



THE CONNECTION

Parson to Person

"Self-help" resolutions are things that are easily broken. Yet, we make resolutions at the beginning of a new year. I propose some resolutions for faithful people to make as 2017 begins. Here they are. LET US RESOLVE TO....

—practice random acts of kindness to people we have already written off.

—demonstrate the spirit of care by actually walking about the Sanctuary and speaking to people we know and to people we do not know.

—to not talk about other people's children, but to work instead to improve your own.

—to love your church as much as your college or university and to visit your church even during football season.

—to find a Sunday School class to join. Everyone needs Sunday School and Christian Education so we do not have to rely on our own ideas and directions for living.

—to tithe and be cheerful in our giving. It is Biblical.

—to pray for people rather than about people.

—to surrender judgment of people because God is the only judge and never seeks assistance with judgments.

—to talk about what your church "does do" rather than what it "doesn't do."

—to overcome anger and recognize how silly it compels us to be. Anger is self-centered too often and we need to get over ourselves.

—to understand that evangelism and mission are not items on our agenda...they are our agenda.

—to see our glasses half full rather than half empty.

—to bring our Bibles to church and be

familiar with them. Do not let your Bible simply sit in a corner of your home and gather dust.

—to trust that God can do all things including erase sin and grant us freedom from ourselves.

Such resolutions can help us be better disciples...a better church. Most of us who intend to "lose weight" or "give up vices" will not have much luck because food is great and the temptations of vice are fun. No one ever surrenders to temptation because it's bad. It's fun to many and we easily "slip" into its clutches.

I have been in most every Sunday School class by this time and I have listened as you have shared feelings about our church. I have come to know what our strengths and weaknesses are. I have come to know something of the Spirit that resides in our church. I see how we care for one another and lift each other up. But I have also observed that we are capable of seeing our glass half-empty rather than half full. I know we all have dreams for First Church and most of them right now center around getting stronger as a church. Together, we can make that happen. This year's theme is going to be "What Kind of Church Would We Be If Every Member Was Just Like Me?" It is an important question that must be answered. The vitality of our congregation must be under constant scrutiny. It will point us in the proper directions for evangelism and witness and our work we do in this portion of God's vineyard.

Ken Timmerman

P.S. Anyone who needs an instantaneous change to a deeper spiritual walk...go on a trip with Sara Sanderson and the young ones to Zipline in the mountains. It changed me quick!

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COMING UP

*UMM Breakfast, Sun., Jan. 8, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

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

*UMW Circle #4, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 3:00pm, Parlor

*UMW Circle #3, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7:00pm

*OFFICE CLOSED, MLK Holiday, Monday, Jan. 16

*Blood Drive, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2:00pm-7:00pm

*Newsletter Deadline, Fri., Jan. 20, 12:00pm

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE GREY

Dare Marsh

IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY WALTON

M&M Jerry Turner, M&M Sammy Quick, Dare Marsh, Gailya Wilson, Mary Burr, M&M Doug Marsh

IN MEMORY OF EDYCE JACKSON BRASINGTON

Dare Marsh, Gailya Wilson, M&M Mickey Sullivan, M&M Harold Lomas

IN MEMORY OF JOE MARSH

Rev. & Mrs. David Townsend, Brett, Courtney and Brooke Elizabeth Kerce, Steve and Vicki Wall

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE INABINET

Carrie Inabinet, John Streater Family, Buddy & Barbara Inabinet, Steve Mattox Family

IN MEMORY OF DOUG WILSON

Rev. & Mrs. David Townsend, M&M Jerry Turner, Barbara Mellette, Roger & Patty Fisher, M&M Sammy Quick, Dare Marsh, First Presbyterian Moncks Corner, Wayne & Sarah Wilson, Imogene T. Russell, Chuck & Peggy Michaux, B.J. Moore, Lynn, Phillip & Jessica Powell, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Roger Wolfe, Jerry Carter, Mary Burr, M&M Doug Marsh, M&M Harold Lomas, Kemper Wilson, Bridges & James, Inc. D/B/A Wannamaker Drug, M&M John Davis, M&M Crawford Moore, Jackie McGee, Lonnie & Laurie Carter

IN MEMORY OF GLEN HOLLOMAN

Mary Burr

IN HONOR OF REV. KEN TIMMERMAN FAMILY

Gerald & Ellen Boyles, Carrie Inabinet, John Streater Family, Buddy & Barbara Inabinet, Steve Mattox Family

From the Director of Youth and Children

December has been very busy! But a great busy indeed!!!

Cheryl Postlewait came and made greenery projects with the kids, and we all had a wonderful time. Cheryl is such a blessing to us, and I thank her for all that she does. Projects like these really help all of us to appreciate some of God's beautiful creations.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered, and participated in the Christmas Program...you all did a wonderful job.

Thank you to all who volunteered/participated in our ice skating adventure. What a great time we all had!

We had to cancel Christmas Caroling because of the weather, but we will gather at a later date. Watch your bulletins, and emails for further information.

I thank Reverend Ken Timmerman for introducing "The Shepherds Child" program to us. We all had a great time preparing for this special day, and at the party itself. I would love to name

each and every one of you who volunteered, sponsored a child, or gave funds to make Shepherds Child Program a success, however, every time I think I have named everyone, another name pops into my head. I sincerely thank you all. We cannot be a church without everyone working together with the same motivation. We are blessed...in other words, we are happy because we know who our savior is and what He had done for us.

-----I had an individual ask me one time why I was helping her in a certain way...she really appreciated it, but did not understand the motivation of the act. The answer was and is Jesus...He is the one who motivates us, He is why we do what we do, and if He is not the reason, we probably do not need to be doing it.-----

We are happy because we know what the real and only gift that matters is: Jesus. It is about the gift from God: Jesus...

It is all about Jesus...all of the time...not just at Christmastime...but all of the

time.

Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is The gift of God;"



Santa at "The Shepherds Child" Program



ABOVE: Decorations from "The Shepherd Child" Program BELOW: The ice skating trip



Perfect Attendance for November

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jerry Carter, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, John Sanderson, Jerry Therrell, Pete Owens, Harold Lomas, Theodore Burns, Jim Bennett, Roger Wolfe, David Rhode, Vincent Prevatte, JoAnne Morgan, Flo Outen, Martha Starling, Lynn Tweed, Mary Burr, Martha Bentley, Sarah M. Therrell, Linda Smith, Debbie Adams, Jacob Rohde, Scott Eddins, Walker Jones, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jean Assef, Margaret Wolfe, Renie Seel, Ruth Ann Jones, Julia Tucker, Betty Thrailkill, Emily Marsh, Peyton Taylor, Ashton Becker, Dawn Leach, Allison Becker, Brenda Rayfield, Jimmy Duffy, Judy Jones, Curtis Jones, Druie Walker, Bonnie Cundiff, John Moore, Michelle

Rohde, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis.

WORSHIP

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Becker, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Theodore Burns, Mary Burr, Jerry Carter, Ok Yo Chang, Mary Crouse, Ray Crouse, Bonnie Cundiff, Jimmy Duffy, Susan Eschenfelder, Curtis Jones, Julia Jones, Ruth Ann Jones, Harold Lomas, Emily Marsh, Sharon McKinnon, Thomas McKinnon, Paul Miles, John Moore, Flo Outen, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Thomas Samuel, John Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Martha Starling,

Jerry Turner, Durie Walker, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.



What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

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:

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
Grounds Upkeep Fund

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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

Serving in January

Altar Guild

Sarah M. Therrell

Hostess

Kelly Dusa

Head Usher

Anthony Harris

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Lawton Harris (A) Margaret Jean Harris (CB)

Greeters

Jan. 1 Michelle Rohde

Jan. 8 M&M Heath Ruffner

Jan. 15 M&M Jim Crawford

Jan. 22 M&M Joey Mills

Jan. 29 M&M Chase Watson

Lobby Door Greeters

Jan 1 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Jan. 8 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

Jan. 15 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Jan. 22 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Jan. 29 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Jan. 1 Sally Smith

Jan. 8 Mary Charlotte Dusa

Jan. 15 Kim Williamson

Jan. 22 Jean McLean

Jan. 29 Alayna Carabo

Lay Readers

Jan. 1 Eric Dusa

Jan. 8 Leighton Becker

Jan. 15 Alex Lee

Jan. 22 Lib Norton

Jan. 29 Austin Sanderson

Counters

Jan. 1 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Jan. 8 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,
Sammy Quick

Alternates: John Straughn

Jan. 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry
Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter
Crosby

Jan. 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Jan. 29 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

Jan. 1 Canned vegetable

Jan. 8 Canned meats

Jan. 15 Rice

Jan. 22 Peanut butter

Jan. 29 Paper products

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

The Child Development Ministry will be closed for Christmas holidays December 26 through January 2. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

The children had a great time just before Christmas break with a Polar Express Day. Everyone wore pajamas (even the adults) and watched the Polar Express movie. We are looking forward to a great new year

with lots of fun activities and some field trips.

We would like to welcome two new part-time employees to the school. Donna Smith and Ashley Chavis are now helping out in all the classes as needed. We are thankful to have such capable and caring people working with the children.

We still have a long waiting list for the nursery, one, and two year old classes, but

have openings in the four year old class. If you know of anyone needing care for a four year old, send them our way. There are currently 78 children enrolled.

Have a happy and blessed new year!

In Him,
Mimi



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The mission of the First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.

We're on the Web!
www.cherawfirstumc.org

November 20

Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Lisa Chislolm, Mimi Coffey, Drew Copeland, Elexys Davis, Angela Holliday, Chappell Hurst, IV., Stephen Johnson, Walker Jones, Emily Keeney, Hunter Lee, David Owens, Julia Owens, Jed Reid, Thomas Samuel, Alex Stripling, Anne Stripling, Susan Stripling.

November 27

Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Walker Jones, Thomas Samuel, Tony Thrailkill, Mary Lynn Watkins.

December 4

Ok Yo Chang, Angela Holliday, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Jake Mitchell, Jenna Quick, Jed Reid, Thomas Samuel, Kiersten Shepard, Becky Wetternek, Elizabeth Wetternek, Sofie Wetternek, Taylor Williams.

December 11

Kody Bozard, Treacy Bozard, Hope Byles, Jo Finklea, Jen Grubb, Angeal Holliday, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Walker Jones, Hunter Lee, Sue Lee, Genevn McGilway, Gina Merriman, H.L. Robinson, Jan Rogers, Avonlea Samuel, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Carter Shepard, Jessica Shepard, Kiersten Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Phillip Shepard, Jean Page Watson, Becky Wetternek, Elizabeth Wetternek, Sofie Wetternek, Anna Wicker, Taylor Williams.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 Hollis Dusa
Jan. 4 Reagan Freeman
Jan. 5 Jeffery Johnson
Jan. 12 Jerry Carter
Jan. 14 Zachary Carabo
Jan. 15 Sara Wicker
Jan. 17 JoAnne Morgan
Jan. 20 Shellie Stanton, Kay VanDeman, Anne Townsend, Carolyn Wallace
Jan. 21 Kaitlyn Nicole Freeman
Jan. 22 Mary Kathryn Wagnon, Rhett Buter
Jan. 24 Britt Baxley
Jan. 25 Kate Wilson Kollitz
Jan. 28 Austin Newton
Jan. 29 Sally Smith

Jan. 31 Becky Moore

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 7 M&M James Joplin
Jan. 9 M&M Harold Lomas
Jan. 26 M&M Steven Humphries
Jan. 28 M&M Tavener Threatte



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

January Calendar

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, January 2, 2017

Office Closed for New Year Holiday

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Sunday, January 8 Bulletin Deadline
12:00pm

WATF Meal, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF UMYF Meal and Activities, 5:30, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF for UMYF, 5:30-7:30pm

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, January 9, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:00am, Pastor's Office

Deadline to sign up for WATF meal,
12:00pm

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Sunday, January 15 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

WATF Meal, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF UMYF Meal and Activities, 5:30, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF for UMYF, 5:30-7:30pm

Sunday, January 15, 2017

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, January 16, 2017

Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Blood Drive, 2pm-7pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

January 22 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Meal, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF UMYF Meal and Activities, 5:30, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF for UMYF, 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday, January 19, 2017

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

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

January 29 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Meal, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF UMYF Meal and Activities, 5:30, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF for UMYF, 5:30-7:30pm

Friday, January 27 & 28, 2017

Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

February Newsletter Deadline

Friday, January 20, 2017