jesus in the Gospels gave us much to discuss and aspire to. We read the letters to the early churches and felt the call to evaluate our own Christian lives. We did it...but now it is on to another study (this time with a little less reading please)!

This Sunday, January 24th, we will again join together to begin a study of the DETECTIVE STORIES from the BIBLE. This series will allow us to look at the many mysteries of the Bible. We'll talk about the mystery surrounding Job and his suffering; the mystery of God's perfect timing, and the best mystery of all—God's love for humankind.

If you have been looking for a small group Bible study, we invite you to join us this Sunday morning as we share, learn, and fellowship. We meet at 9:45 (or we really try to) in the Family Faith classroom. Come and help us as we attempt to understand the mysteries of our faith!

Members of the Community Class and the Family Faith Class

Sisters Too Bible Study is starting back up...

Sisters Too Bible Study starts up Monday, January 25 at Jane Langford's home (2014 Creekview Drive) at 12:00pm.



This is a small group Bible study for Mom's who have young children. We will be using the book, "Women of the Bible", which focuses on the lives of 52 prominent and not-so-prominent women in Scripture. Cost of the book is \$12.

Whether you work inside the home or outside, bring your lunch and come join us as we share life, learning and laughter. Call Jane at 903-886-8334 to register and for more info.

Coming in the next issue...

- Haiti Relief Update
- Health Kit Information
- Serve Team Update
- Lenten Opportunities

Reading the Bible Daily

As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are: What does this text say about who God is?"



"What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Jan 24	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Monday, Jan 25	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Tuesday, Jan 26	Psalms 71:1-6
Wednesday, Jan 27	Psalms 71:1-6
Thursday, Jan 28	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Friday, Jan 29	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Saturday, Jan 30	Luke 4:21-30
Sunday, Jan 31	Luke 4:21-30
Monday, Feb 1	Isaiah 6:1-13
Tuesday, Feb 2	Isaiah 6:1-13
Wednesday, Feb 3	Psalms 138
Thursday, Feb 4	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Friday, Feb 5	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Saturday, Feb 6	Luke 5:1-11