

First United Methodist Church of Union County
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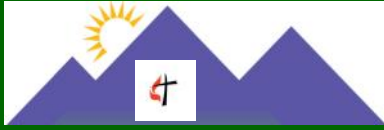
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Times that Services are aired on Cable Channel 4: Sundays at 9:00 am and 8:30 pm.



Pastor Ben Lewis

Refocus

Renew

Rekindle

The Flame

II Timothy 1:6

*“This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift
God gave you when I laid my hands on you.”*

I have found, personally, that my life in Christ can be compared to a roaring fire. The fire burns bright; it gives off heat, and it is soothing. However, like a roaring fire that burns all of its fuel and begins to grow dim requiring more fuel to be added to keep the fire burning brightly, my passion for Christ must be refueled as well.

My passion or fire for Christ can also be compared to a flashlight. The longer the light burns the weaker the batteries become and the light grows dim. When this occurs, the batteries need to be recharged or replaced. Likewise, my spiritual batteries need to be periodically recharged. My fire for Christ needs to be refueled. My spiritual journey is long; sometimes the road is weary and the trials and tribulations of life become overwhelming. Therefore, I need to take the time to REFOCUS, REKINDLE, and RENEW the Flame/Passion for Christ.

There are many ways to refocus, rekindle and renew our passion for Jesus Christ:

- Spiritual Retreats
- Periods of Prayer and Fasting
- Solitude
- Worship and Preaching Services

Therefore, beginning Sunday, October 18, 2009, (Sunday-Wednesday) First United Methodist Church of Union County will host a special collection of worship and preaching services designed to Refocus, Renew, and Rekindle the Flame for Jesus Christ. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Tom Atkins, a United Methodist evangelist.

Please tell your Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors about this exciting opportunity to REKINDLE THE FLAME.

Rekindle the Flame

October 18-21, 2009

Sunday Morning 10:45 A.M.

Sunday-Wednesday Evenings – 6:00 P.M.

Worship Services

To Know Christ - To Make Christ Known

8:30 am Casual Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Traditional Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

10:45 am Contemporary
The MAC
Pastor Richard Rivera

Membership News

September Average Worship Attendance

8:30	Early Service	89
9:45	Sunday School	167
10:45	Traditional	259
10:45	Contemporary	134



Ushers: Gary Connolly
Lois Connolly
Pennie Hebble
Joel Palmer
Ron Taylor
Jack Bailey

Greeters:
8:30 Glen & Linda Womack
10:45 Richard & Jan Jewett

New News



The annual church Bazaar and Men's Barbeque will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 9th and 10th. The bazaar will open at 9:00 am and close at 4:00 pm on Friday and 2:00 pm on Saturday. Barbeque will be sold from 11 am till 4:00 pm on Friday and till 2:00 pm on Saturday. All proceeds go to the MAC.



THE GATHERING

THE GATHERING is a short time set aside before Sunday School (9:30 am) for us ALL to come together. THE GATHERING is downstairs in the MAC in the youth room. Thanks to the adult Sunday School classes for bringing the snacks for THE GATHERING each week.

The schedule for October is:

4th	Bridges Class
11th	Friendship Class
18th	Fidelis Class
25th	Searchers Class



Rekindle
the Flame

Rev. Tom Atkins will be our revival speaker the week of Sunday, October 18th—Wednesday, 21st. On Sunday all three services will combine into a 10:45 service in the MAC. Services for Sunday—Wednesday evenings will be at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. A light supper will be served Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 5:00 pm. A nursery will be provided. We also need people to help feed Rev. Atkins throughout the week. If you would be interested in doing so, please contact the church office at 706-745- 2073.

Meetings

Finance \$\$\$\$\$

Monday, October 12th
6:00 pm

Health Cabinet

Tuesday, October 27th
5:00 pm



Wednesday, October 28th
6:00 pm



Charge Conference is Sunday, November 1st. We will have a church-wide dinner at 5:00 pm before the 6:00 meeting. It will be a covered dish meal with the church only providing drinks. There will be sign up sheets available closer to the date.



Memorial Gifts

Our Tree of Life is growing! With new donations of \$300 to the MAC, a leaf will be engraved in memoriam or honor of your designee. These donations go directly to pay on the principal of the building. What a great gift idea for those who already have everything!



The Morning Glory Circle is taking up coats of all sizes, children through adult. Coats should be in good condition and be machine washable. Coats may be dropped off to a Glory Circle member or the box in the closet across from the MAC desk. The coats will be distributed in December.



October 1 Bill Gordon
 October 3 Debbie Day-Lewis
 Susan Langman
 October 4 Margaret Fite
 Bob Head
 Sue Hill
 Mike Kinnett
 Amy Rogers
 October 5 Chasidy Kinnett
 October 6 Bill Cronk
 Juanita Prentice
 October 7 Jumelia Smith
 October 8 Beverly Cardell
 Rod Johnson
 Tiffany Stephens
 October 9 Red Campbell
 Tim Hunter
 October 10 Sandra Buchanan
 October 12 Judy Stancil
 October 13 Kathy Heyer
 October 14 Scott Carter
 Tiffany Willaims
 October 15 Carl Neuhaus
 October 16 Sierra Porter
 Ashley Preston
 October 20 Erika Bunpermkoon
 Mel Nichols
 October 22 Renny Bryner
 Phil Hill
 Bill Wiley
 October 23 Carol Head
 October 24 Murphy McGirt
 Joe Roach
 October 25 Bob Barnes
 October 26 Tammy Fowler
 Judy Cloyd
 October 27 Ben Lewis
 October 29 Beverly Cameron
 Joyce Smith
 October 30 Bryan Drost
 October 31 David Forney
 Kent Thomas

September Calendar

Thursday, 1st OASIS
 Circle of Love, 6:30 pm
 Sunday, 4th Blood Pressure Screening
 Prayer Partner Fellowship, 5:00 pm
 DSL/MYF, 5:30 pm
 Tuesday, 6th Scrapbooking, 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, 7th Morning Glory Circle, 10 am
 FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 NO supper, YES programs 6:00
 Choir, 7:00 pm
 Thursday, 8th Parish Nursing, 9:00 –11:00 am
 Friday, 9th - BAZAAR & BBQ
 Saturday, 10th “ “
 Sunday, 11th Worship Services
 Monday, 12th Finance Meeting, 6:00 pm
 Tuesday, 13th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, 14 FALL BREAK—NO WNL
 Friends of the Library, 1:00 pm
 Thursday, 15th Parish Nursing Office. 9:00—11:00 am
 OASIS
 Circle of Love, 6:30 pm
 Sunday, 18th REVIVAL combined service 10:45 am
 Youth Bake Sale
 Revival service, 6:00 pm
 Monday, 19th Supper, 5:00 pm
 Revival service, 6:00 pm
 MIFT, 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, 20th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm
 UMW Missions, 10:00 am
 Supper, 5:00 pm
 Revival Service, 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, 21st FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm,
 Revival service, 6:00 pm
 Thursday, 22nd Parish Nursing Office 9:00—11:00 am
 OASIS
 Friday, 23rd Sr. Fall Leaf Cruise, 7:00 am
 Sunday, 25th Worship Services
 Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:30 am-2 pm
 Fall Festival 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
 Evening at the Parsonage, 5:30 pm
 Tuesday, 27th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm
 Health Cabinet meeting, 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, 28th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm, programs 6:00
 Church Council meeting, 6:00 pm
 Choir, 7:00 pm
 Thursday, 29th OASIS
 Circle of Love, 6:30 pm

WNL

5:00 Supper
 5:30 Beginning Hand bells
 6:00 Youth B.A.S.I.C.S.
 Hand bells
 Children's Programs
 Adult Bible Study
 7:00 Adult Choir



THE CHURCH'S NEW
 ADDRESS IS:
 938 Highway 515
 Blairsville, Georgia 30512

The switch of addresses has taken place in the church database. If you are still receiving mail at your old address, please call the church office with your current one.



Look Out!
 Time changes on
 Sunday, November 1st.

Stewardship is not just raising funds;
 It's raising Christians.
 Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;
 It's a matter of faith.

Wednesday Night Suppers

October 7 No meal due to Bazaar preparations— Programs will take place
 October 14 No meal nor programs due to Union County school's Fall Break
 October 21 MIFT Team (Drost)
 Pot Roast, carrots, hash brown casserole, salad bar, dessert
 Kids: Soft tacos, corn fruit
 October 28 Flo's Team
 Hamburgers, hotdogs with trimmings, baked beans, coleslaw, salad bar, fruit, cupcakes

Cost is \$5.00 with a family maximum of \$15.00.



5:00 Suppers

Children's News

Happy Fall Y'all 2009.....

When: Sunday, October 25th

Where: Church Parking Lot

Time: 2 pm—4 pm



What: *Games, Face Painting, Cake Walk, etc

*Snacks and Drinks

*Pumpkin Carving Display

*Costume Parade and Contest (No Scary Costumes please) Line -up 3:15

*Hayride

*Fall Pictures

*Trunk N Treat—3:30

Who: Everyone all Ages

Watch: For more information and sign ups

Missions News

Operation Christmas Child is Coming.....

The Children's Ministry will be sponsoring and assembling around 30-40 boxes during our Mission Mania on Wednesdays.

Watch for information and collection areas at church. Also check the website for this program at www.samaritanspurse.org.

Feed A Family—Thanksgiving Dinner! Cost \$36.00 thru Angel Food Ministries. Contact Tricia Wallace for more information

New Members



Jerry and Gerri Crubaugh
59 Deerwood Trail Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
706-835-1064

Opportunities @



MAC Hours:

Walking Track/Weight Room	Monday-Wednesday	8:00 am—5:30 pm
	Thursday	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
	Friday	8:00 am—1:00 pm
Gym (Basketball courts)	Thursdays	5:00 pm—8:00 pm



Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading -

Awards Celebration is Sunday, October 11th at the House of Prayer. Call Stan for more information!

Sr. Salt Trip Review

The trip to the Billy Graham Learning Center in Asheville, NC was a huge success. Seventeen “Senior Salt” adults made the trip August 31st to September 1st.

Leaving Monday morning from the church, we made stops in Franklin, NC for coffee then on to Lake Junaluska for a tour of the Methodist Museum and a bite for lunch.

We arrived at the Billy Graham Learning Center in the early afternoon in time to tour the Learning Center and chapel. Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner followed by an inspirational movie and discussion.

Tuesday morning found us at a breakfast buffet at 8:00am, then check out and head back to Blairsville. We made a stop at the Asheville Farmer’s Market, making some fresh produce purchases. We continued toward Blairsville stopping in Franklin for lunch and antique mall window shopping.

Then back on the church bus with our “pilot” Stan Wallace at the controls, arriving back at FUMC about 2:00 pm concluding a great 2 day trip.

-Ty Cobb



Upward Basketball & Cheerleading -



Registration forms and volunteer information can be found at the MAC. Time is short! VOLUNTEERS are needed to serve as coaches, officials, halftime devotion leaders and in other areas. Sign up on the MAC bulletin board and we will contact you. Practices begin the week of October 19th. Games begin Saturday, November 7th! Register Now.



“Walk Across America” Walking Club is now walking the Appalachian Trail! All 2,175 miles! You can join. Mileage sheets and the map are available on the information table upstairs in the MAC. You can walk anywhere; in your neighborhood, on a treadmill, or in the park. Just keep track of your mileage and once a month leave it on the Parish Nurses’ office desk. For more information call AG Sherman at 706-745-1087 or Stan at the church office. Sponsored by the FUMC Health Cabinet!

Sr. Adults Young- At- Heart

Our S.M.A.R.T. (Small Maintenance and Repair Team) is ready to do small maintenance or repairs for any of our shut-ins or older adults that are unable to do for themselves around their house. If you know of anyone needing assistance with small home or yard projects, call Stan at the church office and give a description of the work needed. Call today. We are ready to help!

Chattanooga Fall Leaf River Cruise October 23rd is full, and we have started a waiting list. Call Evelyn to get your name on the list.

Coming in December....

“A Callaway Garden’s Christmas” trip to Pine Mountain and Warm Springs, November 30—December 1st...Registration info soon.

Prayer Corner



The Simple Prayer

This short article by Mary Kupferle was given to me several years ago when my husband was very ill and each day was a new challenge.

It describes how this person seldom asked God for specific things but used the simple words, "God, I am trusting." She used these words when she studied, helped others out of difficulties and as she went about daily tasks with calmness and assurance. These words returned to me when I encountered another person in trial. I repeated them in a quiet but firm manner, and the burden was lifted and the problem solved. No matter what your problem, no matter how great or small, God never fails. You must turn to God in order to receive the blessings you desire. This is what this little prayer "God I am trusting" helps you do. It turns your thoughts and attention to the One who is the source of all your blessings. This simple prayer will bring you closer to God by speaking directly from your heart.

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Prayer Pagers:

Available in the parish nurses' office. To call someone, you simply dial their number and when you hear the beep, hit 1111#.

Roy Cardell 706-379-6775
Roy Mellor 706-379-6780
Les Myers 706-379-6772

Homebound:

Bonnie McCullum
Lavon Butt
Sharon Jones
Elizabeth Henley
Omah Rogers
Harry Madducks
Melissa Devereaux
Shirlee Evans
May Langman
Ermine Branch
Lois Barr
Marvin Hernden
Hattie Gleasure



Prayer Partners are meeting on Sunday, October 4th at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. It is a covered dish/finger food affair.

United Methodist Women

Circle of Love will meet Thursday, October 1st and 15th at 6:30pm in the Joy SS classroom.

Morning Glory Circle will meet Wednesday, October 7th at 10 am in the Friendship Sunday School.

UMW Missions will meet Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00 am in the Bray Chapel.

MIFT will meet Monday, October 19th at 6:30 pm.

Military Addresses

PFC Jeff Cook, Bravo Troop 1-40 Cav (ABN) FOB Gardez APO, AE 09354. He is Omah Roger's grandson.

Fireman Brandon Rightnour, 320A Dewey Avenue, BEQ 634 RMG 208, Great Lake, Illinois 60088. His email is: brandonrightnour@yahoo.com. He is Rosa Mandon's great-grandson.

EN1 (SW) Blane Dorton, 355 Aoloa Street, Apt. M101, Kailua, HI 96734. He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

ND Brody Dorton, MDSU One, Bldg. 17 Bishop Pt., Pearl Harbor, HI 96860.—He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

AW3 Evan Albright, HS-10, P.O. Box 357119, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA 92135-7119. He is the son of Tonia Albright.

1 Lt. Loertscher, Seth, J., HHC 3-187 IN REGT, 3 BCT 101 ABN DIV, APO AE 09344. He is Ruth Stefko's nephew.

A1C Lewis 4003 S. Westshore Blvd. Apt. 4005, Tampa, FL 33611. She is the daughter of Barry and Shelley Lewis.

Chris Varian, Bravo1-321 AFAR, FOB Salerno, ATO AE 09314

Pvt, Prentice, Nathaniel, B Co. 1-222 D AVN Regt., 1004 Pearl Place, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604. (on back write 3rd PLT) He is the grandson of Juanita Prentice.

Krogmeier, Cory Army **Gilhooley, Ryan** USAF

Dr. John Quigley, USN

Capt. Paul Hargrove (Army Special Forces), 1266 Arailia Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314. He is Myrtle & Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

1st Sgt. Kevin Ryan (Air Force), 104 Creekside Lane, VAFB, CA 93437. He is Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

Cpt. Laura Jeffrey, 1 Sgt. Craig Jeffrey, Lt. Andre LaTaste All children of Vern and Angie Craft

UMW Pecan Sale

PECANS & WALNUTS FOR SALE by the Morning Glory and Mission Circles to fund their mission projects. You may place an order at the MAC Information Desk and put it in the Red Box. These orders will be delivered from the new harvest the first week of November.

United Methodist Men

FUMC Men will have their annual Barbeque Sale on Friday, October 9th and Saturday, 10th. Please see Methodist Men for tickets or Evelyn in the church office. Come and enjoy our slow cooked wood fire Barbeque!

Friday, 9th 11 am—4 pm
Saturday, 10th 11 am—2 pm

Plates are \$7.00 .

Welcome Desk Receptionists

Thanks to all our Welcome Desk volunteers. The October schedule should be available the week of Sept. 28th, pick up a copy in the file drawer under “schedules”. Remember the Welcome Desk binder has a wealth of information in it and can answer a lot of queries. The Welcome Desk will not be staffed Oct. 8th and 9th due to preparations for the church bazaar.

Parish Nursing



A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our church on October 25th, Sunday, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Sign up for appointments will be available in early October. Last year there were long delays when the Red Cross brought the bus for drawing blood. This year we will be holding the blood drive in the old Fellowship Hall, where we had a very successful drive the year before last. Please give it another chance!

Each pint donated can help several people as it is broken down into platelets, white cells, red cells and plasma. The blood components you donate may find its way to a soldier or a neighbor or even a loved one.

****There is a Health Cabinet meeting Tuesday, October 27th at 5:00 pm in the conference room.***



The OASIS program has settled into the Fall session with classes going smoothly, and the noon entertainment being well received by everyone in attendance. The OASIS Board of Directors would like to thank all the students, instructors and volunteers for making this a successful beginning of our 13th season.

REMINDER that there will be no OASIS programs the 8th through the 10th due to the annual church bazaar.

Noon programs scheduled for October are as follows: 1st Richard Rivera on “Reaching the Next Generation”, 15th Bauman Family, 22nd Commissioner Lamar Paris on “The State of our County” and 29th a program on Hospice will be presented.

Registration forms for the Winter session will be mailed out October 28th. **Volunteer** instructors are needed for both Spanish and keyboard classes for the winter session. Please contact David Cook 706-835-5910 or Ruth Twedt 706-781-6724 if you are interested.



OASIS CLASSES