



THE CONNECTION

Parson to Person

I enjoy watching *The Chronicles of Narnia* and liked especially *Prince Caspian*. Remember it with me. The land of Narnia is in turmoil and Aslan's help is needed. Aslan, the lion, is the Christ figure of this story. The four heroes who stand for righteousness and faith are Peter, Susan, Lucy, and Edmund. As the strife in Narnia unfolds, Aslan's presence is needed. Yet, only Susan has seen him. The others wonder why Aslan isn't present. Susan declares that he is and has seen him. And she lives with hope while facing difficult moments while the others struggle minus their hope. At one point Susan even reaches a point where the lack of hope in the others begins to impact her hope. She begins to lose faith that Aslan is present. When she does have a meeting with Aslan face to face, he poses the questions, "Why did you let others talk you out of what you know to be true?"

Such it is with the journey of faith. We know the presence of God is with us, yet we often allow circumstances and situations to "talk us out of what we know to be true." We know we are never alone because Jesus promised to never leave us nor forsake us. We know our prayers are heard because the Scriptures teach us that God "inclines his ear to us." We know we are people of hope because of what Christ did for us on the cross. So, why is it that we act as through hope is fleeting?

Perhaps it is due to our "stating" our beliefs rather than "living" our beliefs. It is one thing to say "I love God" and a different thing to live out "loving God." One lesson in the Bible speaks of the Kingdom of God and compares it to a "pearl of great price." When found the individual goes and sells all that he has in order to purchase the field and gain the pearl of great price. To gain requires sacrifice.

When we see the Kingdom what do we do in order to gain it? The Body of Christ invites all to come and worship God and strengthen their faith through worship and study and fellowship. In a busy

world, it has gotten to the place that we must "sacrifice" other things to "strengthen our faith." Please consider those scheduled matters you can sacrifice and come to church on Sunday. It is, after all, the fellowship where faith is renewed and strengthened.

I gave up resolutions years ago because I discovered that my resolutions were only intentions. Intentions can easily be surrendered to the highest bidder and intentions can be cast aside. There is very little resolve in a resolution these days. I propose sacrifice for the new year.

1. Sacrifice by tithing to the church.
2. Love Christ by forgiving someone you hold things against to this day.
3. Sacrifice time for the sake of ministry and others in need.
4. Begin some neighborhood Bible Studies.
5. Make Sunday morning a priority and filling empty pews with people who need the church.
6. Join the Choir. The stronger our music becomes the stronger our worship becomes.
7. Greet unfamiliar faces in church.
8. Surrender selfish spirits for spirits of cooperation.
9. Work with the church to make a youth suite a reality.

May the New Year be open for new opportunities for service to the Kingdom and may each of us make a commitment to grow in our faith.

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COMING UP

*Office closed for New Year Holiday, Monday, January 1

*Life Line Screening, Thursday, January 4, Fellowship Hall

*UMM Breakfast, Sunday, January 14, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*Newsletter Deadline, Monday, January 22, 12:00pm

*Fellowship Hall in Use, Saturday, January 27

*Parlor in Use, Sunday, January 28, 1-5pm

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF SUE MCMANUS

*Betty Hurst, M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Shelton Rumph,
M&M Walter Crosby, Lynn Tweed*

IN MEMORY OF PETE OWENS

M&M Walter Crosby, M&M Shelton Rumph

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRAUGHN

Patsy Rushing, M&M Shelton Rumph, Gerry Rogers

IN MEMORY OF DONALD EDDINS

M&M Roger Wolfe, M&M David Brabham

IN MEMORY OF LOIS BAKER

Patsy Rushing, M&M Walter Crosby, M&M Shelton Rumph

IN MEMORY OF JERRY TURNER

*Betty Hurst, M&M Byron Jacobs, M&M Sam Eubanks, M&M
Glenn Marsh, Rev. & Mrs. Gene Ammons, M&M Walter
Crosby, M&M Shelton Rumph, Raymond Smith, M&M Jim
Funderburk, Lynn Tweed, Ellison Outen, M&M Bill
Caughman, M&M Tom Rollings, Amy, David, and Bryton
Huntley, Dawn & Huey Wallace, M&M Rhett Butler, Gerry
Rogers*

IN MEMORY OF DOUG WILSON

Patsy Rushing, M&M Walter Crosby, M&M Shelton Rumph

IN MEMORY OF ANNE TOWNSEND

M&M Walter Crosby, M&M Mickey Sullivan

IN MEMORY OF JOE MARSH

M&M Shelton Rumph

IN MEMORY OF LANNY RAYFIELD

M&M Walter Crosby, M&M Shelton Rumph

IN MEMORY OF JUNE YUKIKO BLIZZARD

M&M David Brabham

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT ADEIMY

M&M David Brabham

IN MEMORY OF FLO OUTEN

*Patsy Rushing, M&M Sam Eubanks, M&M Glenn Marsh,
M&M Roger Wolfe, Ginny Nickles, M&M Michael French,
Tressa and Phillip Tuck, Jackie McGee, M&M George Hart-
zell, M&M Bill Eutsler, Nell & Preston Huntley, Robert, Jane,
and Rob Williams, M&M Jack VanDeman, B.J. Moore, M&M
Walter Crosby, M&M Shelton Rumph, Ruth Douglas, Joan
Phillips, M&M Tavener Threatte, Dewey & Jan Barnes,
Fiberline B Team at Domtar Paper Mill, M&M Jim Crawford,
M&M Arthur Bays, M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Herbert
Watts, M&M Paul Miles, M&M Keith Smith, Lynn Tweed,
M&M Mickey Sullivan, M&M John Wagnon, Micki Lockey,
M&M Rhett Butler. M&M John Moore, M&M Steve Barbour,
Gailya Wilson, Shayne Buckley Brannon, Gerry Rogers*

IN MEMORY OF ANDREW BAXTER

M&M Keith Smith

IN HONOR OF CHARLOTTE & WALTER CROSBY

M&M Glenn Marsh

IN HONOR OF ETHEL ANN STREATER

Patsy Rushing

IN HONOR OF RUTH "SIS" FUNDERBURK

Patsy Rushing

IN HONOR OF KEN TIMMERMAN

Betty Thrailkill, M&M Glenn Marsh

IN HONOR OF KEN TIMMERMAN AND OFFICE STAFF

M&M Walter Crosby

IN HONOR OF DARE MARSH

M&M Glenn Marsh

IN HONOR OF DOUG AND SUSAN MARSH

M&M Glenn Marsh

IN HONOR OF ALL WHO REMEMBERED MRS. SIS ON HER BIRTHDAY AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Claywell Watson

Endowment Fund Update

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

Current Amount in the Endowment
Fund

\$115,782.83

Serving in January

Hostess

Ruth Ann Jones

Head Usher

Anthony Harris

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Lawton Harris (A) Margaret Jean Harris (CB)

Greeters

January 7 Michelle Rohde

January 14 M&M Heath Ruffner

January 21 M&M Jim Crawford

January 28 M&M Joey Mills

Lobby Door Greeters

January 7 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

January 14 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

January 21 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

January 28 Herbert Watts

Nursery

Jan. 7 Caroline Berry, Erika Kollitz

Jan. 14 Caroline Berry, Lesley Jean Watson

Jan. 21 Caroline Berry, Nancy Wagnon

Jan. 28 Caroline Berry, Christy Ruffner

Lay Readers

January 7 Eric Dusa

January 14 Leighton Becker

January 21 Alex Lee

January 28 Lib Norton

Flowers

Jan. 7 OPEN

Jan. 14 OPEN

Jan. 21 OPEN

Jan. 28 OPEN

Counters

Jan. 7 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith,
John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd
Becker

Jan. 14 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,
Sammy Quick

Alternate:

Jan 21 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry
Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter
Crosby

Jan. 28 Robert Calhoun, Herbert
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Jan. 7 Canned vegetables

Jan, 14 Rice and gravy

Jan. 21 Toiletries

Jan. 28 Breakfast foods



SHEPHERD'S CHILD



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YOUTH ICE SKATING OUTING

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

The children and staff of the Child Development Ministry enjoyed a nice break during the Christmas season. The school was closed from December 22 until January 2. It was nice for everyone to enjoy family time while

celebrating the birth of our Savior.

We would like to thank Jackie Furr for donating sand for the playground. We were able to have it spread while out for the holidays, so the children could return to a safer play

area.

We are looking forward to a wonderful new year with lots of learning and fun activities. We hope you all will have a blessed new year as well.

In Him, *Mimi*

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 Hollis Dusa
Jan. 4 Reagan Freeman
Jan. 5 Jeffery Johnson, Margaret Wolfe
Jan. 12 Jerry Carter
Jan. 14 Zachary Carabo
Jan. 15 Sara Wicker
Jan. 17 JoAnne Morgan
Jan. 20 Shellie Stanton, Kay VanDeman,
Carolyn Wallace
Jan. 21 Kaitlyn Nicole Freeman

Jan. 22 Mary Kathryn Wagon,
Rhett Butler
Jan. 24 Britt Baxley, Aidan Freeman
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



From the Director of Youth and Children

A few years ago, when I was the age of our children here at first church, I would listen in wonder, as adults talked about staying up to see the New Year come in. It sounded so exciting to me...I wanted to see the New Year come in too! But I always had to go to bed before "it" happened.

The first year I was allowed to stay up and watch the New Year come in, my family, and extended family, were at the beach for the holiday. My Mom said that I could stay up on New Year's Eve until the New Year came in. I was soooooo excited, and a little scared! (I was brought up Baptist and had heard a lot about the end of time, and the roaring of the four corners of the earth. I thought something like that might take place when the New Year

arrived.) I asked a lot of questions that day about what would "happen" when the New Year "came in".

Well midnight came and went...and I sat there wondering if I had fallen asleep and missed the coming in of the New Year. **Much** to my disappointment, I had not missed anything... but sleep.

A lot of things/events in life are like that. We wait on something to happen with anticipation...we experience the event, and soon after the enthusiastic feelings subside, an empty feeling shows up, and is left inside of us.

I can honestly say, I have never had that feeling after a great worship experience. The Lord has never left me with that empty feeling after worship. There is a

reason for that, and it is that I know Jesus is always with me; loving me. Even though I have to wait for another worship service... true joy lives inside of me, and so I am never empty.

Giving our children the opportunity to learn more about Jesus through song and bible study is how Jesus works through us; the church. Our children's group meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30. One way church members can help is to bring children into the church...it's just another way Jesus shines His light.

Matthew 18:4, "Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Sara



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**FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Nonday, January 22, 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:

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

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

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

January Calendar

Monday, January 1, 2018

New Year Holiday, Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Sunday, January 7 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am

Thursday, January 4, 2018

Life Line Screening, Fellowship Hall, begins at 8:30am

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, January 8, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Sunday, January 14 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, January 14, 2018

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, (Christmas Cantata) 11:00am

Monday, January 15, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Sunday, January 21 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am

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, January 18, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, January 22, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

February Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Sunday, January 28 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am

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, January 25, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Fellowship Hall in Use

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, January 29, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Sunday, February 4 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am

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

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the many expressions of sympathy shown to our family during and after Jerry's passing. The delicious food, lovely cards, calls, visits, and most of all your prayers have

meant more than words can express.

We at FUMC are truly blessed to have the wonderful church family that we have. All of your kindness has helped us through this time of sorrow, and is greatly

appreciated.

May God bless each of you.

*Patricia Turner,
Gerrald Turner,
Shannon, Jeffery, and Kathryn
Johnson*