

Important Days/Dates to Remember

Each Sunday:

9:15 a.m. Light Breakfast Fellowship

9:45-10:30 a.m. Sunday Schools (for all ages)

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Each Wednesday:

4:30-5:45 p.m. Children's Ministry

6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



November 22, 2011 – Tuesday:

7:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Service (Faith Baptist)

November 24, 2011 – Thursday:

Thanksgiving Day

November 25-26, 2011 – Friday-Saturday:

Adorning the Church with the Chrismon Tree & other decorations

December 1-2, 2011 – Thursday-Friday:

7:30 p.m. – “Lessons & Carols” (Andrew College Chapel)

December 4, 2011 – Sunday:

11:00 a.m. – Children's Ministry performs during
Worship Service

December 5, 2011 – Monday:

6:00 p.m. – “Love Lights a Tree” (Shellman Depot)

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)

“Of Dogs and Divine Inspiration”

First, let me explain why we don't talk about the rescued puppy on the air. One of the things I learned from my “Animal Cop” father is that people who abandon animals often have a fair amount of guilt (and rightfully so). By leaving an animal at a church, some people believe that God will provide for that animal (and, truly, I believe He does) and thus feel less guilty about dumping puppy or kitty (it's still a crime—even at a church). Since our potential television audience is very large, it's not a good idea to advertise that we saved an abandoned dog. If we talked about it on the air, we may find ourselves with many, many more abandoned pets. With that in mind, puppy still needs a name and a new home! We've had a few names suggested: “Doggo,” “Peanut,” and “Buddy.” (From his condition when we found him, he seems more like “Job” of the Bible to me!) Whatever his name will be, he is becoming very attached to Kerri and really needs to find a permanent home while he's still puppy-eager to make new friends.

Speaking of Kerri, in our ministry together she has sometimes been called to lead or begin special ministries or projects. Around the house, we call these “First Lady Projects” and in the past they have included things like *Angel Tree* or *Operation Christmas Child*.

Kerri has just brought to my attention something that God has seriously placed on her heart. She wants to begin a congregation-wide plan to read the Bible through in a year. Less than two hours after Kerri spoke to me about this, I met someone from another denomination who specifically asked me to pray for them that God would help them read the Bible all the way through and begin a personal discipline of daily Bible reading. (I had not mentioned anything to them other than that I was a pastor.)

If that doesn't confirm this project as directly God-inspired, I don't know what would! We are working on exactly what this plan will look like—there are several excellent “through the Bible in a year” programs and some of my clergy colleagues have even written their own.

How about it? Through the entire Bible in a year—together! Sounds like a powerful journey to me. Will you join us? Stay tuned....

THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, November 27, 2011
1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE Kathy Bantz
 CHIMING OF THE HOUR (Organist)
 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
 THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
 *CONGREGATIONAL JOYFUL SINGING (Insert provided)
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Shoemaker
 *HYMN OF PRAISE no. 213
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
 *CONGREGATIONAL READING Patricia Goodman
Isaiah 64:1-9 (Insert provided)
 *THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle's Creed*) no. 881
 *THE GLORIA PATRI no. 70
 *THE PEACE
 CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Ann Stanford
 *THE LITANY OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Gerry & Patricia Goodman
 HYMN OF PREPARATION no. 626
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Stz: 1 & 4)
 MORNING PRAYER Chris Shoemaker
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung using inside back cover of hymnal*)
 OFFERTORY *There's Something About That Name (Gaither)*
 *DOXOLOGY no. 95
 SPECIAL MUSIC Chancel Choir
We Will Know Him (Price/Besig)
 SCRIPTURE LESSON: **Mark 13:24-37** (*NT p. 47*)
 SERMON Chris Shoemaker
"Hope of the Past, Hope for the Future"
 *CLOSING HYMN – *Open Altar*** no. 706
Soon and Very Soon (1st verse twice)
 *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.)

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

≈≈ **GIFTS RECEIVED** ≈≈

from Ricky & Kathy Bantz	<i>in honor of:</i>	Clay Barnett
	<i>in memory of:</i>	Shea Barnett
from Jesse Bowles, III	<i>in memory of:</i>	Shea Barnett
from Billy & Patty Childress	<i>in memory of:</i>	Johnny Whatley
from Charles & Catherine Fayssoux	<i>in memory of:</i>	Shea Barnett
from The Hardwick family	<i>in memory of:</i>	Chelsea Langford
from Brandon & Addie Hill	<i>in memory of:</i>	Shea Barnett
from Tom Lopp	<i>in memory of:</i>	Shea Barnett
from Walter & Bennie Mattox	<i>in memory of:</i>	Shea Barnett
		Chelsea Langford
from Anna Paul	<i>in memory of:</i>	Chelsea Langford
from Jack & Betty Watkins	<i>in memory of:</i>	Shea Barnett

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:

Mae Bell, Kathryn Cadle, Jane Cartée, Patrick Childress,
 Geer Dubose, Brian Elkins, Perry Everson, Jerry Farrow,
 Bobby Faudree, Sgt Jim Fulford, III, Karl Gotshall, James
 (Jimmy) Hague, Katie Hoyle, Marshall Lindsey,
 Joyce Lumpkin, Drake Merritt, Leonard Messer, Evelyn Peak,
 Will Puckett, William Rogers, Ken Shoemaker,
 Jimmie Stanford, Carrie Turner, Buck Wall, Debi Wall,
 Eddie Wall, Lucy Wall, Dawn West, Carolyn Wood

Sympathy to the family of Chelsea Langford
Sympathy to the family of Martha Taylor
(Michelle Bradley's grandmother)

For those who missed *The Evening in Concert* with my daughter, Ann Stalvey, and I, Gerry Goodman was so good to record our performance. DVD's will be available soon and a \$10 donation is requested for the ministries of the CUMC. Please call the office if you would like me to reserve one for you!

Jimmy Brownlee

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<i>November 23</i>	Ann Marie Atkinson
<i>November 25</i>	Jimmy Gilbert
	Mary Beth Lowe
<i>November 26</i>	Herb & Jane Nichols ♥
<i>November 27</i>	Jim Bradley
	Nora Crittenden
<i>November 28</i>	Anne Patterson
<i>December 1</i>	Shea Barnett †

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY:

Breakfast
 Martha Ann Coffin
Greeter
 Patricia Bradley
Ushers
 Patty Childress
 Anna Paul
Worship Leader
 Patricia Goodman
Children's Moments
 Ann Stanford
Nursery Helper
 Dian Bridges
 Crispin Gilbert
Offering Stewards
 Buddy Reid
 Ann Wood

A RECORD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP
as of November 20th:

GENERAL FUND
Contributions, 11/20
 \$1,644.00
Needed YTD (budget):
 \$122, 923.11
Collected YTD:
 \$98,745.70

CURRENT BALANCES:
 (not part of GENERAL FUND)
 Faithful Stewards: \$ 6.62
 Methodist Men's: \$1,222.89
 Mission Fund: \$ 700.01

Worship Attendance
November 20th: 43

Christmas Poinsettia Reservation Form

If you wish to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the following form with your check payable to the Cuthbert United Methodist Church and include the abbreviation CP (for Christmas Poinsettia) in the check's For/Memo area.

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please reserve __ Poinsettia(s) at \$11.00 each = _____