



## The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!

Our Bishop, James Swanson, Sr., will be sharing with us on Wednesday evening, January 14, 2009, to "kick-off" our first Wednesday Night Connection of the year; he is an excellent and inspirational communicator. Our District Superintendent, Doug Fairbanks, will also be joining us. Our youth will perform a couple of selections from *Youth Group: The Musical* to begin the evening. Please remember we will enjoy a delicious meal together beginning at 5:15 p.m. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to make your reservations by filling out the form in Sunday's Worship Guide. We hope you will join us for this special evening with our Bishop.

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## February Mississippi Team Meeting



There will be a meeting for the February 8-14 Hurricane Recovery Mission Team on Sunday January 18 at 4pm In room 30.

**If you are interested in being on the team, it's still not too late.**

Join us in this life changing ministry by attending the meeting or calling Nancy Saylor (980-2864).

## Bandanas - Bible School in Yei, Sudan



Children's Ministry will be collecting "new" bandanas for our brothers and sisters in Yei, Sudan. The Young Adult Mission Team of the Holston Conference will be going to Yei, Sudan in March to teach 2000 children that are attending school on United Methodist property about the Bible. The theme will be Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors. Each child will receive a bandana. Choose a bandana that you would like; I know the child who receives it will also like it! Pastor Wil is the Worship Leader and Host for Divine Rhythm. This is a Worship Retreat for young adults in the Holston Conference. He will be taking the bandanas on March 23 to the conference. Let's help Pastor Wil by starting this collection for our brothers and sisters. There will be a box in the Narthex and Family Life Center. We will also collect them during our Children's Gathering Time.

We are asking everyone (adults included) to be a part of this! Please have the bandanas in by March 21.

JANUARY 7, 2009

The Messenger

# On Campus Events

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

- 8:30 Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FLC/FH)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Worship (FLC/Gym)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 Impacting Ministry 2009
- 3:30 Resurrection Meeting for Counselors
- 4:30 Youth Group Musical Activities
- 4:30 Brass Voices (Room 31)
- 5:30 Revelation Singers (Choir Room)
- 5:30 Youth Snack Supper
- 6:00 Youth Group Activities

## MONDAY, JANUARY 12

- 7:00 Boy Scouts (Old Building)
- 7:00 CLC Meeting Conference Room)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 9:30 CEP (Education Wing)
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful (Choir Room)
- 10:30 Prayer at the Altar (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 Mary Rayfield Circle (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
- 6:30 Cub Scouts (Old Building)
- 6:45 Girl Scouts (Room 30)
- 7:00 Open Gym (FLC/Gym)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 5:15 Wednesday Night Connection (FLC/Gym)
- 6:00 Book Club (Room 2A)
- 6:15 Children's Choirs
- 6:15 Early Risers Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:15 Friendship Choir (Room 30)
- 6:15 Youth Group Activities
- 7:00 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- 7:00 Children's Hanbells (Room 31)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:30 CEP (Education Wing)
- 10:00 Beth Moore Study (Room 30)
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful (FLC/Gym)
- 6:00 Men's Basketball (FLC/Gym)
- 6:00 Keenagers (Fellowship Hall)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

- 4:20 Youth leave for Resurrection

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

- 8:00 Sr. High Basketball (FLC/Gym)

**(See other enclosed calendars within this publication for additional activities.)**



### **Wednesday Night Connection Menu for January 14**

Monterey chicken, rice, vegetables, salad and dessert

**Please be sure to make your reservation by Monday at noon.**

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

**JANUARY 4, 2009**

**Total Worship - 420 Sunday School - 258**

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**JANUARY 4, 2009**

**2008 BUDGET** \$7,345.00  
**2009 BUDGET** \$22,116.45

**PAVING THE WAY** \$9,909.17

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**  
**FISH \$380.00; Latvian Missions \$75.00**

**DESIGNATED OFFERINGS** \$178.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** \$40,003.62

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- January 15** Annie Duncan, Christopher Wahler
- January 16** Ellie Bean, Andrew Sheets, Paula Katcham, Jessica Lyday
- January 17** Blairanne Farmer, Jerry Gilley, Matt Bratton, Alex Mefford, Taylor Knox, Adam Delahoussaye
- January 18** Luke Lewis, Sarah Schaffer, Amy Pfeifer
- January 19** Brian Brown, Dorothy Burkhart, Christine Glover, Kenny McBee, Loraine Slimp, Bonnie Cole-Horne, Dalton Atkins, Jason Shepherd
- January 20** Grayson Gissel, Justin Mathys, Lynne Houser, Jim Robinson, David Ridner, Ashley Key, Catherine Hawley, Becki Garland
- January 21** Jerry Nichols, Bunk Russell, Dawn Bowers, Kenney Bowers

*(If we missed your birthday, we are sorry. Please notify the church office so your birthday can be added to our records.)*

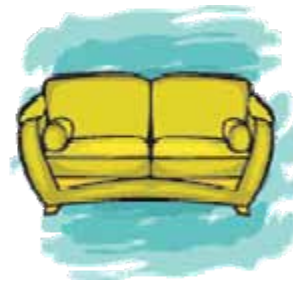


### “Jesus According to Jesus” Worship Series

People say a lot of things about Jesus these days. Some say he was just a man. Some say he is God in human form. Some say he was a prophet. Some say he is their Lord and Savior. Some say he was a good example of how to live. Some say he is their guide. Some say he is a Republican.

Some say he is a Democrat. Some say he is a friend. Some say he is a martyr. Some say he is an activist. Some even say he is an action figure. Some say all the stories about him in the Bible are made up. Some say the world was made through him. Some say he is judgmental. Some say he is merciful. Some say he is our only hope. Some say not to get our hopes up.

Join us for worship in January and February as we look at what Jesus said about himself as recorded in the Gospel of John.



A family in our church is now able to set up housekeeping but is in need of a sofa. If you have a sofa you can give, please contact Elaine Hauk 694-0363. Thank you.



### Interested in doing an in-depth Bible Study?

The ladies' Thursday morning Bible study (10:00-noon) will start the newest study by Beth Moore on Esther on January 15th. **We'd love to have you join us.** We meet in Room 30.

If you're interested in joining us or if you have any questions, call Elaine McGinn (693-7629).

### Impacting Ministry 2009

On Sunday, January 11, 2009, Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church is hosting the annual training event for the Knoxville District from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The opening session is *Offer Them Christ* led by our District Superintendent, Doug Fairbanks. *Impacting Ministry* provides an opportunity for interaction among United Methodist leaders at the local church, district, and conference levels. It is a training event, but not in the traditional sense. The format allows those in attendance to ask specific questions and receive direct answers related to their own unique settings. There will be eleven different workshops offered in the afternoon: *Latino Ministry, Mission Insight, Benevolence Ministry, Natural Church Development-Holistic Small Groups, Reaching 20/30 Somethings in a World of Questions, Financial Peace University, Children's Ministry, United Methodist Beliefs, Youth Ministry, Workshop for Local Church Treasurers, and Staff Parish Relations Committee*. Attendees may attend two. An optional lunch is being offered at 1:00 p.m. for \$7.00 per person. The cost of the event is \$5.00. Please pre-register. Registration forms are available in the church office.



This 2008 Advent and Christmas season we have been blessed through the worship series centering on voices at the manger. Many people contributed their talents to bring these voices to life: Greg Alldredge (voice of God), Gracie Murphree (Mary, Traditional), Jennifer Alldredge (Mary, Traditional) Nancy Wahler (Mary, CWS), Karen Collins (Mary, CWS), Barron Kennedy (Joseph, Traditional), Doug Collins (Joseph, CWS), Rick Murphree (Wise Man, Traditional), Ben Savage (Wise Man, CWS), Mindy Savage (Wise Person, CWS), Kyle Fletcher (Shepherd, Christmas Eve), Kristen Alldredge (Soldier, Traditional). A sincere thank you to all these people and to Deb Holly for her help and support, to our sound people for all their work, and to Wil and Eric for making this happen.

Thanks, Jennifer Alldredge, F-Troupe

# ♪ WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES ♪

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### NEW YEAR--NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Another new year is upon us and with it new opportunities for service. For some of us these opportunities would never have been dreamed of only a few short months ago. Perhaps you have not yet considered the ministry of music as an avenue upon which you might travel. Some in our congregation have in past years participated in the choirs, and for one reason or another have had to take a break. Some have perhaps always enjoyed music and thought about joining one of our choirs, but just never got around to it.

We'd like to invite you to join us. Our choirs meet on Wednesday evenings: the Early Risers (8:30 service) rehearse at 6:15, the Chancel Choir (11 o'clock service) at 7:00 p.m. When we are working on a special program the choirs combine at 7:00 for 30 to 45 minutes, followed by Chancel Choir rehearsal.

We will soon be beginning work on our Holy Week cantata. Perhaps you'd like to make a commitment for a short time and sing with us for that service. Watch for more news about that in coming weeks.

This Sunday, January 11, the Brass Voices, our adult handbell choir, and the Revelation Singers, our adult choral

ensemble, will resume rehearsals. Brass Voices will meet at 4:30, followed by the Revelation Singers at 5:30.

I look forward to working with these ensembles as well as the choirs. In addition to directing these groups I will be available to assist with musical needs for the entire congregation. Please feel free to contact me when I can be of assistance. Generally I will be working at home (Jefferson City) on Mondays and will be in the office all day on Tuesdays.

Consider serving with us in the ministry of music. Call if you want more information. I'll be glad to talk to you about it.

*Sonny*



## Children's Corner

### Dates to Remember

- January 16 - Parent's Night Out (CUMC)
- February 20 - Parent's Night Out (MPUMC)

### Mission Focus:

- ◆ **Change for Children** - ongoing
- ◆ **FISH: Canned Fruit** (January),  
**Jelly** (February)

### Baby Pictures:

Please send your baby's picture for the Baby Bulletin Board.



**Baby Rose:** Let Ann know when you will be bringing your "new" baby for the first time so the church can honor him/her with a rose on the altar.

Ann Cover - Director of Children's Ministries  
acover@middlebrookpike.com



# MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

## Upcoming Events & Activities...

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

**Breakfast of Champions** – 7:00 a.m. - Cost: \$5.00  
Location: Shoney's (Walker Springs & Kingston Pike)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Youth prepare and serve breakfast...  
meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Youth Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship - 8:30 & 11:00  
Contemporary Worship - 11:00

**Resurrection Counselors Meeting - 3:30 p.m.**  
*Meet in the Youth Discussion Room.*

**4:30 – Youth Musical Rehearsal**  
5:30 - Snack Supper - \$3.00

**6:00 – Special Youth Group Event**  
**“RESURRECTION 2009 PREVIEW”**

**6:00 to 7:15 p.m.**

Resurrection participants are **strongly encouraged** to attend!

**7:15 - Youth Bible Study**  
8:00 - Youth Free Time

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

**Wednesday Night Youth Connection**  
Church-wide dinner - 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

**YOUTH GROUP: THE MUSICAL** performs at the  
beginning of Bishop Swanson's program - **6:00 p.m.**  
*Youth participants should meet in the youth room at  
5:30 p.m. Be sure to wear a white shirt and jeans.*

**7:00 to 8:30 - Youth Group Activities at MPUMC with the  
youth group from Trinity UMC.**

### **OUR HOAGIE SALE CONTINUES!**

Enjoy a great sandwich during the Super Bowl and help our youth program! Order your hoagie by filling out the Sunday morning bulletin insert and putting it in the offering plate. The price is \$7.00, which includes a sandwich, pickles, and your choice of chips.

### **A Basketball Blurb...**

Both the Senior high boys' and girls' basketball seasons are underway! At the moment, this calendar does not include basketball practices or games. See your coach for game and practice information.

**Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries**

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### **CareNotes Booklets Are Popular**

The CareNotes booklets, which were placed throughout the church facility in late 2008, have proved to be popular with the congregation. Since the distribution racks were set up on November 6th, over 150 booklets have been picked up.

More than 40 titles, which address spiritual, mental, and physical health concerns, are available among the six display racks located: In the Narthex, near the Information Center within the lower level entrance lobby, inside the entrance to the Gymnasium, in the men's and women's restroom near the Fish pantry, and at the entrance to the church office.

The Health Ministry administers the CareNotes program, which focuses on the care of mind-body-spirit health.

You are encouraged to review the various booklets in all locations. We feel you'll find several that will assist you.

“See, I am making all things new!” - Revelation 21:5

I went to the gym recently to work out. I was looking forward to the exercise after a long day spent primarily sitting while either talking or typing. When I got to the gym to my surprise there were several hundred cars in the parking lot. Normally, there are about fifty cars there. “What’s going on?” I thought to myself. Then I remembered it is January and everyone is trying to make good on their New Year’s resolution. This happens every year at my gym. It stays so packed during January with new faces that you often have to wait in line to do an exercise. By the middle of February though, 95% of the new folks will be gone. The gym will go back to being half empty most of the time and most of the folks there will be the same ones who were there last year.

Why is it that so many of us can’t keep the New Year’s Resolutions we make? A year that seems so full of newness and possibility in January quickly turns into the same old thing by February. Is significant change really possible for us? In the book of Revelation, God says that he is constantly at work making all things new. These “things” include us. If we really want to be made new this year all we really have to do is open ourselves to what God’s is already trying to do with our lives.

Maybe one of the reasons, the new stuff we add into our lives rarely sticks is because we don’t ever take anything out of our

lives. We just keep jamming more stuff into them. So, when there’s no more room, the stuff with the most seniority generally wins out and gets to stay.

So, here’s my question to you: What is it in your life that needs to go away (and perhaps never come back) so that you can be the new person God is turning you into? Is it a deep resentment towards someone who has hurt you? Is it something that is no longer worth the time you spend on it? Is it an attitude that prevents you from being open to God and loving toward others?

For me, I’d like to let go of my cynicism. I’ve learned to cover my cynicism with smiles and humor, but it’s still there. I tell myself that “I’m not cynical, I’m realistic.” Truth is: I get so frustrated sometimes that it prevents me from appreciating the blessings God is constantly pouring down upon me?

Will I be able to let go of it immediately, completely, and forever? Probably not. Then again, I’ve been going to the gym two to three times a week for years now. And while no one would mistake me for a professional athlete, I’m a much different person because of it.

Happy New Year,

*Wil*

### *Recent requests for prayer from our church family...*

**CONCERNS:** Millie Barba, Paige Troutman, Lucile Thede (Jan Lee’s mother), David Smith (Lauren Robinson’s father), Ruth Hauk (Elaine Hauk’s mother), Jean Begley

**DEATHS:** Robert Sublett (Jim Sublett’s father)

### **PASTOR ON CALL**

Wil Cantrell

**Friday 01/09 -  
Sunday 01/11**

cell - 919-0647

### **LOOK TOWARD SUNDAY January 11**

***Traditional and Contemporary  
Services***

***Sermon: “I Am “He”***

***Scripture: John 4:19-26***

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#### **MILITARY FAMILY**

Jonathan Hamilton - stationed in Iraq  
Jordan Leslie – grandson of Jen Webb  
Alan West – Barry Ballinger's cousin  
Robert L. Kelly – grandson of Bill and Marie Cooper  
– stationed in Arizona  
Robert McCuiston – father of Jason McCuiston  
Major Reed Berry – Judy Berry's son  
Christina Olsen – cousin of Nate Valukas  
Anna Evert – Suzanne Thomas' cousin – stationed in Iraq  
Coleman Harrell, USAF – nephew of Sam and Diana Clark  
– stationed in Germany  
Chrissy Atchley – daughter of Randy and Leah Atchley  
Robert Haas – son of Don and Joyce Haas  
– stationed in Germany  
Daniel Clark – grandson of Don and Joyce Haas  
– stationed at Fort Dix, NJ  
Jacob Clark – grandson of Don and Joyce Haas  
– stationed in Norfolk, VA  
Nicholas Bible – Samantha Frederick's cousin  
– stationed in Iraq  
Troy Arquette – specialized training  
Matthew Gardner – Erin Green's fiancée  
– USAir Force  
Andrew Cooper – Larry Cooper's son  
– going to Iraq

The following names are our list of those known to be homebound. If you know of a homebound member who is not on our list, please contact the office so that we may add that name to our list, which is printed the 1st Wednesday of each month.

***We encourage you to remember them in your prayers or drop them a note or a card.***

#### **KEENAGERS**

JANUARY 15, 2009

Dinner: 6:30

**Program: THE ELDERLY BROTHERS**

Please call the church office for reservations.



Blanche Wright (Sabra Buchheit's mother)  
 Carol Buchheit (John Buchheit's mother)  
 Dolores Scarbrough (Judy Boyd's sister)  
 Jamie Chamblee (Rick and Sally Lovin's nephew)  
 Peggy Blough (Bette Moore's sister)  
 Doris Ritchie (Don Moore's sister)  
 Betty McGregor (Sally Evenden's aunt)  
 Caryl (Sally Evenden's stepmother)  
 Jackie Evenden (Sally Evenden's sister-in-law)  
 Jayden Wise (Peggy Reed's nephew)  
 Phil Moore and his son Dustin  
 Jonathan Keas  
 Bill Dabbs (Craig Turnbow's aunt)  
 Marilyn Hinson (Craig Turnbow's aunt)  
 George Kindred (Betty Turnbow's brother)  
 Tiffany Dabbs (Betty Turnbow's cousin)  
 Bobbie Wray  
 Alice Moore  
 Bobby Gordy (Dawn Galle's father)  
 Dorothy Cole (Emily Guffey's mother)  
 Jim O'Neal (Jean Rosenblum's father)  
 Fred Rosenblum (Mickey Rosenblum's father)  
 David and Patricia Merrill (Daphnea Moses' sister and brother-in-law)  
 Karen Posey (Mike Moses' niece)  
 Daryll and Melissa Ray  
 Bill Cooper  
 Danny Cooper (Marie Cooper's nephew)  
 John Ray (Shelia Cooper's father)  
 Cindy Krebs  
 Shannon Endres (granddaughter of Del York)  
 Ryan Fliegner (Del York's great grandson)  
 Catherine Cole (Bonnie Cole and Kathy Rinaca's mother)  
 John Priode  
 Clint and Betty Crisp  
 Bobby Counts (Larry Katcham's cousin)  
 Tim Allbee  
 Jenny Pekarek (Jan Lee's niece)  
 April Morgan Bartine  
 Chuck McDonald (Ray McDonald's father)  
 Danny Anthony (Ray McDonald's nephew)  
 Chuck Samuel (Kay Samuel's brother)  
 Peggy Wyrick  
 Tracey Ballinger

Danny Mount (son of John and Kathy Mount)  
 John T. Mount (John Mount's father)  
 Mike Mefford (Linda Mefford's brother)  
 Danny Mefford (Linda Mefford's uncle)  
 Monica (Betty Earl's grandniece)  
 Becky (Martha Tate's daughter)  
 Mary Sallstrom (family of Diana Clark)  
 Jody McKenry (Cliff McKenry's cousin)  
 Karen Giles  
 Margaret Wilson (Marcia McGregor's grandmother)  
 Nickie Morgantine (Judy Berry's nephew)  
 Scott and Jean McNeeley (Pam Pennington's mother and stepdad)  
 Karen Dennis (Ann Rockwell's niece)  
 Bob and Pat Jackson (Becky Gompf's aunt and uncle)  
 Gail Priode  
 Georgia Bird (Jim Bird's step-mother)  
 Michael Vigorito and family (Nick Vigorito's brother)  
 Carolyn Gass  
 Fred Miles (Josh Walker's step-dad)  
 Mattie Wright (Dayna Walker's grandmother)  
 Bill Swaggerty Jr.  
 Wendy Evon's father  
 Darlene Demaree (Loren Demaree's mother)  
 Janis Lanternier  
 Loren Boatwright  
 David Long (Paul and Willa Long's son, Susan Beck's brother)  
 Hope McGee  
 Dot Hyke  
 Carol Melton  
 Charlie Dunn (Greg Dunn's father)  
 Carolyn Kosier  
 Jay Niblick  
 Jon Seeders (Rick Seeders brother)  
 Jess Lockyear (Rosemary Lockyear's brother)  
 Steve Hinkle (Helen Walkers son)  
 Chris Emmitt  
 Hershel Scandlyn (Dan Kelly's uncle)

**January Ongoing  
 Prayer List**

**If you know of anyone who needs to come off this list, please contact Debbie in the church office at 690-8641.**