

March 2010



Tuesday, March 9
Noon - 1:00 - Lunch \$6
 Reservations Requested



**"I AM"
 Worship
 Series
 Continues**

March 7

"I AM the Bread of Life"

March 14

"I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life"

March 21

"I AM the True Vine"

March 28

"I AM the Good Shepherd"

April 4

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life"

Lenten Study

March 7

Understanding: Prayer

March 14

Experiencing: Prayer

March 21

Understanding: Study

March 28

Experiencing: Study

PrimeTimers



March Luncheon

Tuesday, March 16,
 12:30 p.m.

Reinhardt College Trip

Tuesday, March 23
 9:30 a.m.

93 @ 9:30

In January, we launched a new ministry named 93 @ 9:30. The tremendous response has been beyond our wildest dreams. Here's the program in a nutshell:

Who:

- Everyone regardless of age can participate in 93 @ 9:30.

What:

- We are inviting a core group of 93 people at the 9:45 Celebration Worship Service or at the 9:45 Sunday School Session to arrive each Sunday by 9:30 a.m.

When:

- 93 @ 9:30 begins each Sunday at 9:30 in the Family Life Center.

Where:

- Please arrive at the Family Life Center Celebration Hall by 9:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and refreshments prior to the worship service.

Why:

- 93 @ 9:30 enables us to extend Christian hospitality to first time visitors and other guests.
- 93 @ 9:30 provides a time of fellowship with one another (along with delicious refreshments!) before the Celebration Service and Sunday School.
- 93 @ 9:30 creates a "critical mass" for worship as the service begins. It also enables the 9:45 Sunday School classes to invite others to join them.

This is a great, low-impact way to make a big difference in the lives of others. It also provides a wonderful time of refreshments and fellowship before worship or Sunday School. I hope you'll become a part of 93 @ 9:30 each Sunday. See you in church!

In Christ,

Bill Burch
 Senior Minister



Holy Week Schedule

March 28 • Palm Sunday, all services

March 29 – Lenten Luncheon, tickets \$8.

April 1 – Holy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary,

April 2 – Good Friday Service, noon at First Presbyterian

April 3 – Breakfast with the Bunny, 9:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center

April 4 – Easter Sunday, all services

Adult Ministries

A Lenten Experience: Connection with God
Sundays during the season of Lent
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., room F-305

Each Sunday in March Alison Wright will lead a class focused on learning about and participating in some of the spiritual practices God has given us.

Every other week we will learn about a spiritual practice. On alternate weeks we will spend time experiencing the spiritual practice we have learned about. Make Lent 2010 a time when you connect with God in a new way!

- March 7 – Understanding: Prayer
- March 14 – Experiencing: Prayer
- March 21 – Understanding: Study
- March 28 – Experiencing: Study

Sunday School

Have you found your Sunday school class yet? Study and Christian education are important parts of our spiritual growth, and Sunday school is a great way to study and grow. There are many classes from which to choose as well as the possibility of starting a new class. For more information contact Alison Wright, or visit the church website under "Adults."



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New Adult Studies Beginning in March

Women's Study - S.O.A.P. – Study of the book of Ruth - Wednesdays at 6pm beginning March 17. Family Life Center, room F-308

The Book of Ruth is only one of two books in the Bible named after a woman and we find Ruth listed in Christ's genealogy. Four short chapters, this book is an amazing story of a daughter and a mother in law that shows how God's purposes may be fulfilled in unexpected ways. Called the Book of Redemption, this 5-week study will examine how God can take trials in our lives and weave them together to make something beautiful. No Cost. Contact: Dee Dee Lawson, 770-382-4772,x110. Childcare available (Reservation Required)

What Does It Mean to Be United Methodist?

Wednesdays, 6-7p.m., March 31-May 5, Family Life Center, room F-309. No cost

Ongoing Bible Studies

For a list of ongoing Bible studies, visit the church website (www.samjonesumc.org) and click on "Bible Study." For additional information contact Alison Wright, awright@samjonesumc.org or 770-382-4772 x111.

Newcomers' Classes

- Sunday, March 7, at 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday, March 14, at 11:00 a.m.



If you are new (or not so new) to Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist Church and would like to know more about our congregation, join us in room 306 on the 3rd floor of the Family Life

Center on one of the above-mentioned dates.

We will focus on the rich history, present ministry, and future plans of our congregation. This is a great chance to learn more about our church. You will also have an opportunity to meet others relatively new to the congregation.

Infant and toddler care will be provided in the church nursery. Sunday School classes are available for children and youth.



Children's Ministries

Breakfast with the Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for our annual Breakfast with the Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3! Breakfast will be at 9:15am in the Family Life Center, followed by a group picture at Rose Lawn, and the hunt will begin about 10:00am at Rose Lawn. Please bring two dozen candy-filled plastic eggs to the church (place in the provided baskets) before April 2. Hope to see you there!

Kids Praise Groups

Sam Jones' Kids Praise group, grades 1 and 2, will perform at the 9:45 Celebration Service on Sunday morning, March 7. All children involved in this group should meet in the Celebration Hall by 9:30 a.m.



Both Kids Praise groups (ages Pre-K and Kindergarten, as well as grades 1 and 2) and the Puppeteer Praise

Team will sing at both traditional services on Palm Sunday. Children involved with these performances should meet in the choir room above the sanctuary at 8:10 a.m. on March 28.

Easter Egg Donations



We are collecting candy-filled Easter Eggs for our annual egg hunt at Roselawn. If you would like to donate eggs, please leave them in the marked containers in our lobbies. Thanks!!

Join Sunday – March 21st - All 3 Services

If you are ready to join Sam Jones, we invite you to be part of one of the groups who will join on Sunday, March 21 at all 3 services.

Please notify a member of our ministerial staff or the church office. You may join by:

- Profession of Faith - if you desire to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior.
- Reaffirmation of Faith - if you have accepted Christ as Savior but have not been active in a church for some time.
- Transfer of Membership - if you have been active in a Christian Church.

Youth and PUMP Ministries

Sundays

Youth Sunday School, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m., Family Life Center, room F-102

6th Grade PUMP Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Family Life Center, room F-300

PUMP/Youth Activities, 5:00 -7:00 p.m., Family Life Center. Bring \$3 for snack supper.

Mondays

Sr. High Breakfast at Chick-Fil-A 7:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Jr. High Breakfast at Riverwalk Bakery 7:00 a.m.

Wednesdays

Bible Studies, 6:00 -7:00 p.m.,

Friday, March 5

PUMP Casting Crowns Concert

6th graders meet at church at 4:30 p.m.; bring \$5-7 for dinner. If you did not already purchase your ticket but want to go, check with Alison to see if there are extras.

Clean Out Your Closets to Help Our Youth

Donations are being accepted through Friday, March 26 (12 noon) for the PUMP/Youth Yard Sale. Drop off toys, books, clothing, and household items (e.g. kitchen wares, linens, decorative items, and furniture) in room F-104. Please bring only the requested items.

The Yard Sale will be Saturday, March 27 in the Family Life Center parking lot from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (Rain location is the Fellowship Hall.) Money raised in the sale will help with the cost of the PUMP and Youth Ministries.

Please check out the current events at the youth section at www.samjonesumc.org



Stewardship

GENERAL BUDGET

2010 Operating Budget	\$ 1,451,238
Needed through January	\$ 120,937
Received through January	\$ 189,847
<i>(Includes Pledge PrePayments</i>	<i>\$ 79,410.00)</i>

CORNERSTONE Renovation Fund

Cornerstone Pledged	\$2,100,000
Received In January	\$ 2,701
Received through January	\$1,793,898

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School is June 7-11

Outreach



The Fielden Link of the United Methodist Women recently donated 39 baby blankets to the Church Shop to be included in layette sets for needy newborns at Cartersville Medical Center. Pictured are Bobbie Monger, Ann Hardin, Wylene Marler, Donna Oliver, and Kitty Carte.

Men's Softball

Softball season is upon us! If you are interested in joining the Sam Jones Men's Softball Team or for more information, please contact Bart Shaw, 770-547-5577. Games will begin the week of March 22.



UMW March Meetings

Monday March 1, 10:00 a.m.-Lewis Link Tuesday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.-Grace Link
 Monday, March 1, 1:00 p.m. - Joy Link Tuesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.-Fielden Link
 Our monthly luncheon will be Monday, March, 8, 11:45 a.m.

Please join us! Call Betty Pierce 770-382-0656, for information.

UMW Lenten Luncheon

Monday, March 29
 Noon, Family Life Center

Alison Wright, Speaker

Tickets \$8, available from UMW members or in the office.



March Basket Ministry

We are collecting new or gently used recreational items for the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, GA. Requested items:

DVDs for ages 13 and older:(G, PG, PG-13)*. Frisbees * Baseball gloves (large) *Pool Cue stick, chalk & Pool ball sets * Table games for age 13 and up * Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, softballs, volleyballs *Fiction books for children and teens. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the lobbies of the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.

Church Staff

Ministry Directors		Support Staff	
<u>Dr. Bill Burch</u> Senior Pastor ext. 102- bburch@samjonesumc.org	<u>Matt Flournoy</u> Youth Coordinator 404.606.5279 youth@samjonesumc.org	<u>Merry Bearden</u> Church Administrator ext. 101 - mbearden@samjonesumc.org	<u>Mona Lewis</u> Business Manager ext. 103 - mlewis@samjonesumc.org
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		<u>Matthew Mallory</u> Custodian	

Membership News

New Members....

Tonya and Hans Lutjens
Andrew and Blake
8 Waterstone Court
Cartersville, GA 30120
770.386.0320



Valerie and Jared Cohen
33 Harbor Lane
White, GA 30184
770.334.8017

Sympathy to....

Margaret Anne Sager, family and friends on the death of her brother, Blaine Cooper, on January 24.

Friends of Donna Catalina who passed away on January 27.

Gordon Whitener, family and friends upon the death of his father, Charles Whitener.

Congratulations to....

Johanna and DeVaughn Pettit on the birth of Joseph McKone Pettit on January 22. Mack's grandparents are Sarah and DeVaughn Pettit and his great grandmother is Rosebud White.

Kim and Chancey Collins on the birth of Xavier Scott on January 23. Xavier's grandparents are Dee Dee Lawson and Gary Collins.

Jessica and Jake Smith on the birth of Katherine Marie on February 2. Kate's grandparents are Judy and Jim Smith.

Michelle and Greg Sanders on the birth of Isabel Jewel on February 4. Isabel's grandparents are Ann and Wayne Sanders.

In Our Prayers

In the Hospital or at Home

Bernice Bosser
Emily Champion
Thomas Champion
Helen Dienst
Louise Dysart
Mary Nell Fortenberry
Mary Fowler
Marjorie Jolley
Jimmye Lipscomb
Ethel Monroe
A.W. Scroggins

J. C. Thacker
Beth Wesley
Fran Wolf

Serving Overseas:

Jake Caldwell
Josh Freeman
Jim Green
Andrew Smith
David Tedrow

From Our Mission Committee

While it is cold outside, we tend to think of the warmer days of summer. We are deciding where and when to go for our vacations. If you think considering a location on the ocean with a view of a mountain range is in conflict I have great news!

This year the Sam Jones international mission trip will be to **Trujillo, Honduras**. This is a small town between the Caribbean Sea and a low mountain range in Northern Honduras. The trip is scheduled **Saturday, July 17 - Saturday, July 24** and will have minimal focus on construction and more emphasis on ministering to the 300 youth of a local church.

We are also teaming up with the other UMC churches in Bartow County for domestic mission work. **April 5-10** we will join The Bridge UMC and The Well UMC on a trip to **West Virginia**. Another group will travel to **West Virginia August 6-9**.

If you are interested in any of the trips listed above, please contact me at 678.313.5157 or jhull@samjonesumc.org.

Jim Hull
Chairperson, Sam Jones Mission Committee



STEPHEN MINISTERS: THE AFTER PEOPLE

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People. Stephen Ministers are there:

- ...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ...after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ...after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives off – and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ...after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. For more information contact Joan Harwell at 770-387-8609 or alhcpa@bellsouth.net.

March 2010

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - noon 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. - noon 770-382-4772	7am Sr. High at Chick-Fil-A 10am Lewis Bible Link 1pm Joy Bible Link 6pm Disciple IV 6:30pm Mission Committee Mtg. 7pm Etowah Chorale	7am Jr. High at Riverwalk 9am Jesus in the Gospels 10am Grace Bible Link 6pm Girl Scout Troop 24701 7pm Fielden Bible Link	8:30am Intercessory Prayer 6pm The Life of Moses 6pm Dare To Be Uncommon 6pm Anointed Study 6pm Frazzled Female Wednesday Dinner & Programs Hamburger Sleak	9am Precept	4:30pm PUMP to Casting Crowns Concert	
"I AM the Bread of Life" Communion/All Services 9:45am Newcomer's Class 5pm Five Conversations/Daughter Youth/PUMP PM Activities	7am Sr. High at Chick-Fil-A 11:45am UMW General Meeting 6pm Stephen Ministry 6pm Disciple IV 7pm Etowah Chorale	Meals on Wheels 7am Jr. High at Riverwalk 9am Jesus in the Gospels 12pm Business by the Book 6pm Girl Scout Troop 24701	8:30am Intercessory Prayer 6pm The Life of Moses 6pm Dare To Be Uncommon 6pm Anointed Study 6pm Frazzled Female Wednesday Dinner & Programs Bar-B-Que	9am Precept	4:30pm PUMP to Casting Crowns Concert	 9am Scrapbooking
"I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life" 11am Newcomer's Class 3pm Girl Scout Troop 2470725 5pm Five Conversations/Daughter Youth/PUMP PM Activities	7am Sr. High at Chick-Fil-A 6pm Disciple IV 7pm Etowah Chorale	7am Jr. High at Riverwalk 7:30am Finance Committee 9am Jesus in the Gospels 12:30pm Prime Timers Luncheon 6pm Girl Scout Troop 24701	Mission Fair 8:30am Intercessory Prayer 6pm The Life of Moses 6pm Anointed Study 6:15pm SOAP Study Wednesday Dinner & Programs St. Paddy's Day Food	9am Precept 11:30am-Close Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day 3pm Bingo at Maple Ridge		
"I AM the True Vine" Join Sunday All Services Mission Fair 5pm Five Conversations/Daughter Youth/PUMP PM Activities	7am Sr. High at Chick-Fil-A 6pm Stephen Ministry 6pm Disciple IV 7pm Etowah Chorale	7am Jr. High at Riverwalk 9am Jesus in the Gospels 9:30am Prime Timers Reinhardt College Trip 6pm Girl Scout Troop 24701	8:30am Intercessory Prayer 6pm The Life of Moses 6:15pm SOAP Study Wednesday Dinner & Programs Baked Ham	9am Precept		
"I AM the Good Shepherd" Palm/Passion Sunday 3pm Girl Scout Troop 2470725 5pm Five Conversations/Daughter Youth/PUMP PM Activities	7am Sr. High at Chick-Fil-A 12pm UMW Lenten Luncheon 6pm Disciple IV 7pm Etowah Chorale	7am Jr. High at Riverwalk 9am Jesus in the Gospels 6pm Girl Scout Troop 24701	8:30am Intercessory Prayer 6pm What Does It Mean to be United Methodists? 6:15pm SOAP Study Wednesday Dinner & Programs Chicken in Cream Sauce	 Sunday Schedule Worship - 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:00am Sunday School - 9:45 and 11:00 am Youth Fellowship - 5:00pm (snack supper \$3.00)	8am PUMP Youth Yard Sale	Wednesday Schedule 5:15 - 6:15pm - Dinner 6:00pm - Children's Programs, Youth Program, Adult Bible Studies 6:30pm - Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm - Chancel Choir