



J. Danny Doss, Minister of Family Care and Counseling

I met Jeff Spiller in July, 1976. We were both enrolled in Candler School of Theology at Emory University, slated to start in the fall and were introduced by our common mentor, Dr. Henry Roberts.

We arranged to be roommates in a house rented to Seminary students by Mrs. Duncan, the widow of a beloved physician in Atlanta. She rented the upstairs rooms and the basement rooms to students at a very reasonable rate.

Our room was about 10' by 16', and had a bunk bed, a desk, and two chairs. In the first week of our enrollment, I caught the worst virus I have ever had in my life, causing me to lose my thyroid gland and the pigment in my skin. And Jeffery (Tebow - Cam) Spiller, broke his arm while playing quarterback for the Seminary intramural team and for two weeks, we barely left the room. But it was a grand time of bonding, listening to the roaches crawl, laughing a lot, and talking theology, a subject in which we were both intensely interested.

It was there that Jeff's deep influence would begin in my life. His passion and concern for

leading people to Christ was powerful and contagious. It wasn't long before he traded up and got Norma for a much improved roommate. But his influence in my life didn't stop. In fact, it deepened with each passing year. For the next 25 years, I served churches in our conference.

When I accepted the Pastoral Counselor position at ChristUMC in 2001, I clearly saw that Jeff had and still has a tremendous influence in the lives of our congregation. However his influence does not stop here! It is quite evident in our community and in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. Through the years, his influence has spread to a national level while consulting pastors and congregations concerning new church development. His legacy will be clear. He has made, and is still making an difference.

Lately, I have become more and more attracted to the word influence. It is powerful! Now in our 32nd year as a church, I would like you to consider what would happen if every church member, following Jeff's example, purposefully tried to influence relationships and the world we encounter. What if we paid more attention to the

things that influence us in positive ways and then duplicated them for other people? Could we lead more people to Christ? Could we change the world? I bet we could! Jesus thought so as well.

If you read the New Testament with eyes looking for the ways that Jesus influence His world and the people in it, it is easy to see that Jesus was a person more interested in the means to the end, not the end in itself.

We tend to focus on the way things end, the results, with little regard to the process or means that take us there. 2012 is the year that some old prophecies predicted the world would end. But what if we made it the year of influence? As a pastor and counselor, I am TOTALLY convinced that if we are alert to the influence of influence, we can change this world in dramatic ways.

What influences you? How do you influence others? Will you be resolute in this coming year to make a positive influence? Please pray that God would reveal to us the answers to these questions. Happy New Year and may God bless you.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SANCTUARY :	CHRIST CENTER
TRADITIONAL :	NEWSONG
WORSHIP :	9:15 a.m.
8 a.m. & 10:40 a.m. :	& 10:40 a.m.
BLENDED WORSHIP :	
9:15 a.m. :	

“For you, a thousand years are as a passing day, as brief as a few night hours. You sweep people away like dreams that disappear. They are like grass that springs up in the morning. In the morning it blooms and flourishes, but by evening it is dry and withered. Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow wisdom.”

Psalm 90:4-6; 12 (NLT)



Jeff Spiller, Senior Pastor

It's difficult to believe that the year of 2012 is upon us! It seems just yesterday we were anxiously anticipating the year 2000 and now we're already twelve years into the 21st century. The Psalmist reminds us of the fleeting nature of life—that it all goes by very quickly. He encourages us to...“realize the brevity of life, so we may grow in wisdom!”

Are we wise enough to value each day as a gift? To not take our relationship with God and others for granted? Our Christ Church family really began the new year back on November 28—the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a series of significant commitments! We encouraged one another to commit our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as we entered 2012.

I invite you to dedicate this new year, 2012, to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let this be for all of us the “Year of the Disciple” or the “Year of the Follower” as we take steps of growth in our discipleship! May we show wisdom by growing deeper in our love for Christ and His Kingdom. May we show wisdom by reaching out to others with the love of Jesus. This is a world filled with troubles and fear, but that's the perfect opportunity for the goodness of Jesus! May God bless us, as we stay focused on Him!

In Christ,



COMMUNITY OUTREACH | The Voices of Hope | Sounds of Hope

By Ralph Gudeman, Worship Arts Minister & Glenn Redd, Director of Voices of Hope

In February 2011, the Sanctuary Choir of Christ UMC started a vocal group called Voices of Hope. The group's mission is to bring God's love and grace to residents in nursing and assisted living homes. Approximately twenty members volunteered for this important mission of the church. Many of the residents that we visit are lonely and frightened. Through Voices of Hope, we are able to bring not only laughter and peace, but we also make new friends!

Those of us in the group receive as much from the performances as the residents that we go to serve. Many of the residents have their own Bible but most are unable to read them due to failing eyesight. Through donations, we are able to present large print Bibles to the facilities we visit.

We are hoping that after reading this many of our fellow church members will join us in singing God's praise and help to share God's fellowship with the residents of these facilities. All of the music sang are well known and even if you can't carry a tune in a bucket, the residents of these facilities will appreciate you!

Sounds of Hope is the instrumental equivalent to Voices of Hope. For the last two Christmas seasons, Sounds of Hope has supported the Salvation Army Kettle Drive by playing Christmas carols outside of Wal-Mart. It has been proven that people donate more in the kettles when there is live entertainment.

For more information or to participate with these groups, please contact
Ralph Gudeman at ralph@christumcmobile.com

Staying
Connected with
THE ADULT MINISTRY

Marcia Jacobs, Adult Education Coordinator
marciaj@christumcmobile.com

NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Tabernacle | This study helps us to understand God yesterday, today and forever as we look at these three important principals . 1. Sin must be dealt with thoroughly 2. Worship is continuous 3. God will be treated as holy
BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | 8:00 a.m.
Led by Brenda Davis | Rm. A-207

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
You are not an accident. Even before you were born God had a plan for your life. His plan for you includes being part of God's family, serving, being in relationship with others and fulfilling your mission. Discover God's plan for you. A class for ladies only. **BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | 8:00 a.m. | Rm. A-206**

Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels
A class for those new to Christ Church. This study will equip and inspire you to walk across the room to offer compassion and inclusiveness to people who need a touch of God's love.
BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 9:15 a.m. | Rm. D-201

Take It To The Limit by Andy Stanley | Get more out of life by living within the parameters God has set for us. **BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | 9:15 a.m. | Rm. A-201**

When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box by John Ortberg | Learn about the game of life – what is important and what score really matters at the end. This class is for engaged and young married couples.
BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 9:15 a.m. | Rm. D-202

The Prayers of Jesus | This unique in-depth look at the prayers of Jesus will give you new insights into prayer, the character of God and how to deepen your relationship with Him
BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | 10:40 a.m. Rm. D-204 | Led by Matt Williams

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

James: Mercy Triumphs – a NEW study by Beth Moore | Know more about the man and the book. This study examines concepts such as joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for the rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above and many more. Books available for \$15 at first meeting with prior registration. This class is for women only. **BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 | Rm. A-209 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | Led by Joan Haig**

The Jewish Jesus | Discover the Jewish background to the life of Jesus. Learn how it can help us understand some of the most interesting and puzzling aspects of His earthly ministry. **BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 Rm. A-201 | 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Led by Jeremy Steele**

The Study of the Epistles of John

These three letters from John were written to encourage new believers to follow true teachings and be in fellowship with one another. Teaching that is just as relevant today.
BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 Rm. C-201 | 9:30 a.m | Led by Joyce Farr
BEGINS THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 Rm. A-207 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Led by Joyce Farr

MOM'S BIBLE STUDY - The Mission of Motherhood: Touching Your Child's Heart for Eternity by Sally Clarkson | No calling is greater, nobler, or more fulfilling than that of motherhood. Every day, as we nurture our children, mothers influence eternal destiny as no one else can. Tragically, today's culture minimizes the vital importance of a mother's role. By catching a vision of God's original design and allowing it to shape your life, you can rediscover the joy and fulfillment to be found in the strategic role to which God in all his wisdom has called you, for a purpose far greater than you can ever imagine. Books available at first class meeting at a cost of \$12.

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 Parlor | 9:30 a.m. | Led by Laura Steele

REGISTRATION INFO | Childcare available with prior registration. To register for childcare or a class contact Sonya at 251.706.3365 or sonya@christumcmobile.com

THE DANIEL PLAN | GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 | 5:45 P.M. | HOSPITALITY ROOM.

Don't you want to feel better, be stronger, think sharper, and look better a year from today? It's your choice! Don't wait any longer. The first step in the new changes you've always wanted to make in your life starts NOW! The Daniel Plan was designed by world medical authorities Dr. Mark Hyman, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mehmet Oz and the Saddleback Pastoral and Healthcare Ministries to educate participants and encourage them to obtain a healthy body, inside and out! Learn more about this unique small group experience. Create your own health profile. **The challenge is on! FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROSE FARNELL OR MARCIA JACOBS AT 251.342.0462 OR VISIT WWW.DANIELPLAN.COM**

All are invited and welcomed to participate in the classes above.
Please contact Sonya Carson at 251.342.0462 ext. 265 with questions.



We had a blast at the Hillbilly Christmas party! It was really an awesome night! We square danced, played hillbilly trivia, tested our stomachs with hillbilly "cuisine" and had a costume contest with all of our students and adults. We are looking forward to our Winter Retreat Friday, January 13 to Sunday, January 15. It is always a time of spiritual growth and renewal in the lives of our students and adults.



JANUARY

LINE UP

WINTER RETREAT PARENT MEETING

Sunday, January 8 | 4:00 p.m. | Room C-211

HANDS & FEET MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSIONS

Saturday, January 21
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Calling all middle schoolers!!! Come out and be the Hands & Feet of Christ. Leaving Christ UMC at 8:30 a.m. returning by 2:00 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch.

HIGH SCHOOL CHAOS SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, January 27 | 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | All high schoolers and their friends are invited. If you want to have a blast riding around town with your friends and trying to win the "HUNT" bring \$5 and meet us upstairs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BONFIRE & DANCE PARTY

Friday, January 27 | 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | Music--- Fire---Friends and s'mores and hot chocolate. What else could you ask for?

BOSTON BUTTS FOR SALE!

The youth will be selling Smoked Boston Butts to be picked up on Super Bowl weekend. The cost will be \$30 and will help send each youth to summer camps and mission trips. You can preorder from a teenager you know, at our table in the Christ Center, or online at www.christumcyouth.com/bostonbutts

Youth interested in selling boston butts can pick up their order form in the youth office or on top of the youth drop box.

SAVE THE DATE: MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN!
Friday, February 24 - Saturday, February 25

STAY CONNECTED WITH CUMC YOUTH

www.christumcyouth.com

Want to receive text messages?

Text message your name to

CUMC Youth at 251.209.7754





RECREATION MINISTRY

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ **January 16** | Registration for Spring Young Runners Club begins.
- ★ **January 18** | Daniel Plan meeting - 5:45 p.m. Visit www.danielplan.com for more info.
- ★ **January 29** | Basketball Celebration - 3:00 p.m.
- ★ **January 30** | Baseball Coaches Evaluation training meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- ★ **January 30** | Volleyball coaches Evaluation Training Meeting for coaches - 7:00 p.m.

CURRENT SPORT REGISTRATIONS

T-BALL | COACH PITCH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL | BOYS & GIRLS - Must be age 4 by March 1, 2012 & no older than 6th grade for girls, 4th grade for boys. **Fee:** \$65.00 through **February 4 Season:** February - March

678 VOLLEYBALL - Registration through February 3 | For girls in 6th, 7th & 8th grade.
Practices: Tuesdays | **Games:** Thursday
Tournament: March 27 & 29
Evaluations: Required and will be held Friday, February 3 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

YOUNG RUNNER'S CLUB - Registration from January 16 to March 27 | **Season:** March - May
Fee: \$30.00 | Ages K5 - 9th Grade

ADULT MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Registration fee: \$55.00
Practices: determined by coach
Games: Friday nights @ West Mobile Park

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for coaches for all leagues & team parents for T-ball/Coach Pitch, Young Runners Club and 678 Volleyball teams.

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."
 2 Corinthians 4:6

Steve Ellisor, Recreation Ministry

I hope the excitement of entering a New Year never leaves me. I love the season, the expectation, the chill in the air, and the chance to continue living the message of Christmas for another twelve months. God's gift to us was not a "one day" event. His message of hope, peace, love, and assurance is to be manifested through our words, deeds, and ministry year round! He made us! We are His people! Dedicate yourself this month to be a fresh messenger of an ageless theme. Feel the joy and pass it on!

For a big dose of joy and excitement, come on a Saturday this month and watch our CSports kids play basketball. Volunteer to give your testimony during a halftime! What a blessing! Call me at 706-3326.

YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION....

Is your New Year's Resolution to get fit? We can help! We have a fully equipped fitness room for all of your workout needs. Required Fitness Room orientations are given Monday - Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Working out in a gym not your thing? We have a walking track with a rubberized surface. 12 laps = 1 mile.

Also available are our fitness classes. Classes are instructor led. See below for a listing.

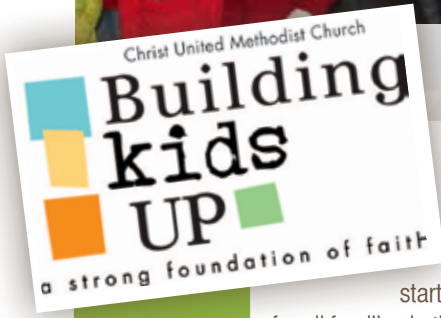


Come & start your program TODAY...

GET IN SHAPE WITH CUMC FITNESS

ZUMBA FITNESS	LOW IMPACT AEROBICS	CHRISTIAN YOGA	50+ AEROBICS	FITNESS CLASSES: \$5 for each class or \$25 for a six-class card. BEFORE YOU START: Orientation classes are offered Monday - Friday at 6:30 p.m. In order to use the Fitness Room you MUST attend an Orientation class.
Thursdays 5:30 p.m.	Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.	Mondays 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m.	Wednesdays 8:30 a.m.	

CHRIST CENTER HOURS: Monday - Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. | For available gym times, call the Recreation Desk at 251.706.3326 | For additional Recreation information, please visit: cumc-sports.com



THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY SEASON

Pastor Jack Keefe

What a busy, but awesome holiday season for the Children's Ministry! We started the season with a Thanksgiving Potluck for all families in the Children's Ministry and Church. More than 125 people attended the dinner, which was filled with delicious turkey, macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, pumpkin pie and so much more! This was the best year thus far for the annual event.

In December, national recording artist Yancy helped us kick off the Christmas Season. Families were rocking in the Christ Center Gym to Yancy's arrangements of classic and original

Christmas songs. There was also a special performance with Yancy and children within the Wednesday Creative Ministry Team! It was such a treat to have Yancy share her ministry with us this Christmas Season.

The Creative Ministry Team and Puppet Team also enjoyed performances before the Circuit Riders Country Christmas Concert in December, and during the Family Christmas Eve Communion Service. We are so pleased with all the Children's Ministry did in 2011, and we are looking forward to an exciting 2012!

JANUARY DATES

Friday, January 6 | PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Let us watch your kids while you enjoy an evening out! Cost is \$10 per child. PNO is open to infants - 5th graders. Please remember to send a snack and drink with your child as dinner will not be offered.

Wednesday, January 11 | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

ACTIVITIES resumes | Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m., Worship - 6:30 Creative Ministries - 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11 – May 2 | DIVORCE CARE FOR

KIDS | Are your children angry, hurt and confused about your divorce? Led by Julia Williams, LPC., DC4K is a Christ-centered program designed to help your child heal from the pain caused by separation and divorce. K5 - 5th grade | Christ Center Room 201 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 20 | FAMILY NIGHT: INFLATABLE PARTY

6:00 p.m. | We will have a 30-foot obstacle course and a 22-foot slide available for your kids to let all their energy out! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School | June 18 – 22,

2012 | "Babylon, Daniel's Courage in Captivity" The Children's Ministry is getting ready for another great week of Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Pastor Jack know.

New Births in the Church Family
CONGRATULATIONS TO

Cullan and Nicolette Duke
on the birth of their son Silas Rhodes Duke.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STAFF

- Jack Keefe, Minister - jack@christumcmobile.com
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STAY CONNECTED WITH US

- CUMCchildren
- CUMCKidz
- CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

Sign up for our E-NEWS via our website.

CHRISTUMCCHILDREN.COM

COLLEGE MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE: The college group will be going on a weekend mission trip to Tuskegee, AL on Friday, February 24 - Sunday, February 26. The total cost is \$55 with a \$30 deposit due by Sunday, January 22, and the remaining \$25 due on the day of departure.

Weekly Options

SUNDAYS @ 9:15 a.m.

Bible and topic studies
Christ Center Rm 221/223

MONDAYS @ 7:00 p.m.

A small group Bible study
Christ Center.

MONDAYS @ 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship with free food & a discussion-type devotion
Paul Shorosh's home: 6100 MacArthur Court South
Dinner served 6:30 p.m. | Devo at 7:30 p.m.



SINGLES CLASSES | All ages welcome | Classes meet in Christ Center Assembly Area | **SINGLES EVENTS** | Unless otherwise specified all singles events meet UPSTAIRS in Christ Center Assembly Area.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
C.R.O.S.S. POTLUCK**

Fellowship & concert featuring the Christian Band "Malachi" 7:00 p.m. | St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Ocean Springs, Ms. | Please bring at least (1) food item for "Backpack Buddies"

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
LUNCH AT SAN MIGUEL'S**

After 10:40 a.m. services

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
SINGLES DANCE**

Fellowship Hall | 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks & sodas to share. For admission bring canned items for our Lifegate Ministry.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
GAME NIGHT**

CCAA | 6:00 p.m. Bring snacks & sodas to share. Contact Dean Mills at 251.689.6646

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
SINGLES POTLUCK**

11:40 a.m. | Hospitality Room
Bring sides and desserts to share.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Singles serve dinner for Mckemie Place | Contact Sandy Page 251.377.0690

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
SINGLES USHER IN
NEWSONG** | 10:40 a.m.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SINGLES MINISTRY: Contact Sonya Carson at ext. 265



Pick up a
Singles newsletter:
"SAM SAYS"

CHRISTUMCMOBILE.COM/SINGLES

Questions

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Next Generation Minister
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Connect with
us here

 Christumcmobile.com/college



IS TODAY KINDERMUSIK DAY?

Young children around the world are asking that very question every day. That's because Kindermusik children can't wait to sing, move, explore, play, express, create and simply experience the incredible power of music.

**That's why 99% of Kindermusik parents
would recommend it to other parents.**

When it comes to choosing your child's activities, the options seem endless. One choice provides more ways for your child to grow and thrive than any other: Kindermusik.

Kindermusik offers classes for children from birth through 7 years and their families. Each class is specifically geared to develop the musical skills of singing, listening, and rhythm in an age appropriate manner with parental involvement, all within a nurturing environment that actively fosters your child's development in language skills, literacy, listening, problem solving, social skills, self-esteem, and musicality.

Register now for classes beginning January 17
Call Pat Bates ext. 236 or online at
Kindermusikatchristunited.com

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Tim & Kim Credeur
Joined Sunday, October 10, 2011



Matt & Maggie Coker
Joined Sunday, October 30, 2011



Jason, Michelle and Lucas Nowak
Joined Sunday, October 30, 2011



Jack & Jean Campbell
Joined Sunday, November 6, 2011



Barbara Miller
Joined Sunday, November 6, 2011



Chuck Miller
Joined Sunday, November 6, 2011



Samantha & Renae Lee
Joined Sunday, November 13, 2011

Not Pictured
Arthur & Alina Soaring Hawk
Brianna Santallana,
Naki Soaring Hawk &
Denzhone Soaring Hawk
Joined Sunday, November 20, 2011

Not Pictured
Linda Taylor
Joined Sunday, November 27, 2011

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TAPESTRY 2012 WEAVING THE TRENDS OF LIFE THROUGH LOVE IN ACTION

The Speaker: Reverend Anita Brown

Anita Brown has been a pastor in the United Methodist Church since 2007. She has experience speaking, singing, storytelling and clowning in many settings including church worship services, women's events, revivals, and Bible schools. Her desire is to honor Christ and present Him to others in whatever way God calls. Anita resides in Ariton, Alabama where she currently assists her husband in his pastoral appointment at Pleasant Ridge UMC and Ariton UMC. She also works part time as an administrative assistant with SunSouth, LLC in Abbeville. She is continuing her studies through the United Methodist Course of Study for Local Pastors. Anita grew up in Abbeville, Alabama. She and her husband Greg have been married 25 years and have been involved in various forms of ministry throughout their marriage. They have two sons, Bruce and Zack. She enjoys reading, music, storytelling, and spending time with her family.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, February 24 | Opening Ceremony at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 25 | Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. | Conference begins at 8:30 a.m.

An event of Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women hosted by Mobile District UMW
For more information contact Debbie Bell, UMW President 251.649.4772 or mawbel36575@yahoo.com

*Our thoughts
& prayers
are with...*



- Deans Mills and family in the death of his mother Lucy Mills
- Bettye Flowers and family in the death of her mother-in-law Helen Flowers
- Gary Gable and family in the death of his mother Ruby Gable
- RheeAnn Hillis and family in the death of her mother Myrle Bjourklund
- Pam Westcott and family in the death of her mother Lucille Bell
- Wayne Beatty and family in the death of his sister Nancy Smith
- Jenea Delmas and family in the death of her mother Glendyne Parnell
- Jennifer McCrary and family in the death of her uncle Henry Fulcher
- Joe Black and family in the death of his nephew Van Higginbotham
- Jim Patrick and family in the death of his uncle Robert Hunchack
- Amy Doyle and family in the death of her mother Mary Ellen Fails
- Billy Daniels and family in the death of his brother Harold Daniels
- Joann Henderson and family in the death of her husband Bill Henderson
- Carolyn Howard and family in the death of her husband Charles Howard
- Marilyn Still and family in the death of her cousin BJ Bartee



A Christ-centered 12 step program for life's hurts, hang-ups and habits. Recovery is a journey you don't have to travel alone.

**Every Thursday
6:30 p.m. Building F**

For more information, contact Donna Alexander at donna@christumcmobile.com or ext. 225 or visit christumcmobile.com/celebraterecovery.



THE STEPHEN MINISTRY CAN HELP

Did you ever want to talk to someone, but felt no one really wanted to listen? Stephen Ministers are trained to listen well. They will listen to you and respond lovingly and non judgmentally. They are not there to tell you what you should or should not do. If you need someone who will really listen to you as you work through a problem, you may want to consider a Stephen Minister.

For more information contact Donna Alexander at donna@christumcmobile.com, or ext. 225 for more information.



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6:30 p.m.
Christ Center, Room 221**

Divorce Hurts - Find Help at DivorceCare.

Child care provided for ages 10 & under.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

**Thursday, January 19
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Across from Recreation Desk

Provided by Susie Ollhoff,
Christ UMC Health Care Ministry.



MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Meetings every 2nd Monday of the month

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Room E - 245

Please join us for cancer education, faithful testimony, information/referral and prayer.

Contact Ann Underwood at 251.639.9827
for more information.

For child care, contact Kim Pratt at
kim@christumcmobile.com or 251.706.3331

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
 Sunday Connection - All Ages
 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Library open
 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
 NewSong Worship Service
 Children Connection
 9:16 Youth Worship
 Adult Connection
 Singles Connection
 College Connection
 10:40 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
 NewSong Worship Service
 Adult Connection
 Singles Connection
 Children's Worship
 2:30 p.m. Youth Ringers
 3:45 p.m. Youth Singers
 5:00 p.m. Preschool & Children's choir
 Youth Meetings
 5:30 p.m. Men's Ensemble
 6:00 p.m. Living Sound
 6:15 p.m. Renaissance

MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Lifegate

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Library open
 6:45 p.m. Exaltation Ringers
 6:30 p.m. GAP (off campus)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Lifegate
 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Youth Re:Fuel
 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care for Kids
 Singles Bible Study
 Youth Bible Study
 Sanctuary Choir
 Adult Classes

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Library open
 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery
 12:00 p.m. Job Seekers

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Preschool
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Mom's Day Out

JOHN WESLEY, THE GREAT METHODIST

England of the early eighteenth century was a bleak place to be, a country riddled with crime and hopelessness, an isle ripe for spiritual revival. Enter John Wesley, the son of an Anglican clergyman, a man whose own spiritual doubts had recently been vanquished by a startling revelation. The founder of what would become the Methodist Church, the man who would ride over a quarter of a million miles on horseback, who would preach over 40,000 sermons to often jeering crowds, had been convicted of this simple truth: salvation is by grace through faith, John Wesley's hope of salvation – his faith in Christ – would become a light in the darkness, a spark that would kindle a fire in the hearts of millions for generations to come.

(from John Wesley, The Great Methodist)

Want to know more about John Wesley who founded the Methodist Church? These resources are available in the Lighthouse Library:

- ✓ *Reasonable Enthusiast: John Wesley & the Rise of Methodism* by Henry Rack
- ✓ *John Wesley and the Methodists* by Cyril Davey
- ✓ *John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology*
- ✓ *John Wesley: Founder of the Methodist Church* by Sam Wellman
- ✓ *John Wesley, The Great Methodist* from the *Heroes of the Faith* series.
- ✓ Also an award winning movie length DVD - Wesley

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Location: The Music Hallway Building B. A convenient drop box is located in the hallway just outside the Library.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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 Lighthouse Library



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	CHURCH OFFICE & CHRIST CENTER GYM CLOSED		6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir starts back		7:00 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Potluck 5:30 p.m. Parents' Night Out	
				3RD - 5TH GRADE WINTER RETREAT		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
4:00 p.m. Youth Parents Winter Retreat meeting 4:00 p.m. Starting Point	6:30 p.m. Christian Cancer Support	5:45 p.m. Bells and Children Choir starts back	Children's Wednesday night activities start back		7:00 p.m. Singles Dance	
				YOUTH WINTER RETREAT		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Women's Conference Registration begins	Registration for Spring Young Runners Club 6:30 p.m. Christian Cancer Support Group	Kindermusik starts back	5:45 p.m. The Daniel Plan Info meeting	8:00 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Check		8:30 a.m. Middle School Mission Day Trip
					6:30 p.m. Children's Family night: Inflatable Party	6:00 p.m. Singles Game Night
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11:40 a.m. Singles Potluck					7:00 p.m. Middle school Bonfire and Dance 7:00 p.m. High School Chaos Scavenger Hunt	
29	30	31				
10:40 a.m. Singles Usher in NewSong 3:00 p.m. Basketball Celebration	6:00 p.m. Coaches Baseball Evaluation Training meeting 7:00 p.m. Coaches Volleyball Evaluation Training meeting					

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Thursdays
12:00 p.m.
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NETWORK

GAP

WHAT IS GAP? It's a casual Bible study group for unmarried graduates and professional men and women, ages 23 - 35. The focus is on learning from the Bible, as well as modern day authors on how to grow in our relationship with God and His people.

TUESDAYS
6:30 p.m. | Snack supper

LOCATION
Home of Jim & Amy Mitchell
6724 Candlelight Court
Lampighter Woods Subdivision
off of Grelot Road

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Starting Point

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
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- \$35 - Early Bird Registration (by February 19)
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