



# THE MESSENGER

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## GRADUATING SENIORS

If you have a senior graduating from either High School or college, we need to know this information. Please call **Angie Owen** at 678.982.1203 or email her at [angie@douglasvillefumc.com](mailto:angie@douglasvillefumc.com). We will recognize the seniors on **Sunday, May 18** at the 11:00 am sanctuary service. We don't want to leave anyone out as we celebrate this milestone in their life, so please submit your information a.s.a.p. **Deadline** for information to be placed in bulletin insert is **Friday, May 2**.



### This week's reading: (March 17 - 23)

Mon. Numbers 28 - 30, Psalms 36  
Tues. Numbers 31 - 33, Psalms 37: 1 - 23  
Wed. Numbers 34 - 36, Psalms 37: 23 - 40  
Thurs. Galatians 1 - 3, Psalms 38  
Fri. Galatians 4 - 6, Psalms 39  
Sat. Deuteronomy 1 - 4, Psalms 40  
Sun. Reflections

### Join us for fellowship dinner Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Patricia Tidwell Hall.

**March 19 - MENU: Baked potato bar, full salad bar, fruit & dessert. Kitchen Helpers - Scouts Adult Plate - \$5 & Kids' Plate - \$2**  
No family pays more than \$15

Fill out a registration form located in the pew racks and place in offering plate or call the church office by noon on Monday. If your name is on the standing reservation list and you will not be here, please call the church office so we can remove your name for that week.

## Worship Attendance

### MARCH 9, 2008

8:30 ..... 89  
11:00 Service ..... 216  
The Journey ..... 150  
Nursery ..... 48  
**TOTAL** ..... 503  
Sunday School ..... 316

## Financial Update

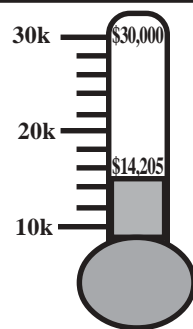
March 9 Offering	\$18,841
March Needs	\$121,445
Average Weekly Need	\$24,289
Annual Budget	\$1,263,052
Fiscal Year to Date Shortfall	\$82,273

## SCHOLARSHIP

The LIFE Circle is giving away a (2) \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications must be submitted by April 7, 2008. Applications can be found on our web site at [www.douglasvillefumc.com](http://www.douglasvillefumc.com) or by contacting a LIFE Circle member.

## All Purpose Lift

To date \$14,205 has been donated toward the \$30,000 needed for the lift. If you would like to donate, make your checks payable to FUMC and on the memo line write All Purpose Lift. Thank You.



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All submissions must be in on Monday by 10:00 a.m. to be printed for the following week's Messenger

## Sun., Mar. 16 Last Day to Order Your Easter Lily!



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To know the Lord Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others that all may be one with Him.



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March 12, 2008

## SUN., MARCH 16

has been designated as

## “CATCH UPSUNDAY”

Sunday's Goal: \$24,289 or more



This will be an opportunity to make your pledge current and to give an additional offering to help continue these important ministry programs and improvements to our facilities.

## Journey Toward the Cross

### PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 16

### HOLY WEEK LUNCHES

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

12:00 pm in Patricia Tidwell Hall

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

presented by the Mustard Seed Players

March 20 at 7:00 p.m./PTH

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

presented by the Chancel Choir

March 21 at 7:00 p.m./Sanctuary

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 22 at 12:00 pm

### EASTER - SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

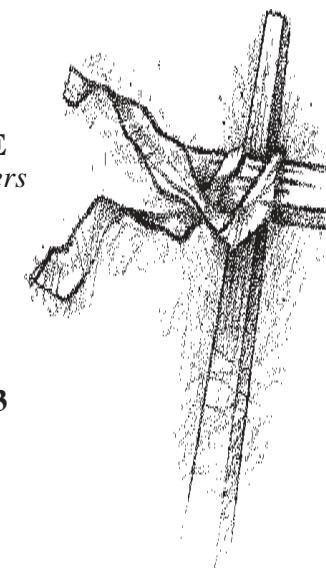
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service

11:00 a.m. "The Journey"

Contemporary Service/ PTH

(On Easter morning, don't forget to bring your flowers to place around the cross in front of the church!)



## ON OVER THE RAINBOW

When was the last time you went on a youth retreat? Youth have energy! Youth have questions! Youth have energy! Youth love music! Youth have energy! Youth love Jesus with energy.

Yes, I already knew much of the above but all of it was reinforced during our Confirmation Retreat this past weekend at Lake Junaluska, N. C. Our youth or your youth were really something. They sang and prayed and shared and got a grasp on being part of the body of Christ. Wow!

While we were away the congregation celebrated "Celebration Sunday" and made your spiritual financial commitments to God's ministry. During Sunday lunch, Hudson's Barbecue (can't do any better than that), Dr. Jim Lantz, Cahir of Stewardship, gave the following results of our "Follow The Rainbow" stewardship emphasis:

**164 Commitments**  
**81 Increased Commitments**  
**20 New Commitments**  
**34 Decreased Commitments**  
**29 Same Commitments**  
**These Commitments totaled \$818,252**

Thank you very much for your response to God's blessing in your lives and for being a witness of Jesus Christ. You are a blessing to the Lord.

So, let's be sure and get all of our commitments given to God that we may continue to be thankful witnesses of our many blessings. Your commitment does make a difference . . . maybe we can learn from them that all people who love Jesus has energy!

See You Sunday,

*Max*

**Lenten Lunches – March 17, 18 & 19  
from Noon – 1:00 p.m. Patricia Tidwell Hall**

Holy Week will be a special time when we as the Christian community take time out to worship and remember. We will have services each day to help enhance our spiritual experience. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. until about 1:00 p.m. we will have lunch together in Patricia Tidwell Hall. **Rev. Orin Sampson**, Senior Pastor of Midway UMC will be speaking to us on Monday, **Rev. Larry Wilson**, Senior Pastor of Lithia Springs UMC will be speaking on Tuesday, and **Rev. Gregory Williams**, Senior Pastor of Golden UMC will be speaking to us on Wednesday. Everyone is encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be provided but donations will be accepted to help defray the cost.

**Youth News**

The Confirmation class spent this past weekend at Lake Junaluska on a confirmation retreat with other churches. There were 8 confirmands from DFUMC in attendance and Saturday was packed with learning sessions, which included Methodist history, going deeper for Christ, worship, diversity, and gifts. If we were not in sessions, we were eating; and if you have ever been to Lake Junaluska you know that's a good thing. In Saturday night's closing session everyone decorated worship stoles together then each group's leader had the opportunity to present the stoles to each confirmand while praying over them, which, for me, was a spiritual high. The weekend was joy being with your confirmands.

A big thanks to Nancy Hunt, Beth Barnes, Sheryl Cobb, and all the others that helped make the yard sale a success despite the tornado and snow. God is Great.

- March 16:** Confirmation Sunday  
New Mexico Mission trip information meeting  
(2 PM in the choir room)
- March 20:** Maundy Thursday Service/PTH
- March 21:** Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)
- March 23:** Easter Sunday (No Evening Youth Program)
- April 6 & 9:** No Youth / No Small Groups (Spring Break)
- April 7 – 11:** Senior High Ski Trip, Winter Park, CO

*Roll up your sleeves for a*  
**CHURCH  
WORK DAY**  
**Sat., March 29**  
8 am- Noon

*Bring your rakes and brooms and help us spruce up the church. Come for all or part of the time. It's fun, and remember, "Many hands make light work!"*



*We need volunteers from each Sunday School class, we will be cleaning all Sunday School rooms from top to bottom.*



by Larry McLeod

**THANK YOU....**Joy Generation and Malinda McLeod for 'Promise U'. And thank you, Robert Saunders, Corey Anderson, & Angie Owen for taking care of the sound & visual. What a team!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY....**will portray the events of Holy Week as we remember the tremendous suffering of Christ for our sakes. Staged in PTH, brought to you by the Mustard Seed Players

**GOOD FRIDAY....** March 21, in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will be presenting the dramatic musical, 'The Weeping Tree' at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend and experience the sacrifice.



**EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 22 in Patricia Tidwell Hall from 10:00 – 12:00, rain or shine.** We will have lots of games and treats along with our Egg Hunt. Please, please **register your children** by calling Mrs. Lori and leaving your children's name and ages. Don't worry with stuffing plastic eggs - we'll provide the eggs if you'll provide the stuffing! Drop off your candy (no chocolate, please) in the bin located in the lobby of the church offices. **Assistance is needed for set-up and during the Egg Hunt** so please call Mrs. Lori to help or if you have any questions.

**SCREAM - May 16 – 18, 2008.** Open to 3rd - 5th graders, our SCREAM weekends are always a blast! However, **SPACE IS LIMITED!!!! To reserve your spot, I need a \$65.00 deposit.** A lot of kids have told me they want to go but I can't hold a spot without a deposit. Please see Mrs. Lori with your deposit, if you need any release forms or if you have any questions. Don't forget to invite your friends!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH - FYI - This Sunday, March 16,** Children's Church will be in the 2nd grade Sunday School classroom due to the Confirmation Luncheon in Huffine Hall. Also, a reminder that there will be no Children's Church on Easter Sunday, March 23.

**MOTHER/SON MOVIE NIGHT -** Open to mothers and sons of all ages, our Mother/Son Movie Night which will be **Friday, April 18 in Patricia Tidwell Hall from 7:00 – 9:00.** Don't forget to wear your pjs (moms, too!) and bring your sleeping bags and pillows. We'll be watching *Meet the Robinsons* and eating lots of hotdogs and popcorn! Last year was loads of fun so you won't want to miss this special time for moms and sons. Tickets are \$5.00 per couple and \$2.00 each additional son. **Assistance is needed for set-up** so please call Mrs. Lori to help or if you have any questions.

**SONSATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM -** Plans are being made for an awesome SonSational Summer! We'll have at least one event each week during the summer holiday. There will be lots of activities with great times of fun and fellowship! Just to list a few activities from last summer, we enjoyed Dixie Land Fun Park, Center for Puppetry Arts and two pool parties! Information regarding registration, events, dates and prices will be available the end of April. Please contact Mrs. Lori with any questions or ideas

**CARING & SHARING**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** for this Sunday will be placed in loving memory of Bill Jennings by Mildred Morris.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Paul Bruce, Roy Entrekin.

**SYMPATHY:** We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Joe King and family in the death of his mother, IvaRue King.

*If you have a prayer request, call the church office so that we may update the current prayer list. Please indicate if you do not want the prayer request printed in the bulletin and Messenger. Also when the Lord answers these prayers, call the church office and share with the church just how great and powerful our Lord is so that we can all glorify God with these testimonies and offerings of praise!*

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** Our church is going to publish a new pictorial directory using the Olan Mills video image proofing system. Please reserve an appointment time today by going to our web site at [www.douglasvillefumc.com](http://www.douglasvillefumc.com) and clicking on the link Each family photographed will receive a complimentary directory and a free 8 x 11. Because of the video image proofing



you need only make one trip to the church. Please plan 45 minutes to one hour for the entire process. If you wish to bring friends or family who do not attend this church you may instruct the photographer to make separate poses for the directory. For groups of 8 or more please schedule 2 appointment times. Online sign up will cease on Monday, March 25. In church sign ups will begin on March 30. The scheduled dates for photography and viewing are **May 1,2,3,8,9 & 10.**

**Sun., Mar. 16 Last Day to Order Your  
EASTER LILY**

in memory of or honor of that special someone. Imagine how beautiful our sanctuary will look on Easter morning. Easter Lily orders will be taken in Huffine Hall on each service and PTH after the Journey service. Lilies are \$10 each.

**EASTER SUNDAY NURSERY  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

On Easter Sunday our church nursery will be a very busy place. We need your help please!!! We are looking for volunteers to help in the infant, 1, 2, 3 and 4 year old nurseries at the 11:00 service. If you attend the 8:30 service, would you consider staying and helping out in the nursery at the 11:00 service? If you prefer to help during the Sunday School hour, we can use extra helpers in the infant and 1 year old nurseries from 9:45-10:45. We can find a place for you!!! There will be a nursery staff person in each nursery and you will be assisting her. If you would like to help out, please give Nancy Hunt a call at 770-942-3146, X. 19 or e-mail at [nancy@douglasvillefumc.com](mailto:nancy@douglasvillefumc.com).

**THIS WEEK AT FUMC**

**March 16 – 22**

<b>Sunday, March 16</b>	8:30a.m. Worship Service/Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00a.m. Worship Service/Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. "The Journey"/PTH 11:00 a.m. Haitian Church/SLC 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Lunch/HH 2:00 p.m. New Mexico Mission Trip Mtg./132 3:00 p.m. Adult Praise Band Practice/PTH 4:30 p.m. Disciple II/224 4:30 p.m. Mainstream/132 5:00 p.m. Disciple I/222 <b>5:00 p.m. SPR/220</b> 5:30 p.m. Youth Snack Supper/SLC <b>7:00 p.m. Church Council/220</b>
<b>Monday, March 17</b>	9:00 a.m. Preschool 10:00 a.m. UMW Circles Meet/HH <b>12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunches/PTH</b> 6:30 p.m. Visitation/211 <b>7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee/216</b> 8:00 p.m. AA/210 & Alanon/212
<b>Tuesday, March 18</b>	9:00 a.m. Preschool 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/220 <b>12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunches/PTH</b> 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl/222 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts/SLC 7:00 p.m. Chamber Singers/132 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers/220
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>	9:00 a.m. Preschool 9:15 a.m. Disciple I/220 9:30 a.m. MOPS 9:30 a.m. Jesus in the Gospels/222 <b>12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunches/PTH</b> 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch & Bible Study/HH 3:00 p.m. KFC <b>5:00 p.m. Sr. Adult Council/220</b> 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner/PTH 6:00 p.m. Youth Covenant Groups/SLC 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice/132 6:45 p.m. Prayer Group 6:45 p.m. Children's Academy/201 6:45 p.m. Christian Believer/210 6:45 p.m. Experiencing God/224 6:45 p.m. Revelation/228 6:45 p.m. Spiritual Gifts/209 6:45 p.m. Hop, Jump & Skip through the Bible/220 6:45 p.m. Beth Moore/220 6:45 p.m. Radical Renovation/
<b>Thursday, March 20</b>	9:00 a.m. Preschool 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts <b>7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service/PTH</b> 8:00 p.m. AA/212
<b>Friday, March 21</b>	Church Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Preschool 9:00 a.m. MMO <b>7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service/Sanc</b>
<b>Saturday, March 22</b>	10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt