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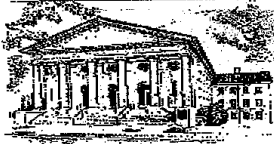
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## THE COLUMNS

First United Methodist Church, Mayfield, KY

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

### HOW ABOUT HELPING WITH VBS?

Kids, kids, and more kids! We have lots of little ones and are in the planning stages of an exciting Vacation Bible School. The dates are June 21-25 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. each evening. At *High Seas Expedition*, children will visit different stations to hear a daily Bible. Point and experience it in a new way! We need group leaders, skit leaders, snack preparation, help with decorations, craft leaders, prayer partners, and much more. Please join us for a planning meeting next **Wednesday, May 5th at 4:45 p.m.** in the Charles Baugh Classroom. If you have any questions or can't make it to the meeting, please contact Leslie Wessel at 804-1275 or email at [thewessels@bellsouth.net](mailto:thewessels@bellsouth.net) or Kelly Green at 705-8668.



### END OF SCHOOL BASH - MAY 19

The last Wednesday night activities will be on May 19. We will have a cookout beginning at 5:30 p.m. including hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the trimmings and Pastor Joe's favorite...ice cream (homemade ice cream)! **Please bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share. We will also need at least 2 gas grills to cook the burgers.** If you are willing to bring yours, please call the church office as soon as possible! The kids will have a special time of fun and games from 6-7 PM. Remember to make your reservations by Monday, May 17 at 10 AM.

### NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Transformed Bible Study Group will begin Priscilla Shirer's study, *One In a Million: Journey to Your Promise Land* on May 2. The group meets on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 in the Charles Baugh Classroom. *One In a Million* is a 7-week study that provides an opportunity for you to experience your deliverance from strongholds, to conquer your wilderness living, and to claim your God-given inheritance. If you would like to attend this study, please contact Shann Moore at 970-0537 or 247-1430, or email [shann@mewsbb.com](mailto:shann@mewsbb.com).

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Excitement is in the air...High School graduation! This year, we have five graduates: From Mayfield High School, *Madison Crooks and Jantzen Jones* and graduating from Graves County High, *Matthew Rakestraw, Kaly Stock, and Clarke Waldrop*. Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 16 and stay for the meet and greet reception which will follow.



\* Baccalaureate at 4 PM at First Church of the Nazarene.

### OUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST & THE CHURCH

	Mar. 28	Apr. 4	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 25
Attendance: Sunday School—	97	124	104	112	136
Morning Worship—	201	349	174	195	222
Sunday School Offering.....\$	60.75	57.00	64.00	65.83	80.67
Sunday Offering/Pledges.....\$	6,152.75	10,733.00	6,182.50	5,081.00	11,214.50
Needline/Food Pantry.....\$	10.00			40.00	
Lighthouse.....\$					250.00
Hope Center.....\$					50.00
Missions.....\$	100.00				
Building Fund.....\$	50.00	256.00	91.00	75.00	
Easter Offering.....\$	50.00	718.00			
Memorials.....\$		105.00			485.00
Organ Fund.....\$	870.00		170.00	60.00	
Maintenance.....\$		230.00			
Construction.....\$				163.00	995.00

### Remember

#### "Soup for the Soul"

If you know of someone, not just members but family and friends, recovering from illness or is in a crisis and in need of a quick meal, our Nurture Team is prepared to help. They've made Vegetable Beef Soup and put it in quart containers along with loaves of bread in the refrigerator-freezer in the church kitchen. When you take one, please sign the list on the freezer door indicating that you've taken it so we can replenish when needed.



**RELAY FOR LIFE**

Graves County's Relay for Life is six weeks away (June 11) and we have about a third of our goal in donations. Remember last year we were a SILVER team and far exceeded our goal. Don't forget to make your donation in memory or in honor of friends and loved ones! You may use the form below and make checks payable to FUMC designating "Relay for Life" in memo line or make it directly to the American Cancer Society. Donations to our Relay Team have been made in memory of:

- Anna Dixon Covington by Dr. & Mrs. Olin Covington
- Joe Nedrow by Edith Nedrow
- Ned Saxon by Louise Saxon
- Katherine Sprowles by Jeff & Melanie Beck
- Katherine Sprowles by Joyce Sprowles
- Hal Wright by Mary B. Wright



Luminaries and bricks may still be purchased (forms are available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall). We are still selling t-shirts with a portion of the sales going to our team. **Make plans to attend that night and see our very own Pastor Joe competing for Mr. Relay!!**

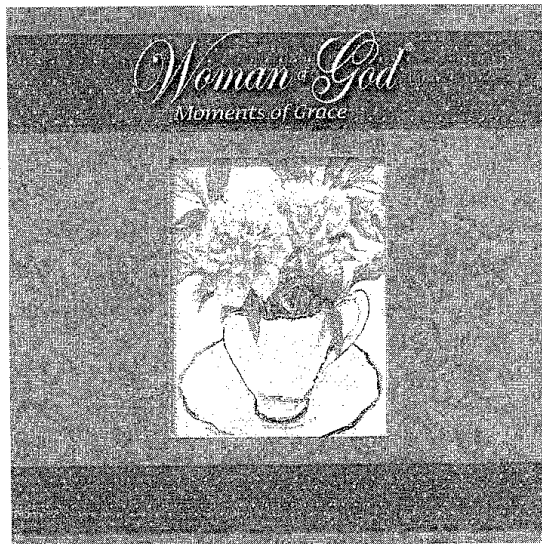
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees met recently and discussed and approved several items. Mayfield First UMC was the site for American Red Cross blood drives for well over 50 years; it's been several years since we have hosted a drive. At our last meeting the Board voted to host blood drives on a quarterly basis with the first being on Thursday, May 20th from 12:30-5:30 p.m. In the future, they will be on designated Tuesdays. We'll need four (4) volunteers to assist during the drive. Another agenda item was requests from the Hospitality Team for building/facility improvements. We are seeing many positive and much needed changes to our building in the way of "sprucing up". The youth room will get fresh paint and a few new pieces of furniture. Beautiful new furniture has already been purchased for the Water St. entrance and we are currently installing a ceramic tile floor and will add a bit of contrasting paint color. The Nursery will get bright-colored sturdy tables & chairs, new toys, and delicate touches to the window treatments. Updating has been underway at the church office for approx 2 months. Walls have been repaired and freshly painted, carpets cleaned and floor waxed, rooms rearranged for more efficiency, a new front storm door, and a few pieces of new furniture have been and will be added. In coordination with the city (they provide the labor if we provide the materials), we will replace the sidewalks around the church building as well. All of these improvements are being funded by our Maintenance Account which is naturally being depleted throughout this process. Our building, just like our own homes, must be properly maintained. *(In fact, Haggai 1 says God's house deserves priority!)* Your contributions toward maintenance will be put to very good use and are much needed and very much appreciated!



**Mother's Day** is a wonderful time to connect with God's heart for the Christian Home and all **Women of God!** Mother's Day is also the **Festival of the Christian Home.** Young girls, single women who have never married, single moms, moms currently raising kids at home with dad, grandmas, great-grandmas, aunts, female siblings and cousins and those special women who have nurtured and loved us ... on May 9 we will worship God by celebrating and honoring all of them!!

Invite those folks to join us on **May 9 at 10:30 a.m.** for worship. There will be special music, drama, a message that encourages women and girls and lifts up their role in God's world and God's wonderful plans.

*Reach out and invite some of those special people in your life to join us for these moments of grace!*

**☺ ☺ CONGRATULATIONS ☺ ☺**

....to newlyweds **Dr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson.** Bill and the former Sharon Green were married at our church on Saturday, April 17, 2010. God's blessings on many happy years!

....to **Elizabeth Tucker Gordon** as she graduates from the University of Louisville on May 7th with a Master of Public Health with an emphasis in Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences. Well done, Elizabeth!!

....to Mayfield Elementary School's **Sarah Wessel** chosen for being "Friendly to their fellow students and teachers". We're proud of you, Sarah!!

....to Honor Roll students, **Avery Bacon, Garrett Reed, Makayla Stock, and Preston Wilferd.** Avery, Garrett, and Preston attend Farmington Elementary and Makayla goes to Sedalia Elementary School. Keep up the good work!!

....to Graves Co. High School Senior, **Clarke Waldrop,** for placing first in electronic advertising and international business plan at the KY Region 1 DECA competition. Great job!!

....to **Luke Guhy,** a junior at Mayfield High School, for placing 3rd in Science and 5th in Math at the Regional Governor's Cup. **Erin Schorr** is on the MHS Governor's Cup Team also! Way to go, Luke & Erin!!

....Mayfield High School '09-'10 Basketball Banquet Awards: **Madison Crooks,** Leadership; **Sarah Hamby,** Most Spirited; **Luke Guhy,** Mr. Hustle.

## May

If you have a May birthday or anniversary and it's not listed or the date is incorrect, please call the church office (247-5678) with the correct information. Thanks for your help.



### Happy Birthday to:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Emily Chapman       | 17 - Joey Henderson    |
| 2 - John Beasley        | - Sarah Seay           |
| 3 - Carol Barnes        | 18 - Tom Hastings      |
| - Sarah Brown           | 20 - Marilyn Marshall  |
| 4 - Anthony Copeland    | 21 - Traci Biggs       |
| - Alex Preston          | - Kyler Simpson        |
| 5 - C.J. Boyd           | 22 - Matthew Rakestraw |
| 8 - Emily Green         | - Betty Stallins       |
| 9 - John David Tucker   | 23 - Collin Nance      |
| 10 - James Gay          | 24 - Chad Thomas       |
| 11 - Beth Geurin        | 26 - Carol Boggess     |
| - Kyler Mason           | - Heather Wright       |
| - Khadra Turley         | 29 - Kristen Jones     |
| 12 - Janna Beth LeFever | 30 - Harold Cox        |
| 13 - Whitney Owen       | - Jim Moore            |
| 14 - Billie Harmon      | 31 - Georgia Morehead  |
| - Leslie Wessel         | - Joyce Sprowles       |
| 15 - Greg Owen          | - Jason Samples        |
| 16 - Dale Chapman       |                        |
| - Shauna McCullough     |                        |
| - Macie Tucker          |                        |

### May Anniversaries

Jim & Donna Almand.....May 1, 1967  
 Charles & Frieda Vessels.....May 16, 1981  
 Larry & Carolyn Green.....May 26, 1961  
 Jeremy & Laura Phillips.....May 30, 1998

### From Our Missionaries...

#### Dear Friends,

We just wanted to take the time to say WE MADE IT!! That's right, we have officially arrived in Jamaica and have spent the last couple of weeks getting to know a lot of people and our way around. We have settled into our new home, and as we write this, are actually in the middle of hosting our first team. We would like to **THANK**



all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and financial support up to this point. God is doing amazing work in this beautiful country, and we are so thankful to be here. **THANK YOU!!**

#### Prayer Requests:

- Continued adjustments to the food, driving, weather, and other lifestyle changes
- Settling into our roles
- Adjustments for our children
- Monthly Financial Support

Please remember this is a partnership, and we would like to lift you up in prayer as well, as without you, our ministry would have never left the ground. So please, if you have prayer requests, send them back to us and we would be happy to pray for you. Our new email address is [black@csiministries.org](mailto:black@csiministries.org) or feel free to send us mail to the following:

P.O. Box 43  
 Clonmel, St. Mary  
 Jamaica, West Indies

Thank You and God Bless,  
 The Blacks (Aaron, Melissa, Audrey, & Braylon)

## Home, Sweet Christian Home

Maybe you knew it, maybe you didn't: the month of **May is designated Christian Home month.** The week of May 3 - 9 is Christian Family week. And May 9 is not only Mother's Day, it is also celebrated as the Festival of the Christian Home.

Single or married, kids at home or away from home, family somewhat scattered or all living in Graves County ... every household is called to make the decision Joshua made: Choose you this day whom you will serve ... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! (24:15) Join us throughout May for an important series of worship celebrations that explore relationships and the foundations of a Christian home, and a Christian life.

**May 2 - Communion Sunday - Revelation 21:1-6**

*A Future of Wedded Bliss* (read also *John 13:31-35*)

**May 9 - Mother's Day and Festival of the Christian Home**  
*Revelation 21:22-22:5*

*Women of God and Christian Homes*

**May 16 - Graduate Sunday - Ascension Sunday**

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*Children of God will Rise Up!* (read also *Acts 1:1-11*)

**May 23 - Pentecost Sunday - Romans 8:14-17**

*We are Family!*

(read also *Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:1-21*)

**May 30 - Memorial Day Weekend - Trinity Sunday**

*Romans 5:1-5 - Dual Citizenship, Soul Allegiance*

It's weddings and singles and couples and kids, blood family and spiritual family, relationships on earth and relationships in heaven - - all throughout the month of May. Join us, and invite friends and neighbors to come be a part as well!

## *Thank You!*

#### Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of the prayers and offers of support given to me and my family as I recover from open heart surgery. The get well cards from the congregation were also very welcomed and appreciated. Thank you to Pastor Joe for your visits to the hospital. Your presence and words were very comforting. I thank you all for making a difference in my life.

*Sincerely, Marsha Clift*

#### Dear Church Members,

Words cannot express my appreciation for all you did while my mother, Lois Mason, was sick. Your calls, visits, cards, the food you brought, and most of all the prayers you lifted up for her for those two weeks after she broke her hip meant so much. Her 90 years on this earth were joyous and this church and this church meant a lot to her. Thanks again!

*Jerry & Hannah Grantham, Valerie & Jeremy*

#### Dear Nurture Team,

THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness and concern. The bread and soup was delicious.

*With Love!! Garvelene & "Red" Wolfe*

#### To Our Church Family,

Thank you so very much for your love and concern during the illness and loss of our loved one, Carl. Thank you for your calls, visits, Bro. Joe's most comforting words and Kim's beautiful songs, and the much appreciated and delicious meal the ladies were gracious enough to provide. But, most of all, for your prayers. You are a beautiful people.

*The Carl Jones family*

## WHAT DOES THE TERM "MISSIONS" MEAN TO YOU?...

Many of us think of missions as going to a foreign country to construct a home, volunteer at an orphanage, or perform other activities while giving up all the comforts of home. While international missions do provide an opportunity to get out of your comfort zone and serve others, there are many other ways to show the love of Jesus to all people. Did you know that you can be involved in missions by simply saving UPC labels from a number of products like Campbell's Soup, V8 juice, or General Mills products? Or by cooking a meal once a quarter to serve to college students? Or by simply volunteering to drive a van to Wal-Mart once or twice a year? At FUMC, we want to give you the opportunity to serve others right here in your comfort zone in Mayfield, or outside your comfort zone at a location that may or may not require a passport to enter!

Local (ongoing)	Regional (one per quarter)	National (two annually)	International (two annually)
Lighthouse	2010 Meal at MSU Wesley Founda- tion	2010 mission trip to UMCOR Sager Brown	2011 Jamaican mission trip
Needline/Food Pantry	Reelfoot Rural Ministries	Disaster relief efforts—2010 Mississippi tornados	Samaritan's Purse
Hope for Life	Red Bird Missionary Conference		Support Aaron and Melissa Black missionary family
City on Our Knees (youth)			

Our goal is to serve in all areas. You will see us organizing our missions focus in four areas: 1) local, 2) regional, 3) national, and 4) international. Throughout the year the Missions team will be providing opportunities for you to get involved:

The first opportunities we would like to highlight are the opportunities to serve and support *locally*.

We are looking for at least 12 individuals who would be willing to drive the church bus to take Lighthouse residents to Wal-Mart for grocery shopping. If we can get 12 individuals, it would only require a commitment once per person in 2010, and you can work this around your schedule. If you are interested in being a part of this local mission, please contact Kathy Jackson at 270-247-2832.

May 15<sup>th</sup>— Annual Mayfield/Graves County Needline/Food Pantry Construction Event: A fun, creative event where teams of volunteers from local churches, businesses and other organizations will be creating artistic building projects made up of canned goods and other non-perishable food items that will be judged and then donated to the Mayfield-Graves County Food Pantry. 8:00 a.m. First National Bank parking lot. The Keepers Sunday School class will be FUMC's representative at this event.

If you are interested in being a part of our Missions team, please contact Kathy Jackson at 270-247-2832.

We are all called to the Great Commission of Christ: *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)*

### **April 24 Mississippi Tornados—Disaster Response —June 27—June 30, 2010**

We have the chance to be part of the Body of Christ's response to the needs of hurting people. We will go to the central Mississippi area to serve where needed as part of the Mississippi Conference Disaster Relief Ministry (in coordination with the United Methodist Committee on Relief). Three nights away from home (lodging and meal arrangements to be determined)

to serve in Jesus' name. Join the team, and invite others to come along. We will do debris removal and come alongside people who are rebuilding their lives. Just being there makes a big difference. You don't have to have expertise in construction, plumbing or electrical (although those folks are definitely needed!). All you need is a love for others and a desire to serve in Christ's name. Contact Pastor Joe (pstrjoe@ccol.net, 705-0554 or 247-5678) to sign up or with questions.