



*A Community of Believers Seeking to*  
**Transform Lives**  
*through Jesus Christ*

**Pastors:**

Rev. Sam Huffstutler, *Sr. Pastor*  
 Rev. Nathan Carden, *Assoc. Pastor*  
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**JUNE 22ND, 2011**



**Sunday, June 26th**

**Morning Watch 8:30a**

Dr. Ovide DeLage

**Chapel in the Pines 8:30a**

Rev. Jeffrey Wilson

**Sunday School 9:15a**

**Sanctuary Worship 10:30a**

Rev. Sam Huffstutler

"Traveling Light"

**Wide-Open Worship 10:30a**

Rev. Nathan Carden

"Ex Nihilo or Tohu Wabohu"

**Sunday, July 3rd**

**Morning Watch 3:30a**

Rev. Sam Huffstutler

**Chapel in the Pines**

Rev. Branson Isley

**Sunday School 9:15a**

**Sanctuary Worship 10:30a**

Rev. Sam Huffstutler

"Appointments"

**Wide-Open Worship 10:30a**

Rev. Nathan Carden

"God Can Keep a Promise"

**Meet Nancy...**

*Meet Nancy Boorman,  
 our new Children's Minister*

"I grew up in a small town in central New Jersey which was very conservative and had very traditional view points on religion. What I remember most about the Presbyterian church we, my Mother and my two sisters, attended during my childhood was the color of the walls in my Sunday school class which was S and H Green Stamp green; the boy, Sidney, who sat next to me and teased me in Sunday school; and the hymn we always sang on Easter Sunday, Up From the Grave He Arose written by Robert Lowry. My father **never** attended church with us and **never** gave us a reason why. As many young adults do I fell away from the church, during high school, college and even my early married life. It was not until my husband at the time and I started our own family that we began to think about returning to the church.



We visited many churches, eight to be exact, before we found a home church. It was a church that didn't yet have a building but met in a cafeteria of an elementary school. I was still ignorant of God's plan for me and if I did ever give it any thought at all, it never went much beyond working in the Preschool and teaching Sunday school. I became very active in my new church by teaching Sunday school, VBS, and Sunday night programming for children. The energy and passion I had for God I put into the children of the church.

My calling into lay ministry began with the children and has slowly evolved into other arenas. I have had the opportunity to work in many areas of the church and I have enjoyed all of them. For a long time I had been in negotiation with the Lord, willing to serve in any leadership He has called me to, stepping up to witness, care and lead within the community. Negotiations ceased to be a viable option for both of us the spring of 2006 when I finally could no longer deny the calling He was placing upon me. At first I chose to pretend I had not heard anything, ignoring His word upon my heart, telling Him he could not possibly know the depth of what He was asking of me. How stupid of me to think He did not already know what He was asking. This inner struggle brought me to my knees and it was there that I finally acknowledged what I knew to be true; God was calling me into full-time ministry, to nourish and strengthen His people in His word. What I bring to Pell City FUMC is a strong management background in the secular world, life experience as a wife and Mother, an education background in the preschool, elementary, and adult arenas as well as my skills as a Stephen Minister and a Licensed Local Pastor. I move well between adults and children and have a great passion for Children's ministry. I am a recent graduate of Emory University, Candler School of Theology where I earned my Master of Divinity.

I have two children Ryan, 16, and Julia 13, who split their time between my home here and their father's in Georgia. My first husband and I share joint physical custody of the children and we have decided it is best for them to finish out their schooling in Georgia if at all possible. They will be joining us every other weekend. I am proud to say I am a military wife, I remarried this past fall. My husband, Michael Patton is stationed in Texas and possibly awaiting deployment. Upon his return he will be joining us here in Pell City.

It is my hope to build a firm foundation for the children of our community so they may grow in Christ. They are our future and the kingdom needs them. "

I can head down no other path, "Once someone begins to hear that call, a suffering worthy of the name of Christ is produced. Suddenly, every ambition, every desire of life, and every outlook is completely blotted out and extinguished. Only one thing remains..."...separated to the gospel..." Woe is to the soul who tries to head in any other direction once that call has come to him."

—My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers.



### Last Call for Belarus Letters and Sponsorships

Next Wednesday we will be traveling back to Belarus. We will be working with Slava Kovalanchick (the pastor who spoke at Wide Open last year) and his congregation to provide a Christian camp for the older children in the orphanage. The cost to sponsor one child is \$100. If you are a sponsor of one of the children in the orphanage and would like to send a letter and photos to the child you sponsor, please give it to Eric Hicks on Sunday. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and minister to these young people. Here are times (in Alabama) when we especially need you to lift us and the children up in prayer:

**SPONSOR AN ORPHAN FOR SUMMER CAMP in BELARUS**

**\$100** will sponsor an entire week of camp for a teenager

help give a unique **Christian** experience to these **SPECIAL** teenagers

to help... write a check to the church and designate it to: BELARUS

- 5 pm Wednesday, June 29 - Depart for Belarus
- 4 pm Thursday, June 30 - Arrive in Belarus; customs
- 2 am Monday-Friday, July 4-8 - Bible lessons at camp
- 11 am Monday-Friday, July 4-8 - Evening worship at camp
- 9 pm Saturday, July 9 - exit Belarus
- 7 pm Sunday, July 10 - back in USA

### New Sound System

You may notice that things sound better in the sanctuary. We had a new sound board installed this week and now there should be no more popping or cracking noises; we have help for those who have a little trouble hearing, and as soon as we learn how to work it, we will be able to put our services onto our web site.

If your hearing aid is equipped with a "T coil" you are already wired for sound! You only need to switch your hearing aid to the "T" position and you should be able to pick up a signal from anywhere in the sanctuary. No hearing aid? No problem, we still have the small red receivers you can get from the sound operator and use during the service.

Be on the lookout – because there's no telling what sort of new sound effects that Pamela and Nick may be sending out from the choir loft with all the new capabilities they have.

Mostly we hope that your worship experience is enhanced by the better sound system. —Debbie James

**Chapel in the Pines**

June 26th-Rev. Jeffrey Wilson    July 3rd-Rev.Branson Isley  
 June 10th-Rev. Sid Harmon        July 17th-Rev. James Blair

## Financial Update

Budget Needs to date: \$300,527

Receipts year to date: \$292,891

**Difference: \$ -7,636**

Building Fund: Debt year to date: \$823,885

Receipts Year to date: \$31,745

"Have you ever found yourself in the situation when you've got more checks that need to be written than you have money in the bank to cover them? How do you decide which get paid and which get put off? Most people will prioritize them in some way – not necessarily by importance but by considering the consequences of delaying payment. So the utility bills get paid first – nobody wants to be without air conditioning in the middle of June; and if it's a business, employees get paid – because it's hard to get people to continue to work for you if you don't pay them on time; and if you have obligations to someone dependant on you, you'll generally make that a priority, too.

The church is in a similar situation right now – we've had some unexpected repairs and other expenses, and contributions have not come in as quickly as we had anticipated. Still, we've paid the power bill and paid our employees. We've even paid the local ministries we help support. We usually pay our missionaries on a quarterly basis – we've paid the first quarter, and the second quarterly payment needs to be made in a few weeks. In general, the last thing that gets paid in a Methodist church when money is tight is what's called "apportionments" – our share of the cost of the ministries of the denomination at the conference, national, and international levels. Yet these ministries are an important part of our overall ministry – we are not just an isolated individual congregation; we are connected with United Methodist congregations throughout the world in ministry." —Eric Hicks, Missions Leader

"Looking back on a couple of the recent Finance Team meetings we have discussed the shortfall in meeting the budget and what should be done. We don't talk a lot about money in church, but we all know that it is necessary for our church to function. We are behind about \$15,000 on our budget giving. I would love it if in the next couple of months that so much was freely and willingly given that Brother Sam or Nathan had to announce, - **NO MORE Giving needed for the year** – we have already exceeded our budget. Now that would be truly amazing. Or, more realistically, when we have our December Finance Team meeting, that we are truly awed, that God richly supplied the needs of the church through your generous giving.

Will you have a willing heart, and a willing spirit too?"

—Lee James, Lay Leader and Finance Chair

**Attendance:** June 12th: Sunday School-130; 8:30-18; 10:30 Sanctuary-119; 10:30 WOW-111; Chapel-174  
 June 19th: Sunday School-167; 8:30-14; 10:30 Sanctuary-144; WOW-121; Chapel-170



**Congratulations to Michelle Osborne and Kyle Shelton who were married in the Sanctuary on Friday, June 17th.**

# In the News...

Remember to drop by the Garner Room this Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 10:20 am and welcome our newest staff members: Donna Ambrosius (Day Care Director); and Nancy Boorman (Children's Minister). You will also have the opportunity to meet Paul Whetsell. Paul has just been hired part time as our Fund's Manager.

As mentioned in the letter you received last week, our present Church Administrator and Day Care Director, Alice Hestley's last day with us is July 1. Please turn your "LOVE OFFERING" into the church office, marked "Alice"

Finally, it is with regret that we announce the resignation of Chance Perdue, our Youth Minister and Wide Open Worship Leader. Chance's wife, Kelly has recently completed Nursing School and has been offered an O.R. Fellowship at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, a unique opportunity. August 1, Chance will move back to Nashville to be with Kelly and pursue further educational interests. Your Staff Parish Relations Team is already processing this change and preparing to receive resumes to fill this very important ministry position. Thank you for all your prayers and support. —Sincerely, Sarah Rhodes, SPRC Leader



It's summertime, and in addition to **Lessons On the Lake**, that means something else for our youth too - **summer mission trip!**

On the week of **July 10-16**, a group of about 15 will be heading to Atlanta. We will stay at Mt. Bethel UMC in Marietta, and drive into Atlanta each day to work with different non-profit organizations serving the homeless. We will be working in soup kitchens, clothing dispensaries and even spend some time in "tent city" handing out basic hygiene kits. We are incredibly excited about this opportunity to spend nearly all of our time on the trip in concrete service to "the least of these", and ask that you remember us in your prayers. In order to raise money for the trip, we are having a car wash at Express Oil this Saturday, June 25th. So come get your car washed and support a great cause all at the same time!

—Peace, Chance

## OUR KNOWN PRAYER CONCERNS

**Frank Grammer, Brent DuBose, Frances Channell, Andrew Akdidge, Dick Whatley, George Boutwell, C.J. O'Neal, Bob and Jeri Hollis, Mel and Betty Osinga, Dorothy Thomas, Kaylynn Bailey, Alana Williams, Charlotte Eubanks, Liz Bivin, Dot Eden, June Slimp, Joanne Herold, Beatrice Dobbs, David Slimp, Joyce Rogers, Christy Bowman, Jane Hays, June Helton, Wanda & Hugh Harkins, Curtis Capps, Preston Thompson, Jim Broadwater, Ray Cooper, Jim Dargan, Jewell Burns, Ronnie Ensley, Joan Phillips, Mitchell McEver, Rosemary Carter, Gary Evans, Jimmy Isbell, Ray Cooper, Sonny Thompson, T. J. Cook, Martha Davis, Jessica Martin, Renee Palmer, Samuel Rankin, Audie Tollison, 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**

*(Note: Names in bold indicate new concerns)*



- Bible Stories
- Missions
- Music
- Snacks
- Recreation
- Science
- Crafts
- FUN!



## Thank You!

Dear PC FUMC,

Thank you so much for the Savings Bond! This church has been my home since I could remember, and every member feels like family. It is such a wonderful blessing to be able to grow up in the family of God! I will miss everyone here who has shown me so much support and encouragement throughout the years. Thank you again!

—Diana Thomson

Thank you for the savings bond. The church has meant a lot to me over the years. I appreciate your support and continual prayers while I attend the University of Alabama. —Evan Sawyer

Thank you for the kindness you have shown me. I certainly enjoyed the flowers, food and your company. Thank you—Sue Merrill

Dear Acolyte Moms and Worship Team,

Over the past two years, you have given me the honor and opportunity to work with your children and help them become both leaders and servants in the church. Thank you so much for providing me with the honor (and responsibility), and also thank you for the monetary gift - it will help tremendously with college costs. I have truly been blessed by this church, and I hope that each of your children will feel the same way and continue to enjoy their roles as acolytes. Although I look forward to beginning the next phase of my life, I will truly miss all of you! Thank you again for everything you have done, and good luck! (I learned very quickly that there is much more to being "acolyte coordinator" than making out a schedule!)

—Diana Thomson

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD****VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

1:00p Christian Outreach-Conference Room  
 6:00p Gateway Group-New Covenant Class  
 6:30p Cheaha Trustees-Conference Room

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH****VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH**

6:30a Gideon's-Fellowship Hall  
 8:00a Community Art Class-Garner Rm.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH**

7:30a Men's Breakfast-Garner Room  
 8:30a Chapel in the Pines  
 8:30a Morning Watch-Sanctuary  
 9:15a Meet & Greet-Garner Room  
 9:15a-Sunday School  
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship  
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-Beacon  
 4:30p Lessons on the Lake-Chapel

**MONDAY, JUNE 27TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center  
 10:00a Christian Outreach Quilters  
 11:00a Ageless Wonders Lunch-Steakhouse  
 12:30p Staff Meeting-Lunch  
 5:00p Weight Watchers

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH**

6:30a Men's Bible Study-Conference Room  
 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-Beacon  
 6:00p Finance Meeting-Conf. Room  
 6:30p Cub Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center  
 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-Seeker's Class  
 5:30p Youth Meal/Worship  
 7:00p Choir Practice-Sanctuary  
 7:30p Wide Open Praise Band

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH**

10:00a Day Care Chapel-Sanctuary  
 6:00p Gateway Group-New Covenant Class

**FRIDAY, JULY 1ST**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center

**SATURDAY, JULY 2ND**

6:30a Gideon's-Fellowship Hall  
 8:00a Community Art Class-Beacon

**SUNDAY, JULY 3RD**

8:30a Chapel in the Pines

continued **SUNDAY, JULY 3RD**

8:30a Morning Watch-Sanctuary  
 9:15a Sunday School  
 10:30a Sanctuary Worship  
 10:30a Wide Open Worship-Beacon  
 4:30p Lessons on the Lake-Chapel

**MONDAY, JULY 4TH****OFFICE CLOSED**

10:00a Christian Outreach Quilters  
 5:00p Weight Watchers

**TUESDAY, JULY 5TH**

6:30a Men's Bible Study-Conference Room  
 2:30p Loaves & Fishes-Beacon  
 6:30p Cub Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6TH**

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 7TH**

10:00a-Prayer Shawl Ministry-Fellowship Hall  
 10:00a Day Care Chapel-Sanctuary  
 6:00p Gateway Group-New Covenant Class

**FRIDAY, JULY 8TH**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center

**SATURDAY, JULY 9TH**

6:30a Gideon's-Fellowship Hall  
 8:00a Community Art Class-Garner Room

**SUNDAY, JULY 10TH****YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

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  
 4:30p Lessons on the Lake-Chapel

**MONDAY, JULY 11TH****YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 12TH****YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

6:30a Men's Bible Study-Conference Room  
 11:30a Agape Circle-Fellowship Hall  
 —continued

2:30p Loaves & Fishes-Beacon  
 5:30p Mission Meeting-Library  
 6:00p Habitat Board Meeting-Conf. Room  
 6:30p Cub Scouts

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH****YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

7:30a Exercise Group-Civic Center  
 8:30a Yahweh Yoga-Seeker's Class  
 5:30p Youth Meal/Worship  
 7:00p Choir Practice-Sanctuary  
 7:30p Wide Open Praise Band

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/1: Elizabeth Day  
 7/2: Tatiana Knepper, Ivy Thompson  
 7/5: Betty Galloway, Madison Martin,  
 Linda Walls  
 7/6: Molly Barr  
 7/7: Mike Carr  
 7/9: Bows Koncewicz  
 7/10: Donna Ambrosius, Jenny Gauld,  
 Lauren Steed  
 7/11: Jillian Wansart  
 7/12: Mallory Abbott, Eric Hicks  
 7/14: Ceinwen Parkes  
 7/15: Dan Glass, Brook Thompson  
 7/16: Susan Hutto  
 7/18: Judy Hicks, Jenifer Wansart,  
 Karen West  
 7/19: George Boutwell  
 7/21: Golathia Layton, Rachel Layton,  
 Matthew Mitchell, Don  
 O'Shaughnessy, Ollie Simpkins  
 7/23: Paul Davis, Matt Dorough,  
 Blair Smith  
 7/24: Jacob Bass, Matt Brascho, Asher Warren  
 7/25: Philip Sweet  
 7/26: Dot Doak, Scott Jackson  
 7/27: Tom Kelly  
 7/28: Callie Clemmons  
 7/29: Landon Scoggins  
 7/30: Ellen Allen, Evelyn Whatley  
 7/31: Chase Fraley, Brady Hazelwood

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