

FUNDS ON THE FOURTH: On fourth Sundays we collect funds for the Hope Center. We encourage you, through our Outreach Committee, to support "Funds on the Fourth" on Sunday, February 26.

DFUMC's website: www.douglasfirst.com

As the "keeper of the site" I have found that the number of times our church's website has been accessed, especially during the last 3 months, has been increasing rapidly. More and more folks seem to be viewing the site. While this fact is extremely encouraging, it also presents somewhat of a dilemma for myself and the church staff. Are we providing the type of information that viewers are seeking and is the site in a format that is easy to use?

We know that the site is far from ideal, but the church staff and I work closely together in an attempt to keep the site up-to-date, useful, and user friendly. We could use feedback from our website users to ensure that the information and format we provide on the site are meeting your needs. We have provided a short survey, accessed at the bottom of the home page, that we hope site users will complete to help us improve our website. You can also give your comments and/or suggestions directly to the church staff or myself.

I will do my best to incorporate your feedback into the format and/or content of our site. Please keep in mind that the site provider, E-zekiel, makes available very sophisticated and powerful tools for building our website. There is one slight drawback, however. The "keeper of the site" has to figure out how to use these tools. Thus far it has been a challenging learning experience. Please be patient and understanding of my limitations. The church staff and I will do our very best to provide you with a website that you will want to use over and over again. ~Wes Abler

THE COOKBOOKS ARE HERE! THE COOKBOOKS ARE HERE! If you have not yet picked up your copy of "Goodness Gracious Past and Present," or want more, please stop by the church office for your copy. Only \$20 for a culinary history of Douglas First specialties!

Welcome Our New Members!



We welcome Barry and Pam Spiwak. Barry is employed with Williams Institutional Foods, Inc. and Pam is retired. They live at 93 Slash Pine Drive, Broxton, 31519.

We welcome Mike and Catherine Moye. Mike is employed with Pilgrim's Pride

and Catherine is a homemaker. They live at 1001 Pinetree Circle, Douglas, 31533.



IN MEMORIAM
Harriette Wheeler Strickland
October 16, 1924 - December 25, 2011

Christian Sympathy to Sharon Moorman and family in the death of her brother, Mr. Ed Smith. A memorial service will be held in the Chapel of Douglas First UMC on March 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Christian Sympathy to Edwina Grove and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Ardell Phelps.

Christian Sympathy to Joe & Cheryl Polk and family in the death of their daughter, Ms. Eva "KoKo" Hunter. A memorial service will be held in Robertson Hall on January 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Christian Sympathy to Lynda Bagwell and family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Gamble Jones.

Monthly Meetings & Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 1 – 5:00 p.m. UMW Executive Committee

Sunday, February 5 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study (Pennell)
4:00 p.m. Disciple 1
5:00 p.m. Home Touch (Pennell)
6:00 p.m. Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 12 - 3:00-5:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study (Pennell)
4:00 p.m. Disciple 1
5:00 p.m. SLICE
6:00 p.m. Witness Committee
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Monday, February 13 - 7:00 p.m. Valentine Banquet

Sunday, February 19 - 4:00 p.m. Disciple 1
6:00 p.m. Z317
7:00 p.m. Finance

Monday, February 20 - 3:30 p.m. Circle 4 (Pennell)

Tuesday, February 21 - 10:00 a.m. Circle 5 (Pennell)

Sunday, February 26 - 3:00-5:00 p.m. Beth Moore (Pennell)
4:00 p.m. Disciple 1
7:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Craig Hutto	Pastor	Shantae Dockery	Sec./Receptionist
Home: 912-384-3480		CeCe Smith	Pre-School Director
Cell: 912-481-3753		Brad Riner	Choir Director
E-mail: craighutto@yahoo.com		Kayse Morris	Children's Choir
Allison Lindsey	Program Director	Tania Myers	Organist
Chris Calhoun	Youth/Facilities		
Dana Calhoun	Church Administrator		CCL# 1585573

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January 25, 2012

A Month of Great Sundays

February 5th is, of course, Super Bowl Sunday and we will have our traditional Super Bowl party in Robertson Hall starting at 6:00 PM. We will also hear from our Administrative Council Chair, Don Betts, and our Finance Chair, Milton Clements, during the morning worship services.

February 12th will be Scout Sunday as we celebrate our ministry through scouting and welcome Cub Scout Pack 859 and Boy Scout Troop 859 at the 11:00 AM worship service.

On February 19th we will have a guest speaker, Mr. Frank Littleton, who will give the message in both morning services while I am away serving as an Assistant Spiritual Director on an Emmaus Walk.

Then, on February 26th, we will worship during the first Sunday in the season of Lent. We will celebrate with Holy Communion on this Sunday.

It's a month of great Sundays; plan to be in worship every Sunday!

See you in church this Sunday!

Craig

Prayer Concerns: Jim Aldridge, Marion Aycock, Carl Bishop, Charles Bland, Jackie Blankenship, Braydon Boone, Leo Brooks, Lark Brown (Lori Cummings' sister), Wes Brown, Vera Burkett, Russell & Lara Byrd, Billy Cliett, Elizabeth Clough, Jason Cook, Tom Cottingham, Kathleen Cowart, Richard & Edye Daetwyler, Angie Dixon, John Durden, Thelma Essary, Curtis Farrar, Mike Fisher, Elizabeth Forsyth, Huey Fussell (Andrea Taylor's grandfather), Sue Futch, Wynnis Gaskin, Chester Gayheart, Myles Greene, Kenny Grove (Linda Watkins' uncle), Bitsey Hayes, Brenda Henderson, Kendell Hollmon (Larry & Jennie Thomas' son-in-law), Jaxsen Hunkapiller, Caroline Ingle, Bob Johnson, Bobbie Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Roy Jones, Linda Kirkland, Jerry Kline, Jean Lifsey, Ronald Lott, Bill Lumpkin, Alex & Diana McClelland, Louise & W.W. McCrary, Stone Minchew, Elma Nail, Willie Park, Bob Patton (Jan Adams' father), Jim Potts, Ansley Kate Register, Annie Mae Roberts, Eloise Royals, Vivian Russell (Nancy Cross's mother), Tina Mae Small, Ann Smith (Laura Clements' sister), Dewayne Smith, Ruth Somers, Mason Spann, Britt Tanner, Helen Tanner, Aaron Taylor, Mary Thacker, Jordan Thomas, Kathy Vallen, Addison VanHove, Mary White, Sally Whittle, Henry Youngblood, Abby Zoorhis, All those serving in the Armed Forces (Names listed for the first time are in bold print.)

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Attendance	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22
Sunday School	74	122	97	132
8:30 AM	39	42	31	42
11:00 AM	118	190	166	189
Total Worship	157	232	197	231

Church Budget (YTD through December 2011)

Amount Budgeted	\$662,714
Amount Given	\$700,046
Difference	\$ 37,332



Fulfill God's Vision – We have entered into the final year of our financial campaign for our Facilities Improvement Plan. God has blessed us through your faithfulness in these last three years. Because of your faithfulness we are on schedule with our FIP giving and we finished the 2011 year with a church budget surplus. Your continued faithfulness is needed in this fourth year. In fact, your fourth year faithfulness will insure our good financial health and

stewardship for decades to come. If you are up to date on your giving, thank you for your faithfulness! If you have fallen behind, you are encouraged to use these next few months to catch up. God has blessed us so that we might be a blessing to others. Let us fulfill God's vision for the Douglas First UMC family in 2012!

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you all again for your very generous contributions to the Caring Christmas Tree. Some of our patients opened their gifts as soon as they were delivered. Others waited until Christmas Day. They were very quick to show their gifts and were so very pleased. The patients wanted you all to know how thankful they were that First Methodist Church thought of them! Thank you again for all that you do!

Deborah Parker, RN (Health Dept. Home Care Services)

Wednesday Programming

(February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th)

- 5:45 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Family programming
- 7:30 p.m. Choir practice

Please call the church office to make reservations for Family Night Supper.

Our 2012 Confirmation Mentoring Program "Making Disciples" is beginning!

Please be in prayer for our Confirmands, parents and Mentors. Any youth 6th-12th grade can be a part of this process of learning more about the church, their faith and the personal decision to follow Christ and join the church! Please contact the church office for more information.



It's a REMATCH: New York Giants vs. New England Patriots in Super Bowl 2012

Join us Sunday, February 5th @ 6pm in Robertson Hall~ sporting your team colors! Bring a tail-gate treat to share and get ready for the "Commercials"! Invite a friend and enjoy the game on the big screen!



It's BACK! "SOUP"-er Bowl Sunday... Support the youth fundraiser for World Vision's 30 Hours of Famine on Sunday, February 5th.

You can make a donation during worship on Sunday as the youth will have "soup" pots by the doors or at the Super Bowl Party that night! They say \$360.00 (\$1/day can feed a child for 1 year) ~ we can make a difference in the life of a child.

CHURCH MICE!

Tuesday, February 7th 4:00-5:00pm (K-5th grade)

Its cat vs. mouse and we need to get the Sanctuary ready for worship!



SLICE!

- ~ slice of time!
- ~ slice of creativity!
- ~ slice of talent!
- ~slice of energy!

NEEDED: Volunteers willing to give a **SLICE** for our Children's Ministry! We are seeing a surge and will be making changes to our programming! We need YOU! Join us for a **SLICE** on Sunday, February 12th @ 5:00pm upstairs in the Education Building. Nursery and activities for the children will be provided!

We are "Establishing the Roots for Kids to Bear Good Fruit!" any way you **SLICE** it~ what could be more important!

Sunday, January 15th, I was away from our worship service speaking at Wesley Monumental in downtown Savannah and it was the most incredible experience to fill the pulpit and share a message in the reverence and beauty of their cathedral sanctuary. I was both humbled and inspired. I wanted to take this moment to say "thank you" for allowing me the opportunities to speak at other churches and to represent Douglas First throughout our Conference. As the time draws near, I am so appreciative of your support and your prayers as I represent not only our church, but the South Georgia Annual Conference as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference 2012. I look forward to sharing that experience with you as well! THANK YOU so much! ~ Allison

KEENAGER'S CORNER:

Keenagers Movie: Thursday, February 9th @ 2pm in the Pennell Room! Mama Mia will take you away ~ join us for this Broadway musical hit!

Keenager's Monthly Luncheon: Wednesday, February 15th at 11:30. Our new mayor, James Dennis will be joining us and you can sign up for our trip to Cedar Lane which will be on Thursday the 23rd! We will be looking for you at the Douglas Golf & Country Club! The buffet lunch is \$8.25.

YOUTH NEWS

All Youth are invited to Super Bowl Party, Feb. 5 Robertson Hall, 6:00 p.m.

SR High Sunday nights at The Refuge February 19 after Z317. 7:00 p.m.

JR High Sunday nights at The Refuge Feb. 12 and Feb. 26, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Z317 P&W Service, February 19, 6:00 p.m., Robertson Hall

Prayer Breakfast at First Methodist in February

Wednesday morning Prayer Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. in Robertson Hall 6th-12th grades. February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

ReMIX at The Refuge on Wednesdays after school

All 6th 12th grades are invited to join us after school at 3:30 p.m. for a variety of activities before our Wednesday evening Bible Studies. Wednesday evening Bible Studies begin with supper in Robertson Hall at 5:45 p.m. and Bible Study at The Refuge, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Snacks at ReMix are free but supper at Robertson Hall is \$4.00.

Snowbird Purity Retreat (all those attending)

Check the website for details on packing and travel times. www.douglasfirst.com

HOME TOUCH: The account of the woman who poured the precious ointment on Jesus makes us wish we were that person of whom Jesus said "she has done a good thing". Throughout his ministry and on this occasion as well, Jesus tells us how we too can do "a good thing" for Him, by reaching out to others with love and care. Home Touch is a program that can nudge us on in reaching out to those in our congregation who are sick, lonely and unable to be physically active as they once were.

If you are a part of the Home Touch program or want to be, or want to learn more about it, please come to the Home Touch meeting on **February 5, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Pennell Room.** The contact person for this group is Catherine Hawks 384-5039.



UNITED METHODIST MEN VALENTINE BANQUET

Robertson Hall
Monday, February 13, 2012
7:00 p.m.
\$8.00 per person



UNITED METHODIST MEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Robertson Hall
Saturday, March 3, 2012
7:00-10:30 a.m.
\$5.00 per person

Proceeds benefit the DFUMC Youth Summer Camps



Congratulations to Alissa & Gabe Evans upon the birth of their son, Brennan Lee Evans, born December 29, 2011. Brennan weighed 7lbs 3oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Bob & Deborah Porter.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE!

*Please contact Allison at the church office to make arrangements to take your picture – or you may submit one along with the information sheet! This is for our entire church "family" not just members!

* There are new pages of the Spiwaks, Clemmers, and R.L. O'Steen in the Narthex to add to your book!

* If you have taken a picture and have not picked up your copy- they are in the church office!