

² **Important Days/Dates to Remember**

Each Sunday:

9:30 a.m. *Light Breakfast Fellowship*
9:45-10:30 a.m. *Sunday Schools (for all ages)*
11:00 a.m. *Worship Service*

Each Wednesday:

4:15-5:45 p.m. – *Children's Ministry*
6:00 p.m. *Adult Choir Rehearsal*

September 1, 2010 – Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. – *Light Supper (by Susan Pike)*
6:30 p.m. – *Administrative Council meeting*

September 6, 2010 – Monday:

Labor Day

September 8, 2010 – Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. – *Charge Conference*

September 20, 2010 – Monday:

6:30 p.m. – *PathFinders Fellowship*

September 23, 2010 – Thursday:

6:00 p.m. – *Men's World-Renowned Fish Fry*

Are you a member of the Cuthbert United Methodist Church? If not, would you like to become a member? Chris Shoemaker, our pastor, would love to speak to you personally about becoming a member. He can be reached by calling his:

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Jimmy Brownlee, Music Director and Business Administrator

(11:00 a.m. Sunday services televised Mondays at 6:00 p.m., cable channel 17)

I just read a good article about how identity thieves steal our personal information. The thieves will take mail from your mailbox (who cares if it's a federal crime?), trash from your cans, and even pictures of your credit cards as you check out at the store. Scary stuff. Kerri and I have had credit card numbers stolen three times in the past four years—and we've never figured out how. There's a lot of dishonest people out there who think the easiest way to make a living is to pretend to be someone they're not.

Identity thieves aren't the only ones pretending. From a Christian perspective, we're all pretty good at it. Somehow, we've figured for a long time that life could be easier, more fun, less work, etc. if we pretend not to be the people God created us to be. The irony is that God's greatest blessings come when we are exactly who God intended us to be. When we are the people who choose to honor God with our words, actions, and even our thoughts. The reality of the Christian church is that we've fallen into ineffectiveness because we think it's easier not to claim the identity God has given us. Sadly, if we give up the identity we also give up the inheritance.

In the short term it may indeed be easier to live as if we don't know who God expects us to be. We can keep our heads down and only worry about ourselves. However like the thief who'd rather steal from us than find honest work, in the end it just doesn't make sense. Wouldn't we rather have the best of God instead of the best of the world?

In His Love & Service,
Chris

THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, August 22, 2010
13th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Kathy Bantz
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Shoemaker
 CHIMING OF THE HOUR Grace Crittenden & Jimmy Brownlee
 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Haley Kintzinger
 THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
On Eagle's Wings (Joncas/Young/Brownlee)

***RESPONSIVE READING:** Patty Childress
Psalm 103 **no. 824**
***HYMN OF PRAISE** **no. 327**
Crown Him with Many Crowns

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle's Creed*) **no. 881**
***THE GLORIA PATRI** **no. 70**
***THE PEACE**
 CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Jimmy Brownlee

HYMN OF PREPARATION **no. 463**
Lord, Speak to Me

MORNING PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Back inside cover of hymnal*)
 OFFERTORY *Sinfonia (Bach)* Flute & Piano
***DOXOLOGY** **no. 95**
 SPECIAL MUSIC Chancel Choir
Down to the River to Pray (Curry)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: **Isaiah 58:9b-14** (*OT p. 647*)
 SERMON Chris Shoemaker
"He Shall Lift You Up"

***CLOSING HYMN** **no. 576**
Rise Up, O Men of God
***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

*May the love of God be with us as we go our separate ways,
 Serving God by serving others; finding hope and joy each day.*
 POSTLUDE *Onward, Christian Soldiers (Baring-Gould/Sullivan)*

*(Those who are able, please stand.)

*The flower arrangement on the altar will be given by
 the Hardwick children and family for the glory of God
 and in honor of Kathryn Hardwick's 87th birthday.*

≈≈ GIFTS RECEIVED ≈≈

from Betsy Curry Davidson and Cathy Curry	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel
from Charles & Shelley Ferguson	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel Leonard Lane
from Jimmy & Crispin Gilbert	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel
from The Robert Goodman family	<i>in memory of:</i>	Hiram Goodman
from Kathryn Hardwick	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel Leonard Lane
from John & Nancy McDonald	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel
from Anne Moshell	<i>in honor of:</i>	Jane Nichols
from Julian & Annette Nichols	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel
from Bebe Puckett	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel
from Buddy & Marsha Reid	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel Leonard Lane
from The Temples family	<i>in memory of:</i>	Bill Daniel

COMMUNITY PRAYERFUL CONCERNS

*Our friends and Members in nursing homes and assisted
 living facilities:* Elizabeth Brownlee, Louise Hester,
 Anne Moshell, Donald Parks, Irma Patrick, Sara Roberts,
 Dr. Marjorie Swanson, Elizabeth Wiggins
Other Prayer Concerns: Margaret Bridges, Florence Clarkson,
 Jason Faulkner, Edna Hall Ferguson, Ruth Nell Goodman,
 James (Jimmy) Hague, Cassie Hester, Mary Hester, Rob Hester,
 Keith Hidle, Katie Hoyle, Marshall Lindsey, Larry Morris,
 Herb Nichols, Evelyn Peak, Will Puckett, Carol Shiley,
 Nevaeh Sloan, Jimmie Stanford, Martha Taylor, Debi Wall,
 Lucy Wall, Bruce Wangle, Grayson Ward

*Rylee Berry and her family sincerely wish to thank you
 for your generous thoughtfulness in honoring Rylee with
 your support to the Randolph Reads Ferst Program.*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<i>August 20</i>	Patricia Bradley Bebe Puckett
<i>August 22</i>	Lisa Bridges
<i>August 23</i>	Kathryn Hardwick Frank Prochaska
<i>August 26</i>	Zac Andrew Eubanks

*On August 15, 2010, Carson and Lori McCrary were united
 in marriage during a private ceremony at Sam Jones
 Memorial United Methodist Church in Cartersville,
 Georgia. Participating in the ceremony were Carson's son,
 Ryan and Lori's son, Parker. Officiating the event was the
 Reverend Dee Dee Lawson. The McCrary family will
 continue to reside in Cartersville, Georgia.*

**THOSE SERVING
 SUNDAY:**

Breakfast
 Patricia Bradley
The Greeter
 Patricia Bradley
Ushers
 Jimmy Gilbert
 Atlas Hester
Acolyte
 Haley Kintzinger
Worship Leader
 Patty Childress
Children's Moments
 Jimmy Brownlee
Nursery Helpers
 Pat Farrow
 Jennifer Mathews
The Offering Stewards
 Jimmy Brownlee
 Jimmy Gilbert

**A RECORD OF
 OUR STEWARDSHIP
 as of August 15th:**

**GENERAL FUND
 Contributions, 8/15:**
 \$1,810.00
Needed YTD (budget):
 \$86,282.77
Collected YTD:
 \$74,117.54
CURRENT BALANCES:
 (not part of GENERAL FUND)
 218 Church Street: \$1,770.33
 Faithful Stewards: \$ 451.41
 Methodist Men's: \$1,086.14
 Mission Fund: \$ 727.05
 Parsonage Fund: \$2,371.03
 Youth Fund: \$1,143.00

**Worship Attendance
 August 15th: 71**