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WHAT IF?

WORKSHOPS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Once again FCC will host our Regional Transformation Event on February, 18th and 19th. The theme is “What If?” Worship will begin Friday, 18th at 7:30 pm with our own children and youth participating. Our children will sing, and our youth will lead us in the communion meditation. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Todd Adams, who is our Associate General Minister and President. On Saturday, 19th registration will begin at 8:00 am with our plenary session beginning at 9:00 am. Workshops begin at 10:00 am. Participants may select three of eight workshops that will explore the topic – “What If?” in various ways. The following workshops will be offered:

- **Creating An Alternative with Special Seasons** - Rev. Suzanne Castle
- **Fellowship of Twelve-Leadership Development** - Rev. Susan Diamond
- **Setting the Captives Free: The Payday Loan Trap** - Rev. Sekinah Hamlin
- **Lifestyle Evangelism** - Rev. Ken Whisenant
- **Upward Sports - An Outreach to At - Risk Youth** - Sylvester Hardy
- **Boundary Training** - Nisha Warbington (one session)
- **Youth Ministry “Outside the Box”**- Lesleigh Carmichael (2 sessions)
- **What IF...We Read the Bible and Followed the Directions** - Rev. Paul Ingram

Mark your calendars now for an exciting weekend filled with The Spirit and knowledge and fellowship.

FREQENT FLYER/GIFT MILES NEEDED

Our CYF youth have been working hard for two years to make a dream a reality. This coming June, nine of our CYF and their sponsors will travel to the Holy Land to do a Mission Trip in Bethlehem. We have been blessed with some buddy passes but still need to off-set the cost of more tickets. We are asking that if you or someone you know has Delta frequent flyer miles that would like to donate them to our youth Mission Trip. We would appreciate it very much. We understand that they must be donated in 2000 mile increments. A person may donate up to 60,000 miles per year. We need a total of 190 thousand miles for a RT ticket. However, any amount of miles is appreciated because it offsets the total cost. In other words we can use gift miles and money. If you or someone you know might be willing to donate gift miles please call Mary Pat or Donnette. Thank you so much.

CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON

Sunday, February 30th

“Christian Apologetics”

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

RESURRECTION EVENT 2011

Nineteen (19) youth and their sponsors attended the Resurrection Event sponsored by the United Methodist Church in Gatlinburg, Tennessee over MLK weekend. We attended four sessions with dynamic speakers, drama, and contemporary Christian music. We experienced worship, rededication and calls into the ministry. The youth describe it as an “Amazing Weekend”, “Life Changing”, “Challenging” and much more. The Chi Rho and CYF youth also adopted a teenager who lives in India. His name is Manoj Munda. We agreed to sponsor Manoj for \$38.00 a month as we practice giving so others might live. We stayed in cabins in Pigeon Forge, cooked our own food, played games, had fellowship, worshipped, had communion, hiked and played, and of course, did a little shopping in Gatlinburg. This is our second year to attend this youth conference with over 12,000 young people. We have a fantastic group of young people who want to share their love of Jesus. We are so fortunate to have this fine group of young people who are a vital part of our FCC family. Stop and ask a young person how was their weekend; you are bound to see a smile.

General Assembly of the Christian Church July 9-13, 2011- Nashville, Tennessee

Tell It!!

Plan now to attend our General Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC). You can register online now at www.disciples.org/ga. If you cannot attend the full time, there is a one-day registration of \$50 (on site only). Hotel reservation are being accepted though the Nashville Convention and Visitors Housing Bureau via the Passkey website. By reserving your hotel through this link, you help save the General Assembly on reservation costs.

Book your hotel online today at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/resweb>. If you feel that you can not attend the entire assembly, you will have the opportunity in the near future to support the church wide gathering for a \$15.00 or larger gift. Any amount is welcome to help make the Assembly more affordable for all. Our Mission Council will be electing four voting delegates to represent our church. Let’s have a large group from FCC to attend our Assembly since it is so close.

FIFTH SUNDAY POT LUCK

This Sunday after worship we will have our Fifth Sunday Pot Luck in the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite dish. The church will provide drinks, utensils and paper products. Come celebrate life as we share our friendships around the table.

SUNDAY’S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	84
WORSHIP	146

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Life In Our Community This Week

Sunday, January 30

- 9:00 Sunday School
9:45-10:15 Fellowship Moment
10:15 Worship Service
10:30 Worship & Wonder
3:00 District II Meeting at Valley
5:00 Children & Youth
6:15 Snack Supper

Monday, January 31

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
10:00 Staff Meeting
6:30 Men's Gathering

Tuesday, February 1

- 9:45 Chapel
7:00 Pastor Cabinet

Wednesday, February 2

- 9:45 Chapel
11:15 Young At Heart
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

2010 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2010 Contribution Statements are now out in the narthex. Please take a moment to stop by and pick yours up out of the box. *Thanks, Cece*

BINDING THE 2010 VISITOR

If you would like to bind the 2010 Editions of our Visitor for the church library in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Cece. The cost is about \$38 to have it bound in a nice, leather-like book binding and imprinted with gold lettering.

YOUNG AT HEART

The munchies! We all get the munchies. But the Young At Heart is going to do something about that munchie feeling. On Feb. 2, we will tour Golden Flake and see how it's all made, from chips to corn curls. We will meet at the church at 11:15. After the tour of Golden Flake, we will have lunch at Dreamland Bar-B-Q. Please sign up in the narthex. *Janet*

MEN'S GATHERING

All men are invited to our Men's Gathering on Monday, January 31 at 6:30 pm. We are blessed to have the President and CEO of Habitat For Humanity, Charles Moore, as our guest speaker. Invite a friend and sign up on the reservation chart in the narthex. Also, we are blessed to have Steve Pasky prepare our meals again this year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Brian and Beverly Smith and their daughter Elizabeth who transferred their membership from Elizabeth Sullivan UMC in Bogalusa, LA. Their address is: 122 Shelby Forest Rd. Chelsea, Al. 35043. Phone #: 618-9238.

CHURCH HISTORY CONTINUED

Our congregation was saddened by the death of a dear and long time member, Lindsey Oden, on December 21, 1992. Lindsey served faithfully as church treasurer for many, many years. At the December board meeting a task force was approved to lead small group discussions of the consultant's report in home settings. This would give every member of the church the opportunity to ask questions and participate in discussion of the report. It was estimated that 30 or 40 meetings would be needed, with 10 or 12 members and one task force member at each meeting. A meeting at church after the second service would accommodate those not wishing to drive at night and those who were part of the van ministry.

In January, 1993, we welcomed Suzanne Phillips as our new Director of Music. Suzanne was certified in elementary education and had a music degree from Furman University. She taught part time at Advent Episcopal Day School. "At Home with the Rankins" began again in late January. This was an annual series of gatherings for the previous year's new members, and enabled them to get better acquainted with the ministers and with each other. Laity Sunday was observed on January 31 with Dr. Fletcher Hamilton bringing the message on "Forgiveness".

The 5th annual Valentine dinner, sponsored by the youth groups, was held on February 13, and the annual Mardi Gras celebration took place on February 17 with a gumbo supper and parade. Everyone was encouraged to come in costume. An All-Church Retreat was held at Hargis on February 20. Our church also began a television ministry in February, broadcasting on a local cable channel.

Early in March we experienced what has come to be known as "The Blizzard of '93". Once again the Hotline proved to be a valuable communication tool in an emergency situation, providing information about cancelled or postponed services and meetings. By mid-March the home meetings had been completed, and the Consultant Task Force planned to spend several weeks compiling information from the meetings before presenting a report to the cabinet in April.

The spring CARE program took place at the Retreat every Saturday in April with many of the Sunday School classes and youth groups planning the activities. Holy Week began with Palm Sunday worship and the children's processional and waving of palm branches. An Easter egg hunt for the children was held that afternoon at the church. The Maundy Thursday service featured a drama based on Leonardo da Vinci's painting, "The Last Supper". Special thanks went to Dr. Shane West who constructed the backdrop for the drama. The service concluded with communion and was followed by the unbroken 24 Hour Chain of Prayer.