

Lent

Pray Fast Give

Cleveland
Tennessee

Facts From First

March 4, 2015

FROM

This One Thing

We have been challenged by the Holy Spirit to do one thing to grow ourselves spiritually each day and to do one thing each week to serve your neighbor. One thing may not seem like much, but one thing can add up whether it's to grow spiritually or to serve. Just think, if everyone in our church - average attendance of 270 - did one thing a week to serve our neighbors, or our community, that is 1,080 acts of service in one month! AND if we continued that for a year - 14,040 acts of service! One thing doesn't seem so small now, does

it? I think Cleveland would be a different place if we each committed to doing one thing a week. Don't you?

Paul tells us in Philippians 3 that he is going to forget all his past bad mistakes, his failures, his disappointments and hurts and do one thing...he is going to press forward to win the race. In other words, he is going to follow Jesus. That is the one thing we all need to do. We can make being a Christian so complicated and complex, but it really just boils down to following Jesus. I know, I know; once we start following Jesus seriously that one thing leads to much

more, but that "much more" will be pure joy!

So, do you think we can reach 14,000 plus acts of service or blessings toward our community? I think when we do the ONE thing - following Jesus - we will indeed be a blessing to Cleveland and the world. First Church, let us do one thing - follow Jesus - and if we do that one thing...

Jesus will change the world!



Rev. Tim Bracken



Our Staff:

- Pastor.....Rev. Tim Bracken
- Minister to Sr. Adults.....Rev. Pat Hogan
- Administrative Assistant.....Molly Near
- Financial Secretary.....Mae Wilkins
- Director of Children's Ministry.....Jill Ingram
- Director of Youth Ministry.....Hope Tellifero
- Chancel Choir Director.....Dr. Jim Burns
- Pianist.....Tausha Plate
- Organist.....Terry Barger
- Maintenance Director.....Chris Offrey
- Maintenance.....Jeff Smith
- Director of CDC.....Cathy Smith
- Director of PDO.....Rachel David
- Assist, Director of CDC/PDO.....Karon Steve

- Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday *All children are part of the Palm Parade*
- Wednesday, April 1 Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Walk-Thru
- Thursday, April 2 Dinner
Maundy Thursday Service
Youth Egg Hunt
- Saturday, April 4 SonRise Pageant at S. Adventist Univ.
- Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

Lent

Wednesday Night Dinner

Chicken Pot Pie
Dessert

Adults \$5.00 Kids \$2.00
(12 & Under)

Please make your reservations during Sunday Service or through the church office by Monday.

The church newsletter is printed every two weeks. Any information wished to be entered is to be submitted no later than noon the Tuesday before it is printed and mailed/emailed.

Newsletter request forms are located in the church office. Information turned in after this time will not be included until the next newsletter is printed.

Turn in information for the next newsletter by noon March 17, 2015

CAMP LOOKOUT SUNDAY

This Sunday, March 8th

Don Washburn, from Camp Lookout, will be here during our 10:45 AM worship service and children's JAM. The church will provide a lunch following worship so that Don, as well as church staff, may answer any questions and inform you of the opportunities at summer camp. Please RSVP to Jill Ingram with a number for lunch. The menu will be chicken, macaroni-n-cheese, and green beans.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP LUNCH

The Bereavement Support Group will meet for lunch at O'Charley's on Wednesday, March 11th at 11:45 AM.

Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome!

Please contact Evelyn Brunson at 473-8694.

RESURRECTION PAGEANT

SonRise is an interactive, put-you-at-the-scene trip through Christ's final days leading to his death and Resurrection. The cast is made up of 500 students and members of Collegedale Church.

This is a Family Friendly walk-through. We have FREE tickets available and hoping to take a large group from First Church!

We will meet at the church on **Saturday, April 4th at 9:30 AM**. You may either ride the church bus or drive yourself. The pageant begins at 10:30 AM and we should be back after lunch. Please let Jill Ingram know if you, your family, or friends are interested and we will reserve a ticket for you.

YOUTH MISSION DAY

Youth are invited to meet at the church on **Saturday, March 28 at 10:45 AM** to join us in serving at the Family Kitchen. Bring money for lunch at Chic-Fil-A.

We will be back to the church at 3:15 PM.

UMW DISTRICT DAY APART

Ladies of First Church...you're invited to the Cleveland District Day Apart & Mission Event Wesley Memorial UMC in Etowah, TN

Saturday, March 21 at 9:45 AM *(registration)*

Meet at the church at 9:00 AM to carpool!

Lunch and childcare are provided.

If you cannot attend, we are gathering children's backpacks for their Hands-On-Mission Project.

Bring them to the church by March 18.

ASBURY UNIVERSITY TRIP

March 26-27 High School students are invited to visit Asbury University with Hope!

\$40 covers 4 meals, a night in the dorms, campus tour, chapel, classes, the Challenge Course, and opportunities to meet with professors in your desired degree program. Contact Hope by March 15 to get signed up.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Todd, Sara, Colton, and Ava Berghoff

Joined December 21, 2014

WINTER JAM 2015

In lieu of regular Sunday night youth activities, the youth will meet at the church on **Sunday, March 15 at 3:30 PM** to leave for Winter Jam at McKenzie Arena in Chattanooga. **DO NOT BE LATE!** Youth are to bring \$10 (cash) to cover the cost of the ticket. Dinner will be provided. Contact Hope.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is **Wednesday, April 1 from 6:00-7:30 PM**. There will be a live petting zoo and lots of fun activities for the kids!

We are asking all of the congregation to help make this special by greeting guests, assisting in activities, and/or by providing 12 or more candy-filled eggs.

Eggs are to be brought to the church between March 8—March 29 and placed in the large bin located in the Commons. If you are willing to serve the evening of, please contact the church office or Jill Ingram.

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much! We appreciate the time each and every one of y'all took out of your busy days to host, cook, and stay overnight for us. You all have made us feel very welcome. We enjoyed talking with all of the kind people that made this week possible. You guys mean so much to us. Thank you and God bless you!

Love,

Chris, Amber, and Haley Pickel
(Family from Family Promise)

LET US PRAY!

Acts 2:1 says: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place..."

Our Prayer Ministry is off to a great start. BUT, there are still some things yet to be realized. We want to restart the Shepherding Ministry and also for someone (or a group) to pray over our prayer list and send cards of encouragement to them each month. Other ways you can be involved:

*Sign up to pray before/during worship or come early, before Sunday School. These are easy ways to lift those around you up and there are prayer guides available.

*Join the Prayer Chain by call, text, or email

*Become a Shepherd or be shepherded

Sign up for these in the Narthex

EASTER FLOWER CROSS

The Altar Guild will decorate the Easter Cross with fresh flowers on Easter morning. Please bring fresh flowers from your yard, or purchased, to the sanctuary before Sunday School that morning.

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in my power to strengthen its ministry by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.”

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

OUR PRAYERS

- Our country, our leaders, and our troops
- Charles Ownby
- Jean Benecke
- Joanna Duncan
- Jim Barger
- Don Wood
- Family of Joyce Mary Howard
- Cameron Touchstone
- Jordann Dempsey
- Lois Ellis
- Gary Farner
- Kim Faulkner
- Karen Fisher
- Gil Frederick
- Toye Gibson
- Mike Goodman
- Renee Henderson
- Gail Howard
- Clint Hutto
- Megan Jones
- Bill Kibler
- Nancy Lane
- Elaine Larsor
- Helen Leach
- Ruth Lee
- Neil Liner
- Charlie McDonald
- Betty McLain
- Larry and Barb Miller
- Gail Ownby
- Tilley Phillips
- Darci Pittman
- Una Poe
- Bradley Sink
- Cathy Smith
- Stuart Switzer
- Janice Tate
- Addison Thompson
- Judy Watts
- Joan Wheeler
- Corky Whitlock
- Malcom Youngblood



NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

Long Term Prayers

- Don Alley
- Debbie Ambert
- Maxine Baker
- Patricia Bishop
- Rusty Cook
- Kaye Coultrey
- Bill and Carol Creech
- Alan David
- Mary Glen Davis

OUR PRESENCE

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
2/22/15	70	261
3/1/15	83	233

OUR GIFTS



Budget Receipts 2/22/14	14,354.16
Receipts to date:	76,793.58
Expenditures to date:	99,048.08
Receipts/Expenditures + or [-]	[2,254.50]
Budget to date:	131,895.00
Budget Receipts 3/1/14	10,952.67
Receipts to date:	87,746.25
Expenditures to date:	99,059.58
Receipts/Expenditures + or [-]	[11,313.33]
Budget to date:	145,540.00

OUR SERVICE

Prayer Team: Buddy Simpkins

Ushers: Jerry Clevenger, Head; Ernest Adams, Kirk Gobble, Bob George, Mark Johnson, Jim Rufener.

Sonshine Kids: Katie Simpkins

JAM: Jill Ingram

Altar Flowers will be in memory of Bobby Blankenship, given by Gladys Blankenship & Ed and Donna Barrow.

Sunday, March 8

- 7:30 AM Sanctuary Open for Prayer
- 8:30 AM Early Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School-Camp Lookout
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship
- 5:00 PM First Youth
- 5:00 PM Confirmation

Monday, March 9

- 9:00 AM Morning Exercise
- 5:30 PM CDC/PDO Board Meeting
- 6:00 PM Scouts

Tuesday, March 10

- 10:00 AM May Dooley Circle
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:30 PM MDS Home Board Meeting
- 6:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday, March 11

- 9:00 AM Morning Exercise
- 10:00 AM Women's Study on Hebrews
- 5:30 PM Dinner
- 5:30 PM Leadership Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM First Youth
- 6:15 PM Children's Choirs
- 6:15 PM Chancel Choir
- 6:30 PM Bible Study
- 7:30 PM FUMC String Band

Thursday, March 14

- 12:00 PM District Pastors Re-think Meeting
- 6:00 PM District Re-think Meeting
- 6:00 PM UMW Executive Meeting

Friday, March 13

- 9:00 AM Morning Exercise

Monday—Friday

- 7:30 AM CDC
- 9:00 AM PDO

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 15—Youth to Winter Jam, Chancel Choir Lunch
- March 17—Rose Circle
- March 19—Seekers Circle
- March 21—UMW Day Apart
- March 23-27—Spring Break
- March 26 –Youth Trip to Asbury University
- March 28—Youth Mission Day
- March 29—Palm Sunday
- April 1—Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Walk-Thru
- April 2—Gad-A-Bout Lunch, Dinner, Maundy Thursday Service, Youth Glow-N-the-Dark Egg Hunt, Friendship Circle
- April 4—UMM Breakfast

Open hearts, open minds, open doors...the people of the United Methodist Church.



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Bob and Nancy Boyd

Mildred Sparkman

In memory of Peggy Knox:

Mildred Sparkman

In memory of Austin Davis:

Mildred Sparkman

To the Choir Fund

In memory of Jim Dodd:

Pat Dodd

In honor of Claude and Ann Bowden:

St. Andrew's Sunday School Class

To the General Budget

In memory of Joyce Howard:

Pat Dodd

To Family Promise

In memory of Rusty Johnson:

Bob and Nancy Boyd