

The Trumpet

BIRTHDAYS

January

- 1 Jennifer Odgers
Kodie Robertson
- 4 Ricky Ruston
Tim Prince
- 5 Brittney Beardin
Sara Catherine
Nash
- Jack Robertson
- 7 Julie Gay
Angie Nash
Jared Seale
- 8 Cason Jones
- 9 Howell Horn
Tom Walton
- 11 David Daws
Rod White
- 13 Robby
Richardson
- 14 Sue Eddins
Jean Walker
Michele Walker
- 16 J.W. McQueen
Marty Reddell
- 17 Keith Gay
Michele Gay
- 21 Ian Walker
- 24 Kevin Gay
Fred Major
- 25 Lichele Owen
- 26 Marjorie
Milham Head
- 27 Clyde Aycock
- 28 Tommy
Harrison, Jr.
- 29 Lori Carden
- 30 Ronny Conn
Corley Ellis
Agnes Grice
- 31 Jason Head

February

- 1 Jacob Fleming
Betty Bird
- 2 Virginia Minor
- 3 Earl Hughes
- 4 Deward Averett
Alice Fox
Ona Walker
- 6 Jeff Jones
Clint Mooney

Hello Church!

I am so excited about our coming days together. For the last few years my ministry has been focused upon church health. I spent many hours helping local churches to overcome their trials. Some churches are stuck in the past. Some are led by a stubborn few people who won't share the ministry. Some are suffering today because they lacked vision in the past. Some churches simply needed to develop good structures for planning and conducting ministry. So many churches nominate leadership teams and then fail to use them or empower them to serve as they were designed. Some churches lack leadership. Some lack continuity. And to be brutally honest, some churches are very religious but not very Christian. I think I have just about seen it all! In every case Satan wins when we are not working in unity with one another.

I have seen church leaders spend hours debating over whether or not to use banners, purchase a screen, change the paint on the walls, or request members not to sit on the back row of the church. The arguments would become ridiculous as the atmosphere would become tense and emotions would run high. I would leave such meetings thinking - *What must our Lord our think?*

In the coming weeks our own church will be meeting and planning and developing structures to support ministry. We will share ideas and plans at the "State of the Church" dinner. We will make plans for the coming year and develop a program calendar on January 29th at the planning retreat. (Next year the retreat will take place in early November) I welcome you to contact me if you have any concerns or good ideas for the coming year. Once we prayerfully develop these plans we must stick to them! This sort of work is not easy. Think about the coming year NOW! Having a calendar and sticking to it allows us to better communicate with one another. It also allows us to invite others to well planned programs and events that bless them and honor God.

Pray for unity. Seek to be open-minded and even creative as you join in these planning events. Remember your commitment of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness that you made as you joined the Church. Expect great things! Speak the truth in love and speak it with a purpose. Think of at least one person that you will intentionally minister to and invite to worship. Envision that person as you help to develop plans and programs. We must exist not for ourselves but to connect with the persons who are not yet connected to Christ and the Church. As I think about the possibilities and the way we can come together as God's people I can't help but smile and wonder - *What will our Lord think?!*

One with Christ, One with each other, and One with the World!,
Pastor Lori

ONE WITH
CHRIST,
ONE WITH
EACH OTHER,
ONE WITH
THE WORLD!

Prayer Requests

Denise Eddleman
Charles Spearman
Betty Walton
Connie Tabbs
Mary Helen Shirley
Vicky Williams
Mary Aycock
Melvin Turquitt
Family of Harry Atchison

Ongoing:

Peggy Cobb
DeAnna Niven
Dustin Smith
Vicki Vincent
Brenda Dean
Angela Grice Martin
Carol Shurbet
Emily Lansford
Lewis Walker
Betty Broome

Armed Service Members:

Ramsey Bentley
Joey Greene
Justin Wheeler
Mike Patterson
William Harrell, III
Phil Vick
Daniel Lowery

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27	28	29		31	
2 9:00 AM Heart4God Worship Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship	3 Church Office Closed	4	5	6	7	8 8:00 AM Emmaus Team Meeting
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REFRESH

Webster's dictionary defines the word "REFRESH" as follows:
to stimulate (the memory); to make fresh again; reinvigorate or cheer (a person, the mind, spirits, etc.).

Doug and I had the privilege to begin the New Year with some of the most awesome people we have ever met! We were honored to accompany several of our youth to the REFRESH retreat at Camp Sumatanga. The band, Ohio Avenue, lead the music for each worship session. As we watched the enthusiasm of that auditorium full of teenagers worship and praise God, I couldn't help but be reminded that we all should be that enthusiastic, open and free about worshipping our Lord and Savior.

How REFRESHING!

A speaker by the name of Adam Robinson brought the message for each of the five worship services. He really got our attention from the very beginning when he told us that all of our "STUFF" was "MEANINGLESS". He reminded us that the only thing that could bring meaning to our lives or our stuff and the only thing that could give us life is a personal relationship with Christ! How REFRESHING!

The rest of the messages were centered on RESPONDING to the love of Christ and CHOOSING to make our relationship with Christ our PRIORITY. He asked us several questions that we all should ask ourselves daily such as: Have we responded to the love God offers us? Do we have a relationship with Him? Do we choose the things of this world over our relationship with Him? REALLY? Think about how much time we spend with the TV, IPODS, TEXTING, FACEBOOK, EMAILS, JOBS, ETC.....versus....developing our relationship with Him by studying His word and communicating with Him through prayer! How much time do we spend loving Him and serving Him? Could we love Him and one another better? We could begin right now! How REFRESHING!

Love and prayers for a refreshed 2011!
The Akin Family

On January 29, we invite all Program and Administrative Ministry team members to the Alabama 4-H center for the 1st Columbiana UMC Planning Retreat - where we will get together for a time of visioning, scheduling, and praying as we embrace 2011 and all that God has in store for us.

If you aren't currently serving on a team but would still like to be part of this special day, please feel free to come! We will find a place for you to serve.

Please arrive at the Alabama 4-H Center and be ready to go by 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served. We are asking for a donation of \$30 to cover the cost of the event, materials, and lunch.

Please RSVP in by Sunday, January 23.

My e-mail address is its.patterson@gmail.com

This is an exciting time to be a part of Columbiana UMC. I am excited about this event and I know you will find it to be a blessing.

In Christ,
Nic Patterson
Director of Worship Arts and Program Ministries

"When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened." John M. Richardson, Jr.

The Following teams need to be present to make this an effective retreat:

Christian Education, Evangelism and Outreach, Missions, Traditional Worship Planning Team, Heart4God Worship Planning Team, Nurturing and Homebound Team, Adult and Family Ministries Team, Children's Ministries Team, Youth Ministries Team, Older Adults Ministries Team, Olive Branch Ministries Team, Congregational Care Ministries Team, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations Team, Finance Team, and all other members of the Administrative Council are invited to join us.



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Dawkins Cleaning

We are here to serve the Lord and you. Please e-mail or call if you need our assistance.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR STATE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

DINNER AT 5:30 MEETING AT 6:00

NURSURY WILL BE PROVIDED

Church Leadership Retreat

*All Program leaders and Team Members
Including the Administrative Council.*

*Saturday, January 29th, 2011 from 9:00am to
3:00pm at the 4-H Center. Lunch will be
served. We are asking for donations of \$25
each for everyone attending.*

United Methodist Women January Meetings:

January 17 Circle of Hope/Love
1:30pm - dining room

January 17 Circle of Friendship

7:00pm - Rachel Richey's home

January 24 Executive Board Meeting
4:30pm - dining room

Scrapbook All Weekend!

Friday, Jan. 28 ~ 6 pm - Midnight

Saturday, Jan. 29 ~ 10 am - 6 pm

*All are WELCOME, but to plan for enough tables, please contact
one of the following people to let us know if you will be joining us:*

*Sue Eddins ~ Agnes Pool ~ Kathy Corbitt ~ Jamie Barnes
670-6985 305-8375 919-6089 529-6916*

Or email: KathyCorbitt@aol.com

See us on Facebook at Scrapbooking & Craft Group of Columbiana / CUMC

WINTER JAM 2011

Featuring performances by

NEWSBOYS, DAVID CROWDER BAND

RED, KUTLESS AND MANY MORE!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH AT THE BJCC

ONLY \$10 AT THE DOOR!!!

SAINTS ALIVE!

Join us this Tuesday, December 21st for the
Saints Alive Senior Luncheon at 11:30 in the
Multi-Purpose Room. Bring your favorite dish
or dessert and get ready for a fabulous time of
food and fellowship.