



THE CONNECTION

"Brock, do you want to ask Jesus into your heart?" asked his father. Brock thought about it for a moment and said in matter-of-fact-fashion, "No." His dad was a bit bewildered wondering why his son, Brock, talked about Jesus and the church so much but did not want to invite the Lord in. Then Brock said as only a little one can: "As soon as Jesus gets out of the Bible, I will ask him into my life."

For many people Jesus is someone who is a character in a book and the mission of the church is to help the Lord become big as life and real for the sake of the world. There are some ways to help the Lord become "real" for others; and while my list is not exhaustive, it is a good starting place.

1. Get up and go to church on Sundays. Many people do not understand why people use Sundays for worship when there are so many other choices of things to do. The Lord taught us to keep the Sabbath holy, and coming to church is one way to do that. It demonstrates our love and loyalty to a living Lord.
2. Keep calm when all around you do not. We live in a world where emotions escalate. One person says this and the other says that. Emotions and frustrations move from one level to the next. Christians can provide a great example of how vital peace and calm can be. It is the living Lord who declares that he gives "peace" to his people. Model it!
3. Offer prayer over your food in restaurants. Too many times we wait to be seated, our names are called, we place our orders, and we "dig" in. It is good to pause and bow offering gratitude for God's gift of food and nourishment. Wasn't it our living Lord who asked his disciples, "Can't you remain awake and pray with me one hour?"
4. See every person as a member of creation's family. Too many times we allow differences to separate and divide. Bill

Bouknight taught me how to see all as brothers and sisters and to call them that! Wasn't it Jesus who, as the Good Shepherd, left the flock and went to find the one who was lost?

The journey to the cross is with a living Jesus. The invitation to reflect him comes daily! So many utilize Lent as a season to give up things they normally cannot do without so they can feel a sense of sacrifice. That's not a bad plan. This year let's do that within the church. But instead of giving up let's take on something. Let's make a commitment to not miss a Sunday in March. Let's commit to finding ourselves a Sunday School class and getting involved. Let's make sure as youth that we are coming to youth groups on Sunday night. The refurbishing of the youth hut continues. Let's find our place on Wednesday nights at the dinner table and remain for the Bible Study that follows. Let's see lots of Methodists at First Baptist Church on March 7 for our turn to provide lunch and preaching for the Lenten Luncheon series. I'll see you each Sunday in March on our Lenten Journey as we commune with the Holy One who is very real!

The only thing we risk in doing this is having our hearts and lives altered by the Holy and Living Lord who gave everything that we might have abundant life. Devotion seems to be to be a minimal response to such great love.

Ken Timmerman

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COMING UP

*UMM Breakfast, Sunday, March 11, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*Palmetto Ridge Ministry, Sunday, March 11, 9:30am, Palmetto Ridge

*Afternoon UMW Circle Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 3:00pm, Parlor

*UMW Circle #3 Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 6:30pm

*Newsletter Deadline, Monday, March 19, 12:00pm

*Blood Drive, Monday, March 26, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall

*Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, March 29, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY MCRAE

M&M George Morgan

IN MEMORY OF ANNE EUTSLER

M&M Bill Eutsler, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF CONNIE COVINGTON

Betty Thrailkill

IN MEMORY OF JERRY TURNER

M&M Henry Suggs

IN MEMORY OF LANNY RAYFIELD

Brenda Rayfield

IN MEMORY OF TOM BREWER

M&M Rhett Butler

IN HONOR OF JIMMY DUFFY

M&M Douglas Anderson



From the First Church Child Development Ministry

The Child Development Ministry is operating at full capacity now with 81 children enrolled. It's good to have a full house. There have been some changes in teachers. We have two new teachers for the 2 year old classes, Ms. Sara Turner and Ms. Pearl Harrington. We are excited to have them

join the FCCDM family.

The children will be busy during the month of March learning and making crafts about Easter. They will have an egg hunt and enjoy Easter parties in each classroom.

We will be closed on March

30 and April 2 to celebrate Easter.

In His Service,
Mimi

Endowment Fund Update

The Endowment Fund committee would like to thank the FUMC Child Development Center for their recent contribution to the Endowment Fund.

Have you considered leaving the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving.

Current Amount in the Endowment Fund
\$128,983.96

Serving in March

Hostess

Lib Norton

Head Usher

Theodore Burns

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Alex Lee (A) Lydia Lee (CB)

Greeters

March 4 Emily Marsh

March 11 M&M Jimmie Williamson

March 18 M&M Harold Lomas

March 25 Linda Smith

Lobby Door Greeters

March 4 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

March 11 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

March 18 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

March 25 Herbert Watts, Jackie Furr

Nursery

March 4 Caroline Berry, Michelle Rohde

March 11 Caroline Berry, Lesley Jean Watson

March 18 Caroline Berry, Nancy Wagnon

March 25 Caroline Berry, Ericka Kollitz

Lay Readers

March 4 Sawyer Becker

March 11 Sammy Quick

March 18 Jacob Rohde

March 25 Sophia Prevatte

Flowers

March 4 Reba & Buddy Brooks

March 11 OPEN

March 18 Gini Eddins

March 25 Palm Sunday

Counters

March 4 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

March 11 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

Alternate:

March 18 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

March 25 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

March 4 Canned vegetables

March 11 Baby food, wipes, diapers

March 18 Paper products

March 25 Breakfast foods



SCOUT SUNDAY



ANNSLEIGH BECKER'S BAPTISM

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

BIRTHDAYS

March 2 Jake Crouse

March 3 Noah Williams

March 4 Trina Mills

March 5 George Adams

March 8 Alice Seel

March 10 Beulah Threatte

March 14 Ashton Becker

March 20 Mabel Foster, R. Walker Laney

March 21 Paul Miles

March 22 Margaret Stanton

March 23 Leighton Becker

March 24 Laura Adams McGriff

March 26 Jackson Rushing, Gabriel
Watson

March 27 Kathryn Johnson

March 21 M&M Doug Carabo

March 27 M&M Jimmy Outen

ANNIVERSARIES

March 3 M&M C.C. Quick

March 10 M&M Homer Stanton

March 16 M&M Mike Starling

March 17 M&M George Adams,
M&M Ron Cundiff



A Note from Sara

All youth who served at the Valentine Banquet did an excellent job! Thank you for serving!

Over \$300.00 was raised for McArn Food Bank on Super Bowl Sunday. Thank you to all who contributed to this much needed cause.

The youth building has been painted, and the carpet is in...and should be placed by the first of March!

The senior adults are traveling to the coast for an outing on March 8. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30am. If you have any

questions, please contact me at 843-910-7987, or 843-537-7002.

Sara



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**APRIL
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Monday, March 19, 2018
Noon

What Accounts are for Memorials?

If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Contingency Fund
Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund
Music Fund

Red Bird
Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First (WATF)
Relay for Life

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

Grounds Upkeep Fund
Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

Good Neighbor

The Men's Class at FUMC is offering a helping hand. Do you need any help to change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard, wash the car, or go to the store? Whatever your need, give us a chance to be a good neighbor to you. We're not professionals and will not bill you for services, but

we are handy at doing many things. Our intent is not to take any work away from our local businesses and service professionals, but to simply offer a helping hand. This service is available to all FUMC members, and anyone you know who is in need of help.

You may contact Roger Wolfe at 843-537-7496.

..help change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard,.....

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")



Giving to those less fortunate

March Calendar

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Friday, March 2, 2018

World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 5, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office

Sunday, March 11 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor

Lenten Lunch, 12:00pm, First Baptist Church

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

UMKF, 6:30pm, Kid's Nook

Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Senior Adults Outing to Beach, Leave at 10:30am

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, March 11, 2018

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Palmetto Ridge Ministry, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 12, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office

Sunday, March 18 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Afternoon UMW Circle Meeting, 3:00pm, Parlor

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Circle #3 Meeting, 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor

Lenten Lunch, 12:00pm, First Baptist Church

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

UMKF, 6:30pm, Kid's Nook

Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, March 15, 2018

J.O.Y. Club, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Child Development Training, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, March 19, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

April Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office

Sunday, March 25 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor

Lenten Lunch, 12:00pm, First Baptist Church

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

UMKF, 6:30pm, Kid's Nook

Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, March 26, 2018

Blood Drive, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office

Sunday, April 1 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor

Lenten Lunch, 12:00pm, First Baptist Church

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

UMKF, 6:30pm, Kid's Nook

Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

