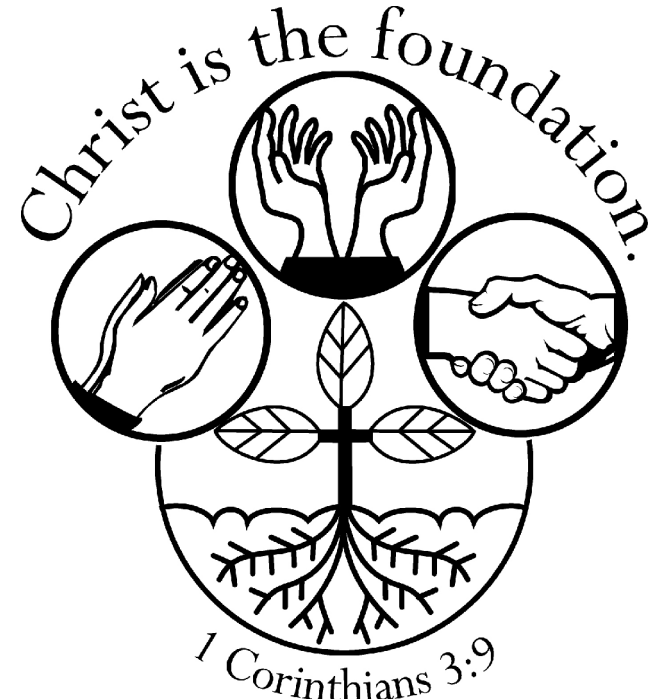


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*"For we are God's  
 fellow workers;  
 you are God's  
 field, God's  
 building."  
 1 Corinthians 3:9*

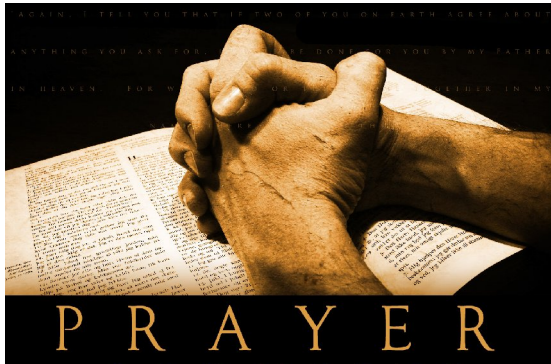
**MARCH is Prayer Ministry Focus  
 Month at Francis Asbury UMC.**

**PRAYER VIGIL**

Saturday, March 6, 2010  
 from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
 Please sign up on the sheet  
 across from the office.

**EQUIP Luncheon**

Sunday, March 7, 2010  
 Immediately Following Worship



- Evangelize
- Quiet Time Daily with God
- Use Your Gifts
- Inspire Others
- Pray without ceasing

We will enjoy a fellowship meal and  
 then briefly discuss:  
**Prayer Ministry, Usher Ministry  
 Greeter Ministry**

**The Youth and Children will have Open Gym.**

**Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend,  
 especially those who serve as ushers or greeters.**

IN MINISTRY

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Minister                          | Fred Carpenter      |
| Interim Choir Director & Organist | Jamie Bryson        |
| Admin. Asst.                      | Danya Sellers       |
| Custodian                         | Glenda Shook        |
| Nursery                           | Sharon Lutz         |
|                                   | Amy Dayton          |
| Ushers                            | Angela Cathcart     |
|                                   | Melanie Hudson      |
|                                   | Brenda Rhinehart    |
|                                   | Christine Worley    |
| Acolyte                           | Savannah Cloud      |
| Greeters                          | The Cathcart Family |

District Superintendent—Dr. John S. Boggs  
 Resident Bishop—Dr. Larry M. Goodpaster



*"Praise the Lord! I will  
 give thanks to the  
 Lord with my whole  
 heart, in the company  
 of the upright, in the  
 congregation."  
 Psalm 111:1*

*JOIN US AS WE  
 PRAISE GOD TOGETHER  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY!*

**Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM**  
**Supper served at 5:30 PM**

**Children's devotion & activity at 6:30 PM.**



### Pisgah Villa Worship Service

Sunday, March 7th  
at 2:30 PM

Join us at Pisgah Villa as  
we have worship with the residents.

### Children's Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Sunday,  
March 28th

3PM



Each child needs to bring an Easter basket and 12 plastic eggs filled with candy or small prizes for the Egg Hunt. Can't wait to see you there!

### PALM SUNDAY EVENING



### Seder Meal

March 28th  
5PM

You are invited to partake  
of this special meal in  
Celebration of the Passover.

Please RSVP by Wed, March 24. 667.3950.



Asheville District  
Spring Conference

### EQUIPPING THE CHURCH FOR MINISTRY

Friday & Saturday, March 5-6  
7:00-9:00 pm on Friday and  
9:00 am-12 noon on Saturday

Skyland UMC  
1984 Hendersonville Road, Skyland 28776

\$10 per person.  
An information booklet will  
be available for \$5 at the event.

Leaders: Dr. Matthew Burton & Equipping  
Ministry Colleagues: Elizabeth Wourms,  
Connie Wilson and Robert Creech.

This mini-conference is open to clergy and laity from all churches in the district, presents a model of church culture and growth, prepares the laity to train and lead the church in partnership with church staff, and leaves choice of lay involvement up to each church member. The idea is to empower the congregation to serve, as Jesus and his followers did, transforming lives in the process.

If you want to know more about this or you are interested in attending, please see Fred or Danya or call the church office at 667.3950. We will need to know how many are interested by Monday, March 1. Reservations are required.



### LifeMinistries Cholesterol Screening

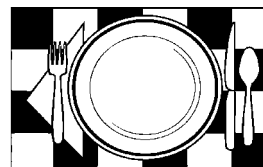
Wednesday, March 10th  
8:30 a.m – 10:30 a.m.  
FAUMC Fellowship Hall

\$15.00 (cash or check)  
Full Lipid Panel  
Results in 6 minutes

**This is a fasting screening. Do not eat or drink anything after 11:00 p.m. the night before.**

You can sign up at the Welcome Table or call the church office at 667.3950.

### HV Welcome Table



FAUMC  
Fellowship Hall  
Every Wednesday  
11:30AM – 1PM

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME-FREE MEAL.**



VBS 2010  
June 13th-17th

This summer, set sail for VBS  
fun and join us as we Explore  
the Mighty Love of God!

### HOMINY VALLEY ABCCM

Needs:



Peanut butter, jelly,  
fruit, oatmeal, cereal,  
dry milk, oil & sugar.

Please leave items in the  
large basket in the Narthex.

### COSTA RICA



MEETING

Monday,  
March 1st  
6:30 PM  
MUMC

MARCH  
CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH  
TEACHERS



3/7: Beth & Travis Arrowood  
3/14: Shelly Cloud & Mollie Scott  
3/21: FROG Youth  
3/28: Bat & Mel Hudson



### NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Due to the winter storms, we need your help getting Tekoa ready for our spring retreat groups and summer camp! Tekoa is just a mess with lots of trees down and tree debris everywhere. **Would you or your family consider coming up to Tekoa for a day to help clean and do basic repairs?** Here is a list of projects that we currently need your help on: *Cleaning up trails and cleaning around all of our buildings. Rebuilding a campsite shelter. Construct a new campsite platform.* We are also in need of the following items: *Riding Mower, Shovels and Rakes, Washer and Dryers in good condition.* Thank you so much for considering our request! James Johnson 692.6516



**Snip-it from Sandy:**

This has been one amazing winter! School delays, school closings, power outages, the endless buying of bread and milk...and bird seed! All of this reminds me of a story I heard about 10 years ago. I am going to share it with. . .with a little tweaking of course. :)

There was a man that lived alone in a farm house on the outskirts of town. His wife had passed away, his children were grown. It was just him and a warm fire, some soup, a good book and his faithful fat cat Oliver. There was a blizzard going on outside and he was thankful for his home and his kitty cat.

He was suddenly distracted by thumping sounds at the window. Oliver jumped onto the back of the couch to see what it was. The man looked out into the cold and saw a small flock of cute little gray birds. They were trying to fly into his window seeking shelter. The man immediately thought about his huge barn outside. The birds could go in and stay as long as they wanted. They would be warm and he could get them some food.

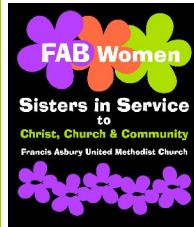
He bundled up and went out into the cold. Oliver stayed inside because now he got the warm spot on the man's chair. The man opened up the barn door so the little birdies could fly in, but to his surprise, they chirped loudly and seemed upset by him invading their space. The man ran back inside and got the rest of his cornbread to try and lure them into the barn. He made a trail for them and ran back in the house. The birds went after the bread, snatched it and flew right back outside.

The man was frustrated. He thought to himself, I don't want to hurt these little guys, I'm just trying to help them. If only I could be one of them for just a few moments to explain that I am only trying to save them!

Hmmm~When I got the gist of this story, I got cold chills! What if God was one of us? He sent his son, OUR SAVIOR, Jesus to walk on this Earth as a human being, so he could explain to us that he was only trying to SAVE US! WOW! What a gift! This day, I ask that you listen to Jesus as if he were one of us, sitting, talking and offering advice, peace and love. I pray for all of you reading these words that somehow, Jesus is speaking to you!

Blessings and Warmth, :) Sandy

Now that we have God's approval by faith, we have peace with God because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done. Romans 5:1



**Our last meeting**

was held at the home of Glenda Faye. Our many thanks to Pam for the special devotions, chocolaty treats for all her sisters and reminding us that "No act of kindness is too small." 1 John 4:7-8. Cindy Lou led our prayer time. Madam President gave us FAB agendas. A quick recap of the meeting: Grub by Glenda Faye, Vtine treats for First Step assembled, sang to the birthday girls, passed the cup for boot \$, financial update, FAB Bible Study going well, First Step needs, Easter, VBS and cookbooks still available (**only \$10 - BUY YOURS TODAY!**).

**First Step Farm for Women:**

Bottled water needed. Please bring 15 items for Easter baskets for the girls by Sunday, March 28th. Please remember to pray for them daily!

**Extraordinary Women Conference** is:

April 23rd & 24th at the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, SC. Please keep the FAB ladies who are going in your prayers. Payment needed by the March meeting please.

**Mark your Calendars: The 2010 VBS BASKET AUCTION will be May 1st.**

**MARCH MEETING:** Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30 PM at the Home of Veronica Crook. Devotion by Mollie. Sweet Snack-Betty. Salty Snack-Beth A. Please call Veronica @ 665.8580 for directions or more info. **Reminder:**



*Some time ago I read this article by William G. Menter titled, "If Jesus Sent a Church Newsletter." I found it a very fitting editorial on church newsletters, our church life in general and our individual relationship with Jesus. I thought I would save it for such a time as this when newsletter deadlines and vacation clash. See you Sunday! Love, Fred*

First, he would make it funny. Some of his stories were hilarious - especially those reported by John. People could see the irony of how they and others were living - laughed at themselves - and remembered the stories - hopefully even change lives.

Second, Jesus would discuss politics. He didn't run away from sharp issues the way that we Americans say, "never talk about religion or politics." He most certainly understood that those are the two most important subject in the world.

He would add pictures. He talked in pictures (parables) - no doubt he would publish with pictures in order to capture the reader's attention.

He would follow the K.I.S.S. Rule - "Keep It Simple Son." He would write so people could understand - not write so as to impress. Again, he taught with parables.

He would not report offerings or enter church budgets into the newsletter. Some have noticed that he was more interested in the widow's mite than in the grand gifts of those who were wealthy. Besides, Jesus seemed to be more about relieving guilt, than building it.

I doubt Jesus would enter church council proceedings into the copy. What he and his disciples did was feed the hungry and heal the sick. Along the way, hundreds discovered "love" in the middle of all those activities.

Without a doubt, Jesus would keep the newsletter short. In his case, paper was at a premium. Cairo Pacific had only recently opened production. It was necessary to use resources and energy in the most cost effective way. Jesus went where people gathered and chatted with them where they were.

Jesus would talk human growth rather than church program. Jesus would show us the heart of the Father - and the response of the Son. Jesus rode into Jerusalem not on a proud stallion as the Roman Centurions did. Jesus didn't even ride into Jerusalem on a donkey - but on the colt of a donkey. There's a lesson about living with humility somewhere in that story which could help us learn how to live with God and with each other.

Oh - and I doubt that Jesus would use staples to seal his newsletters. If the Father was concerned about even the smallest sparrow - Jesus would be concerned about broken fingernails from pulling the staples out.

# MARCH

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- 3/9 Travis Arrowood
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- 3/14 Frosty Fincher
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- 3/19 Christine Worley
- 3/20 Adam Crook
- 3/21 Kathy Cochran
- 3/22 Margaret Anson
- 3/23 Broughton Wallin
- 3/24 Colin Scott
- 3/26 Carmen Redmon
- 3/28 Kathy Warren

### Happy Anniversary to...

- 3 Ken & Patty Hamlin
- 11 Ortenzio & Donna Filotei
- 18 Beth & Travis Arrowood
- 18 Broughton & Joretta Wallin
- 20 Tom & Kati Phelps
- 29 Burr & Frosty Fincher