

# The Messenger

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*From the Pastor*



I have read recently of news reports that as many as five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin.

Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, we feel confident that St. Marks will steer clear of these villains as we invoke the help of Bin Prayin. Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to lift up and encourage the Body of Christ. Please do what you can to fight off these terrorist with Bin Prayin. Unlike those terrorist cells, Bin Prayin does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Thank you for all you do to strengthen the ministry of St. Marks!

Blessings,

Craig

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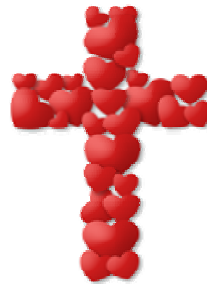
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## St. Mark's Attends Confirmation Day With The Bishop

Eight confirmands and four adults attended the Tennessee Conference Event "Confirmation Day with the Bishop" held at Springfield FUMC Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The confirmands enjoyed a time of worship led by the Praise Band from McKendree UMC with a meditation given by Bishop Wills. All present gave offerings to Springfield's "Backpack Attack" ministry.

Then all the participants took a journey through Jesus' life and his attitudes – Humility, Focused on Scripture, Compassion and Love – and practiced becoming and living like Christ 24/7. The event closed with a time of worship and Holy Communion. Special thanks to George Faulk and Lindsey Gagnon who attended along with Dr. Goff and Rev. Touchton. As confirmand Cara Clark commented, "That was so much fun! Thanks!"



## Have A Heart

*One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering To Benefit UMCOR*

During Lent, we join our hearts with Jesus in ministry to the hurting of the world! One way to do this is through following the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) daily scripture and offering calendar distributed earlier in Lent and still available at the Kiosk.

On Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, all UMCOR offering banks should be returned to St. Mark's. In addition to this Lenten offering, we will also receive a Coin Offering for UMCOR. 100 percent of your One Great Hour of Sharing offering will go to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief!

May God bless your Lenten journey!



## VBS 2010

June 21-25

Sign-Up Now to Teach Your Preferred Age Group  
Sunday, March 14 in the Narthex.

## Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 2:00 a.m.



*"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ"*



Karen Alexander, Jim Carpenter, Tommy Cousar, Nathan Daniel, Russ Delong, Myrtle Draper, Pauline Ducker, Vickie Fox, Eska Garrison, Bobbie Goodman, Dick Gregurich, Porter Gunter, Cranford Jennings, Blake Long, Abigail Moore, Dale Morton, Nancy Olson, Earlene Pirtle, Evelyn Roesler, Dot Smith, Mary Teeder, Whitney Tew, Rosetta Thomas, Greta Whiteside.

**In the hospital** Jim Vandervort - MTMC Mrs. Rachel Touchton - Baptist  
Elizabeth Rogers - MTMC Martha Lowe - MTMC

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the Jackson family, on the death of Ron's step-mother and the wife of Mr. J.T. Jackson, Jessie Jackson; and to the friends and family of Jean Turner, who passed away last week.

### Older Adult News

The next meeting of the Older Adult Team will be March 18 at 10:30. Just prior to this at 9:30 there will be a film about the Children's Holocaust Memorial Rail Car in Whitwell, Tennessee, which has in it 11 million paper clips collected by two faculty members and students of the Whitwell Middle School. These represent victims of the Holocaust. We'll see this sight as part of our trip to Whitwell on March 30.

On Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 9:00 A.M. the church buses will leave for the Button Willow Theater in Whitwell, Tennessee. The theater and shows have been chosen as among the top five attractions in the Chattanooga Area by The Travel Channel. The theater production is advertised as a moving two hour show all based on actual historic events. It is further described this way: "A brother and sister, meeting by chance during the war, set the story. He is a career Army Officer, a West Point graduate and a confirmed Unionist. His sister, a die-hard Confederate, shows up in his camp and reveals she is secreting medicines to the Rebels. Their encounter is full of drama, laughs, and a few tender tears. Their conversation will amaze and amuse you." The cost is \$32.95, which includes lunch at 11:15 a.m., the gratuity, and the show. There will be an additional \$3.00 donation requested for fuel costs. The meal includes baked chicken, trimmings and vegetables, cobbler and pan biscuits. Please register through the church office at 893-3455.

Our next trip to the Cumberland Playhouse, Crossville, Tennessee is Thursday, April 8, 2010, to see "Annie," one of the top family musicals ever. The cost is \$21.00. Please pay this and make reservations through the church office (893-3455). There will be a \$3.00 donation for the bus fuel to be paid the day of the trip. The bus will leave at 8:30 promptly from the church. We'll take a rest break in Sparta, Tennessee. We will arrive at the Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant for lunch at 11:00 A.M. Then, it's on to the Playhouse in time for the 2:30 P.M. matinee.

### Please Help Re-open The Beersheba Chapel

The Beersheba Chapel has become unsafe for use and has been closed because of a basement wall that has been slowly collapsing over the last decade or more. Also, the front porch has tilted 5 inches toward the front of the building and may fall in. Now, in order to correct this problem, we must do extensive work to make the chapel safe for future groups. \$100,000 is needed to complete this much needed work.

The Tennessee conference is looking for 100 groups or individuals to raise or donate \$1000 each. All gifts need to be received by May 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, contact Bud Alexander or Dickie Hinton at (931) 692-3669 at Beersheba or email [tnumcamps@tnumcorg](mailto:tnumcamps@tnumcorg).

### Stewardship Summary

As of March 7, 2010:  
Budget Need Each Week - \$20,454  
Budget Need YTD - \$204,540  
Received YTD - \$179,203  
Difference - (\$25,337)

### "The Power Of The Cross"

#### Special Lenten Activities For Children Age 4 – Grade 4

Sunday, March 14, 2010  
During Children's Church

### UMW News

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.  
Women's Evening Fellowship - Narthex

### UMM News

The next monthly meeting of the UMM will be on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the Banquet Room. The meeting has been moved to the second Saturday for this month only, due to the Easter Holiday. All men are invited to attend - breakfast is free.



**Pancake Breakfast**  
Rutherford County Laity Club Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Fellowship UMC, 2511 Highway 99 in Murfreesboro. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 under 12.

### Mission to Mexico

The Murfreesboro District will sponsor a trip to Matamoros, Mexico, May 19-23, 2010. Participants will be doing construction work on the church, education building, clinic and homes; offering dental, well-baby, and general medical aid; and distributing Bibles and vitamins and making evangelism visits in the local neighborhoods.

Willing volunteers with no experience as well as those with experience in construction are encourage to participate. Doctors, nurses, dentists, and hygienists are also needed on every trip..

The cost is \$650 per person, with a \$350 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit due immediately. For more information, call the district office at 893-5886.



# Wednesday Night Together

## Food, Faith & Fellowship!

**5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Church Family Dinner**

*3/10/2010: Hot Soups and Deli Sandwiches*

*3/17/2010: Chicken and Dumplings, Peas and Diced Carrots, White Beans, Corn Bread, Salad Bar and Dessert.*

*(Note: Menus are Subject to Change!)*

*Reservations due by 12:00 p.m. Monday, \$5.00/Adult, \$2.00/Children 10 and under, \$15.00/Families up to 6 People*

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Childcare Available

*Infants to Age 4 in Rooms 201-204*

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**For the Kids, Ages 4 – Grade 6:**

*Choir and Musical Rehearsals, Homework Help, Bookworms, and more!*

**For the Youth, Gr. 7 - 12:**

*“Shaped by the Story”*

*7th – 8th Grade Bible Study – Y.C.*

*9th – 12th Grade Bible Study – Y.C.*

**For the Adults,**

***New Lenten Study led by Dr. Craig Goff***

**“Embracing the Cross and Finding Life!”**

In today's culture, any reference to “bearing a cross” is almost always described in negative terms. In Scripture, however, to bear one's cross is a liberating experience. During the season of lent, Dr. Goff will be leading a Lenten study on the liberating nature of bearing one's cross and following Jesus. February 24<sup>th</sup> - March 17<sup>th</sup> in Room 403.

**Get Ready, Get Set, Let's Cook!**

Not a lot of time left at the end of your day? Want to learn some tricks to get that meal on the table quick? Join us for some good food, great fun and clever cooking tips that are easy and family friendly! Led by Tammy Howell through March 17<sup>th</sup> in Room 213.

**Basic Course in Lay Speaking**

*Room 504, Led by Ann Benson*

**Revelation Bible Study**

*Room 402/404, Led by Dr. Bill Mullins*

## Youth News



Join Us Sunday, 3/14 & 3/21/2010

9:45 a.m. SME Classes

Sunday, 3/14/2010

5:00 p.m. - UMYF Youth Fellowship  
(No UMYF on 3/21/2010)

Save the Date! April 25<sup>th</sup> - Youth Auction



**St. Mark's  
Golf Tournament**

May 8, 2010

7:30 a.m.

Old Fort Golf Course

Sign up now on the  
Bulletin Board outside  
the Banquet Room!

**Softball  
Signups**



Signup Sheets are now posted in the hallway outside the Banquet Room for Men's and Ladies' Softball. For more information, contact Wendell Philpott at 896-1493.

**March Music  
Party**



The Mommies of St. Mark's will be hosting a special March music session to allow our little ones to express themselves through music (and most likely a lot of banging).

Join us for a fun day of music, snacks and fellowship on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Banquet Room. The cost is \$10-\$15 per mother/child duo.

Any mommy & child (under 10 years old) duo is welcome. For more information, contact Rachel Holder (615-542-5696), Jessica Duncan (615-525-6752), or Lauren Head (615-870-4731).



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<b>Calendar of Events</b>	<b>March 2010</b>						
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	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			

**RECURRING EVENTS**

**SUNDAYS**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship - WC
- 9:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - WC
- 4:00 p.m. SONlight - WC
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple II - 506
- Job and the Life of Faith - 402/4
- UMYF Youth Fellowship - YC/BR
- 5:15 p.m. Chancel Ringers - WC

**WEDNESDAYS**

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Carol Ringers - WC
- 5:30 p.m. WNT Dinner - BR
- 6:00 p.m. G.R.A.C.E Dance - WC
- 6:30 p.m. Revelation to John - 402/404
- Youth Bible Study - YC
- Children's Choirs - 209, 212, 304
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Wesley Covenant Group - 408

**THURSDAYS**

- 6:15 a.m. Youth Bible Study at "Let's Get Sconed"
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - 402/404

- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study - 408
- 5:30 p.m. Strength Training - Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Walking Exercise
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group - 504
- Financial Peace Univ.- 402/404

**DAILY EVENTS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

- 9:00 a.m. Gentle Joints - 405
- 7:00 p.m. Garrison Cove HOA - WC

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Emmaus Group - 408
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir Musical Rehearsal - WC

**MONDAY, MARCH 15**

- 9:00 a.m. Gentle Joints Exercise - 405
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers - 408
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 398 at Eagle's Nest

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

- 5:30 p.m. Strength Training - Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Walking Exercise
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Evening Fellowship-Narthex
- 7:00 P.M. "Noteworthy Duo" Concert-WC

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

- 10:30 a.m. Older Adults Team - 506
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Focus Group - 504
- 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team - 408

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19**

- 9:00 a.m. Gentle Joints - 405

**SATURDAY, MARCH 20**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Emmaus Group - 408
- 10:00 a.m. Mommies of St. Mark's - BR
- SUNDAY, MARCH 21**
- 3:00 p.m. Evangelism Team - 408
- No evening activities due to Spring Break

**MONDAY, MARCH 22**

- 9:00 a.m. Gentle Joints Exercise - 405
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 398 at Eagle's Nest

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23**

- 5:30 p.m. Strength Training - Narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Walking Exercise