



## COMBINED SERVICES ON APRIL 25

**8:30** ~ we will worship in the Sanctuary in a service led primarily by our choirs with some contributions by the musicians from our praise band.

**11:00** ~ we will be gathering in the Family Life Center for a worship service led primarily by our praise band with some contributions by our choir members who make up the Revelation Singers.

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Say Goodbye to  
Our Pastor and Family

## SUPER SUNDAY SEND-OFF

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, April 25 for a fantastic farewell to Wil, Rebecca and Sam. We're having a potluck supper at 5:30 pm followed by a send-off party you won't want to miss. The church will provide the meat, bread and drinks. We are asking you to bring a dish to share and we'll save a place at the table for you.

If your last name starts with A~L – bring a side dish.

M~Z – bring a salad or dessert  
(each dish should feed 12-15).

What a wonderful way to conclude 6 great years of service to our church family.

If you can help with set up, kitchen duties or clean up, please call the church office to sign up. Thanks.

## Celebration

At 5:30 pm on April 25th the Church will be hosting a “going away” celebration for Wil, Rebecca, and Sam in the Family Life Center and we want to present a love offering to the Cantrell's at this event. If you would like to show your appreciation for all Wil and his family have meant to MPUMC over the past six years, please participate by marking your gift “Cantrell Love Offering” and placing it in the offering plate. Gifts sent directly to the Church should be marked to the attention of Charlotte Giles.

Rick Murphree  
Chair

Staff Parish Relations Committee

APRIL 21, 2010

The Messenger

# On Campus Events

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

- 8:30 Combined Worship Services in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FLC/FH)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Combined Worship Services in the FLC
- 2:00 Stephens Ministry (Room 40)
- 4:00 First Place Class (Room 27)
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Room 31)
- 5:30 Pot Luck Dinner and Farewell to the Cantrell's
- 7:45 "Slingshot" Youth/Young Adult Worship

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 27**

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful
- 10:30 Prayer Around the Altar
- 11:00 Prayer Shawl Group (Room 30)
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group (Room 40)
- 6:30 Good & Beautiful God Class (Library)
- 7:00 Open Gym

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**

- 6:15 Angel Choir (Room 26)
- 6:15 Cherub choir (Room 21)
- 6:15 Friendship Choir (Room 30)
- 6:15 Early Risers Choir
- 6:45 "Ignition" Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 SPR Meeting (LCR)
- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 Children's Handbell Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 30)
- 7:45 Youth Games

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful (FLC)
- 5:00 CWS Praise Team
- 5:15 Youth Handbells
- 6:00 Disciple III (LCR)
- 6:00 STEPS Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)

## **SATURDAY, MAY 1**

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

APRIL 18, 2010

Sunday School—288    Worship—608

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

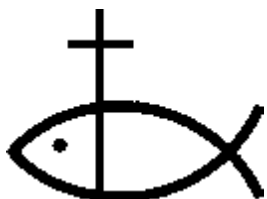
April 18, 2010

<b>BUDGET</b>	\$17,906.69
<b>PAVING THE WAY</b>	\$1,300.00
<b>MEMORIALS R.L. Burnette</b>	
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS: FISH</b>	\$1,405.00
<b>DESIGNATED OFFERINGS</b>	\$3,458.13
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$24,069.82



- April 26**      Zachary Slimp
- April 29**      Jim Blevins, Michael Elmore,  
Tyler Thurston, Jeff Vantrease
- April 30**      Neil Hartwig, Shauna Bradley
- May 1**          Janet McGinn, Amy Thompson, Erica Davis
- May 2**          Heather Gray, Marty Bradley, Alexis York,  
Bernard Grubbs
- May 3**          Guy Anderson, Virginia Chipman

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



**FISH THIS FRIDAY**  
APRIL 23

PLEASE COME HELP  
PACK OR DELIVER



**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

**Breakfast will be served  
by UMW ~  
Sisters in Christ Circle**

**please join us!**



## Spring Marketplace

MAY 18

5:30 table viewing ~ 6pm dinner

Let's celebrate SPRING with friends as we dine on decorated tables designed by you. Tablescape ideas are endless ~ flowers, gardening, celebrations, beach, hobbies, tea party, picnic, birthdays, movies, weddings.....  
Paper, plastic or china can be used.

If you would like to decorate a table, please call the church office by **May 3 to reserve your table.**

After dinner you can browse the venter booths for all types of goodies ~ handmade jewelry, Southern Living, Mary Kay, kitchen gadgets, and lots more.

If you would like to join us for dinner and the evening activities, please call the church office by **May 11 to make your reservation.**

Tickets are \$12.00  
(questions, call Debbie 690-8641)

*Thank  
You*

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards and kind words during this time of grieving over the loss of Eric's father. During a time like this we realize how much our friends and church family really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

Love in Christ,  
Eric, Laura, Jake, & Luke Bronkala



*will meet at Panera Bread  
(Cedar Bluff) on April 29—7pm.  
We will just have dinner,  
chill and chat.  
Join us!!*

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2010 Confirmation Class

Meggan Berry  
Brady Bingham  
Nathan Clark  
Chase Cerny  
Curtis Kosier  
Elizabeth Leatherman  
Sarah Rosenblum  
Gavin Vance

These young people have been instructed in the Word of God, the faith of the Christian church, our Methodist heritage, and now affirm the baptismal covenant by public confession of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We pledge our continued support and encouragement of these confirmands as they prepare to assume greater responsibility in the life of the Christian community and the mission of the church.

## Children's Corner

### Dates to Remember ~

- May 9 – Eric Bronkala teaches 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - May 16 – New Rotation (Miracles)
  - May 21 – Parents Night Out
  - June 7 – June 11– Vacation Bible School
  - June 13 – Eric teaches 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - June 27 – Summer Rotation begins
  - July 16 – Parents Night Out
  - July 25 – Eric Bronkala meets with rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents at 9:45 (Theater).
  - August 22 – Bible presented to rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
- Information will follow.

**Missions: Change for Children –**  
ongoing  
**FISH – Peanut Butter**



VBS ~ 2010

June 7 - June 11

6:00 – 8:30pm

(light dinner provided)

During Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Please contact Marielle Kusch (692-3899) or [kuschfamily5@aol.com](mailto:kuschfamily5@aol.com) if you would like to volunteer.



# MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

### Saturday, April 24

Confirmation Class Cookout – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
At Eric Bronkala's house...please bring a dish to pass...  
a salad or a vegetable.

### Sunday, April 25 (please notice the special schedule)

8:30 & 11:00 – Combined Worship Experiences  
9:45 – Youth Sunday School  
4:30 – Youth Choir

### **5:30 – SPECIAL EVENT: “A SPECIAL CELEBRATION!”**

*Come enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun, as we say farewell  
to our associate pastor; Wil Cantrell.*

**No “G.i.G” small groups!**

7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

### Wednesday, April 28

5:15 – Youth Handbells  
6:45 – Youth Group – “Ignition”  
7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING FOR DAYTONA &  
BIRMINGHAM TEAMS – 5:00 to 6:30 ON SUNDAY,  
MAY 22 – FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED.**

### Sunday, May 2

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship  
9:45 – Youth Sunday School  
4:30 – Youth Choir  
5:30 – “Fish Food” Snack Supper  
6:00 – Special Event: “Final Spiritual Exams” –  
Theme: *Looking at your relationships with teachers, other  
students & God. Come play games and have fun –  
no #2 pencil needed!*  
7:00 – “G.i.G” small groups  
7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

### Wednesday, May 5

5:15 – Youth Handbells  
6:45 – Youth Group – “Ignition”  
7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

### Friday, May 7

“BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS”  
7:00 a.m. at Shoney's (Walker Springs & Kingston Pike)  
\$5.00 for breakfast bar and a drink...we'll be done by 7:50  
and take you to school!

**OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' COOKOUT IS  
SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 15 FROM  
4:00 TO 7:00 AT THE HOME OF STEVE & MARSHA  
HAAS. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!**

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries  
ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com; ebronkala@comcast.net

## Associate Pastor Coming to MPUMC ~ Joshua and Callie Kilbourne

Josh is a life-long United Methodist—son and grandson of pastors. He grew up in Apison (Cleveland District), Knoxville and Johnson City. He studied at Emory & Henry College and attended seminary at Duke Divinity School. He has worked as a supply pastor and a youth and children's minister. He has served as an intern in United Methodist Churches in North Carolina and he is now serving the Floyd UM Circuit in the Wytheville District.

Callie studied music education at Emory & Henry. They have a 2 year old daughter, Anastasia (Ana) and are currently expecting a son due the middle of May.

Josh loves sports, the outdoors and yes, UT football.

He is very mission minded and has taken trips to Costa Rica, Slovakia, Rwanda and Uganda.

We look forward to the Kilbourne's joining our church family on June 23.

*Holy embraces all around! All the churches of Christ send their warmest greetings!*  
Romans 16:16

The Apostle Paul knows his life is drawing to a close. He writes a letter to the Church at Rome. Paul spends a great deal of his letter encouraging the church to greet his co-workers in the Gospel. He expresses his appreciation for them and their role in his life and ministry. I invite you to read chapter 16 of Romans. Paul was not a "lone ranger" Christian. He had many dear friends that left their mark on his life. One author has estimated that in Paul's letters to the churches, he makes mention of co-workers about 100 times. Someone has written the acronym T.E.A.M. is Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Wil and Rebecca Cantrell have left their "mark" on us. We are a stronger, better organized church, more devoted followers of Jesus, and take ourselves a little lighter because of Wil and Rebecca's ministry among us. I deliberately mention Rebecca also because Pastors' wives make many sacrifices whether they are employed by the church or not. I have witnessed Rebecca working feverishly on our Conference Mission Projects and she can drive a nail with the best of them when she helps build the Habitat houses. She has quietly and faithfully ministered in many ways over the past six years.

I have been a blessed Pastor to come to Middlebrook Pike when Wil Cantrell was completing his third year of ministry when I arrived. As our current SPR Chairperson, Rick Murphree, is fond of saying: "Middlebrook Pike is a complex place." We have so much going on here—all the time. With an average worship attendance of nearly 500 each Sunday, we have a lot of souls to care for. Wil helped your Senior Pastor "learn the ropes" from day one. For that I am ever so grateful. I have managed with United Parcel Service, Giant Book Warehouses, and the Detoxification Rehabilitation

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

**CONCERNS:** Charlotte Lee, Jessie Gouge, Morgan Simpson (Barbara Cope's niece)

Institute. I don't believe I have ever worked with anyone as gifted as Wil Cantrell in the areas of administration and leadership. You know Wil's strengths, for you have been blessed by his faithful use of his gifts and graces. He is a strategic and systemic thinker who has a penchant for helping staff and committees to develop clarity when sorely needed. We have a stronger missions program, membership care program, and health ministry program because of Wil's direct involvement. Wil has blessed us with his knowledge of Christian Stewardship and much more. He has always stressed that the most important thing we do as a church is worship. I could write so much more—what a great co-worker!

Have you ever had someone share something with you that you wish you knew earlier in your life? I have. For example, I have had people tell me they appreciated my ministry many years after I was among them. I never knew they felt as they did until years later. They seemed to take it for granted that I knew how they felt. I encourage you to share with Wil and Rebecca how you feel about them. Saying "Good-bye" is hard and hurts—but what a blessing and parting gift you give when you share from your heart.

This Sunday morning we will hold joint worship services to give thanks and praise to our God who gives us faithful servants to minister among us. This will be Wil's last Sunday preaching at Middlebrook Pike before he moves. Sunday evening we will break bread together and celebrate Wil, Rebecca, and Sam's presence among us and give them honor and a great send-off! It will be a blessed day, for our God is so good!

*Dear God,  
Thank you for Wil, Rebecca, and Sam.  
We have been so very blessed to have them in our lives sharing their lives with us. Help us to show you proper gratitude and to honor them in the days to come. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Pastor Fric*

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