

A Community of Believers Seeking to
Transform Lives
through Jesus Christ

First United
Methodist Church

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APRIL 27TH, 2011



Sunday, May 1st
Morning Watch 8:30a

*Witness to the Resurrection: from
Pell City to Belarus*

Chapel in the Pines 8:30a

Dr. Lindy Martin

Sunday School 9:15a

Sanctuary Worship 10:30a

Witness to the Resurrection: from Pell City to Belarus

Wide-Open Worship 10:30a

Rev. Nathan Carden

Proof of the Resurrection: Christian Hope

Sunday, May 8th

Morning Watch 8:30a

Lee James

Chapel in the Pines

Rev. Michael Barber

Sunday School 9:15a

Sanctuary Worship 10:30a

Rev. Sam Huffstutler

Witness to the Resurrection: Thomas the Twin

Wide-Open Worship 10:30a

Rev. Nathan Carden

*Proof of the Resurrection: God's Justice
as Forgiveness*

Coming May 22nd

"United" Worship

Confirmation Sunday

1 Service at 10:30am in the Beacon



Relay for Life

**Postponed until
May 20th**

Pell City Relay for Life 2011 will be April 29th at 6 pm in the Pell City High School Pete Rich Stadium. The Survivors' Reception will begin at 4 pm in the High School Lunchroom. This year First United Methodist has combined into one Team. Our Team enlists your support, your Sunday School Class support, and the support of other groups within the church to help with fundraising activities. Many of our church families have been touched by cancer over the years. Great progress has been made in early detection and treatment. Your Relay dollars support the work of the American Cancer Society in 4 key areas: Research, Education, Advocacy, and Service. Join us in support of the 2011 Pell City Relay for Life with your support—financially, fundraising, and attendance at Relay. For information please contact: **Chance Perdue-338-3374; Deb Aldridge-884-5153; Kathie Eubanks-884-4710; or Charles Smith 525-5350.**

Donation checks should be made to the American Cancer Society. All donations are tax deductible.

Luminary forms are available in the church office or from any of the above Team Leaders. They are \$5.00 each and count toward team totals. They may be turned in to the church office or given to any of the above. They are used for the lighting ceremony at Relay.

—Thanks, Your Team Leaders

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

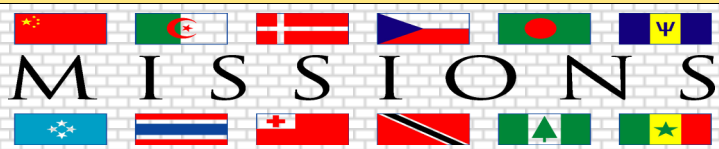
The Holy Week Team has done it again! Led by Kaye Cloud and Judy Hicks, our church served the community last week in many different ways. Services were scheduled, food was organized, altars were prepared and worship happened! Between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, our church hosted 14 worship services with a combined attendance of **2,408!!** We averaged **205** each day of Holy Week and **830** on Easter Sunday. It could not happen without our many dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly. *Thank you all for your service, your hospitality and your dedication to this church and our community.*

Words of wisdom from Ms. Annie. . .

A couple of years ago, I found these words in a Daily Devotional: "Life is not about the hail and storms, Life is about learning to dance in the rain." Your gifts to our team's part of the Relay for Life last year gave cancer research a big gift. It is research that is finding answers to cancer — and our Relay is to be on April 29th. The last six months brought life to two young men for whom there seemed no answers.

Research is the key!

I thank you with a grateful heart. For those of us "learning to dance" in the rain called cancer, you give us polka dot umbrellas and music. Thank you!—Ann Self



Belarus Mission Team Report

Pell City FUMC has been involved in mission to Belarus since 1998. In March, six of our members travelled to Belarus as part of a multi-church mission team. The primary focus of ministry is the Schola Internat orphanage in Bobruisk, home to 110 children grades 1 through 9. Judy and Kelly Hicks, along with Julianne Parris, offered Bible School to the younger children in the orphanage. Janet Alexander led music for the Bible School. Laura Hicks and our former pastor Carrie Kramer led a daily program for the older kids in the orphanage. Charles Alexander talked with each of the children and prayed with them. Eric Hicks provided eye examinations for the children. We also purchased supplies for the orphanage and gifts for each child, and left money to make repairs to the orphanage and to provide for the needs of the children through the coming year.

In addition, we were in two other orphanages – a baby orphanage in Bobruisk and a girls’ orphanage in Mogilev. We continued our relationship with three different churches in Belarus – including the Methodist church in Lida which our congregation helps support.

You were there with us, through your prayers, your gifts, and your letters to the children you sponsor!

On Sunday, May 1, the Belarus mission team will be leading worship at the 8:30 Morning Watch service and 10:30 Sanctuary Service. Join us as we shares stories of ministry experiences in Belarus.

One Day Mission Opportunity

On Saturday, May 7, we will be painting at the ARC of St. Clair. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am and will paint until finished! If you can’t make it in the morning, please join us in the afternoon.

Cheaha District Conference

Our church will host the District quarterly

Conference on **May 1st**, beginning at **4:30 pm in the Beacon**. The

District Quarterly Conference in 2011 will center around the theme, *“Empowering a New Generation of Leaders,”* supported by Psalm 145:4, *“One generation shall praise your works to another.”* The children in the District, ages 6-12, will perform a song written by the music director of Glenn Addie Church, Nathan Holcomb.

Everyone is invited!



Chapel in the Pines

May Schedule

May 1-Dr. Lindy Martin May 8-Rev. Michael Barber
 May 15-Rev. Dale Foote May 22 Dr. Tom Bell
 May 29 Rev. Benny Cosper

Holy Land 2012

Jerusalem • Bethlehem •
 Galilee • Nazareth • Megiddo
 Capernaum • River Jordan



When Christians return from a trip to Israel, invariably the single most heard expression is, “I’ll never be the same...” There’s just something about sailing on the Sea of Galilee, walking the streets of Jerusalem, and viewing the empty tomb . . . that creates a deep change in one’s heart and spirit. Israel is the land of the Bible and the cradle of Christianity where it all began – the place where you can touch the past

and be inspired for the future. When you visit Israel, God's Word becomes clearer, your faith becomes deeper, and your passion for Christ becomes stronger. Once you visit Israel, you'll never be the same again! I've personally made two trips to Israel. I have spent a total of 35 days walking where Jesus walked, and discovered that Israel is the one place in the world where every direction you look and every step you take, you find beauty, reveal meaning and connect with your spiritual roots. I want you to consider making a journey to the Holy Land with Ginger and I next **March 2012**. We leave for a 10 day trip on March 6th. Walk the Kidron Valley, stand on top of the Mount of Olives and in the Upper Room. Walk the Via Dolorosa, “the way of the Cross,” and stand in reverence at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Jesus’ crucifixion and burial. This is a journey of a lifetime and I want you to join us.

For more information, contact me or the church office.

—Sam



Greetings from the youth! We've been quite busy lately and I wanted to catch everyone up on what's happening. On April 10 a group of us went to BSC and helped package emergency meals for earthquake victims in Haiti. On April 16 we headed over to ARC of St. Clair and did painting and some carpentry (we're going back next month, too). On April 23 we participated in the Easter meal project and helped deliver meals to the home bound, and this Friday we'll be pitching in at Relay for Life. Whew! Over the last month, our youth have touched the lives of approximately 700 people in hands-on service, and we're just getting started! We're excited about our mission trip this summer, where we'll spend a week in Atlanta serving the homeless every day. The youth of this church are truly getting out there and following the example of Jesus in solidarity with and service to the least of these, and I couldn't prouder or more excited for them.

Also, congrats to our high school seniors! **Graduation Sunday** is coming up (**May 15**) and we will be recognizing our seniors in both the Sanctuary and Wide Open services.

—Peace, Chance

Ageless Wonders

Calling all adults who have a heart for mission...

On May 4 we will go to the UMCOR warehouse in Decatur to lend a hand. Our task has not been determined but we will organize, pack, etc. with the guidance of people who deal with disasters every day. Earthquakes, tornadoes, and floods have been in the news lately. Can you help those in need? We will leave the church around 8:00 am and return in the afternoon. **Please call the church office or Anne Simmons (525-4513) to sign up for this event.**

Calling all adults who seek to grow in their walk with Christ...

The Wisdom and Grace Festival at Lake Junaluska, NC is scheduled for August 8-11, 2011. Wouldn't you like to go to the mountains and escape the Alabama heat and humidity while enjoying programs that enrich your Christian life? Make plans to attend the Ageless Wonders program on Wednesday, May 11 in the Verona Perry Classroom @ 10:00 to learn more about this opportunity. Sandra Gearhardt has been working with this group for years and will tell us what to expect. She will be able to answer questions that you may have. You will also be treated to a program of Broadway hits sung by Nancy Meyer. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Questions? **call Anne Simmons, or contact the church office.**

OUR KNOWN PRAYER CONCERNS

Ray Miller, Dale Herring, Ann Bobo, Melvin Jackson, Myrt Pfannkuche, Charlotte Eubanks, Sara Guinn, Liz Bivin, Dot Eden, Diane Davis, Katie Lincoln, June Slimp, Joanne Herold, Beatrice Dobbs, Buddy Spradley, David Slimp, Joyce Rogers, Christy Bowman, Jane Hays, June Helton, Marcelle Bell, Wanda & Hugh Harkins, Curtis Capps, Preston Thompson, Jim Broadwater, Ray Cooper, Jim Dargan, Jewell Burns, Ronnie Ensley, Joan Phillips, Mitchell McEver, Rosemary Carter, Judy Shute, Gary Evans, Jimmy Isbell, Ray Cooper, Dick Whatley, Sonny Thompson, T. J. Cook, Martha Davis, Jessica Martin, Renee Palmer, Beth DeLage, Samuel Rankin, Helen Garrett, Audie Tollison, Dana Grammer, Betty Hughes, Randine Johnson, Jean Quick, Jean Lawrence, Joe Yates, Scott Elliott, Margaret Atkinson, Kathie Eubanks, Chuck Carter, Jason Martin, Ben Hestley, Ann Self, Louise Meehan, Bob Stewart, Sug Martin, Kitty Adams, Varona Perry, Alice Reid, Edna Aldridge, Judy Carleton, and Charlene DeShazer

We're off to see the Wizard!

Pell City High School's production of **THE WIZARD OF OZ** will open April 28th and run thru May 8th. With a cast of over fifty talented high school students in this year's spring musical, get ready for another PCHS production that will leave you amazed at the caliber of talent our students have. This musical production will be filled with the songs you love and new production numbers with tons of special effects (The Wizard's Chamber, Soaring Witches, FLYING MONKEYS and MORE!).

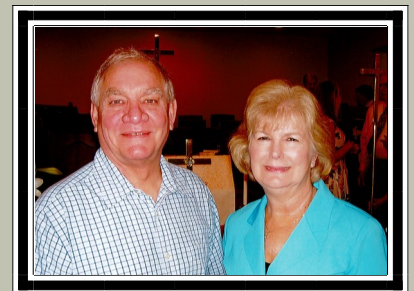
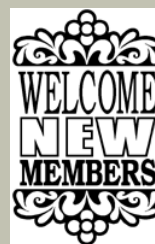
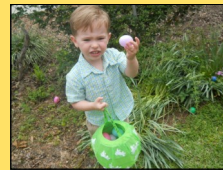
Ticket Prices \$12 Adult \$10 Student/Senior \$8 Child 12 & Under
Dates: 4/28-30—7 pm; 5/1—2 pm; 5/6-7—7pm; 5/8—2pm



The 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School class went on a mission trip to Glen Addie Mission in Anniston, Alabama on April 10th. We helped feed the poor by serving them

breakfast. The people we served appreciated it and it made us feel very fortunate. —by Claire Alexander

The children were all smiles at FUMC's Egg Hunt on Saturday. Along with finding eggs, they enjoyed a visit and goodie bag from the Easter Bunny, cool crafts and a hot dog lunch! A **very special thank you** to the Children's Council for sponsoring this event and to Judy Hicks for making sure the Easter Bunny arrived on time. Also a huge THANK YOU to our 5th and 6th grade class and Stephanie Sawyer for hiding the eggs for our younger friends to enjoy. You did an awesome job! And a special thank you to the Carden's and Huffstutler's for the use of their yards for hiding eggs!



Randy and Mary Ellis



**Scott and Katie Exum
Baby McKenzie was
baptized on Sunday,
April 24th**

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH

1:00p Christian Outreach-*Conference Room*
 6:00p Gateway Group-*New Covenant Class*
 6:00p District Meeting-*Conference Room*
 8:00p Men's Group-*Summit*

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*
 5:30p Relay for Life-*PCHC Stadium*

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH

6:30a Gideon's-*Fellowship Hall*
 8:00a Community Art Class-*Garner Rm.*
 6:00p Band Banquet-*Beacon*

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

8:30a Chapel in the Pines
 8:30a Morning Watch-*Sanctuary*
 9:15a-Sunday School
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-*Beacon*
 11:30a Confirmation Class-*Conf. Room*
 4:30p District Conference-*Beacon*

MONDAY, MAY 2ND

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*
 10:00a Christian Outreach Quilters
 12:30a Staff Meeting-*Conference Rm.*
 5:00p Weight Watchers
 6:30p Men's Emmaus Group-*Serendipity Class*

TUESDAY, MAY 3RD

6:30a Men's Bible Study-*Conference Room*
 10:30a Women's Bible Study-*Conf. Rm.*
 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-*Beacon*
 5:30p Missions Meeting-*Library*
 6:30p Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*
 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-*Seeker's Class*
 11:30a Gleaner's Circle-*Fellowship Hall*
 5:30p Fellowship Supper-*Beacon*
 5:30p Youth Meal/Worship
 7:00p Choir Practice-*Sanctuary*
 7:30p Wide Open Praise Band

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

10:00a Day Care Chapel-*Sanctuary*
 10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry-*Fellowship Hall*
 6:00p Gateway Group-*New Covenant Class*
 8:00p Men's Group-*Summit*

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

6:30a Gideon's-*Fellowship Hall*
 8:00a One Day Mission -*Meet at church*
 8:00a Community Art Class-*Beacon*

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

8:30a Chapel in the Pines
 8:30a Morning Watch-*Sanctuary*
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-*Beacon*
 11:30a Confirmation Class-*Conf. Room*

MONDAY, MAY 9TH

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*
 10:00a Christian Outreach Quilters
 12:30p Staff Meeting-*Conf. Room*
 5:00p Weight Watchers

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH

6:30a Men's Bible Study-*Conference Room*
 9:00a District Meeting-*Conference Room*
 10:30a Women's Bible Study-*Conf. Rm.*
 11:30a Agape Circle-*Fellowship Hall*
 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-*Beacon*
 6:00p District Mtg.-*Garner Room*
 6:00p Habitat Board Mtg.-*Conference Room*
 6:30p Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH

7:30a Exercise Group-*Civic Center*
 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-*Seeker's Class*
 10:00a Ageless Wonders Musical-*Varona Perry*
 5:30p Fellowship Supper-*Beacon*
 5:30p Youth Meal/Worship
 6:30p Small Group Studies
 7:00p Choir Practice-*Sanctuary*
 7:30p Wide Open Praise Band

May Birthdays

5/1: Lillian Daffron
 5/2: Ann Messer
 5/3: Lauren David
 5/4: Peggy Alverson
 5/5: Neva Hestley
 5/6: Lisa Brascho, Amanda Johnson,
 Carren Wright
 5/7: Gere Daffron, Dianne Fisher
 5/8: Joe Sawyer
 5/9: Brad Brascho, Samuel Skillman
 5/11: Brock Brascho, Samantha Rhodes
 5/12: Cathleen Cagle, Paul Nelson
 5/13: Jennifer Burr, Betty Carpenter
 5/14: Randy Ellis, Virginia Hutto
 5/18: Cameron Knepper, Jenny West
 5/19: Ann Day
 5/20: Don Bowman
 5/21: Joseph DeLage, Carly Sawyer
 5/22: Sterling Brown, Hal Rozelle
 5/24: Elaine Gissendaner, Carol Stewart
 5/25: Kaycee Cornelius, John Hoffman
 5/26: Peggy Bice, Aleta Byrd, Ginger
 Guthrie, Bette Hines
 5/27: James Thomas
 5/28: Henry Carden, Rosemary McCoy,
 Zach Spann, Lauren Sweezey
 5/29: Bruce Gargus
 5/30: Reagan Mitchell

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Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday - Closed