



The First United Methodist Church of

Pine Mountain

# The Wesleyan Communicator

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

September 2011

## COURAGEOUS LIVING

In his book called **Fatherhood**, Bill Cosby says that having a child is the most *loving* and the most *irrational* thing a married couple can do! Those of us who have children know exactly what he is talking about, don't we? The gift of family is one of the most precious gifts we are given. But nobody says it's easy! I think back on all the years Jim and I spent raising our three children, and can only marvel at how God **MUST** have been at work! Especially when ours were teenagers! We surely didn't do it alone!

The responsibility that goes with being a good father, a good mother is something that weighs on the shoulders and hearts of today's young Christian adults perhaps even more heavily than at any time. Have you noticed how culture seems to push young people to step into the role of adult before they are prepared? I go to buy clothes for my sweet 11 year old granddaughter and all I can find are things that seem more appropriate for a 20 year old. Ideas and expectations and acceptable behaviors (according to the world) are changing for young people, and they are changing fast!

But God's desire for us has not changed. Respect and love between parents and children, good decisions, kindness, healthy habits: these are the things we all desire in our families. And, that starts at home and in a family where God is always first. .

If you are young adults, especially those of you who are in the child raising years, I want you to know your church loves you! We are praying for you each day. Because putting God first is not easy! Especially for you men who find yourselves in a world where success and happiness are advertised as coming from possessions and power rather than loving relationships with family and friends.

On Sunday, September 11, we will be beginning a four week study called **Courageous Living** at 10:00 AM in the Young Adult Classroom. This is a study based on the soon to be released movie **Courageous** from the creators of - **Fireproof**. It is for all parents who are raising children and teens, but will be directed especially toward men. Hopefully, it will capture the hearts of fathers and call them once again to Christ and to being a better dad. Jim and I will be leading this together, and I will be offering a sermon series to go along with the study.

If you are a parent with children at home, or a supportive grandparent, please come! Invite your friends!

The message of the study is: ***Christ calls us to be moms and dads who are willing to stand up to the world! Our children are worth it! In order to love our children, we learn to love God and to love ourselves.***

**We learn to live courageously!**

The church is praying for you! Jim and I look forward to seeing you on September 11!

**Martha**

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### YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!!!!

Dr. Phil Schroeder will be here on Sunday, September 11

Come and receive

**Dr. Phil's prescription for "GET UP AND GO!!!!"**

2:00 PM in the Beacon Class Room

Covered Dish Supper at 6:00 (Chicken Provided!)



**A TIME OF LEARNING/GROWING FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH! PLEASE COME!**



## 2011 BAZAAR

The Church Bazaar is coming soon. Save the date for Saturday, October 8. Shop till you drop from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p. m. for unique gifts for your family and friends.

The Sew Blessed Quilters and members of Pine Mtn. 1<sup>st</sup> UMC are busy creating beautiful handcrafts. There will be pottery, baskets, aprons, blankets, handbags, potholders, mop covers, placemats, jewelry, plants, baked goods, and much, much more. The ever popular Grandma's Attic promises to have incredible bargains, and popcorn and hotdogs will satisfy your appetite.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to own the 2011 quilt, "Stars in Time." Ticket sales are going well with 3 for \$10. All donations go toward ministry programs.

The drawing will be **November 6**  
More details to come about that event

PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS FOR SALE TO THE  
CHURCH OFFICE THE WEEK OF  
**OCTOBER 3**



### UNSUNG HEROS in our mist

A new feature is being added to the newsletter this month, Our Unsung Heroes. This will feature those people in our church who contribute so much but are not often recognized for it. We ask that you contact the church office with a written account or nomination of someone whose service you would like to highlight.

Malinda Brooks is our unsung hero this month. Malinda has a true servant's heart and wears many hats as she quietly and unobtrusively serves our congregation.

Some of them are: Church Historian, spending many, many hours in this capacity maintaining, updating, etc.—Member of Finance Committee—Member of Church Council—Chairman of Mission Committee—Vice President of Louise Miller Circle—Has been District Chairperson of Membership and Nurture for UMW—Instigator of Open Door Ministry in Columbus and serves there faithfully twice a month with other volunteers—Coordinator of Souls for Shoes—Has been on mission teams to Honduras, El Salvador, Upper Sand Mountain Parish in Alabama—Plans to go to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky in October with other volunteers—Sees to it that we participate in Focus—Operation Christmas Child—Gathers supplies for Emmaus Woman's Shelter in LaGrange.—Has been instrumental in contacting and bringing many inspirational speakers to the UMW—Is constantly doing for others with random acts of kindness—And the list goes on ----!

We thank God for you Malinda  
and for all that you do for us

By Betty Parrish



**If you have an unsung hero please write an article and send it to the church office. We would love to hear about your hero!**



# Staying Connected

## MISSION TEAM NEWS

Your generous donation of school supplies to Family Connections in July helped make a difference for Harris County Children.

Jane Cofield, Missionary to Tanzania, Africa, thrilled the Louise Miller Circle ladies August 1 with her testimony and talk about the work they do.



August 21—Kay Elam, Director of Emmaus Women's Shelter in LaGrange, spoke about their activities.

September—Donations of money will be accepted to help stock the food pantry for our Harris County FOCUS.

And don't forget that Open Door every 2nd and 4th Monday needs money for breakfast and men's underwear and socks.



October 23 until November 17—Christmas Children Shoe Box collection (Start early collecting)

December 8—Shoebox Warehouse Trip from 3:00-7:00pm (see Carol Hamric if you would like to go)

Thanks and God Bless.

## MISSION TRIPS COMING SOON

October 30—November 5 ~ Henderson Settlement, Frakes, KY. We are scheduled to build a 6x6 porch, add a door to a room addition, wire, insulate and sheet rock the



room addition. The cost will be \$190.00 per person plus the food and materials. The cost of the materials is \$1150.00. This will be divided evenly among those going. We will be staying in the Evans House which can sleep 16 people. It has 6 bedrooms, 3 full baths, a big kitchen and washer and dryer. Please pray about this and let Jim Dye know if you would like to go.

10 December, 2011~ Children's Christmas party at Henderson Settlement. Five of us went last year and were really blessed by it. We went up several days early and helped wrap presents. This year we would really like to stay for the party and help with it. We can drive up on the 7th or 8th of Dec and return on the 11th, which is a Sunday. There is usually no cost for the house if we bring presents up. Again, pray and if you are led to go please let Jim Dye know as soon as you can so he can reserve the house.

10-16 June 2012 ~ Youth mission trip to Henderson Settlement. We have reserved the house close to the settlement for this trip. The jobs for next year will not be posted until Feb 2012. Please pray about this trip and let Jim Dye know if you want to go. We had a great time in June of this year. We hope more of the youth will go on this one.

## Luncheon to "Raise the Roof"



Raised \$3500 toward our new sanctuary roof Campaign was a HUGE Success!  
We will be receiving a new roof in the next few weeks.



# Children's Ministries

## Welcome Back!



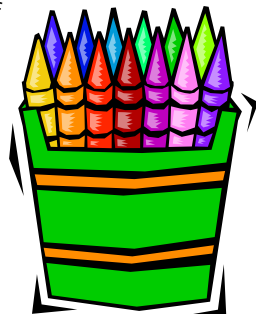
The children are back in school and new things are happening in the children's department. Be sure to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 for Sunday School, 3H Club on

Sunday afternoon from 4:30-5:30 and Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30. Our teachers are geared up and excited about a new year! Be sure to bring a friend.

## Sunday Activity Boxes



We now have 10 activity boxes available during our worship services. We ask that each family use one box at a time. The boxes include bible storybooks, stickers, puppets, drawing pads, bible activity pads, puzzles, etc. We hope that these activities will help the children transition into attending worship services. Please be sure to return the boxes to the back pew at the end of each service! If you would like to make a donation of items or money to this project please let Shannon know!



## New Mission Collection:

The children are now collecting Labels for Education and pop tabs. The Labels for Education can be found on many grocery products. We will send the labels to local elementary schools and the county library. Many needed items can be purchased with the labels. Let's make a difference with our trash!



The pop tabs can be found on all soda cans. Simply pop off the tab and drop them in the collection container in the CEC. The pop tabs will be sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus. The Ronald McDonald House will recycle the tabs and collect the money earned. Last year they were able to raise \$22,000 towards utility bills! Let's make a difference with our trash!

## Service Projects Needed:



Do you have a talent that you would like to share with the children of our church? The children are looking for service projects and ways to expand their talents. If you know of a group/individual that needs some help please let Shannon know. This could include simple yard work, gardening, crafts, etc. Please come and share your gifts with us!



## Children Programs

### Sunday Evenings

3H Club—4:30-5:30pm

### Wednesday Evenings

Children's Choir—6:15-6:55pm

Kingdom Seekers—7:00-7:30pm





## Upcoming Clinic:



- Been walking a thin line lately?
- R U burned out?
- Like the way your feel?

- Wanna feel better?
- Need to be rekindled?
- Searching for new energy?



**Sunday, September 11**

Beacons Sunday School Class Room

2:00-6:00pm



Let **Dr. Phil** (Schroeder)

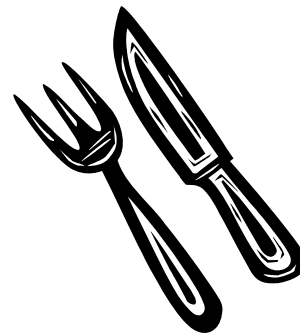
- Diagnose your strengths
- Boost your spirit
- Unleash the power within you!

## I want Seconds!

- Been there!
- Done that!
- Now coming back for a second helping!

I have had the opportunity to enjoy Dr. Phil Schroeder and I am coming back for MORE! You have a chance to hear this amazing man on September 11 at 2:00pm. Don't miss out. This is not just for the ministry leaders of our church, it is for EVERYONE!

Mary Ellen Roberts



## Courageous Living

A 4-week Bible Study for parents  
of children and teens

From the creators of fireproof

*A call for believers to take a  
courageous stand for the sake  
of their children and their future*

Begins Sunday, September 11

at 10:00 AM

First United Methodist Church

Young Adult Classroom

Led by Jim & Martha Dye

FROM THE CREATORS OF  
**FIREPROOF**  
**COURAGEOUS**  
HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Protecting the streets is second nature. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

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IN THEATERS  
**SEPTEMBER 30**

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### In Our Prayers

#### Our Church Family

Louise Burlton	Emma Mabry
Terry Chandler	Teresa McCullohs
Jane Claire Culverhouse	Martha Morgan
Peggy Davis	Lexie Paulk
Terry Holmes	Betty Roberts
Ann Kozee	Irene & John Sale
Skye Loftin	Fran White
Aston Mabry	John Y. Willis
Dathan Mabry	Our Church

#### Extended Church Family

Jane Askew, Former Resident  
 JoAnn Bowman, Friend of Jim & Sue Trott  
 Lloyd & Loretta Darby, Parents of Pam Davis  
 Andy Hagler, Son of Pat & John Hagler  
 Katie Hess, Niece of Louis Hazouri  
 Heather Kelley, Niece of Winky Parker  
 Nelson Jones, Retired Attorney  
 Brandon Mallory, Nephew of Terry Douthit  
 Neal McCullohs, Former member  
 James McVey, Father of Sonja Williamson  
 Bob Reed, Friend of Tracy Willey  
 Robert Smith, Father of April Loftin  
 LaVerne Thompson, Mother of Dawn Swanson  
 Ann Tutt, Long Time Resident of Pine Mountain  
 Our Country & All Nations  
 The Men & Women of our Military

*If you have a request for someone to be on our prayer list, please complete the purple card on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.*

## September Anniversaries

- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Roberts
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. James Eddy
- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Hall
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Holmes Clements
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Brent Loftin
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Barry Fisher
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. John Sale



## September Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Sage Loftin      | 15 Chelsey Edgar     |
| 2 Tommy Hightower  | 19 Chuck Taylor      |
| 8 Celeste Turner   | 22 Lynn Sands        |
| 9 Caitlyn Hunt     | 22 Frankie Mabry     |
| 9 Gary Zuerner     | 26 Charlotte Zuerner |
| 9 Malinda Brooks   | 26 Teri Mowery       |
| 10 Tracy Willey    | 26 Joshua Smoot      |
| 10 Louise Aldrich  | 27 Seth Riley        |
| 11 Bill Douthit    | 28 Walter Craig      |
| 14 Melba Daniel    | 30 Todd Douthit      |
| 15 Lindsey Samples | 30 Lu Ann Craighton  |

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or not listed, please contact the church office so we can correct our records. Your dates are important to us!



### Financial Information as of August 28

	<b><u>General Budget</u></b>
Budgeted:	\$275,625.00
Received:	\$237,234.68

### Exercising the Faith

In order to reach our Vision 2020 Goal to be debt free by 2020 we need to average \$48,000 per year **above and beyond** our General Budget [Campaign year from June through May each year]



Received Campaign 2011/2012: \$4,800.00  
 Received to date: \$129,045.25



# September Calendar

1	Lay Leadership	7:00pm	A
3	UM Men	8:00am	
4	Church Council	12:00pm	S
5	Louise Miller Circle	12:00pm	FLC
8	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
11	Phil Schroeder Clinic	2:00pm	CEC
11	Covered Dish Supper	6:00pm	FLC
11	Finance Committee	7:00pm	CEC
12	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
22	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
22	Newsletter Deadline		
26	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
27	Amazing Greys Luncheon	12:30pm	FLC
29	Newsletter		

<b><u>Every Sunday</u></b>	
8:30am	Worship
9:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
9:45am	Sunday School
11:00am	Worship
4:30pm	Youth Choir
4:30pm	3H Club
5:30pm	UMYF
<b><u>Every Wednesday</u></b>	
5:30pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:00pm	Youth UMYF
6:15pm	Children's Choir
6:30pm	Chancel Choir
7:00pm	Kingdom Seekers
7:00pm	Youth Choir

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