

## Super Bowl Party!



February 1, 2009

Hey Y'all, Come out Sunday, February 1, and watch the **Super Bowl** projected in the youth room! We'll have pizza and snacks to eat. If you don't wanna watch...no worries...we'll have Wii, board games and plenty of time to hang out with friends. We'll turn on the pre-game at 5:30 p.m., and the game starts at 6:00 p.m. Bring your friends — we'll have a *blast!*



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That's right...D.U.C.K.'s has started on Thursdays at Paul Shafer's

house. Come hang out from 6:30-8 p.m.. play Wii, clean out Paul's fridge, eat cookie dough, ask questions...HAVE FUN! Questions? Call or text Elley Fisk at 859-802-8287, or email [elley.fisk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:elley.fisk@asburyseminary.edu).

## Sunday Night Youth Group

### Changes

There are some changes happening in our youth department on Sunday Nights:

1. **We are no longer having group dinners.** So, *please eat before you come!* We may have some snacks (like popcorn or cookies), but there is no meal.

2. **Meeting times are changing beginning February 8 to 6:00—8:00 p.m.!** You'll have time to eat dinner at home...and both Sunday and Wednesday night activities will be on the same night.



**F**inancial Peace University is a 13-week life changing program on personal finance. It provides practical tools designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt, and build wealth. All material is biblically based and taught, using an entertaining video by Dave Ramsey. If you are interested in taking this life changing class, please join us for a short program orientation and Q&A session, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 1 (Andover campus). The class is scheduled to meet on Sundays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (Andover), beginning February 15. A snack lunch will be provided. Child-care and partial scholarships are available. The class materials kit costs \$99 per family and includes the workbook, audio CDs of video lessons, an envelope system and other FPU materials. You may purchase kits at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) or turn in a check to the church by Sunday, February 8 for the group order/rate. For additional information, please contact Mark McDavid at 421-6451.



**T**his retreat will allow women to escape the pressures of home, work and daily life for a weekend of rejuvenation. It will be a great opportunity to develop friendships with other Christian women as we play games, talk, watch movies or go hiking.

Bring a favorite hobby or project that you don't have time for at home. We will go to Camp Loucon, departing Friday, February 20 and return Sunday, February 22.

The approximate cost for the weekend is \$65. Call Pam Gresbach at 388-9566 for information.



Sunday, January 25  
11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary

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11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary



Sunday, January 25  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Sermon: Say Yes to Tomorrow  
II Corinthians 4:1-18 (special attention to verses 16-18)

11:00 a.m., Offerings Worship Service  
Sunday, February 1  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary

1:00 a.m., Offerings Worship Service

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## Lenten Sermon Series: LOVING THE JESUS WAY

A Series Based Upon  
*I Corinthians 13* and exemplified  
in the Gospels



**Sunday, February 22**  
**LOVE:**  
I. The Essence of Life  
*I Corinthians 13*



**Lent #4**  
**Sunday, March 22**  
**LOVE:**  
VI. Doesn't Keep Score  
*Luke 11:32*



**Ash Wednesday,**  
**February 25**  
**LOVE:**  
II. The Jesus Creed  
*Mark 12:29-31*



**Lent #5**  
**Sunday, March 29**  
**LOVE:**  
VII. Does Not Dismiss  
Hurtful Behavior  
*Luke 17:3*



**Lent #1**  
**Sunday, March 1**  
**LOVE:**  
III. Walks in Another's  
Moccasins  
*Luke 7: 11-17*



**Palm Sunday**  
**April 5**  
**LOVE:**  
VIII. Looks for the Best in Others  
*Luke 5:1-11*



**Lent #2**  
**Sunday, March 8**  
**LOVE:**  
IV. Is Slow to be Defensive  
*Luke 6:20-26*



**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 9**  
**LOVE:**  
IX. Acts Like Love Acts  
*Luke 9:49-56*



**Lent #3**  
**Sunday, March 15**  
**LOVE:**  
V. Puts Others Before Oneself  
*Luke 22: 24-34*



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 12**  
**LOVE:**  
X. Doesn't Quit  
*Luke 22: 61 John 21:15-22*

## Paul's Perspective...

No matter what side of the political "aisle" you sit in, you had to have some sense of excitement in viewing the inauguration of President Barack Obama. No doubt it was an historic event as the first African-American became our 44<sup>th</sup> president. But the air of excitement was prevalent, too, because of the prospect and hope of change. To be candid, this always happens at some level every time a new president is sworn in, but it certainly comes in a time of critical need. I would only pray this spirit in our nation would be more than just Obama's honeymoon.

What had to catch all of our attention during the ceremonies was the emphasis placed upon prayer and faith in God. Doesn't it say something that at every point of crisis in our nation, whether it be a terrorist attack, a devastating natural disaster, or the challenges faced by a new administration taking over in a time of need, that there is always a resurgence and focus upon our need of God? And rightly so, no matter how much noise the skeptics will make. This nation was founded on Christian principles. As Patrick Henry ("Give me liberty or give me death") said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religions but on the gospel of Jesus Christ." And George Washington would say in his inauguration that "we must never forget that religion and morality are our indispensable support. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness."

I think of King Ahaz in 2 Chronicles 15. A prophet approached King Ahaz in time of national crisis and decline and said, "The LORD is with you when you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you." I do believe that the root of much of the problems we face as a nation is because we have forsaken God. We need more of God, not less (as many are trying to impose). God wants to help us, but we need to turn to Him.

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So I applaud the rhetoric and prospect of change. But change, in my mind, begins with turning back to those principles that made us great – an open acknowledgement and embrace of the God who loves His creation and when we seek Him, is always yet reaching out to us.

## Visitation Ministry

Rev. Brunstetter will now be making all visits to those in the hospital.

Rev. Nelson will visit those in the Andover congregation. Rev. Brunstetter will work with clergy and laypersons regarding visitation and care for our homebound.

The position of Pastor of Visitation, recently held by Rev. Dr. Billy Ray Jennings, will not be re-hired.

## God's Table is a Community Dinner

First Church offers *God's Table* for those without resources to have a healthy, hot meal—especially on bitterly cold nights. Join us by bringing a dish to share—we always need plenty of food each month. For more information, contact Kelly Svec, 277-6437 or [kabone30@yahoo.com](mailto:kabone30@yahoo.com).



Join us for a breakfast meeting and enjoy our guest speaker on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Andover Campus

We look forward to all of the men of the church, both downtown and Andover, coming for fellowship and getting to know your brothers in Christ better. Please notify the church office, 233-0545, or Jeff Miller, 273-7393, for reservations.

## 2009 Lenten Study and Small Groups

Our Lenten study this year will once again serve as a resource for eight weeks of small group meetings. If you have been wanting a way to grow in your spiritual walk and be in community with those who are seeking to do the same, this is a wonderful way to focus your heart as we journey through the Lenten season. "Loving the Jesus Way" will be online on our First Church web site ([www.1stumc.org](http://www.1stumc.org)) where you can download/print copies of each week's Bible readings, reflections and lessons. We will prepare printed copies of the studies upon request. Want to host a small group in your home? Want to participate in a small group? Email us at [1stumc@1stumc.org](mailto:1stumc@1stumc.org), or call 233-0545.



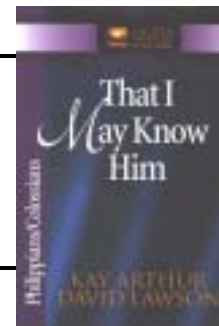
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## Rays of Light

Join the Rays of Light Sunday School Class in their study of *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, led by Steve McKinney. They meet on our lower level from 9:50-10:40 a.m. each Sunday in rooms 11-12. The class, which is made up of various ages, mid-20s through 50+, also has times of fellowship throughout the year. For more information, contact Rebecca Shaffer, 269-6057, or Kerry Graul, 421-5185.

## Weekday Bible Study

*That I May Know Him (Philippians)* Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., in room 111, downtown. Led by Colleen Stratton. All are welcome! Books are \$6. Call 233-0545 to sign up.



## Continuing Bible Study...

*Grand Sweep: From Genesis to Revelation in One Year*, Wednesdays from 6 - 7 p.m., in room 14, FUMC, downtown, and Sundays from 5 - 6 p.m., Andover, led by Todd Nelson. Sundays from 9:50 - 10:40 a.m., second floor, old parsonage, downtown, led by Marsha Berry.



Topical Discussion Group based on *The Shack* by William P. Young, moderated by Rev. Dr. Jim Stratton, 6 - 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through February 18 in the parlor (room 107), downtown. Books are \$9. Call 233-0545 to sign up.

## Building a Life in Christ: Making and Being Faithful Followers of Christ

6:00—7:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays through Feb 18  
In West chapel

## Administrative Council

Monday, January 26  
at 7:00 p.m.  
in West Chapel.



## The Prayer Action Team

The Prayer Action Team invites you to join us in prayer for the Administrative Council meeting.

We'll meet in the Upper Room, (second floor, room 2) at 6:30 p.m. on January 26 (prior to the council meeting.) Everyone is invited to come pray with us.

## Charge Conference

A brief Charge Conference for the purpose of setting pastoral salaries will be held Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. District Superintendent, Paige Williams, will preside.

## September Club - 55+...

A Civil War Story  
Saturday, January 24  
At 11:00 a.m.  
In Fellowship Hall  
Box Lunch: \$8.50

Old KY Chocolates Tour  
Monday, February 2  
10:00 a.m.

(bus leaves the church at 9:30 a.m.)  
Join us as we tour the Old KY Chocolates factory. Be at the church by 9:30 a.m. to board the bus. We'll arrive at the chocolate factory at 10 a.m. After we satisfy our sweet tooth, we'll have lunch at Good Foods Co-op. Please sign up in the gathering hall or call the church office at 233-0545. Bring your friends for a fun-filled day!

## In Memory Of...

Jeanette Campbell (Joyce McKinney's Mother) by David & Dale Muse

## Sympathy to...

Bill and Joyce McKinney and family on the death of her mother, Jeanette Campbell, January 2009.

Dr. Carolyn Purcell and family on the death of her mother, Helen Purcell, on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Linda and Jim Svec and family on the death of her grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth Vollmer on Tuesday, January 6, 2009.



Bob Wesley and Leigh Ann & Brent Tippey and family on the death of Bob's wife and Leigh Ann's mother, Betty Wesley, on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Barry and Scott Prince and family on the death of her father, William Brasington from South Carolina, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

## Make money... Make a Difference!

### Work on the 2010 Census!

First Church has received information about several thousand jobs that will be available in spring 2009 and in early 2010. Work up to 40 hours per week in a temporary, part-time job with the 2010 Census and enjoy good pay, flexible hours, mileage reimbursement, and a chance to serve your community. For more information about the job, the qualifications and the schedule, call 1-866-861-2010 or visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) (TTY Callers: Please use the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339).

