

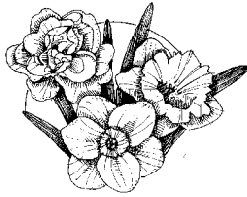


Dave Blackwell, Pastor

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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Church School 10:30 AM



Happy Mother's Day !

Newsletter - MAY, 1999

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist.: Pam Lambert
Ushers: Marcella Reynolds & Renee Reynolds
Greeters: Nick and Julie Griffio
Acolytes: Brian Wilson & Dominic Griffio

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

May 9: Amy Lamb
May 16: Ashley Welch
May 23: Jett Sharp
May 30: Alice Daniel

As of this writing, there are no worship assistants nor scripture readers listed for June. When the names are made available, inserts will be placed in bulletins listing those ministers.

PLANNED SPECIAL MUSIC

May 9: Brian Wilson, piano.
May 23: Quartet featuring: Ka Patterson, Marcia Fitzne Mike Calhoon, & Charlie Hughes.
May 30: Patriotic songs.
June 6: Jett and Cyle Sharp.
June 13: Picnic Service at the fairgrounds--10:00 a.m.
June 20: Children-led Service.



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICE:

May 16: Worship Assistant's Recognition.
May 23: PENTECOST: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHURCH!!

June Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, 16th

SPECIAL, SPECIAL SERVICE

The Confirmation Service for our 10 Confirmands will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 23 at 5:00 p.m. The whole church is invited as we will be witness to a special time when 10 of our young people will accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We will be having our regular morning worship at 9:00, but you are highly encouraged to come back early that afternoon for this special event.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 24: Care & Outreach, 10:00.
June 6: Nominations, **time???
June 6: Admin. Cncl., **time???

**pending the Bishop's approval of E.U.M.C. becoming a 1-point charge, the times of these meetings could be late morning or early afternoon.

PLEASE...

Take your worship orders/bulletins home so that you have a prayer list. So many of us need prayer, and you are a vital link of communication to God for us by your prayers and petitions. Put them on your dresser, in your car or business, or in the kitchen.

PRAYERS

FOR HEALING

Woody Clements, blood clot
Bob Lamb, spleen
Donna Hibner, heart
Ralph Dinella, blood clot (Welch's)
Jim Solomon
Rachel Palmer
Darlyne Hunter
Joe Voorhees, brain tumor
Cindi Howe
Kathleen Straley, 8 years old w/ brain tumor.



Praying for...

Bobby Akin, heart
Robert McMath
Brandon York
The Fern Family
Vanessa Anaya
Patrick Moore

IN MOURNING

The Wilsons for Don Wilson
The Wilsons for Randy Maydew
The Creamers for Tommy Lewis
The Muths for Michael Muth
The Rodriguez/Martinez families
Bobbi Jo & Carl for baby Dillan

SERVICE PEOPLE

Mike Calhoon
Paul Davidson

Kosovo refugees and Peace

Tornado victims in Oklahoma and Kansas
Columbine High School Students and Families

OUR CHURCH

Youth & Sunday School programs
Logos program/leaders
Full or part time pastor
Meeting budget

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

• To **Katherine Irene Sanchez** born April 27. Congratulations **Kim** and **Tony Sanchez**.
• To **Abigail Cecelia Simms** born May 6 to **Jay** and **Penny**, son and daughter - in-law of **Barbara** and **Bill Simms**



HAS IT BEEN BUSY ENOUGH FOR YOU???

Just when one would expect life to slow down a little after Easter, it did. Just a little. Here's a little recap:

April 12-14: LOGOS training in Albuquerque.

April 16: The first ever Emmaus community gathering was here; including kids, about 100 in attendance.

April 18: Church conference to decide on pursuing the possibility of EUMC becoming a 1 point charge.

Hoffmantown Baptist Choir sang at the 1st Baptist Church for a community sing-a-long.

April 25: The "bread" service where many folks brought different kinds of bread to share and eat.

May 2: Monday school recognition and communion service by the children.

Formal church conference that passed the motion for E.U.M.C. to be a 1 point charge.

April and May: Four people go on **Walks to Emmaus** and 7 others are on Emmaus teams.

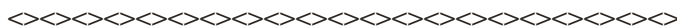
THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS WHO ARE EVER-READY TO SERVE WITH JOY AND LOVE (AND PATIENCE WITH THE PASTOR) DURING ALL THE SERVICES AND MEETINGS.



As mentioned above, the confirmation of **Aden Corliss**, **Alice Daniel**, **Rebekah Friis**, **Jessica Gorum**, **Dominic Griffo**, **Chris Hughes**, **Audra Long**, **Katie Rogers**, **Laura Sanchez**, and **Josh Stewart** will on May 23, 5:00 p.m. **Amy Lamb** will be the Lay Assistant and will bring a message. Communion will be served, and we are hoping to get some special music. You will want to get a seat early!! Bring cameras and Kleenex.

Marla Lehman has been organizing the special dinner for the confirmands and their secret brothers and sisters for May 8 at 4:00.

These special kids have one more class to attend and it will be on Wednesday, May 12 (NOT the 19th) at 3:15. Keep them in your prayers--every day. Thank you.

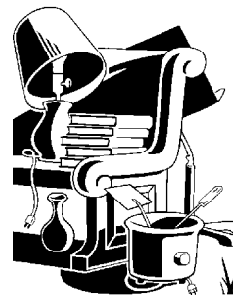


PASTOR DAVE IS OUT OF TOWN FROM:

May 12, 5:00 p.m. till May 18 (evening)--vacation. He will be driving back and forth from Glorieta, NM and Estancia during Annual Conference from May 19th through the 22nd.

Marcia Fitzner will bring the message and the worship order on the 16th. She has prepared a wonderful message that fits in with the recent activities of this church. Come and be blessed by this service in God's house.

Rummage Sale



May 22

Sale Sponsored by the Education Committee

Bring items (no clothing please) to the Education Building the week prior to Sat, 22nd, or you may drop them by **Angela Creamer's** at 1004 Joseph St. The proceeds from the sale will be used to help with VBS and youth camp.

If April showers bring May flowers,
What do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims!

Finance Committee Update



Barbecue and Play Day Coming Up June 13th

We are planning the annual church/community barbecue fund-raiser to be held June 13th at the fairgrounds. If you have ideas talk to **Lacy Daniel** (384-5154) or any of the Finance Committee members, **Marcella Reynolds**, **Carolyn Moore**, **Dave Blackwell**, **Lori Lamb**, **Charlie Hughes**, or **John Hughes**.

Budget Update

The church budget for 1999 is \$47,958.20. That means we need \$3,996.52 per month to operate. What we don't receive in offerings has to come from fund-raisers. Our offerings for January through May 2nd are as follows: Target to Meet Monthly Budget: \$3996.52

Offering Difference from Target

January	\$3936.57	- \$59.95	
February	2970.03	-1026.49	
March	4059.21	62.69	
April	3597.80	- 398.72	
May 2nd	1526.55	727.25	(over pro-rated 5 wkly target of \$799.30)

YTD Total	\$16,090.16	\$ 695.21	

Budget Changes Coming

At the Church Conference on May 2, 1999 we voted to change from a shared to a full-time pastor. If the Bishop approves this change our budget will increase by \$3,570 for the remainder of the year.

In addition, insurance is going up \$50/month beginning in June. This will increase our budget \$300 for the remainder of the year.

With these two changes, our budget will increase by \$3,870 for June-December 1999. (The information sheet that you may have seen showed \$3,720, but that two-legged calculator made a mistake! My apologies!)

This increases our monthly income target from \$3996.52 by \$645 to \$4,641.51. I had to put this in terms that made sense to me. If 26 families contribute an additional \$25 per month we can easily meet this target! Of course, we also need to take care of the -\$695.21 we are currently running short meeting budget!

Where does the money go?

As you read through the reports of other committees in this newsletter and hear during church services some of the wonderful things that are being accomplished through this church, you'll have a better idea of how your money is used. I'm including a brief summary of how our budget is currently allocated. I will post a more detailed report in the church narthex. These figures are as of April 30, 1999.

Activity	% of Budget	Budget Amount	Budget Remaining	Cash Balance
Education	2.19	\$1,050	852.35	153.14
LOGOS	2.5	1,200	680.37	448.00
Outreach	1.4	674	558.14	0
Worship	.63	300	199.52	236.40
Laity	.83	400	400.00	0
Office Supplies	2.38	1,140	1,041.16	160.00 (set aside for 100th Birthday)
Property Care	21.37	10,247	6,336.28	0
Ministerial Support	55.29	26,514	17,252.47	0
Apportionments	13.41	6,433	5,790.30	0

		\$47,958		
Nursery				165.00

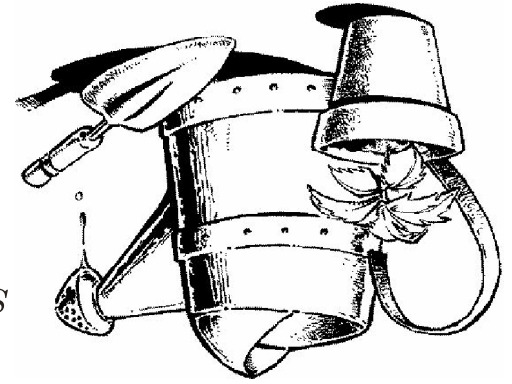
I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions or suggestions please talk to **Lacy** or one of the other Finance Committee members.



MAY



Sent with a prayer to:



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Everything I really need to know I learned from Noah's Ark:



1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah build the ark.
2. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do some thing Really big.
3. Don't listen to critics. Do what has to be done.
4. Build on the high ground.
5. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
6. Two heads are better than one.
7. Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
8. If you can't fight or flee,---float.
9. Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth.
10. Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
11. When the doo-doo gets really deep, don't sit there and complain--shovel!
12. Stay below deck during the storm.
13. Remember that the ark was built by amateurs & the Titanic was built by professionals.
14. If you have to start over, have a friend by your side.
15. Remember that the woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
16. No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side.
17. DON'T MISS THE BOAT !!!!

God's Cafe

A few blocks from The Carter Center in Atlanta is a place known as Cafe 458. There, homeless people can get a hug and a warm welcome, sit down at a table, select the meal they prefer and order it from an attentive waiter.

Many of them have serious problems, including addiction to drugs or alcohol. The 11 volunteers, who live next door, get to know the "guests" well enough to refer them to treatment centers or to work with them directly.

A salesman, A.B. Short, and his wife, Ann Conner, a nurse-practitioner, opened the cafe in 1988, knowing that many people needed help, but also that standing in soup lines every day offered little permanent benefit. The guests make table reservations for a month at a time, with extensions, provided they are working steadily toward the goals they have set for improving their lives. More than 1,600 people have passed through Cafe 458, in the process of regaining some of their dignity as human beings, and many of them now help as volunteers. Among those who have been through the drug rehabilitation program, only 8 percent have relapsed. One man named Roy said he had slept in a Dunkin' Donuts dumpster for 10 years before being welcomed in Cafe 458. He then stopped selling cocaine, took a job with a landscaping company, made foreman in six months and began to believe in God. He finally met his daughter, and he no longer lives in a trash container. Treated with care and respect, Roy has found a new life.

—Jimmy Carter in Living Faith