

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 1**  
**Happy New Year**

**January 2**  
**Epiphany Sunday**

**NO FIRST MONDAY IN  
JANUARY! SEE YOU IN  
FEBRUARY**

**January 5**  
**10:00 a.m. F.L.O.W.**

**January 6**  
**10:00 a.m. Friendship/Day  
Circle UMW**

**January 7**  
**7:00 p.m. Joy/Peace  
Circle UMW**

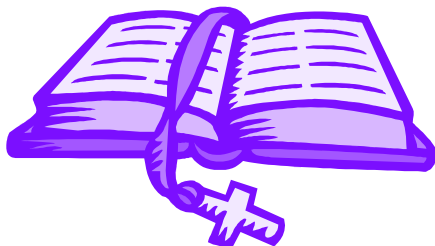
**January 12**  
**5:15 p.m.**  
**Wonderful Wednesday  
Resumes**

**January 18**  
**Last day to order  
Angel Food for January**

**January 22**  
**Angel Food  
Pick up**

**January 30**  
**10:30 a.m. A New Song  
International from Chili &  
Romania**

## THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR!



When I was in seminary one of my professors of preaching, Dr. Fred Craddock, said he had done a study of some of the great “biblical preachers” of the twentieth century. In this study, Dr. Craddock discovered that most of the sermons he read from the great biblical preachers drew their sermon text from the four gospels. He then asked us this question:

“How can you ever become a great biblical preacher if most of your sermons come only from the gospels and not from the other books of the Bible?”

Unknown to Dr. Craddock, his question became a challenge to me. That question has resonated in my heart and mind throughout my ministry. In preaching through the three year lectionary, we preachers have the choice of four texts for each Sunday. I have tried to be sensitive to Dr. Craddock’s challenge and faithful to all scripture in choosing readings from the Old Testament, Psalms or one of the Epistles when choosing the text for my sermons. However, if not careful, it’s easy to be drawn to the gospels.

While I preach mostly from the Common Lectionary, I plan to deviate from this in 2011. I will begin the first Sunday in the New Year preaching from Genesis and conclude with the last Sunday of the year preaching from the book of Revelation. Preaching through the Bible in a year creates another set of challenges. First, there are fifty-two Sundays and sixty-six books of the Bible. One could make up the difference by using related text from two different books on fourteen (14) Sundays throughout the year. But on the other hand, I’ll be out some Sundays on vacation. At any rate, I’ll work to cover most of the books over the course of 2011. Another challenge presented by preaching through the Bible in a year is what to do with special days and seasons like Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. It may be on these Sundays I’ll use two texts for my sermon. Again, with some work, I believe this challenge can be met.

In addition to preaching through the Bible next year, I want to encourage you to read through the Bible next year as well. Daily Bible reading will be listed in the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. For those who would like to take Bible Study a step further, on the nights we have our Wonderful Wednesday suppers, Ellsworth Kalas’ Bible Study Guide *The Grand Sweep: 365 Days From Genesis Through Revelation* will be used for the adult Bible Study following dinner from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. There are two guide books available for this study. One is “A Bible Study for Individuals and Groups” (\$12.00) and “Daily Response Book” (\$15.00). I know you can do the math, both books are \$27.00 if you would like to have both the guide and response book. If you would like to have one or both of these books they are available in the church office. These books are not required to attend the Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study.

I wish you a happy and blessed New Year and look forward to journeying through the Bible with you in 2011.

Calvin

# We Welcome Tyler Flowers

We welcome Tyler Flowers to our church and staff as the new Youth Director. Tyler and Jennifer have been married since August 21, 2010. He has a Bachelor of Arts from GA College and State University in Milledgeville in Mass Communication with emphasis on TV Broadcasting. He and Jennifer have just moved back to North Georgia from New York where Tyler worked in Television.

Jennifer attended Young Harris for 2 years and then transferred to UGA. Upon graduating from UGA, she attended Vermont Law School and has her Master's in Environmental Law Policy.

Tyler's home church is Prospect UMC in Covington, GA . He says that his biggest passion is film making and he plans to incorporate it into his ministry.

Tyler and Jennifer are currently living in Dacula, GA but plan to move to the Gainesville area after the first of the year. Please welcome Tyler and Jennifer to our congregation and to our staff.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee had offered the position of Director of Children's Ministries to a person who had applied. However, that person had to decline due to a recent surgery, saying that the recuperation was taking longer than expected. She needed to concentrate on getting well. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be conducting interviews in early January and hope to have someone in place by February 1, 2011. Please keep them in your prayers.

## READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - VERSES FOR JANUARY 2011

1. Genesis 1 and Psalm 1 & 2
2. Genesis 2 and Psalm 3 & 4
3. Genesis 3 & 4 and Psalm 5 & 6
4. Genesis 5 & 6 and Psalm 7
5. Genesis 7 & 8 and Psalm 8
6. Genesis 9,10,11 and Psalm 9
7. Genesis 12 & 13 and Psalm 10
8. Genesis 14 & 15 and Psalm 11
9. Genesis 16 & 17 and Psalm 12
10. Genesis 18 & 19 and Psalm 13 & 14
11. Genesis 20 & 21 and Psalm 15
12. Genesis 22 & 23 and Psalm 16
13. Genesis 24 & 25 and Psalm 17 & 18
14. Genesis 26 & 27 and Psalm 19
15. Genesis 28, 29, 30
16. Genesis 31,32,33
17. Genesis 34, 35, 36 and Psalm 20
18. Genesis 37 & 38 and Psalm 21
19. Genesis 39 & 40 and Psalm 22
20. Genesis 41 & 42 and Psalm 23 & 24
21. Genesis 43, 44, 45
22. Genesis 46, 47, 48
23. Genesis 49 & 50 and Psalm 25
24. Exodus 1 & 2 and Psalm 26 & 27
25. Exodus 3 & 4 and Psalm 28
26. Exodus 5, 6, 7
27. Exodus 8, 9, 10 and Psalm 29
28. Exodus 11 & 12 and Psalm 30
29. Exodus 13, 14, 15
30. Exodus 16, 17, 18
31. Exodus 19 & 20 and Psalm 31 & 32



Please pray for . . .

For loved ones on our prayer list.

The elderly, the homeless, the lonely, the depressed, those without Jesus in their lives.

Our Nation and our President

Our Military troops especially in Afghanistan.

Revival in the United States!

Our Church

# Gainesville District Training Event

January 9, 2011 | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Gainesville First UMC

## Session One

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Everything Wesley - Part 1    | Rev. John Beyers                 |
| 2. The Problem with Evangelism   | Jerry Kiser                      |
| 3. Worship Without Barriers      | Rev. Tommy Jameson & Eva Jameson |
| 4. United Methodist Women        | Marviene Brand & Edna Brescia    |
| 5. Missions Near and Far         | Robert Rylee                     |
| 6. Latino Ministry               | Rev. Ramirez-Salazar             |
| 7. Nuts and Bolts of Stewardship | Rev. Steve Winter                |
| 8. Church Security               | Officer S. Wilbanks              |
| 9. Chairperson Bootcamp          | Rev. James Gwin                  |
| 10. Hospitality                  | Bev Manson                       |

## Session Two

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Everything Wesley - Part 2                         | Rev. John Beyers                 |
| 2. The Problem with Evangelism                        | Jerry Kiser                      |
| 3. Worship Without Barriers                           | Rev. Tommy Jameson & Eva Jameson |
| 4. End of Year Reports                                | Rev. Darris Baker                |
| 5. Staff/Parish Relations Training                    | Dr. Gerald Thurman               |
| 6. Latino Ministry                                    | Rev. Ramirez-Salazar             |
| 7. Difference Worship CAN Make                        | Rev. Terry Walton                |
| 8. Ministering to Special Needs Families and Children | Rev. David Glover                |
| 9. Chairperson Bootcamp                               | Rev. James Gwin                  |
| 10. Hospitality                                       | Bev Manson                       |

## YOUTH NEWS



The Youth enjoyed a great evening of babysitting for St Paul parents and serving pizza to the

children as they enjoyed games and activities. All this was followed by the Youth Group's annual lock-in. We had a good turn out with 9 kids coming to the church while their parents shopped or just had a date night. The Youth lock-in, hosted by our new Youth Director, Tyler Flowers, with capable help from Kate Castner and Barb Cely, hosted 14 kids. As usual, they played 'Underground Church' and loved it and I hear that they even slept some!!

The Youth are off for the next week due to the holidays, so be ready to jump back into the swing of things on January 12, 2011 when Wonderful Wednesday's resume and on January 9 when Youth Group will resume.

### Bible Verses for the New Year

- **New Birth - A Living Hope - 1 Peter 1:3** "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
- **Hope for the Future - Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."
- **A New Creation - 2 Corinthians 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

# MEMBERS IN MINISTRY CLASSIFIEDS

## First Monday Café

The next First Monday Café is February 7, 2011  
11:00 - 1:00

## SOFT DRINK TABS

We're still collecting them so keep them coming!!!

## ANGEL FOOD

Deadline for ordering Angel Food Boxes for January is Tuesday, January 18 before noon. Pick up is that following Saturday, January 22 between 8 & 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Menus are available in the Narthex or online at [angelfoodministries.com](http://angelfoodministries.com)

**Gulf Coast Mission Trip** has been scheduled for the first week of January 2011. The

group will be working on Hurricane Katrina houses. This trip is open to men and women. If you are interested or need more information please contact Don Wright at 404-580-8938 or the church office.

## PRAYER GROUP

St. Paul UMC's Prayer Group meets every Wednesday that we have Wonderful Wednesdays, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. *"Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard*

*your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*  
*Philippians 4:6-7*

## CHURCH WIDE COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

January 30 immediately following the performance by the Chilean Choir, we will have a church wide covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The Church will provide the meat and drinks so make your favorite side dish and/or dessert and stay for an afternoon of great fellowship.

**A NEW SONG-INTERNATIONAL** will be with us on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at the 10:30 Worship Service. This is a fifth Sunday and

a one Service Sunday where both those who normally worship at 8:30 am and 11:00 am worship together. The Hispanic congregation has also been invited to worship with us on that Sunday. This should be a great time of worship as we all come together. A New Song-International is made up of eight singers from Chile and Romania. In addition to them, there are about 4 support personnel. We need housing for these 12 people for Saturday, January 29. If you can help, please call the church office at 770-532-2977. A covered-dish luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

*Return Service Requested*

## NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

**Holy Father, God** of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows. We praise You for Your unequalled greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them. To teach others to love by loving them. Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us. So that Love could be with us, and we could know You. That we could share Love with others. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children. Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better and better. We rejoice in the would You loved into being. Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day. We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others. Forgive us for falling short this past year. We leave the irreparable past in Your hands, and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us. We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want. I say it again, we rejoice!! In Jesus name, Amen

## CHURCH STAFF

*Pastor - Calvin Haney  
Choir Master - Tim Gale  
Accompanist - Terry Sapp  
Youth Director - Tyler Flowers  
Administrative Secretary - Susan Page  
Financial Secretary - Frances Steedley  
Hospitality - Rexann Hulsey*