

## OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: A.B. & Margaret Cochran, Gwen Health, Wautine Powell, Jane Baggett, Lenna Morris, Joe Earl Rentz (Elaine McCall's Dad).

## OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, January 21, 2007

Sunday School.....88  
Morning Worship .....125  
Evening Worship..... 75

## OUR GIFTS

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the week January 21, 2007

General Budget Received—\$4,141.64  
Total for Special & General Accounts—\$4,296.64  
Total Received for 2007 Apportionments—\$1,040.00

### LIVING MEMORIALS

- To Terry Carraway** by Marilyn Sayles, Pam Dukes and Lamar.
- To Joe Frazier** by Mary Nell Hays, Jeff, Melisa, Grant, Megan & Jesse Pace, Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Abernathy, Marilyn Sayles, E.M. & Patricia Wilkes, Barnie O'Quinn, W. H. Haley.
- To Margaret Brewer** by Jeff, Melisa, Grant, Megan & Jesse Pace, Barnie O'Quinn, A.B. & Margaret Cochran.
- To Waymon Morris** by E.M. & Patricia Wilkes.
- To Dessie Ray** by Ella Mae Swain.
- To Jim Fuhrman** by Wendel & Mary Thomas, Jeff, Melisa, Grant, Megan & Jesse Pace.
- To Marty Stevens** by Buck & Jane Elder, Marilyn Sayles.
- To Sara C. Sutherland** by Wendel & Mary Thomas.
- To Lois Girtman Atkinson** by Carroll & Gloria Girtman, Pete Lacey.
- To Midian Y. Sellers** by E.M. & Patricia Wilkes.
- To Julian Mills** by Barnie O'Quinn.

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP January 2007

**USHERS:** Richard Deas, Carroll Girtman, Buddy Spann, Ronald Rhodes  
**OFFERING STEWARDS:** Buddy Spann, Carroll Girtman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**February is Wesleyan Christian Advocate Month.** During the month of February you will be given an opportunity to subscribe to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate. As many of you know – this is a bimonthly newspaper that keeps us informed of United Methodist Activities all around the world as well as right in our own backyard.

Every United Methodist can benefit from subscribing to this paper. The cost is \$25 for a one-year subscription or \$23 for seniors 65 and older. For the computer savvy you can all join online. The fee for an online subscription is only \$15 per year. Just think, you can keep up on United Methodist Happenings for an entire year for less than the cost of taking your family out to a local fast food restaurant.

You will be hearing and seeing more about this during the month of February and we hope that each family will consider subscribing.

### Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 1-28 Lenna, Jane & Fonda
- 2-4 Jimmy & Jackie Lowe
- 2-11 Wendel & Mary Thomas
- 2-18 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 2-15 Stanley & Elaine McCall



Church directories will be here by the end of January.

### Forever Young

Going to Southern Star in McRae on Thursday, February 1st. Leaving the church parking lot at 5:00 pm.

### Children's Church Volunteers for February

- February 4th Communion Sunday
- February 11th Gay Harrison
- February 18th Brenda Merritt
- February 25th Youth

When doing your estate planning and family wills – have you been sure to include your church. Future generations of Christians can benefit from our plans we make today.

## NOTES FROM JEFFERY



“**Thank You**” to all who participated in our Sunday evening Hymnspiration. The Handbell Team, organist, pianist, bass guitarist, trumpeter, narrators introducing the history of each hymn, soloists, duets, quartet, Chancel Choir and the congregation all did such a great job in presenting an evening of hymns.

**Chancel Choir**...a reminder that our Easter musical is not far away. Rehearsals for the musical are about to begin. Make your plans now to meet in the choir room for regular rehearsals each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Anyone that would like to participate in our special seasonal music...please let me know. I look forward to seeing each of you!

## THANK YOU'S

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for your prayers, phone calls, food and visits. It means so much to know how much everyone cares. We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

May God Bless each one of you.  
A.B. & Margaret Cochran

Dear Ladies of the Church who prepared the delicious meal for our family; Bill and I want to thank you so much. It was more than just a meal, it was the love and caring we needed at Bill's mothers passing.

Our thanks again  
Bill & Virginia Ray

Dear Methodist Women,

On behalf of the Frazier family, I would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful meal you prepared for us prior to Uncle Joe's funeral. We also appreciate the many acts of kindness and words of encouragement during this time of loss of someone so special to us. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Kay Frazier Abernathy

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY, January 26, 2007**  
 6:45 am — Promise Keepers  
**SUNDAY, January 28, 2007**  
 9:45 am — Sunday School  
 11:00 am — Morning Worship  
 4-5:30 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm— Evening Worship  
 Youth—various fellowship after evening worship  
**TUESDAY, January 30, 2007**  
 7:00—UMW Circle 2  
 7:00-8:15 pm—Crossfire (High School)  
**WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2007**  
 5:30-7 pm—T.M.4.1.4 (Middle School)  
 5:30-7 pm—Children’s Program (Gospel Light)  
 7:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**THURSDAY, February 1, 2007**  
 10:00 am—Senior Prayer  
 5:00 pm—Forever Young (McRae)  
**FRIDAY, February 2, 2007**  
 6:45 am—Promise Keepers

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Wednesday, January 24, 2007

A new year has begun and it is sure to be filled with many joys, celebrations and even heartaches. But let me take a brief moment to look back over 2006 in relation to Hazlehurst 1<sup>st</sup>. When I began as Senior Pastor in June of 2006 attendance at the Sunday worship service was a little sluggish. We changed around the order of worship for our Sunday service and that seemed to be well received. Attendance figures began to jump quickly as compared to past years.

The year also brought sadness in the deaths of several members. Their love for this church and their legacies of service will be missed but always appreciated as we consider the history of this church. But there were also many joys in the completion of a Confirmation Class, new bible studies begun, a Methodism and John Wesley class was taught in several of our Sunday School Classes, the UMM reorganized and now meets each month with plans for a bright future in addition to many other activities.

Finances were always troublesome – but in 6 short months we accomplished things that only God could have accomplished through us and little by little we began to chip away at this. With God’s help we accomplished a goal that seemed impossible to all who looked on by paying 100 percent of our Conference and District apportionments. I think we all know that it is by the grace of God that this was accomplished and we do and should give praise to him everyday for his place squarely in the lead here at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist.

As your pastor, I look so forward to our time together here in the coming years. It’s been a joy to work with you and see us accomplish great things when we trust in Christ. God is doing a great thing here and we here at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist ask everyone to make the church and God a priority in their lives this year and we see all that God has in store for us.

To God Be all the Glory!

*Rodney*

**Youth mid-week meeting times:**  
 Tuesday night 7:00—8:15 pm—High School  
 Wednesday night 5:30—7:00 pm—Middle School

**2007 Flower Calendar**—is being printed. If you would like a particular Sunday, please fill out the form and mail to church office or call at 375-4555.

**Sunday** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Given by \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

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