

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - August 03, 2009

The Pastor's Pen

The following are some church marquee one-liners. They were collected in a newspaper column called "Around Town" by a man named Don Lambert. I hope you find these interesting, thought-provoking, and humorous.

Many people want to serve God only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

God didn't create anything without purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find that God lives there.

Opportunity may knock once but temptation bangs on your door forever.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Quit complaining about your church. If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up a congregation - "And in conclusion."

To make a long story short, don't tell it.

Peace starts with a smile.

If your left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing, you should consider running for a job in Washington, D.C.

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

I don't know why some people change churches. What difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

**More next week,  
Bro. Jim**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FISH FRY**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, FROM 4 UNTIL 7 P.M.

\$10.00 PER MEAL (DRINK INCLUDED)

CLC BUILDING OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
212 WATERLOO STREET

TICKETS PRESOLD AT TASTE OF THE TOWN, CHURCH OFFICE OR  
HABITAT BOARD MEMBERS (ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR)

PLEASE SUPPORT LAWRENCE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
BUILDING HOUSES/BUILDING HOPE

FOR MORE INFO: 762-8185

**CHRISTIANS CONNECT**

Christians Connect will meet on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, following the 8:15 a.m. service. Please join us for snacks and fellowship in the Friends & Fellowship classroom. This month's gathering will be hosted by the Wesley class.

**CHURCHWIDE EVENT**

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the CLC, the Nurture, Membership and Education Committees are sponsoring the "Back to School Crazy Olympics" on the church lawn. Bring a team to compete or just show up and we will put you on a team. There will be events such as swimming, volleyball, wrestling, relays and more (plan on getting a little messy). Bring a covered side dish or dessert to go with our hotdogs and hamburgers. Call the church office at 762-3696 or email Alecia at: [youth91AThotmail.com](mailto:youth91AThotmail.com) to register your team today!

**PULASKI DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**MISSION EDUCATION EVENT**

**Please mark your calendars.** The Pulaski District UMW Mission Education event will be held at Coleman Memorial United Methodist Church on **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. The church office has registration forms for this event. **You must register by August 11. You do not have to be a member of the UMW to attend the study.**

**TENNESSEE CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT**

The church office has applications for the upcoming Tennessee Conference United Methodist Women Spiritual Life Retreat. This event will take place at Beersheba Springs Assembly Ground, September 11-13. Several ladies from First UMC are registered and planning to attend. If you would like an application, please come by the church office. The registration deadline is **August 15**.

**To My Child: Things I Can and Cannot Do**

I can share your life, but I cannot live it for you.

I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.

I can give you directions, but I cannot always lead you.

I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.

I can take you to worship, but I cannot make you believe.

I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot decide for you.

I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.

I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.

I can teach you to respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.

I can tell you the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.

I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.

I can teach you to obey, but I cannot answer for your actions.

I can warn about your sins, but I cannot make your morals.

I can love you as my child, but I cannot place you in God's family.

I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make him your Savior.

I can teach you about prayer, but I cannot make you pray.

I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life.

Author Unknown

**WITH ONE ANOTHER**

David Robertson

Freddie Mae Jackson  
Oscar and Agnes McCarter  
Bill Evans  
Scottie McMackin  
T. J. Moore  
Norman Marston  
Jean Cone  
Scott Dean  
Georgia Childress  
Brian Beller  
Robert White  
Flora Benson  
Lanny Hurst  
Aaron Kirby  
Jerry Moore  
Rob Nelson & Family  
Jim Weatherford  
Bill King  
Tom Stillwell

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE &  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING**

With school starting Wednesday, it is time to start thinking about our ministry for the fall. A meeting date has been set for Tuesday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. All members of the education team and children and youth Sunday school teachers are asked to attend, to go over classes, curriculum, schedules, Promotion Sunday and other items. Please send an email to Alecia if you CAN or CAN'T attend the meeting.

**UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The UMW Executive Committee will resume meeting on Tuesday, August 11, at 4:15 p.m.

**MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE**

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Brass Lantern for a Dutch treat dinner. Visitors are welcome to join this social.

**I Will Be Loyal  
To The United Methodist Church And  
Support It With: My Presence:  
Sunday, August 02, 2009**

8:15 a.m. Worship Attendance.....42  
Sunday school Attendance.....86  
10:30 a.m. Worship Attendance.....104

**My Service: Sunday, Aug. 09, 2009  
Acolytes: tba**

**Loaves and Fishes: Tues. & Thurs.**

**Tues. August 11**, Loulie Brown, Jean Grimsley, Anita Marston & Jerry Gibbs  
**Thurs. August 13**, Joan Cochran, Joyce Holmes, Martha Jo & Jerry Gibbs

**LOAVES & FISHES - JULY**

During the month of July, the Loaves and Fishes ministry served 146 families and 364 individuals. A total of \$1454. was given in donations.

**BIBLE TRIVIA**

