

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 2, 2010 – Thursday:

5:30 p.m. – “*Randolph Ramblings*” show preparations
(Andrew College Student Center in Old Main)

September 6, 2010 – Monday:

Labor Day

September 8, 2010 – Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. – *Light Supper*
(organized by Patty Childress & Cherrie King)
6:30 p.m. – *CUMC Charge Conference*

September 11, 2010 – Saturday:

9:00 a.m. – *Woodmen Salutes America's Heroes*
Flagpole Dedication (Shellman City Hall)

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

Several years ago I was driving through Macon when I came upon a car pulled sharply off the road. There was a young man outside the car struggling with someone in the passenger seat. Thinking it was a medical emergency, I stopped to call for help. It turned out I had inserted myself into a domestic violence incident—a very dangerous place to be. Law enforcement officers approach situations like this with *extreme* caution. The young man, maybe about 20 years old, was attacking his wife in an attempt to pull her out of the car and leave her on the side of the road.

I was quickly an unarmed pastor living every cop's nightmare: the husband turned on me. As I prepared to fight, the young man thought better of the matchup (him at about 120 pounds and me, at the time, almost 250) and tried to plead his case to me instead. He explained that “I really didn't hit my wife because I didn't use my fists.” Well, his temper was far greater than his legal skills. A GBI agent pulled up and informed him that Georgia's law doesn't make such distinctions. As he was already on probation for domestic violence, he was going to jail. This troubled young man thought he was smart enough to dodge the law. He wasn't.

Why do so many Christians try to dodge the directions God has provided for us? He's given us a standard of conduct to follow as believers and even the rationale for doing so. When we speak and act and even think as He intends, we (and the Church) become stronger and more able to represent God and His love. Unfortunately, too many Christians spend time trying to skirt His ways and “see what we can get away with.” Sometimes, we think we're smart enough to only follow what we feel like doing and not worry about the rest. We aren't.

In His Love & Service,
Chris

THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, September 5, 2010
15th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Kathy Bantz
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Shoemaker
CHIMING OF THE HOUR Grace Crittenden & Jimmy Brownlee
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Matt Bradley & Stuart Stanford
THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
We Thy People, Praise Thee (Page/Haydn/Thomas)
*THE RESPONSIVE READING Jimmy Gilbert
Psalm 1 **no. 738**
*HYMN OF PRAISE **no. 421**
Make Me a Captive, Lord
*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostle's Creed)* **no. 881**
*THE GLORIA PATRI **no. 70**
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(p.12)* Chris Shoemaker
*THE PEACE Bennie Mattox
CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Bennie Mattox
HYMN OF PREPARATION **no. 397**
I Need Thee Every Hour
MORNING PRAYER Chris Shoemaker
OFFERTORY *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Moultrie)*
*DOXOLOGY **no. 95**
SPECIAL MUSIC Chancel Choir
Come to the Table (Popham/Webb/Hill)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: **Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (OT p. 179)**
SERMON Chris Shoemaker

"The Choice"

HOLY COMMUNION *(p. 13)*
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Back inside cover of hymnal)*
***CLOSING HYMN** **no. 664**
Sent Forth by God's Blessing
***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

*(Those who are able, please stand.)

≈≈ **GIFTS RECEIVED** ≈≈

from **Mr. & Mrs. John Barge** *in memory of:* **Bill Daniel**
from **Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Bowles, III** *in memory of:* **Leonard Lane**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September 2 Buddy & Marsha Reid ♥
September 3 Bobbye Engram †
Rosemary Ferguson
September 4 Louise Hester
September 5 G. W. White, Jr. †
September 7 Clay Barnett
Nelson & Martha Ann Coffin ♥
Charles McDonald (Mac) Ferguson, III
September 8 Brandon Fulford

CUMC Annual Charge Conference

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

This is a very important event for all United Methodist Churches. It opens the door for 2011 to establish dedicated leadership and commitment to the ministry of God's will.

Supper will be provided at 6:00 p.m. with the Conference starting at 6:30 p.m. (in the Fellowship Hall)

COMMUNITY PRAYERFUL CONCERNS

Our friends and Members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities:

Margaret Bridges, Elizabeth Brownlee, Louise Hester,
Anne Moshell, Donald Parks, Irma Patrick, Sara Roberts,
Dr. Marjorie Swanson, Elizabeth Wiggins

Other Prayer Concerns:

Florence Clarkson, Geer Dubose, Douglas Fields;
Edna Hall Ferguson, Ruth Nell Goodman,
James (Jimmy) Hague, Cassie Hester, Mary Hester,
Rob Hester, Keith Hidle, Katie Hoyle, Marshall Lindsey,
Leonard Messer, Larry Morris, Herb Nichols, Evelyn Peak,
Will Puckett, Carol Shiley, Nevaeh Sloan, Jimmie Stanford,
Martha Taylor, Debi Wall, Lucy Wall, Bruce Wangle

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY:

Breakfast
Grace Crittenden
The Greeter
Faye McCrary
Ushers
Jimmy Bradley
Walter McCrary
Acolyte
Matt Bradley
Lizzy Stanford
Worship Leader
Jimmy Gilbert
Children's Moments
Bennie Mattox
Nursery Helpers
Patricia Goodman
Stuart Stanford
The Offering Stewards
Jimmy Brownlee
Patty Childress
Communion Stewards
Elements – Bennie Mattox
Bread – Ruth Nell Goodman

A RECORD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP as of August 29th:

GENERAL FUND

Contributions, 8/29:
\$900.00

Needed YTD (budget):
\$90,823.97

Collected YTD:
\$76,732.54

CURRENT BALANCES:
(not part of GENERAL FUND)

218 Church Street: \$1,810.33
Faithful Stewards: \$ 451.41
Methodist Men's: \$1,086.14
Mission Fund: \$ 308.29
Parsonage Fund: \$2,100.10
Youth Fund: \$1,143.00

Worship Attendance
August 29th: 56

In Honor and Remembrance
Woodmen Salute America's Heroes

Flag Pole Dedication on Sept. 11, 2010
At 9:00a.m. Shellman City Hall

Everyone is invited to attend.

Woodmen of the World Lodge 187
Cuthbert, GA