

The NEWSLETTER

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Ruggedly, Independently, Dependent

I will be spending the fourth of July in Wyoming this year. This beautiful, rugged part of our nation is made up of people who live a totally different lifestyle than I do. It is good for me to go out and experience things I don't get to experience on a day to day basis. The challenges of those folks out there are far different from mine and often their choices affect many less folks than mine do. The only thing I have to do while I am out there is put my brain in neutral and admire, observe, watch, and enjoy.

Their lifestyle is indeed different but I begin to understand that as much as things are different they are often the same. They, just like we do, have to make a living. Much of their livelihood depends on weather — in other words, things that they cannot control. The same is true of us. We are controlled by the economy, the state of our health, the state of our retirement, or many other factors that we have little influence over.

We are dependent whether we like it or not. And yet, we want to feel as if we are rugged, independent, and free. The only way that I know to be able to claim these things is to rely on the One who offers us true freedom — Jesus Christ.

The freedom Christ offers us is the ability to be free from the things of this world that keep us from being in relationship with God. We can be free from sin and we can be the rugged, self-sufficient people that God created us to be. We can never escape our dependence on God.

We are blessed to be a part of a country which at its very formation sought freedom for its people. I hope that we claim that independence to be the people that God calls us to be. We are not called to conform to the ways of the world, the government, business, cultural phase or fad. We are called to be independent from these things by the God we are dependent upon for everything we have or will ever have.

Understanding our dependence on God, ironically, makes us truly independent. Think about me and my family with our boots and hats on trying to imagine what it would have been like 150 years ago in the west when every day was a fight for survival- trying to act tough and ruggedly, trying to overcome our dependence on air conditioning! I am sure that we look as if we came from a totally different planet than those who live this lifestyle every day.

The truth is that no matter how rugged we all try to be, we are all dependent on God and sometimes, on many other things. The best we all can hope for is to claim to be ruggedly independently dependent.

In His Service,
Richard

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July Calendars: North & South

Campus

Kids! Mark Your Calendars!

Fun and Service Day
Water BIG Games
July 21st
South Campus
1:00 pm.—4:00 p.m.

Invite all of your friends for another
COOL adventure!

PRESCHOOL REOPENING



The FUMC Preschool will reopen this August at the South Campus! There will be a class for one-year olds and a class for two-year olds in the main level nursery and toddler rooms, plus two classes for three-year olds in the lower level preschool rooms. The Preschool will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8 to 12. As of June 20th, all classes are full, but as plans change over the summer, there may be openings. If you are interested in enrolling a preschooler, contact Karen Mitchell at 706-467-3456 or mitchell@plantationcable.net.

Happy July 4th

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th. Have a safe holiday!



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!

UPCOMING DATES

7.4 No Youth

7.11 Good vs. Evil: 6:00—8:30
(Location TBA)

7.18 Good vs. Evil: 6:00—8:30

7.21: Water Day @ South Campus
1:00 – 4:00

7.25: No Youth

Sunday School: South: 11:00

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

Amanda Garvin: Associate Pastor to Youth
706.453.7064//amanda@fumcgreensboro.org

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 taking a break for the summer – but will gather informally for fellowship outings. Get more information from Amanda

For more information e-mail

amanda@fumcgreensboro.org or 706.453.7064

We're on Facebook! Seekers – Greensboro, Georgia



Stephen Ministers are trained, compassionate, confidential, Christian friends who listen, pray and guide persons through the challenges of life. We are recruiting Stephen Ministers for our next training class beginning in September. There will be information sessions at 10:00am on August 8 at the North Campus and at 10:45am on August 15 at the South Campus. If you think God is calling you to this ministry, please come to one of these information sessions or contact Gary Nicholas, Jan McCormack, or Cheri Salisbury. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Ministers (Bonnie Black, Cheri Salisbury, Gary Nicholas, Jan McCormack, Jeannine Williams, Pat Lamb, Richard Cousins, Ron Williams, or Susan Prugh) or call the church office for more information.

Note of Appreciation

On this occasion of being re-appointed for another year at First United Methodist Church of Greensboro, Marsha and I want to express our deep appreciation and sincere gratitude for your love and support, especially this past year. Between Heather's battle with brain cancer which began last July and my hospitalization in April, it has indeed been a challenging year for the Nicholas family. The support and encouragement by our Greensboro First UMC family has been a tremendous source of strength and hope during this difficult time. Thank you so much! As we begin our 5th year in ministry together, I am excited about the opportunities that God has for all of us to be His disciples this next year. I look forward to another great year of serving with you as we continue our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ in the Greensboro-Lake Oconee community!

...Gary

July Volunteer Helpers

Acolytes South Campus

- 4 Grace Fuller
- 11 Emma Dent
- 18 Carl Fuller
- 25 Peyton Walker

Kid's Worship Volunteers South Campus

- 4 Lane and Merry Grayson
- 11 Carol Ingle
- 18 Kerri Fuller
- 25 Kerri Fuller

Children's Church Volunteers North Campus

- 4 Beth Thomas
- 11 Joy Ashley
- 18 Beth Thomas
- 25 Kendrick Harris

Greeters 8:45 Service

- 4 David & Peggy Borchelt
- 11 Lewis & Emma O'Neal
- 18 Need Volunteer
- 25 Jim & Mary Mahan

Greeters 9:30 Service

- 4 Bob & Charlotte Hummell, Chip & Nancy Bell
- 11 Joe & Gail Collier, John & Cynthia Kausch
- 18 Ron & Jeannine Williams, Diane Heavner, Bob Brown
- 25 Joan Swonger, Jay Dell, Bill & Denise Shirey

Greeters 11:00 Service

- 4 Jim & Shirley Rinard
- 11 Terri Ligon, Lauralee Hunter
- 18 Gene & Lois Rotruck
- 25 Sam & Susan Young

Ushers 9:30 Service

- 4 Mahan and Vogel
- 11 Hollrah and Luke
- 18 Alvey and Trowbridge
- 25 Hetzer and Parker

Altar Flowers/ South Campus

- 4 Richard & Judy McDaniel
- 11 Need Volunteer
- 18 Jim & Pat Beard
- 25 Curtis Williams

Altar Flowers/North Campus

- 4 Adora Mills-Powers
- 11 Pep Stone
- 18 Need Volunteer
- 25 Need Volunteer

July Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Eric Dodd | 17 Marthene Dickey |
| Dick Hyde | Dana Northington |
| Frank Murphy | Matthew Pierce |
| 3 Thedeous Johnson | Jack Thomas |
| 5 Donna Brelsford | 18 Gretchen Ott |
| 6 J. Manners | 21 Jim Beard |
| Olivia Rhodes | Pauline Richardson |
| Susan Strack | Robert Cook |
| 7 Pep Stone | Shelly Helmly |
| 8 Sara Lynn Bryant | Samantha O'Neal |
| Frank Burger | 23 Jan Northington |
| Palmer Clark | 24 Savannah Dykstra |
| Chandler Dykstra | Helen Withrow |
| Mike Meredith | 25 Dennis Dover |
| Cynthia Smith | Shirley Rinard |
| 9 Don Law | 26 John Crouse |
| Gary Vickers | Jacqui Greenwood |
| 10 Caroline Colby | Pat Lamb |
| Elaine Hollrah | 27 Nancy Hunter |
| 11 Jimmy Easley | 28 Brian Quinn |
| Jane Kirby | 29 Joann Blount |
| 12 Ken Leakey | Shannon McGaughey |
| 13 Rosa Ruth Bustin | 31 Morgan Dell |
| Carol Holbert | Jim Faircloth |
| Thom McGibony | Ike O'Neal |
| 14 Cindy Donoho | |
| Gerald Wicker | |
| 15 Bobbie Moss | |
| 16 Corey Crouse | |
| Lynn Dover | |



Happy Birthday!!!

Prayer List

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Albert Crosby | Jackie Adams |
| Aliana Cloud | Jake Nicolopolus |
| Alex Rusak | Jan & Del Francis |
| Allison W. Sineath | Janis Byrd |
| Anne Wilbanks | Jayne Kersey |
| Betty Jordan | Jean Merritt |
| Betty Trotter | Jessye "Cissie" Johnson |
| Bill Bryant | Joan Homan |
| Bill & Sue Deakins | John McCormack |
| Billy Ashley | John Morgan |
| Bob McCurdy | John Morse |
| Brent McGill | John Woody, Sr. |
| Brent Ogletree | Josh Batson |
| Bub Nipper | Joyce VanAusdall |
| Buddy Evans | Larry Dulli |
| Cecile Thibault | Linda & Jim Bay |
| Chris Lorton | Lisa Smith |
| Claude Light | Lynn Hollingsworth |
| Curt Luttig | Maggie Bradley |
| Darren Helmly | Mark Allgood |
| David Ashley | Mason Brook |
| Dewey Lindsey | Mike Lamb |
| Dick Cornell | Nancy Masters |
| Donna L. Hixenbaugh | Nona Southers |
| Doug & Helene Romine | Pat Barton |
| Dylon Martin | Paul Boland and Angie |
| Frances Sturgis | Paul Hightower |
| Gene Thompson | Peggy Courtemanche |
| Gladys Morris | Phyllis Greenbaugh |
| Gloria Hughes | Ray Swonger |
| Greg Toth | Richard Cousins |
| Hamp McWhorter | Ruth Holy |
| Hank Arvanities | Sara Sammons family |
| Harmon Proctor | Tammy Burgess |
| Helen Withrow | Timothy McCannon |
| Howard & Marsha Thompson | Tom Greenwood |
| Hoyt Kearns | Tom Mayers |
| Jack Horn | U.S.A. & Military Forces |
| | Virginia Brook |

Update on Heather Nicholas

Heather's brain tumor continues to remain stable. She goes to Cowles Clinic every other week for an IV treatment and continues therapy twice a week to strengthen her body. She gets an MRI every 6-8 weeks to monitor her tumor. We continue to maintain our relationship with our Emory University Hospital oncologist. Heather, Marsha, and I continue to be very appreciative of your prayer pager calls, cards, and many other expressions of your love and support. Thank you for everything.

...Gary

Mission News...

Furnish a house? No problem for the members of our wonderful church.

The June project for the mission team was to help furnish a Habitat House that was to be ready for occupancy the first week of June. One of our own church couples mentored this family of four who were so proud and happy about moving into their own new house.

The June family said their boys had their heart set on a blue bedroom and the mission team went with a red white and blue theme to bring that dream to life. The curtains, walls, bedspread, picture, all reflected this color scheme and a sports theme really delighted the boys.

By wheeling and dealing with the two Habitat stores and with generous donations from church members, we were able to completely furnish the master bedroom, a playroom for the boys, and the living room. It all came together beautifully and there were tears of joy and pride of ownership for their beautiful new home. God is in everything we do and He sure was evident filling the needs for this lovely family. Thanks for all who worked, donated, prayed for and contributed to helping this family get their dream home.

www.fumcgreensboro.org! *Our web site is our home on the internet. PLEASE come home for a visit!* You will find all kinds of exciting information about the many ministries of First United Methodist Church of Greensboro. Please contact the church office for suggestions and questions about how we can continue to improve our home on the internet.

August Newsletter

Deadline July 22

New Bible Study – Kick off our Fall 2010 Bible study program with “Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet.”

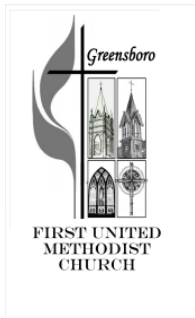
This study begins on Wednesday, August 4 and last for four weeks. Two classes are offered based on interest. South Campus, 10:00-11:30 am, and North Campus, 6:30-8:00pm. No cost. Our text is the Bible. All are welcome. The class is led by Gary Nicholas. Please sign up by calling or emailing the church office.

Prayer Pager Ministry

We have a wonderful ministry called the “Prayer Pager Ministry.” Here is what it is all about. Our church has six prayer pagers. Prayer pagers can be requested from the church office and typically go to a person or family going through a difficult time. The prayer pager is a way to let someone know you said a prayer specifically for them. After you have prayed, you call the toll free number and will be prompted to dial in a code. This code goes back to the central answering station and sends a page to the appropriate pager. The pager will then either vibrate or have a series of several short beeps depending on the current setting. The pager keeps track of the number of pages it receives. You may call a prayer pager any time of the day or night. This is a wonderful ministry which has brought hope and comfort to many persons during times of crisis. We invite everyone to continue to minister to others through our church prayer pager ministry. As of this article we have two active Prayer Pagers - Richard Cousins – 1-877-213-2899 and Heather Nicholas – 1-877-213-3125. Please say a prayer and make a call. Please contact the church office to receive a prayer pager.



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Happy July 4th - Have a great holiday!



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.**

*Welcome to our
new members...*

Carroll and Cuyler Kline, 223 Fawn Field Court, Buckhead, GA 30625



The “Email Blast”

One of our best administrative communication tools at First United Methodist Church of Greensboro is the “*Email Blast*.”

Several times a week we send an email message from the church office to all who wish to receive it. In these messages we provide prayer updates, reminders, and other information useful to our church family.

If you wish to receive these email blasts, please email us at staff@fumcgreensboro.org or use the “Contact Us” page on our church web site www.fumcgreensboro.org. Out of respect for our church family and friends we only send the email blast to those who request to receive it.

Church Directory Pictures: If you were not able to have your picture taken for the new church directory, please email a picture to gary@fumcgreensboro.org. We hope to go to print very soon. Thank you! A special thank you to our photographers: John Crouse, Antonio Garcia, and Roger Lamb.