

Christ United Methodist Church

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Newsletter

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**April 3, 2007
Pastor**

Tim B. Bracken,

Jesus

We, who have grown up in the church, often times take who Jesus is and what He has done for granted. It is easy to forget that Jesus is the single most important figure in the history of the world, and we do not even realize how central He is to the western way of life. He is the central figure behind civil rights, women's rights, advancement in science and mathematics and a whole host of other areas that have influenced our way of life. How unfortunate and sad it is that we who are His followers take Him for granted. The secular world may not know who He really is, but they sure do talk a lot about Him. I find it interesting that the name Jesus has become an expletive, but the name of Buddha or Mohammed has not. Could it be that somewhere in the back of people's mind that only Jesus and not Buddha or Mohammed is real, and there is no real reason to use a 'fake' god to utter damnation on a person, thing or situation.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus is real! He is alive, and He is present! Let us so order our lives that all people may know that He is the man, and it is Jesus whom we follow!

Your fellow servant,
Tim B. Bracken

STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 26, 2007

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	12
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	102
Sunday School	59
Evening Worship	10
OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED	\$ 1,309.24
By Mail & Other	30.00
Sunday School	41.24
Morning Worship	1,238.00
OTHER RECEIPTS	\$ 765.00
Memorial Fund	135.00
Conference Askings	450.00
Rebekah Simmerman	50.00
His Kids	100.00
Christian Literature	20.00
Mission Trip	10.00
TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED	\$ 2,074.24

STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 1, 2007

10:30 a.m. Worship Service	124
Sunday School	57
OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED	\$ 4,925.00
By Mail & Other	350.00
Sunday School	33.00
Morning Worship	4,542.00
OTHER RECEIPTS	\$ 678.00
Memorial Fund	155.00
Conference Askings	300.00
District Askings	50.00
Africa Hunger	50.00
Prepare a Place	25.00
Rebekah Simmerman	50.00
Mission Trip	48.00
TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED	\$ 5,603.00

Children's Ministry Meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Don't forget to bring your fresh-cut flowers on Resurrection Sunday for our Living Cross!

MEMORIALS

Lu Meade
Joyce Blount
Glenn & Shirley Eddington
Phil & Pam Gentry
Tom & June Haman
Charles & Eva Grey Hutchins
Freddie & Lollie Lamb
Mac & Carolyn McCarson
Lucille H. Paris
Josephine Seaver
The Action Group

Margaret Stoebe
Lucille H. Paris

William Stoebe
Ray & Jean Adams
Joyce Blount
Christ United Methodist Church
Charles & Eva Grey Hutchins
Bobby & Margaret Kirk
Freddie & Lollie Lamb
Mack & Flo Mitchell
Lucille H. Paris
Josephine Seaver
The Action Group
The United Methodist Women

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

Christian sympathies are extended to Bob Stoebe in the death of his father, William Stoebe.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

We welcome our newest member, Betty Ann Jones. She united with us on Sunday, April 1.

Resurrection Sunday Schedule (April 8)

7:15 a.m. Sunrise Service (at the church)

Breakfast following Sunrise Service (in the fellowship hall)

9:20 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

(No Evening Activities)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENU

April

- 11 - BBQ on bun, baked beans, slaw & dessert
- 18 - chicken fingers, corn, green beans, rolls & dessert
- 25 - meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, rolls & dessert

INSPIRATIONAL GROUP

The Inspirational Group will meet Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. Please meet at the home of Martha Waddell.

J.O.Y. Group (55 & over)

On Saturday, April 14, we will be getting together at the Caney Branch Restaurant on the Newport Hwy. (Rt. 321), at 6 p.m. They have a buffet or you can order from the menu.

It is located 2 miles past the Nolichucky River 'Love Bridge', on the right (by the Caney Branch Vol. Fire Dept.) If you can pick up 2-3 riders at the church, let Joan know.

GIFT TEA

There will be a Gift Tea for Abby Miles on Sunday, April 15, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU

We want to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all of you who conveyed your condolences via a personal expression, card, visit, phone call, flowers, memorials, and most of all your prayers prior to and following Dad's death.

Bob & Ann Stoebe

PRAYER USHER TRAINING

Prayer Usher Training will be held on April 15, 22 & 29 at 4:00 p.m. each Sunday (you need to attend all three). This training is for all current Prayer Ushers, as well as anyone else who is interested in becoming a Prayer Usher. If you think you might be interested, but aren't sure what being a Prayer Usher involves, please come to the first meeting to find out more, or talk to a current Prayer Usher for more information.

ACTION GROUP

Tuesday, April 17 - 9:00 a.m.
(Please meet at the church.)

FOOD BANK

They are still running low on canned meats (such as Spam) and fish; in addition to dry milk, canned fruit, peanut butter, crackers and cold cereal. They also go through a lot of Kool-Aid and juice. For your convenience, we have a Food Bank basket on the floor, across from the church office.

Yard Sale Fundraiser for Mission Trip

There will be a Yard Sale for the Mission Trip on April 20 & 21. You can now start bringing your donated yard sale items. You need to drop them off downstairs, bottom floor in the drama room. I will put a sign outside of the door titled, "Yard Sale", so you will not get confused on which room. I stress that you do not leave any yard sale items anywhere else in the church. If you need to get in the bottom door and do not have a key, go through the top of the church and go to the bottom and put a rock to block the bottom door from closing shut. Then, proceed to bring your items in to the drama room. All proceeds will go to the Alaskan Mission Trip. Thank you for your donated items and pray we sell a lot of stuff!

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GRADUATE SUNDAY

Our Graduate Sunday will be April 29. The graduates that we have listed are Hayley Gregg, Joslin Ellis, Josh Gregg & Abby Miles. If you know of any other graduates, please contact Amy Thomas or the church office as soon as possible.

ALASKA 2007

Final plans are underway for our Mission Trip to Alaska. The group has been set, and we are sending 19 folks from our church to help Fran Lynch. It will be an exciting time for the group, and they are looking forward to this opportunity to serve and work. We have a couple of fundraisers coming up, and we need your help in these. You will find other articles concerning those. At present, our financial need is \$23,000. I realize that is a lot of money. We have in hand a little over \$7,000, and so we are a third of the way to our goal. We desperately need your help. Please make plans now to help us out financially as best you can. You can give through the offering each Sunday or you can personally give to Vicki or Kellie, and we will make sure you are credited with that donation. Thanks in advance for your help. Remember, we go as a representation of Christ UMC, and so your prayers and finances are most important as we rally together as one to make this trip. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk with Vicki or Kellie.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The date is set for Saturday, May 5. We will begin serving at 6:00 p.m. The men of the church will once again be providing the food and service. It will certainly be good. Our speaker will be Amy Harrison.

She is a local who works at Greeneville Federal Bank. You won't want to miss her message and her beautiful voice as she will be singing for us as well. Cost is \$8 (adults), \$5 (ages 6-11), Free (5 & under).

Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, May 1. Please make every effort to get me your number by that date. See me after church or call Susan at the office to make your reservation. This promises to be the best Mother/Daughter Banquet yet!!

Kellie