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A Matter of Attitude

It has become clear to me that attitude controls almost everything in life. The attitude in the country is not very good right now and we see that this has an effect on families, organizations, and churches. I have seen in the church how attitude makes a difference on whether the church is effective in ministry or not. Attitude effects giving and participation and is a measurement of the pulse of the church.

So, what is the attitude right now of our church? I see a congregation that is understandably concerned over the state of the economy and the direction of our country. We are still trying to understand and operate under a two campus plan. The correct amount of staffing and how staff will operate is a major concern for many of us. Given the realities of the economy, finances are certainly under far more scrutiny than ever before. These are things that can have a profound impact on a congregation's attitude.

If these are some of the things that we are dealing with as a congregation, let me share some of my observations concerning these things. Yes, the economy and the direction of the country is a concern. However, other than praying and voting (both of which are vital), there is not much we as a church can do about those things. Our focus needs to be on the things that we can do something about. By faith, we can know that God will see us through this time and we need to be faithful to the ministry to which God calls us.

As to the two campus plan, I believe it is absolutely remarkable that things have gone as well as they have. It is a tribute to the years of prayer and planning that have allowed us to transition as smoothly as we have. We have made mistakes and there is much room for improvement, but tremendous things are happening. It is clear that we made the right choices which have allowed us to honor our tradition and also to reach out with boldness in a new way. I know that God will continue to lead us and allow us to see the "fruits of our labors" as we faithfully seek his guidance and wisdom.

Staffing is certainly an issue. Circumstances beyond our control have made us scramble to make sure that the needs of the congregation are being met. In the midst

of the challenge, I have seen you as the laity of the church step up and use your gifts in powerful and real ways to help. I have witnessed a spirit filled determination to see the church carry on and prosper. It has been a blessing to see those who have been here for a while and to see the new faces in our congregation come together to make a difference in the church and the community. This kind of cooperation between staff and laity serves to glorify God and is completely necessary for the church to be all it can be.

Even before we saw the economy go so badly, we knew that 2010 was going to be a challenge financially and it has been. Having said that, we had an extremely successful "Miracle Sunday Campaign", which will help tremendously in helping us pay toward our mortgage responsibility. Not counting the "Miracle Sunday" contributions received, the general fund giving far exceeds last year and thus far we are running above expected income year to date. Through careful monitoring of expenditures, we are running well below budget in spending. I have every reason to believe that all of us will make every effort to meet contribution expectations for the general fund, building fund, and "Miracle Sunday" fund which will put us in good shape to complete 2010 and give us a good start on 2011. All in all, things are looking financially very good.

What is our attitude? I think, in spite of it all, our attitude is pretty good. The glass is definitely half full – not half empty. I pray that we can celebrate the great things that God is doing in the life of this church and not dwell on the other "stuff". The apostle Paul said this, "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." He goes on to say that our "attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." If this is our attitude, nothing will stand in our way to keep us from being the church God called us to be.

In His Service,
Richard

Children News...

KUDOS!!!! Both of our BIG summer events for kids were great! VBS and the Fun and Service Water Day were great successes. Thanks to all of the many volunteers that made them possible as well as wonderful.

August “Back to Sunday School Olympics”. For the month of August we will have a new look for our Children’s Sunday School.



The kids will be placed on a team each week and play Bible games and do cool activities. At the end of each day they will put their score on their own “Score card”

and at the end of the month the top 4 Kids in points will win a very cool prize! This will be at the North and South Campuses. At North we will meet in the Sunday School room and at South in the Worship room.

Kids make sure you are here each week for fun and prizes!!!!!!!!!!!! Our regular classes will resume after Labor Day.

F.I.S.H. will kick off with a HUGE celebration on Wednesday September 8th. Mark your calendars now, and invite all of your friends when you go back to school. Make your plans now for a great year with Friends In the Father’s House each Wednesday at 4:00 at the South Campus. If we need to arrange car pools for the North Campus and schools please contact Merry, either if your child needs a ride or if you are willing to drive from a location. Together we will make this an awesome experience for our kids!



NEW!! Become a *fan* of FUMC Greensboro on Facebook!

Join our Facebook *fan* page. This group is for members, visitors, and those who are curious about the church.

On Facebook – search: **First United Methodist Church of Greensboro.**



North Campus - Xtreme:

Sunday’s from 4:00-5:30

South Campus – Impact:

Sunday’s from 6:00-7:30

This is a time to eat, hang out with friends, and learn about our faith! Anyone 6th -12th grade is invited to join us!

We’ll be doing



(music and more) for four weeks in August. We listen to popular songs and then talk

about how the songs relate to faith.

Send me your suggestions on songs you’d like to hear

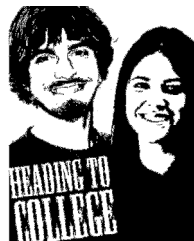
Sunday School: South: 11:00

Xtreme: 4:00-5:30 // IMPACT: 6:00-7:30

Amanda Garvin: Associate Pastor to Youth

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Care Packages for College Students



Our college students are about to return to school. Let’s shower them with goodies! Suggested goodies include:

Pens, Pencils, Gum, Mints, Snacks, Sticky notes, notes of encouragement, small puzzle pads (mad libs, cross-word, Sudoku, word find)

*Monetary donations are also accepted and will be used to buy goodies.

There will be a collection box located at the North Campus in the Lower Vestibule and at the South Campus located in the Gathering area. You can also drop any goodies off at the office during the week.

Assembly will be **August 16** at 10am– contact Amanda to help with assembly:

Good Bye...

As I leave FUMC Greensboro after seven years, I want to thank each of you for your ministry to me. Patt and I have been blessed to meet some wonderful people here who we know will be our life-long friends. You have nurtured us, upheld us through some rough times, rejoiced with us when things were good and loved us through it all. To all those who have participated in the music ministry: thank you for your talent. Thank you for your perseverance and your dedication. Most of all, thank you for your love and support. I know without doubt that God has great things in store for this church. I pray his richest blessings on each of you.

Deo Gloria! Put

Greensboro First United Methodist Church Sponsors

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Give Blood on Thursday, August 26, 2010

At the N.C. Family Life Center

1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Be sure to drink plenty of fluids and eat a healthy lunch prior to donating blood

The FUMC Blood Drive committee will be calling for volunteers to help. If you would like to volunteer, please call Kathy Williams at 706-467-9470.

August Volunteer Helpers

Acolytes South Campus

- 1 Clayton Hinspeter
- 8 Emma Dent
- 15 Grace Fuller
- 22 Carl Fuller
- 29 Peyton Walker

Acolytes North Campus

- 1 Jack Thomas
- 8 Peyton Walker
- 15 Jack Thomas
- 22 Summer Burgess
- 29 Need Volunteer

August Volunteer Helpers

Kid's Worship Volunteers South Campus

- 1 Merry & Lane Grayson
- 8 Carol Ingle
- 15 Kerri Fuller
- 22 Kerri Fuller
- 29 Merry & Lane Grayson

Children's Church Volunteers North Campus

- 1 Beth Thomas
- 8 Kendrick Harris
- 15 Beth Thomas
- 22 Joy Ashley
- 29

Greeters 8:45 Service

- 1 Jim & Cheryl Laine
- 8 Lewis & Emma O'Neal
- 15 John & Ginny Foos
- 22 Lewis & Emma O'Neal
- 29 Jim & Mary Mahan

Greeters 9:30 Service

- 1 John & Jeannie Wilson; Rex & Maggie Bradley
- 8 Bill & Betty Trotter; Charles & Fran Stewart
- 15 George & Kathy Williams; Chris & Kathy Manners
- 22 DeLacy & Pam Luke; Dennis & Sharon Crosby
- 29 Kim & Lin Logan; John & Kay Hinds

Greeters 11:00 Service

- 1 Jim & Norma Price
- 8 Jim & Shirley Rinard
- 15 Teri Ligon; Eloise Cawthon
- 22 Sam & Susan Young
- 29 Gene & Lois Rotruck

Ushers 9:30 Service

- 1 Mahan and Vogel
- 8 Wicker and Sheppard
- 15 Hollrah and Hummell
- 22 Alvey and McGinty
- 29 Vogel and McDaniel

Altar Flowers/ South Campus

- 1 Bob & Charlotte Hummell
- 8 Ron Lang
- 15 Jim & Carol Owens
- 22 Rodney & Yvonne Moore
- 29 Tom & Joyce Doss

Altar Flowers/North Campus

- 1 Bartow & Amelia Parkerson
- 8 Fred & Nancy Hunter
- 15 Billy & Lynn Copelan
- 22 Brian & Brooke Carroll
- 29 Need Volunteer

August Birthdays

1	Sanna Kolb Gary Strack Kim Thurmond	17	Ginny Power Fred Webb
2	Mackenzie Satterfield	18	Tommy Chillemi
3	Lori Smith	19	Bob Black Ivy Smith
4	Beth Thomas	20	Harold Gibson Bill Moore
6	Nadine Haydon	21	Barbara Jones Mike Jones
7	Amanda Garvin	22	Colby Buttrick Richard McDaniel
8	Reid Lipscomb	23	Thomas Chillemi, III Jane Rhodes
10	Rob Mitchell	24	Kenneth Moore Gene Rotruck
11	Joy Ashley Al Hoyle Riley Roberts	25	Jim Laine Nancy Stevens
12	Joanna Chapman Phyllis Sauls-Timko Charles Stewart Will Thomas Bill Trotter	27	Mary Ellen Arnold Ray Bowden Grace Fuller Bartow Parkerson
13	Marge Garrett	28	Alan Satterfield
14	Polly Cawthon Emmy Hill	29	Valerie Lipscomb Cathy Rhodes
15	Tim Cowin Tenequa Ta'Shay Gresham	30	Jan Thurmond
16	Sharon Crosby Wade Webb	31	Carl Fuller Tom Gibson Elizabeth Satterfield

STEPHENS MINISTRIES

We are extending our ministry to include visitation to our at home, nursing home, and out of town members. If you are gifted with people and love to visit and /or make calls, or maybe God has laid on your heart the need to reach out to these members more, please contact Jan Mc Cormack at 706-453-9296, Cheri Salisbury at 706-923-2729, or Merry Grayson at 404-732-6292. We would like to set up several teams to help us serve our congregation better.

Also, all of our Stephen's Ministers but two, have care receivers at the present. Therefore, we need more people as ministers and also people that are willing to be trained to actually train others. Please contact any of the above if you are interested in serving in this capacity. This is a very important ministry in the life of our church. Please continue to pray for us that we may be the heart of Christ to others in His name.

Prayer List

Alan Helmadollar	Jake Nicolopolus
Albert Crosby	Jan & Del Francis
Aliana Cloud	Janis Byrd
Alex Rusak	Jayne Kersey
Allison W. Sineath	Jean Merritt
Anne Wilbanks	Jessye "Cissie" Johnson
Betty Jordan	Jewell Forlaw
Betty Trotter	Joan Homan
Bill Bryant	Joe & Mary Walker
Bill & Sue Deakins	John Morse
Bob McCurdy	John Woody, Sr.
Brent McGill	Josh Batson
Brent Ogletree	Joyce VanAusdall
Bub Nipper	Larry Dulli
Buddy Evans	Linda & Jim Bay
Catherine Bonifay	Linda Disosway
Cecile Thibault	Lisa Smith
Claude Light	Maggie Bradley
Curt Luttig	Mark Allgood
Darren Helmly	Mason Brook
David Ashley	Mike Lamb
Debbie Lee	Nancy Masters
Dewey Lindsey	Nona Southers
Dick Cornell	Pat Barton
Donna L. Hixenbaugh	Peggy Courtemanche
Doug & Helene Romine	Phyllis Eckert
Dylon Martin	Phyllis Greenbaugh
Elaine Hollrah	Ray Swonger
Frances Sturgis	Ruth Holy
Gene Thompson	Sara Sammons family
Gladys Morris	Tammy Burgess
Gloria Hughes	Timothy McCannon
Grace Cook	Tom Chillemi
Greg Toth	Tom Greenwood
Hamp McWhorter	Tom Mayers
Hank Arvanities	U.S.A. & Military Forces
Harmon Proctor	Virginia Brook
Helen Withrow	Wanda Kelly
Hoyt Kearns	Wanda & Wallace Templin

Heather Nicholas: Prayer Pager #1-877-213-3125

Richard Cousins: Prayer Pager #1-877-213-2899

Rev. Gary Nicholas: Prayer Pager#1-877-213-3123

SEEKERS

Single Adult Ministry for young adults without children in the Lake Oconee area. Non-denominational Bible Study, fellowship, dinner, outreach, and group outings are all part of this ministry.

We're starting back August 17th. Bring an appetizer to share. For more information e-mail

amanda@fumcgreensboro.org or 706.453.7064

We're on Facebook! Seekers – Greensboro, Georgia

Psalm 33:3

Sing to Him a NEW song!

Both the Old and the New Testaments tell of singing and making music to praise the Lord. The old songs were joyfully sung, but new songs were introduced throughout the history of the church, even our present day Methodist church! We are looking forward to teaching you new songs while retaining our Methodist music tradition of excellence.

We are delighted and excited to be your *music leaders*, but we can't do this without **you!** We can lead, but we need singers and instrumentalists who have a passion for "making a joyful noise."

Here are some opportunities for you to get involved:

North Campus Ensemble will begin rehearsing Wednesday, August 11, at 6:00 pm.

Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing Wednesday, August 11, at 6:30 pm.

Hand bell Choir will begin in September; members will receive a phone call with further information about rehearsal time.

There will be a meeting for those interested in playing in a **Praise Band** on Sunday, August 15 at 1:00 at South Campus Gathering Area. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call or email Mark or Dawn for more information.

There are other groups that are in the formative stage that we will announce in the bulletin or in the weekly email blast.

At any time if you have questions or are interested in joining one of FUMC's music groups call or email us!

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Joyfully Yours,

Mark and Dawn Ruppelt



UPDATES:

Our Preschool will begin August 17th with 39 children, ages 1 to 3, in four classes! We will have four classes at the South Campus on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings during the school year. We have eight teachers and three of them, Pam Quinn, Blair Brown, and Anjie Brown, are members of our church. We invite you to come by to see our classrooms anytime after our Open House, which is on Thursday, August 12th.

I am thrilled with the number of children who have enrolled, yet challenged to provide all that we need for that many children, so I am asking for "gently used" or new donations if you have or would like to give us any of the following items that would help us furnish all the classrooms: Baby dolls and clothes, dress-up clothes and costumes, Fisher-Price or similar play sets (farm, garage, doll house), plastic "food," toy grocery cart, toy high chair, trucks and cars, child-size table and chairs, book shelf, sets of Sharpies markers in black and different colors, printer paper, 4X6 photo paper.

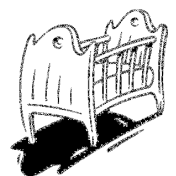
Items can be left at the offices at either the North or South Campus, or come by when my teachers and I will be at the South Campus preparing for the beginning of our school year on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings the first two weeks in August. I ask for your prayers for all the children and educators in this community as they return to school, and especially for us as we begin this Preschool ministry to share God's love with these precious families.

In His love,

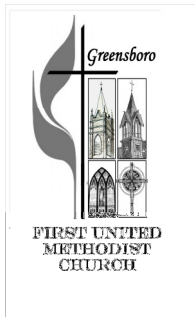
Karen Mitchell
Preschool Director

Church Nursery...

June was Polly Cawthon's last days in our Nursery at the South Campus. She will be leaving for Piedmont Collage on August 8th. Polly has served officially as a Nursery Worker for the last 2 years but volunteered many times before that. She has a deep love for our babies and young children and has done a wonderful job for us. She will be greatly missed by all of us. "Thanks Polly for a job well done!"



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FUMC Music Ministry

Greensboro First United Methodist Church is so blessed to have such a wonderful team of music leaders, musicians, choirs, soloists, ensembles—you name it. We truly have a true history of excellent music.

Our music ministry will be experiencing a transition time beginning in August. We are grateful to Put LaBarre and his family, Patt, Ben, and Anna for their devoted service to our music ministry. We say “Thank You” for everything!

We are happy to announce that Mark and Dawn Ruppelt are our new Music Ministers of Greensboro FUMC. They are excited to be directing and leading us in our worship and we are delighted to have them. We welcome them to are church staff and hope that you will take a moment to welcome the Ruppelts—Mark, Dawn, Lauren and Christian, also.



This summer has been full of mission projects at GFUMC. We painted a room and furnished the latest Habitat for Humanity house with beautiful furnishings thanks to Joe Collier, Paul Guillette, Pat and Roger Lamb, Susan Prugh, Lane Grayson, Dale and Elaine Hollrah, and others that made donations, We also have met another medical need for someone, and helped another with a utility down payment so they could move into a better housing situation. Merry was also able to be involved in a Southeast Asia teaching mission where she was able to teach for 2 weeks in a school for pastors.

All of this is to say we are active “Here, There and Everywhere!”

The Missions Committee will meet August 9th at the North Campus at 10:00 A.M. This will be a very important meeting so we need all members present.