

Tower Chimes

First United Methodist Church
February 22, 2012



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ **Come to the River** - Prayer Chapel every Monday at 7:00pm
- ⇒ **Ground Floor** every Saturday 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- ⇒ **Youth Fellowship** Every Sunday 5:00pm
- ⇒ **Youth Re-Generation Worship** Every Sunday 6:00pm
- ⇒ **KIDS.COM** Every Sunday 5:15 to 6:15
- ⇒ **Youth Choir** Mondays evenings 6:30 to 8:00pm
- ⇒ **Wednesday Nite Youth** 6:00-8:30
- ⇒ **Bridge Service & meal** 6:00 pm Thursdays
- ⇒ **Disciple Course** Sundays. 2:30 to 5:30 and 5:30-8:00pm.
- ⇒ **Community Lenten Service** Every Wednesday February 22 - April 4, 2012 Service at 12:00 Lunch at 12:30
- ⇒ **Confirmands /Mentors** Meet and Greet February 22 following the Ash Wednesday Service.
- ⇒ **FUMC 101** 11:00am in the Parlor
- ⇒ **Wesley Wednesday** Starts February 29, 2012

OUR STORY

A SERMON SERIES BY
DR RAY CRAWFORD

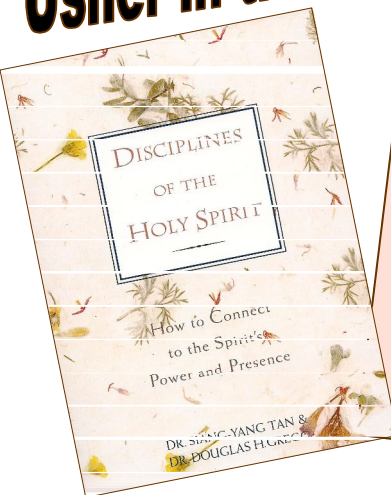
Make a difference for Jesus Christ!

The Apostle Paul is one of the great characters of the New Testament. The Book of Acts tells the story of how Paul changed from being a committed persecutor of the church to become its greatest missionary. Paul lived for the Lord. He offered his entire life to serve God and share the good news of Christ with his world. In so doing, Paul dramatically shaped human history. No doubt about it!

What can we learn from this great hero of our faith? I hope you will join us this Saturday night or Sunday morning as we explore the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul as related in the Book of Acts. Paul lived by faith principles that made a difference in his life and in the lives of those who knew him. We can still live by those faith principles today, and so find new energy for our own lives while blessing the lives of those around us.

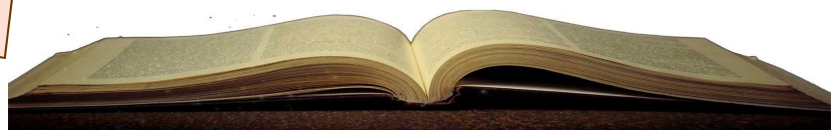
Dr Ray Crawford

Usher in the Lenten Season!



Every Tuesday
Beginning
February 28
Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$12.00
12—1pm
What: bring a lunch

A 34 WEEK EXPLORATION
OF THE BIBLE &
OUR HISTORY



Mission Café February 26, 2012

Breakfast 7:45 – 12:30

**Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon Biscuits and Gravy and Fruit.
Milk/Juice/Coffee**

Join us as we support FUMC Outreach Missions.

Ministerial Alliance Community Lenten Services

Every Wednesday February 22 through April 4, 2012

First United Methodist Church Sanctuary

Join us each Wednesday for this community wide Lenten Worship.

Worship 12:00 with lunch to follow at 12:30.

Military Support Committee

The second meeting of the Church Military support committee will be held on Monday February 27th at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Wanda Inman of the Claremore Blue Star Mothers. Anyone interested is invited to this meeting. If you have questions please contact Duane Kyler at 918-341-6833

Thank you for Supporting the Men and Women who dedicate their lives to preserve our freedom!

Military Support Team Seeks Names and Addresses of Active Military

A newly formed Military Support Team needs the help of the FUMC congregation in compiling a complete list of military who have connections to our church. If you have a family member or a friend who is in the military and you'd like them included in our ministry's mailings please submit their name and complete address. Additionally, we will need your name and contact information so we can stay in contact with you re: updates, etc. Please send information via email to Janelle Brammer at jbrammer@claremorefumc.org or call the church office (341-4580) with the information. Prior to submission, please verify the address is correct; the post office will not forward military mail. Thanks for any help you can offer! We don't want to leave anyone out!

GROUND FLOOR
ENERGETIC. PASSIONATE. RELEVANT.
saturdays @ 6pm

Newsletter and Bulletin

The deadline for articles and announcements is Thursday at 5pm. Please send all articles to Laurie in the church office.

lault@claremorefumc.org

Ground Floor Communion and Labyrinth Walk

February 25, 5012 6PM Family Life Center

Are you aware that we have a Communion Service every Saturday Night called Ground Floor? Yes we do, every Saturday night. Prior to the six o'clock service, at 5:00pm small groups meet, and then pizza is served at 5:45pm.

On the 25th Pastor Ray will be hosting a labyrinth walk after the service. The walk can be done in 10-20 minutes or longer, if you wish. The labyrinth is a sacred, quiet place provided for you to spend some enhanced time with God. For those who have walked the labyrinth before, it has been a peaceful, relaxing experience. And can become very meaningful. Come join us in the evening of the 25th for a special service.

Stephen Ministers Silent Auction needs your donations!

Begins Sunday March 11----- will run through 1:00 pm on Sunday March 25.

The Stephen Ministers will be hosting a silent auction to raise funds for projects and materials. If you have any collectables, white elephant or gently used items to donate they may be left in the church office by March 10, 2012. Thank you for supporting this wonderful care and support ministry.

Please bring your paper grocery sacks to church. The Good Samaritan Pantry needs paper grocery



American
Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

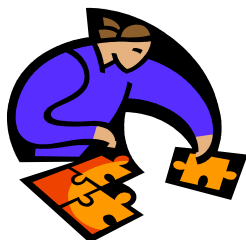
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Blood drive will be on Sunday, March 4 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Signup sheets will be in Disciple Hall beginning Feb. 12th. Share your LOVE this season.

Philippines Mission February 2013

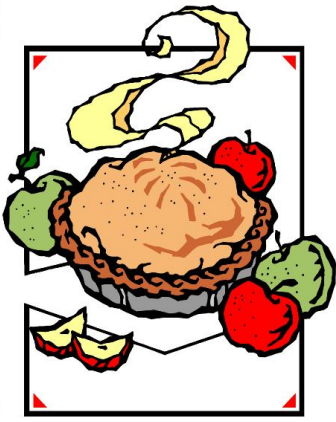
Dear church members and V.I.M Friends, It is time to start a new mission with an old friend, Marsha Alexander. We will have our first orientation meeting at the church February 21, 2012 at 6:30pm. We will be taking deposits at that time and giving out forms.

The mission is repair work at Asbury College in the Philippines. This is a 13 day mission in February of 2013. The cost will be \$2,500.00. Please pray about it. It will be great to share the love of Christ with the Children of the Philippines.



Wanted

Jig Saw puzzles needed for a Senior Care facility. If you have jig saw puzzles with all the pieces to donate they can be left in the church office or contact Kelly Dipboye at 918-629-1468



Pie Ministry

Our Pie Ministry welcomes our first time guests by delivering a homemade pie and an invitation to return to worship with our church family. This week Joyce Bradshaw and Phyllis Fort and our newest baker Judy Holcomb welcomed our guests with homemade pies. Thank you all for your love and devotion to our guests and visitors.

If you can bake a pie or make a refrigerator pie we need your help! If you feel called to share in this wonderful outreach mission, please contact Pat Chambers at 341-6713.

Bring a friend to Wesley Wednesday!

Please take a moment and register for Wesley Wednesday Classes this Sunday. This will help Pastor Susan assign rooms and purchase materials for the classes.

We hope to see everyone there this year for great food fun and fellowship!

DISTRICT YOUTH EVENT

A couple weeks ago I shared about the sixth-grade class that attended the workshop on the labyrinth that I facilitated that day.

This week I would like to share about the second class which consisted of older youth 16-17 years of age. Half of them had never walked a labyrinth before. I shared my knowledge about the labyrinth, spending a little more time and going a little deeper than I did with the sixth-graders. I then asked those who had walked a labyrinth before to let the others walk first and we would just watch. They soon discovered the truth that it is also peaceful and quieting to watch others walk the winding pattern. As the first group was finding their way to the exit, I sent the others in.

The first walkers gathered round and we began to share experiences. They said they are rarely ever given any time to experience peace and quiet, let alone silence. It was a new and welcome experience for most of them. Several did not have a regular time each day dedicated to prayer. Their prayer life is mostly at church or in Youth Group. They haven't been taught to spend quiet time with God. Like the younger crowd of sixth-graders, some of these youth also expressed that they were antsy and usually very talkative and the labyrinth made them quiet and peaceful.

Sharon Brown



Please remember the following in your prayers:

(Names Submitted via Communication Cards or request to be public. Prayer Requests remain on list for two weeks, unless updated)

Mulvilill Family; Cheri Bellock; American Airlines employees and retired; Teague-Starr; Linda Foster; Mark Montanez; Zingo Maps; Mark Tyree; Sherry Webb; Mrs. Tidwell; Kyle Parnell; Kent Willis; Cecil Cole; Willard Forbes; Beverly Lassing; Steve Priore; son of Anita Cruce, Robert Cruce.



Good Samaritan Fund: Given in memory of Joyce Bradshaw's Mother by Sunny Roe, Given in memory of Bill and Opal Powell by Jerry Brasier, Given in memory of Betty Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Cloy Monzingo.

Children's Fund: given in memory of Mallory Massman by Amiee Jones, Given in memory of Jack Graves and Betty Hall by Delma Ault.

Endowment Fund: Given in Memory of Betty Hall, John Carle and Jewell Pickett by Evelyn Clark.

Memorial Fund: Given in Honor of Jack Weyler by Mark and Nancy Lobo, Given in memory of Jay Reed, Roberta Shirk, Dorothy Ellis and Leonard Booker by Patricia Pixley.

Music Fund: Given in memory of Charles Aldredge, Jerry Smith's mother and Sally Karlovitz father by John and Martha Starr.

Wesley Wednesdays – Spring 2012 February 29 – May 2

Dinner: 5:30 pm (\$5 per person & \$20 per family)

Classes: 6:30-8:00 pm

This concludes your email church newsletter. Your comments and suggestions appreciated

