

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:

6:00 p.m. *Adult Choir Rehearsal*

July 27, 2011 – Wednesday:

5:00 p.m. – CUMC Planning meeting

July 28, 2011 – Thursday:

6:00 p.m. – *Trustees meeting*

August 1, 2011 – Monday:

6:00-8:30 p.m. – *Disciple Bible Study (resumes)*

August 3, 2011 – Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. – *Administrative Council meeting*

August 10, 2011 – Wednesday:

4:30-5:45 p.m. – *Children's Ministry (resumes)*

August 15, 2011 – Monday:

6:00 p.m. – *PathFinders Fellowship*

August 20, 2011 – Saturday:

10:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. – *“Pathways to a Healthy Church”*

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)

While in Oklahoma City, I visited the Oklahoma City First UMC. You may remember that OCFUMC was the church directly across the street from the A. P. Murrah Federal Building, which was destroyed by a massive truck bomb on April 19, 1995. The church's sanctuary (and about half the overall campus) was devastated by the blast—including every single stained glass window. The surviving church structures were used as a morgue in the following days.

With a wrecked church now occupied by the FBI, the OCFUMC parishioners had no place to worship or organize. To remedy this, they almost immediately built an outdoor, wooden chapel open to all rescue, recovery, and law enforcement workers. (The chapel remains and is open to the public 24/7.) Ministries of food, water, and counseling for the workers began shortly after. The bombed-out shell of OCFUMC became a focal point of hope and healing for the entire city.

As time progressed, the sanctuary was rebuilt and converted to a fellowship hall. A new sanctuary was constructed and the multi-million dollar note burned years early. Today, OCFUMC enjoys many new ministries including feeding hundreds of homeless weekly. Along with the Oklahoma City National Memorial, OCFUMC stands as a symbol of the rebirth of life from the literal ashes of hate and destruction.

Right now you're thinking "well, a large church can do such things." And yes, OCFUMC has about two thousand members and a huge campus. Now, here's what you won't expect: *Only two hundred (yes, 200) are active.* That's right; only ten percent of their membership is in church any given Sunday. Frankly, that's the worst percentage I've ever heard of. Ten percent of our membership is about seventeen people. Between the choir, musicians, and ushers—we have nearly that number serving in worship!

Two hundred dedicated people are serving the thirty-first largest city in the US. You don't have to have a large church to do amazing things. *All things are possible through Christ who strengthens us.*

In Christ, Always Forward!
Chris

THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, July 31, 2011
7th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Kathy Bantz
 CHIMING OF THE HOUR Grace Crittenden and Jimmy Brownlee
 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Amelia Stanford

***CONGREGATIONAL JOYFUL SINGING** (Insert provided)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Shoemaker
 *OPENING HYMN MEDLEY (Insert provided)
 *THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Patricia Goodman
 MORNING PRAYER Chris Shoemaker
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

OFFERTORY *Be Still, My Soul (Sibelius)*
 *DOXOLOGY no. 95

CELEBRATIVE HYMN MEDLEY (Insert provided)

SPECIAL MUSIC Chancel Choir

*SCRIPTURE LESSON:
Romans 10:5-15 (NT p. 149) Chris Shoemaker
 SERMON Chris Shoemaker

**“What We Believe and Why, Part 5:
 Sanctifying Grace”**

*CLOSING HYMN – *Open Altar*** no. 530
Are Ye Able (Stz: 1 & 4)

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*(Those who are able, please stand.)

** (During the closing hymn, the altar is open for prayer)

*The flower arrangement on the altar will be given by
 Elizabeth Ann Head for the glory of God and in
 loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Brownlee.*

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from **Buddy & Marsha Reid** in memory of: **Ferd Peck**

***VERY Important CUMC
 Planning Meeting!***

Please consider joining our planning meeting,
Wednesday, July 27th, at 5:00 p.m. All Committee
 Chairs and Administrative Council personnel are
STRONGLY encouraged to attend. All others are
 also invited. We will be jointly planning many
 events and activities for 2011-2012. We want as
 many members as possible to help us decide on
 upcoming CUMC ministries and activities.

THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY PRAYERFUL CONCERNS

*Our friends and Members in nursing homes and assisted
 living facilities:* Margaret Bridges, Ruth Nell Goodman,
 Ellen Hudson, Irma Patrick,
 Dr. Marjorie Swanson, Elizabeth Wiggins
Other Prayer Concerns: Madelyn Atkinson, Kathryn Cadle,
 Jane Carteé, Patrick Childress, Geer Dubose, Perry Everson,
 Ricky Farrow, Sgt Jim Fulford, III, Karl Gotshall,
 James (Jimmy) Hague, Katie Hoyle, Marshall Lindsey,
 Leonard Messer, Julian Nichols, Evelyn Peak, Will Puckett,
 Ken Shoemaker, Jimmie Stanford, Jay Stripling,
 Martha Taylor, Buck Wall, Debi Wall,
 Eddie Wall, Lucy Wall, Dawn West

Sympathy to the family of Sara Roberts

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 26 Alex Crittenden
 July 28 Suzanne Bowen
 Scott Wilkerson
 July 30 Jane Nichols
 August 3 Lanny Bowen
 August 6 Leslie Pritchett
 August 7 Carl Patterson
 Ronnie & Robbin Temples ♥

Pathways to a Healthy Church

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 20th at Trinity UMC in
 Warner Robins, GA. As most of you know, this annual event is
 designed to equip local churches with practical, quality training
 that will help you fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus
 Christ, **part of our mission statement!** For more details click on
 or go to this link: <http://www.sgaumc.org/events/detail/1562>.

**THOSE SERVING
 SUNDAY:**

Breakfast
 Patricia Bradley

Ushers
 Jimmy Bradley
 Atlas Hester

Acolyte
 Amelia Stanford
Children's Moments
 Patricia Goodman

Nursery Helpers
 Tanya Bonner
 Jennifer Mathews
Offering Stewards
 Nelson Coffin
 Charles Ferguson

**A RECORD OF
 OUR STEWARDSHIP
 as of July 24th:**

**GENERAL FUND
 Contributions, 7/24**
 \$1,330.00

Needed YTD (budget):
 \$77,756.02

Collected YTD:
 \$63,083.36

CURRENT BALANCES:
 (not part of GENERAL FUND)
 Faithful Stewards: \$ 94.82
 Methodist Men's: \$1,222.89
 Mission Fund: \$ 381.01
 Organ Fund: \$ 101.00
 Parsonage Fund: \$ 378.23
 Youth Fund: \$1,143.00

**Worship Attendance
 July 24th: 42**