

Adult Winter Studies 2010

5:45 – 6:45 pm

Classes will begin Wed, Jan 13, 2009 unless noted otherwise

Loops for Love...Continued

Want to learn to crochet or knit? Join us for a devotional & learning session each Wed. We'll be learning to crochet, knit or we may branch out into other crafts if there's a 'yearn to learn'. You'll receive instructions on equipment to purchase (crochet hooks, or knitting needles, etc.), the amount of yarn needed for a prayer shawl. Once you learn, we'd like you to consider making a shawl to donate! If you already know how & want to join us for the fun, please come! Bring your Bible!

Facilitators: Elise Brasseale & Patty Saunders

Room 118 – Hope Class No fee for this class

The Christ Centered Marriage...Continued

Based on the book, *Experiencing Christ Together: Finding Freedom & Fulfillment in Marriage* by Neil Anderson & Charles Mylander

14 week course presents marriage as God's perfect design for intimate spiritual & physical companionship. Topics include: *Created Male, Created Female, Resolving Conflict, Love Language, Sexual Freedom, The Snakebite of Adultery, When Only One Will Try, & Steps to Setting Your Marriage Free*. For married couples, spouses whose partners cannot attend, & couples who are planning to be married.

Facilitators: Laura and Joe Creel

Room: 209 (Library Room)

The Study of Galatians (This study will conclude on 1/13/2010)

Paul's letter to the Galatians proclaims that salvation is through faith alone. It emphasizes freedom in Christ to live by the power of the Spirit, knowing that our relationship with God is not based on our performance but the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Facilitator: Pastor Kenny Baskins

The Study of I – II Peter (This study will begin 1/20/2010)

As Christians, we're encouraged to walk faithful in the face of suffering. The apostle Peter gives an outline of how believers are to live. We're reminded of the fundamental elements of a Christian life from which we must not waver & the certainty of the Lord's return in power and judgment.

Facilitator: Pastor Kenny Baskins

Sanctuary No fee for this class

The Jesus You Can't Ignore by John MacArthur

Jesus was humble & compassionate, but he wasn't afraid of confrontation & he could pierce the hearts of those who needed correction. This study takes a closer look at Jesus' interactions with the Pharisees, Sadducees & anyone else whose motives were tainted. Explore the passionate side of Jesus & let MacArthur's teaching awaken in you a desire to stand up for God's truth and honor.

Facilitator: Associate Pastor Mike Morelan

Room: 117 (Pathfinders) Suggested donation: \$8.50

Mastering the Seven Decisions that Determine Personal Success

by Andy Andrews Pack your bags for a life-changing journey! When 19-year-old Andy found himself orphaned & homeless, he sought answers to hard questions. Studying biographies of hundreds of great people, he observed seven common denominators---responsibility, wisdom, action, certainty, happiness, forgiveness, and persistence.

Facilitator: Nancy Stewart

Room: 112 (Class of Our Redeemer)

Suggested donation: \$7.50

Three Simple Rules by Reuben P. Job

In *Three Simple Rules* retired Methodist Bishop Reuben P. Job offers wisdom that will help you live well and love God. He introduces three principles which are: *Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God*. John Wesley first taught & practiced these many years ago. When followed, they can change your life & the world.

Facilitator: Cynthia Green Room: 102 Suggested donation: \$8.00

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Connecting people with Christ . . . through worship, growth, and service!

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday at 8:00 am ~ An early casual worship service

Sunday at 9:30 am

Contemporary worship with praise songs & multimedia

Sunday at 10:55 am

Traditional service with hymns & chancel choir

Pastor Kenny Baskins preaches at all 3 services.

Communion Services held 1st Sunday of month.

~ **Classes** for all ages meet each Sunday ~

9:30am & 10:45am

Nursery provided for each of these worship

& small group opportunities.

For more information,

Call the church office ~ 586-5792

Email ~ afumc@otelco.net

Or check the website! www.arabumc.com



Have you
found your
place?

January 2010



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2010—A Year of Promise!

“The Lord will preserve your going out and going in from this time forth, and even for evermore.”

January	God's Presence	Joshua 1:9
February	God's Protection	Genesis 15:1
March	God's Power	Isaiah 41:10
April	God's Provision	Psalms 84:11
May	God's Leading	Psalms 25:9
June	God's Wise Purpose	Jeremiah 29:11
July	God's Presence	Hebrews 13:5
August	God's Protection	John 10:29
September	God's Power	Phil 4:13
October	God's Provision	Phil 4:19
November	God's Leading	John 10:4
December	God's Wise Purposes	Romans 8:28

Why not let each of these verses be a “Promise for the Month” in 2010

Directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

You will never be sorry—for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid & frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous & kind to all.

AFUMC YOUTH!

If you have questions, please call Mrs. Dawn Liebner
Youth House: 931-2094 email: youtharab@otelco.net

After surviving the month of Dec with all the holiday doings plus end of semester exams, the senior high youth started off the New Year with a fall retreat entitled FOCUS. (Yes, you noted correctly that it was the senior high fall retreat. Due to conflicts, the yearly senior high fall retreat had to be postponed.) While staying at a cabin at Joe Wheeler State Park, the youth studied Ecclesiastes, evaluating their own life priorities against what the Bible says is truly important in life.

Discovery Weekend... Feb 12-14. This year's theme: *Celebrate Life* Discovery is a 43 hour spiritual formation retreat for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders held at our church - 9th year! - with the senior highs, youth counselors & other adults leading the weekend. Discovery invites the *entire church family* to live out our Baptismal covenant, surrounding these children with a our community of love & forgiveness so they may be established in the faith, confirmed & strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. We will be contacting people to help in every possible capacity with this event (cooking, set up & clean up, shower hosts, group leaders, music, gifts & monetary donations, housing, prayer & worship teams, etc). Please prayerfully consider how you can support this event! Call the office (586-5792) or contact Mrs. Dawn Liebner (Youth House 931-2094) to volunteer or offer your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🕒 Feb 7 ~ **Super Super Bowl Sunday**
- 🕒 Feb 12-14 ~ **Discovery: Celebrate Life**
- 🕒 Feb 19-21 ~ **Encounter (conference retreat)**
- 🕒 Mar 12-14 ~ **Be Still**
(conference sponsored senior high retreat)

AFUMC CHILDREN!

If you have questions about the Children's Dept,
please contact Mrs. Gail Lueker
Home: 586-4455 email: glue@otelco.net

The Children's Dept was filled with fun during the Christmas Season! We had over 50 people join us for **Christmas Caroling** on a not-too-chilly, drizzly night in Dec & it was fabulous! We caroled all the way to Mr. Julian Brannon's house & he was tickled to see us all there, joyfully singing some beautiful carols. We made it back to the fellowship hall for Hot Cocoa and cookies.

Our **Christmas pageant** retold the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The kids (all 60+ of them) did a wonderful job and gave everyone in attendance a huge blessing. Anthony Wilson played the piano for us & Jim Walley handled the sound. Thank you! Thanks also to Butch DeWeerth, Bob Anderson, Chet Rowley & Wallace Cook for building our stable. It was perfect!

Our classes spent time with stories of Christmas, making ornaments, & eating plenty of home-baked goodies! Thanks to all who brought in so many treats! We are very thankful to everyone for being so supportive and generous. We're truly appreciative of all you do throughout the year..

Happy New Year to All!

Connecting people with Christ... through worship, growth & service!

AFUMC **Prayer Shawl Ministry** started March 2009. Starting with only six women at the first meeting, each step of the process has been a learning experience. Monthly meetings hold us accountable so we tend to complete projects faster but most of the work is done in homes. The ministry's message of caring is simple, universal & enduring; creation & presentation of a shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient. What began as an outreach to adults with chronic & life threatening illnesses expanded in June when a shawl was needed for a child. Providing a smaller sized shawl didn't seem right. Ms. Bertha Phillips provided a pattern for a crocheted clown. This has evolved into our prayer shawl doll. After we gave the first doll and shawl set, plans were to make another set to have on hand, hoping another set wouldn't be needed for a long time but that has not been the case. Five of the sets have now been given and each time before we could get a doll and shawl set completed, there was a child who needed it.

Loops of Love, the Wed night class, has taught several ladies how to crochet & given refresher opportunities to others whose skills were a little rusty. Now these ladies are contributing shawls to the ministry.

In the last nine months, many lives have been blessed, allowing us to share 126 prayer shawls and five doll sets. You are welcomed to join us! **Create a shawl... Donate financially to sponsor a shawl...**

Let us know if you have someone who needs a shawl.

Contact Joy (586-8641) or Betty (586-4357)

A Message from Mike:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3: 12-14; NIV)

God has chosen us, you and me, to be His hands and feet here on earth, an awesome responsibility to say the least. We are His children, we are His handiwork, and we are His delight. Therefore, as His representatives, Paul tells us to put on, as we put on our clothes, a robe of compassion for those around us. He says to dress ourselves in kindness and humility. And he urges us to wrap ourselves in gentleness and patience. We are to give these gifts first to our families, then to those in our congregation. And as we practice these virtues amongst ourselves, it will become a natural outpouring to those in our community. As we delight in watching one of our children perform acts of kindness we have taught them, so too will our Heavenly Father take delight in us as we practice these virtues among ourselves. Start this new year by clothing yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Tie all these together with love which will bind us with a perfect cord of unity. Now then, here is your challenge for the year: pick one person (or family) other than someone in your own family and make an agreement with God to show them all year long (in various ways) compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience on a regular basis. Remember who you represent.



Mike Morelan
Pastor of Congregational Care
"Care Delivered Unconditionally"
Matthew 25: 40
(If you'd like to help, call the office or Mike, 586-5792)

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:00am Worship 9-9:30am F ² 9:30am Worship 10:30-11am F ² 10:55am Worship 9:30am / 10:45am Sunday School 5-7pm Youth	4 7pm Admin Council Meeting	5 6:30am Men's Prayer B'fast 4:30pm Staff	6 7:00pm Choir	7 5:30-7pm Cub Scouts	8 10am-4pm Angel Food Orders	9
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24 8:00am Worship 9-9:30am F ² 9:30am Worship 10:30-11am F ² 10:55am Worship 9:30am / 10:45am Sunday School 5-7pm Youth	25	26 6:30am Men's Prayer B'fast 4:30pm Staff	27 5-5:30pm Meal 5:45-6:45 Classes 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SPRLT	28	29	30
31 8:00am Worship 9-9:30am F ² 9:30am Worship 10:30-11am F ² 10:55am Worship 9:30am / 10:45am Sunday School 5-7pm Youth 4:30pm Chili Cook-off & B-Team Angels						

Don't miss this 5th Sun event!
Men's Chili Cook-Off competition... Dig out your best recipe & be part of the fun. Women are asked to provide the desserts & encouragement for your favorite competitor.

Arab's own **B-Team Angels** will provide the program for the evening.

Plan now to be a part of this time of fun & fellowship!