

**Lectionary for Sunday, July 25, 2010**

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

July 26, 2010

Dear Friends,

The presence of the Holy Spirit was with us on Sunday as we gathered for worship. Thanks to Grant & Jennifer Scoble, FirstSong, Jennie Smith, Glenn Atamaniuk, John Knorr, Sarah Evins, Keith Graves, and the Chancel Choir for your amazing music. Thanks also to our bus ministry members who make sure that those in assisted living facilities who want to worship at FUMC have a safe way to get here. Thanks to our nursery workers who provide such loving care to our precious “little ones” so that their parents can be in Sunday School and worship. Thanks to our teachers, shepherds, and special friends who make our Christian Education second to none. The list goes on and on. So many people give so much to make Sundays at FUMC incredible! All of you are deeply appreciated.

Next Sunday we will have guests from across the USA in worship with us. These persons will have participated in a week-long School of Congregational Development and the culmination is to observe a “teaching church” in action. FUMC has been selected to be one of these teaching churches. These persons have chosen to come to FUMC to learn how we do what we do week after week. We will be teaching the key things we have learned, what the vision is that guides us in ministry, and where we expect to be in five years, to name a few of the subjects we will address with them. This is a great honor for FUMC and an opportunity to share with other church leaders how a dynamic congregation does ministry. FUMC is known as a friendly and welcoming congregation. Next Sunday be on the lookout for these special guests and make them feel “at home!”

The School for Congregational Development (SCD) is still in need of volunteers to serve as greeters, help with registration, provide directions to meeting rooms, etc. at the Renaissance Hotel, Convention Center and the Ryman Auditorium. The SCD will be from July 29 - August 2. If you can help or need more information, please contact Dianne Holland at 931-540-8411 or [ddh98@bellsouth.net](mailto:ddh98@bellsouth.net). Your help to make the SCD a great success will be greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, Mark your calendars for August 22 to join the Adult Choirs of FUMC for an afternoon of food and music from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. More information will be coming later, but block this date on your calendars now!

Thanks to everyone who has responded to God’s call to be a part of the exciting Children’s Ministry at FUMC. With 1,000 children on our rolls from the Nursery to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and with our Safe Sanctuary guidelines, we need a huge number of adult volunteers to make it all work. Is God calling you to teach a child about the Christian faith and help them experience the love of Jesus through you? To volunteer or to get more information go to the church website, click on the News and Events tab and choose Event Registration. You will be glad that you did and so will we!

There are no such thing as “lazy days of summer” at FUMC. God continues to do new things among us and is always calling us forward. We look back only to thank God for the future to which we are being called. As God calls us to be a “teaching church” now more than ever we know, “the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,

Lynn

## FIRST KIDS

**Sonshine Kids Club** (Fellowship group for Kindergarten - 4th grade) is gearing up for the a new Sunday school year! SonShine Kids is taking a team leadership approach this year. There will be a need for grade level volunteers to assist with choosing missions and planning for 2-3 events during the upcoming year. If you are interested in being a part of the team, contact Camille O'Donnell ([camilleodonnell@comcast.net](mailto:camilleodonnell@comcast.net)).



**ONLY 2 more weeks until Promotion Sunday!** All Children's Sunday school classes need to be fully staffed with teachers and shepherds for

the year by Aug. 8! 2 yr. old kindergarten at 10:30 am and 2 yr. old & 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes are in need of additional teachers. Sign up today on the bulletin insert or online! **You will be glad you did!** For more information, contact Becky Peeler ([bpeeler@franklinfumc.org](mailto:bpeeler@franklinfumc.org)).

**Parents...Please remember** to continue to send in registration forms. It makes it much easier for the children's ministry staff to plan for a new Sunday school year. Your child's name does not appear on a sign-in roster without a registration form in our office. This is part of our policy to keep children as safe as we can in this place.

**Children's Ministry at Franklin First UMC** has a new Facebook page. The page is named, **First K.I.D.s**. Keep up-to-date with children's ministry by clicking the "like" button.

**Get Ready for Promotion Sunday, Aug. 8!** Children will be promoted to their next age or grade class on this Sunday. Parents, please begin now to prepare your children for this transition by talking to your children about the fact that they will change rooms, have different teachers, and make new friends in Sunday school.

**All Children's Ministry Volunteers**, children's choir leaders & helpers, and Special Friends who have not yet attended a Safe Sanctuary Training Class should plan to attend one of the upcoming classes to be held on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am in Room A204; Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Room A207; or Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am or 10:30 am in Room A204. Please contact Sarah Carty [scarty@franklinfumc.org](mailto:scarty@franklinfumc.org) or Becky Peeler [bpeeler@franklinfumc.org](mailto:bpeeler@franklinfumc.org) for additional information.

## FELLOWSHIP



### Happy Birthday—all Women of the Church

Join us at our Annual UMW Birthday Luncheon on Sunday, August 8 from 11:45 to 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Sit at your birthday month's

table and savor a delicious salad plate luncheon with birthday cake for dessert! Mary McKinney of the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville will be this year's guest speaker. Sign up on the Mission Menu.

**Mark Your Calendars!!!** Join the FUMC Adult Choirs at Music Festival Day for a fun afternoon of food, refreshments and music - August 22nd, 4 to 7 pm. More details to come - watch this space and your e-mail in the coming weeks and save the date on your calendars.

**Dining Out for July**—The Dining Out group will go to the Loveless Café, 8400 Hwy 100, Nashville, on Tuesday, July 27. Please meet at the Church no later than 5:00 pm to ride the bus. Cost of the bus will be \$1 to \$3 per person, Reservations should be made by noon on July 26. Gratuity is 18%. Call Kitty Pingston at 791-0898 with questions.

## SERVICE & GENEROSITY

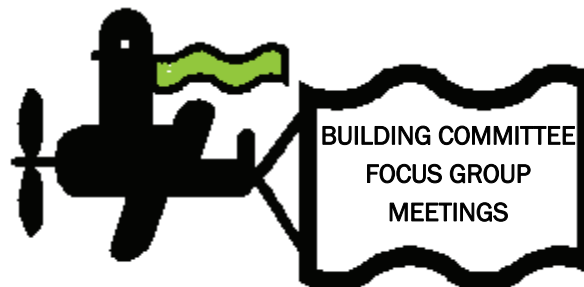
**Edward Jones Investments is sponsoring a school supply donation drive** for anyone wishing to donate school supplies to the Franklin Special School District for those families that can't afford to purchase them. Supplies may be dropped off at Edward Jones Investments (509 New Highway 96, Suite 102A-next to FSSD Board of Education office) through August 31, 2010. If you have questions, call 599-7960.

**The Good News Class** needs a storage cabinet or large bookcase. If you have one to donate, contact Nelia Westenberger at (931) 487-9887 or [westcorn@bellsouth.net](mailto:westcorn@bellsouth.net).

**BrightStone, a local resource providing job training and life skills education for adults with special needs, will be hosting its second annual BOWLABILITY event** on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, August 16 and 17, at Franklin Family Entertainment Center. Teams may be composed of six bowlers and may be made of up friends, family members, co-workers, etc. The registration fee for a team of six is \$150, and each bowler is expected to try to raise a minimum of \$100 each. A team will be able to select either a 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm session on the evening of their choice, pending space availability. Register online at [www.firstgiving.com/brightstone](http://www.firstgiving.com/brightstone) or via a brochure available by calling Tina at 790-4888. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses, organizations, etc. and begin at only \$250. "Team Up for Brightstone!!"

**Volunteers are needed to provide lunches** for the staff for August 24th, October 26th and November 30th. This is your chance to serve like Martha and be appreciated like Mary. If your class or small group is willing and able to provide lunch for our church staff one of these months, please contact Judy Barnhill (615) 790-8128 or [barnhilljudy@bellsouth.net](mailto:barnhilljudy@bellsouth.net).

**If you have left any serving dishes, bowls, plates, etc.** in the church kitchen, please come by and pick them up before July 31. Items left beyond that date will be donated to Graceworks.

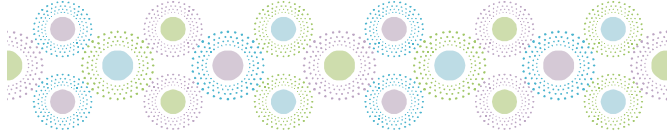


**The Building Committee Focus Groups** will meet in A210 on the following dates to prepare a full report with final recommendations for review and approval prior to submitting to the architect for use in the next phase of facility design:

- August 3, 6:00 - 7:00 pm Children and Preschool
- August 3, 7:15 - 8:15 pm Worship, Music and Technology
- August 4, 6:00 - 7:00 pm Adult Ministries & Hospitality Services
- August 4, 7:15 - 8:15 pm Senior Adults and Special Needs
- August 9, 6:00 - 7:00 pm Youth & Recreation Ministries
- August 9, 7:15 - 8:15 pm Campus Design, Landscape Planning, Architectural Symbolism

**These meetings are open to all church members and interested parties.** No invitation is needed to attend!





## Generosity Message

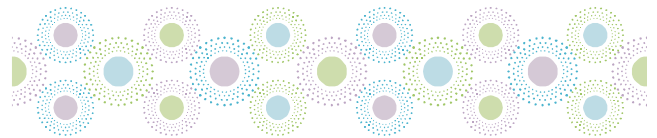
### “BECAUSE YOU GIVE...”

Almost every Sunday we are reminded that “because you give” something good happens in our church or through our church. We enjoy hearing about these things, because it reassures us that our money is being used for God’s work in the world and it helps us have a desire to be more generous. We want to be a part of good things happening in the world and in our church. Last month we heard that “because we give” we were able to have Bible School. We all want to have many opportunities for our children to learn about God’s love. It gave us a warm feeling seeing all of the children singing about how God is so “A-M-A-Z-I-N-G”. It’s great that they learn to love Him at such a young age and realize that He is truly amazing! We also enjoy hearing about how our money helps people when we give to missions. It astonishes me that so much is given for specific purposes in our church, such as supporting a student at Africa University or for the missions at the Alternative Gift Market. God has designed us with a desire to be generous! After all, we are made in His image.

I know we were all extremely surprised when the announcement was made that the members of our church pledged to give \$8,300,000 for our new church on the North Campus! WHAT AMAZING GENEROSITY!

Just think what will happen “because you give” now. We will be excited as we are made aware of the plans for the new church. We will see construction start next year and watch our new church building grow, but the best is yet to be! Because you give, our church will be able to have space to make many new disciples. We will live out our mission in ways we can’t even imagine for many years to come. Our church will reach so many more people for Christ than we have been able to in the past because we will have the room for all of them, and it’s possible only because you give! THANKS BE TO YOU AND THANKS BE TO GOD!

Phil Miller  
Generosity Outcome Team



## THE BIG SPLASH

AUGUST 29 from 5:00-6:30  
Sanctuary East



The Small Group Ministry invites you to take The Big Splash! On Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> please join us in Sanctuary East as we Worship our great Savior and explore a new model for Small Group

Ministry. The Christian journey was never intended to be walked alone. When we gather with other Disciples of Christ, we have an amazing opportunity to study God’s Word, support and encourage one another and journey through life **together!**

Join us as we introduce and explore what it means to be a part of a Wesley Life Group.

The Re Band will lead our music, David Lowes Watson will be our guest speaker and you will hear from others whose lives have been strengthened by being a part of a Small Group. We also invite you to prayerfully consider joining a small group on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please register to attend The Big Splash by signing up to for a potential small group or you may just attend the event and explore the new model. [Click here](#) to register for The Big Splash online. Go ahead, take the plunge!

**FIRST FAMILY MATTERS**

as of July 26, 2010

**At Centennial:** Alex Bond

**At Williamson Medical:** Marie Jordan

**Condolences to** Dennis Bush and family on the death of his father, Harold Emerson Bush, on July 16, 2010.



**FOUND** at the 4th of July Picnic— an **Epi-Pen**. Please contact the church office at 794-2734 to claim.

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for July 18, 2010**

Sunday School Attendance	556
Worship Attendance	880
Offering this Week—General Fund	\$42,003
Offering this Week—North Campus Building Fund	\$19,187
YTD Offerings—General Fund	\$1,234,739
YTD Operating Budget	\$1,274,115
YTD Operating Budget Spent	\$1,134,936
Loan Balance-June 23, 2010-Activity Center	\$1,579,890
Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center	\$162,963
Loan Balance-June 23, 2010 -North Campus	\$3,615,689
Total Principal Paid YTD—North Campus	\$200,000
Foundation Gifts	\$100

Questions? Call LaVerne Sweeney,  
Business Manager, 794-2734

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## 2010 CALENDAR FOR

### FRANKLIN FIRST UMC:

Please complete an Event Form  
(available at the office or online) 2 to  
4 weeks in advance to reserve  
dates for all meetings and  
activities. Also, if you should  
change a date, day, or time  
after completing the initial Event  
Form you must contact Pam  
with the update as all of our  
publications rely on the accurate  
information supplied to the office  
staff and recorded on the  
church calendar. Contact Pam  
at the church office (794-2734)  
if you have any questions.  
[pgarland@franklinfumc.org](mailto:pgarland@franklinfumc.org)  
[www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf](http://www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf)

### MONDAY, July 26

- 8:00 am God's Got Talent, 3rd Floor
- 6:00 pm North Campus Facilities Design Sub-Committee Meeting, A210

### TUESDAY, July 27

- 6:00 am Men of Momentum, Cafe
- 7:00 am Tuesday am Bible Study, B101
- 8:00 am God's Got Talent, 3rd Floor
- 9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
- 10:00 am Ladies Sewing Circle, Kitchen
- 5:00 pm Dining Out Group to Loveless Café

### WEDNESDAY, July 28

- 8:00 am Wednesday Prayer Walk, North Campus
- 8:00 am God's Got Talent, 3rd Floor
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group, B214
- 6:30 pm FirstSong Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Youth Worship at North Campus
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, July 29

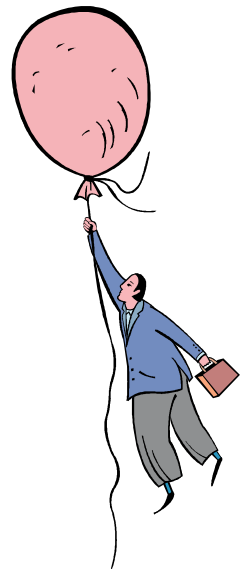
- 8:00 am God's Got Talent, 3rd Floor
- 9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
- 1:00 pm Building Committee Church Tour

### FRIDAY, July 30

- 8:00 am God's Got Talent, 3rd Floor

### SATURDAY, July 31

- 8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team, Sanctuary East
- 8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus



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9:00 and 10:30 Worship Services (Blended Worship & Traditional Worship) • 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday School

**Knowing Christ | Sharing Christ | Making Disciples**



**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** It's **IMPORTANT** to keep your family and contact information up to date with the church office. Please contact Debbie Miller, your Membership Secretary, at the church office ([dmiller@franklinfumc.org](mailto:dmiller@franklinfumc.org) or 794-2734) with any changes or additions (i.e. name, address, e-mail, phone, births.) Thank you!

**VIDEO SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** New PowerPoint presentations are loaded each Sunday morning. If you have information for the week ahead, please let John Knorr know by the Friday before. *John Knorr*, [jknorr@franklinfumc.org](mailto:jknorr@franklinfumc.org)

**NEWSLETTER AND/OR BULLETIN PUBLICATION REQUESTS:** The deadline for submitting information for the Mission Menu, Franklin First UMC bulletin insert, and First Things First Newsletter is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit to: [secretary@franklinfumc.org](mailto:secretary@franklinfumc.org). Thank you! *Due to limited space on printed publications, an article may not be able to run more than twice—consecutively. We will do our best to accommodate each request.*

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Rev. Vona R. Wilson, *Associate Minister*  
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Rev. John Williams, *Minister of Visitation*  
Rev. Becky Peeler, *Minister to Children*  
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Jacob Fasig, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
Helen Lombardo, *Associate Youth Director*  
Mary Phillips, *Organist*  
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