



## *The Messenger*

Sandersville United Methodist Church

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For two thousand years, Christians have been discussing what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We have argued and debated, agreed and disagreed, and meditated on what being a follower of Jesus entails. Christians can come in many shapes and sizes, and what we believe can be quite varied and subjective.

I have talked a great deal lately in sermons about how our faith should manifest in the lives we live. I preached a sermon series on starting with who we are and making goals to become who God wants us to be. Christians are people of action, and God calls us to do the good work that must be done. We are followers of Jesus, and we are the hands and feet of Christ.

We have an opportunity to do some good work. Our multi-generational mission trip is set to depart Sunday, April 1, and return Wednesday, April 4. We are heading to eastern Tennessee, and we will be doing home repair for residents of that area. Please talk to Matt V. or me if you are interested. Sign-up sheets are posted around the church. This trip is a great chance for us to get out of our comfort zone and take care of some people in need of God's love.

I hope you can join us.

Blessing to you,

Joe

# Sunday Worship

February 19, 2012  
Transfiguration Sunday



9:00 a.m. Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

*Don't Take "No" For an Answer*  
2 Kings 2:1-14

Reverend Joe Buck IV

## Assisting in Worship

### Lay Reader

Skip Willcox

### Usher Captain

Steve Joiner

### Acolytes

Peyton Prince &  
Mary Frances Miller

### Children's Message

Caroline McDaniel

### Children's Church

Caroline McDaniel &  
Mary Katherine Harden

### Infant Nursery Volunteers

Deana & Callie Bibb

### Toddler Nursery Volunteer

Betsy Tarbutton

### Oliver's Outreach

Leigh Ann Pullen & Lisa Harvey

## This week at Sandersville UMC

### Sunday, February 19

9:00 a.m. Worship-Chapel\*  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School\*  
10:40 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal\*  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary\*  
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir / EDGE  
5:30 p.m. Snack Supper  
6:00 p.m. EDGE Choir Rehearsal /  
UMYF

### Monday, February 20

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. United Methodist Men

### Tuesday, February 21

7:00 a.m. EDGE Breakfast  
7:00 a.m. UMYF Breakfast

### Wednesday, February 22

3:30 p.m. Wednesday After-School  
Program  
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Supper\*  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service –  
Sanctuary\*

### **NO CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

\*Nursery Provided

## Sandersville UMC Staff

Reverend Joe Buck IV  
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### **Matt Turbeville**

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### **Ann Risby**

Housekeeper

### **Ricky Pinkston**

Custodian

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper

Wednesday, February 22

**Menu:** Mexican Rice, Tacos, Nibbled Corn, & Dessert

**Kids Menu:** Same

**Cost:** \$5.00 for adults, \$3 for kids (age 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) free for kids  
under age 3. (No Family will be charged over \$15 for supper)

**Reservation/Cancellation Deadline:** Tuesday, February 21 (noon)



# MUSIC IN MINISTRY

*Matt Turbeville, Director of Music Ministries*

## Chancel Choir

There will be **NO** Chancel Choir rehearsal on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Please make plans to attend the Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

## Children's Choirs

The Children's Choirs will be singing during 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, February 26. We'll meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

**SHARP** for a brief rehearsal before Sunday School.

Mark your calendars!

## Spirituals as Coded Communication?

Were you aware that the singing of spirituals during the slave period actually meant more to the slaves than just inspirational singing?

The songs often included the imbedding of "hidden" or coded messages in the lyrics for the purpose of clandestine (secret) communication on the Underground Railroad. One of the first public revelations by a former slave of this practice of secret communication through spirituals is found in the autobiographical writings of the noted Black abolitionist Frederick Douglass, in which Douglass revealed to his readers that some songs interpreted by outsiders as referring to life after death in Heaven, were actually understood within the enslaved African community as signifying a determination to reach freedom in the North, outside the reach and power of Southern plantation owners.

The spiritual, *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, was first written by Wallis Willis, a Choctaw freedman in the old Indian Territory, sometime before 1862. He was inspired by the Red River, which reminded him of the Jordan River and of the Prophet Elijah's being taken to heaven by a chariot (2 Kings 2:11). Many sources claim that this song and *Steal Away* (also composed by Willis) had lyrics that referred to the Underground Railroad, the resistance movement that helped slaves escape from the South to the North and Canada. Interesting, huh?

Join us this Sunday as we close our service with this famous African-American spiritual.

Blessings,  
Matt Turbeville



### **UM YOUTH Fellowship**

Join us Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. for snack supper and YOUTH Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. Don't forget Youth Choir starts at 4:30 p.m.  
Bring a friend!

### **Tuesday Morning Breakfast**

The Youth will meet for Tuesday Morning Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m. We will meet at McDonald's to enjoy a time of prayer, devotion & fellowship! Hope you will join us!

### **Snack Supper Schedule**

February 19 - J. Smith / Robinson  
February 26 - Armstrong / P. Smith



Sundays at 4:30 p.m. with Matt V.  
Sundays at 6:00 p.m. with Matt T. (Choir)  
Prayer Breakfast Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. (Wendy's)



Thanks to Norma Wright, Colleen Carter and Pastor Joe for assisting us with the W.A.S. program this week.  
Next week's volunteers are **Rosemary Smith** (snack) and **Jessalyn Alexander** (pick-up).

### **Volunteers Needed**

Hospice Care of American is looking for Volunteers for the Washington County area. If you are interested, or know of other compassionate individuals, church or civic groups that would like to learn more about hospice volunteering, please feel free to call

**Rick Boland** at 706-447-2626



*IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!*

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

The Preschool is currently registering children for their fall classes for in-house and church members.

Registration has been opened to the public.

Please contact Patti Hitchcock, Preschool Director,  
at 478-552-3334 for information.



Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held Wednesday,  
February 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary following  
Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper.  
Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

### **Memorial Gifts**

In Honor of **Sarah Wilson's** Birthday given by  
Mrs. Stan Wilson

In Memory of **Louise Bragg** given by  
Charles & Betty Bragg  
Mrs. Shirley Friedman

### **Last Call !!!!**

All winter coats, pullovers, and shirts hanging outside the  
Social Hall will be taken to First Love Kids on Monday,  
February 20. If one of these belongs to you,  
please claim it.



**Our Church Family**

Bobby Moore  
Sue Booth  
Roy Etheridge  
Billy Kay  
Henrietta Lewis  
Hazel Metts  
Gerald Clausen  
Sue Andrews

**Friends & Family of Church Members**

Betsy Street  
*(Brownie Barksdale's Sister)*  
Lane Layton  
*(John & Meriam Sheppard's son-in-law)*  
Gene Jackson  
Kimberly Norwood  
*(Friend of Natalie Smith)*  
Jill Phillips  
*(Henrietta Lewis' daughter-in-law's sister)*  
Michael Johnson  
Charles & Maurice McGregor  
*(Laurice Wilson's Parents)*  
John & Karen Dana  
JoLynn Johnson  
*(Joe & Ruth Johnson's Daughter)*  
Judy Garner  
William Sheppard  
*(Carolyn Sheppard's Son)*  
Otis Brumby  
*(Betsy Tarbutton's Father)*  
Dot Tomlinson  
*(Theo McDonald's Mother)*

**Nursing Home Residents**

**Heritage Inn:**  
Marjorie Roughton  
Betty Barker

**ECF:**  
Alice Carlson  
Barbara Turner  
JoAnn Marshall

*Flowers for the Altar*

*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anna's mother, Mary Felos, and in honor of Erin & Kristen, by Wade & Anna Register.*

**Attendance & Stewardship**

February 12, 2012

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| Sunday School      | 81  |
| 9:00 a.m. Worship  | 13  |
| 11:00 a.m. Worship | 208 |
| Total Worship      | 221 |

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| Weekly Need:        | \$9,200.00  |
| Given This Week:    | \$6,612.00  |
| Year to Date Need:  | \$64,400.00 |
| Given Year to Date: | \$62,462.15 |

(Mailing label)