

WIGHTMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WIGHTMAN ALERT

Issued to Alert You to Church Matters

## From the Pastor



### *The Vow*

February, the shortest of all months, boasts Groundhog Day, President’s Day, and even the discovery date for Pluto (once considered a planet, now classified a “dwarf planet”). But, February is best known for Valentine’s Day.

In our culture, Valentine’s Day is the “love holiday.” During the month of February, in worship, we will be exploring what the Bible has to say about love. Our theme will be “The Vow,” concentrating on different parts of our marriage vows, which are chock full of scripture and meaning.

We have some great things planned for all our worship services during February, so it will be a good time to invite your unchurched friends and family members to worship with us as we explore what our faith has to do with our marriages.

ALSO, on the last Sunday of the month, we are planning to have a slideshow of wedding pictures of all our members. So, please help us out and either email your scanned wedding picture to Lynda Counts at [unit-edw@bellsouth.net](mailto:unit-edw@bellsouth.net), OR, bring your wedding picture by the church office. If you leave it, please indicate which worship service you attend.

Finally, one more word is in order. While marriage is a sacred covenant and bond, not everyone is called to be married. Singleness is also a calling. In fact, the two most prominent figures of our faith—Jesus and Paul—remained unmarried for their entire lives. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 7, “*The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord;*<sup>33</sup> *but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please his wife,*<sup>34</sup> *and his interests are divided. And the unmarried woman and the virgin are anxious about the affairs of the Lord, so that they may be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is anxious about the affairs of the world, how to please her husband.*<sup>35</sup> *I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.*<sup>36</sup> *If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his fiancée, if his passions are strong, and so it has to be, let him marry as he wishes; it is no sin. Let them marry.*<sup>37</sup> *But if someone stands firm in his resolve, being under no necessity but having his own desire under control, and has determined in his own mind to keep her as his fiancée, he will do well.*<sup>38</sup> *So then, he who marries his fiancée does well; and he who refrains from marriage will do better.”*

All that is to say, if you are single, there will still be something in this series for you.

Looking Forward to February,  
Pastor Michael

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**Souper Bowl  
Collection  
February 7, 2010**

# Administrative Council



The administrative council of Wightman UMC had a called meeting to approve the sponsorship of a spaghetti supper fundraiser for Deanna Meade and her family on February 27, from 5-7 p.m. Jim Mills made the motion to let the group sponsor the fundraiser and use the facilities of the church to serve the meal. Motion carried by the council.

The administrative council of Wightman UMC met January 24 with 21 members present. Chairman Rosemary Bowers presided and opened with prayer.

June Sloop reported for Nurture that they are going to have a Valentine's Banquet February 13. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket. Entertainment and child care will be provided.

Lynda gave everyone a copy of the 4th quarter financial report.

Jim Mills reported that the finance committee is well aware of the \$427,846.36 obligation that the church has for the budget and the building loan in 2010. They have all the forms and figures of the 2009 books for the audit committee. They will review the 2009 loan debt and the guidelines for handling donations and restricted funds. Then they will bring this report back to council.

Under old business Eddie Sloop reported that the warm project worked on 22 houses and spent \$25,000. They did a lot of roofs as they put on 140 squares of shingles. 4 houses still need repair and Eddie could use help. Please contact him if you can help.

Under new business David Mitchell reminded council of the Spaghetti Supper fundraiser on February 27 for Deanna Meade and her family. The women of the church are asked to bring baked goods for a bake sale. The UM kids will help as they are able with the event. Jimmy Totola of Zorbas will be cooking the meal. Deanna is currently at St. Jude's in Memphis Tennessee for a minimum of 7 months.

Anita McCullough with the Relay for Life team will be sponsoring Small Cups for Small Change for the American Cancer Society which will benefit Deanna too. Traci Bouknight said the Bible School offering this year will also go to Deanna's fund.

A beauty pageant to benefit Deanna will be held in March and the town of Prosperity has donated the Civic Center for this event.

A motion to allow the selling of bracelets and T-shirts for Deanna was made by David Mitchell and carried by the council

Pastor Turner brought up changes to the guidelines for use of the church by non-members. He suggested that a deposit of 25% of the total charge be paid 3 months prior to the event with the remainder due a week prior to

the event. This amount will be non-refundable. Hubert Kinard moved to add this change to the guidelines. Motion was seconded and carried

Pastor Turner also brought up that with the new sound system one or two of our techs need to be operating the equipment for any events. He suggested that they be paid \$200 for this service. Motion carried by the council.

Joel Campbell, youth director, said the youth have a trip planned to Lake Junaluska on February 5 for skiing and youth service program. He said that about 25 youth are participating and that everything is looking good where the youth are concerned.

Pastor Turner is wanting to try a new visitation system due to the time and difficulty of talking to new people. He wants to have "Pizza with the Pastor" every 2-3 months and meet with these people after the 2nd service. He also said we need to keep on doing what we are doing, to get stabilized and not start any new programs for six months.

Traci Bouknight brought before council the need for a new CD/DVD duplicator. The old one is 10 years old and worn out. They have picked out one for \$850.00 and it comes with software to burn a design label on the CD. The motion to purchase the duplicator was carried. The money will be taken from the contingency fund.

Vacation Bible School will be June 20-25.

Pastor Turner closed with prayer.

—Marilyn Bouknight, secretary



## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

Everyone is invited to come out for a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 16. Drop-in between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

All are invited to begin the Lenten season with a special service on Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a joint service hosted this year by Grace Lutheran Church.

## **LENTEN BREAKFASTS**

Beginning on Sunday, February 21, and continuing through Palm Sunday, March 28, the congregation is invited to gather in the Christian Life Center at 8:00 for breakfast and a short devotion.

## Serving from the Heart

Every Christian is called to serve. Every single person has God-given gifts for that service. Do you know what yours are? Sometimes it's as simple as recognizing what we're passionate about, but other times we have gifts that we're not even aware of. This eight week study will help you discover your unique gifts and talents for service, and find the inspiration to serve.

After surveying the congregation, it became apparent that Sundays at 6 p.m. was the most convenient time. So, we will begin this 8-week journey on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m.

**BUT**, we need to know how many books to order! Please contact the church office at 364-2340 to place your order (if there is no answer, please leave your order information on the answering machine). Participant workbooks are \$11 each and will be collected on the first night of class.

## Girl's Softball

Attention all GIRLS! Softball Season is just around the corner and we want to have a Wightman Girls Softball Team!! All girls need to be ages 5-11. Practice will begin after Easter and all games will be played at Jollystreet Community Center Ball field on Friday Nights. If you're interested, please sign the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or see Coach Kevin Kinard for details.



## Spaghetti Fund Raiser

On Saturday, February 27, Wightman is hosting a spaghetti dinner to benefit Deanna Meade who is battling a malignant brain tumor. The meal is being prepared by Zorba's restaurant and tickets are \$7.00. The dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and you may eat in or carry out. Please see David Mitchell for tickets.



In conjunction with the spaghetti dinner, the UMKids are having a bake sale. Please prepare a few of your favorite recipes and have them at the church by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event. The kids will gladly package and price your items and have them ready for sale. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### Monthly Financial Summary

General Funds (total)	\$54,139.37
General Funds (unrestricted funds)	14,222.03
Building-Bus Fund	11,334.25
Total Funds	65,473.62
Loan Balance on Building-Bus	647,014.47

## Please Note!

**Crucifixion Re-enactment** - Voigt & Ceile Kempson are putting together an Easter re-enactment of the Crucifixion similar to the one in 2007 with the youth. This will be all ages, adults and youth, no speaking parts; if interested, please contact the Kempsons.

**Relay for Life** - It's time to sign up for Relay for Life again. Team captain is Anita McCullough and the Relay will be held April 30-May 1 at the Newberry High School football stadium. Everyone is encouraged to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society and join the walk. You may sign up online at [www.relayforlife.org/newberry](http://www.relayforlife.org/newberry) or see Anita for a paper form. Registration is \$10.

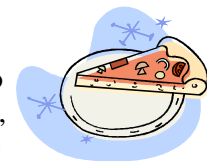
## Births

Congratulations to James and Brittany Hazel on the birth of a son, James Caleb. J.C. was born Jan. 28 at Vanderbilt Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 14 oz.

Congratulations to Bobby and Pam Martin on the birth of a granddaughter Averie Lynn Frampton. Averie was born prematurely on Jan. 17 and weighed 2 lb. 14 oz.

## Pizza with the Pastor

Have you been worshiping with us at Wightman UMC for a while and now are wondering what the next step is? Do you want to learn more about the church, its mission and ministries in the community? Are you interested in joining?



If you answered yes to any of these questions, please plan on having free pizza with the pastor on Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 p.m. You will learn about Wightman's purpose, ministries, and find out about spiritual growth opportunities for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Operation Christmas Child

The trip to Charlotte to the Operation Christmas Child headquarters was a great trip for our youth. It was a very enjoyable trip that also included many lessons to be learned. I think we all learned about how we can help others who are less fortunate than we. We also learned that we have a lot more than many others around the world and that we need to thank God more for what we have rather than complaining about what we don't have. It's amazing to know that you are one of the lucky people who gets to help package those little shoe boxes full of toys that can make a child so happy, to be sent out to others around the world. We all enjoyed this trip and are ready to go again next Christmas. —Blake Richardson

## February Assistants Traditional Service (9:00)

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### **ALTAR MINISTRY**

Feb. 7 -  
14 - Linda Spence  
21 - Lent  
28 - Lent

### **ACOLYTES**

Feb. 7 - Brent Caldwell  
14 - Tori Caldwell  
21 - Alex Fields  
28 - Alex Fields

### **CROSS BEARERS**

Feb. 7 - Neva Caldwell  
14 - Neva Caldwell  
21 - Melvin Dominick  
28 - Melvin Dominick

### **ACOLYTE/CROSS BEARER COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY-APRIL**

Paula Stewart

### **USHERS**

Jerry Birchfield, Melvin Dominick,  
Ron Charette, Bill Joiner

### **NURSERY MINISTRY**

Feb. 7 - Jennie O'Shields, Madison Graham,  
Patty Eckstein, Bonnie Sheppard  
14 - Kelly Winfree, Dee Hamm  
Beverly Shealy, Holly Caudill  
21 - Jennie O'Shields, Adriane Garvin,  
Crystal Cassada, Hailey Bowers  
28 - Mandy and Jeff Waites,  
Anna Farmer, Renita Bowers

### **GREETERS**

Jerry and Jackie Birchfield  
Alternates - Eddie and Mollie Graham

### **TRUSTEE**

Trent Fowler

## Lay Speakers School

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The Greenwood District Lay Speaking School will be held Feb. 21 & 28, 2:00-7:30 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant UMC in Pomaria. The courses to be offered are the basic course and three advanced courses. The registration fee is due by Feb. 5 (\$30 for Basic; \$20 for Advanced). If interested, please contact Pastor Michael.

## February Assistants Contemporary Service (11:15)

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### **GREETERS**

Leonard & Therry May,  
Rosemary Bowers, and Traci Turner  
Alternates: Dewayne and Nancy Blackburn

### **USHERS**

Mac Bartley, Ron Charette,  
Ken Cope, Ed Farr

### **COFFEE**

Chuck and Debra Weatherly

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Feb. 1 - Reid Brigman, Shannon Caudill,  
Patsy Garvin  
2 - Julia Roach  
3 - Jeremiah Amick, Carol Charette  
7 - Kayla Shealy  
8 - Noah Davenport, Amanda Finley  
9 - Alex Winfree  
10 - Michael McCullough  
12 - Greg Bowers, Francis Joiner,  
Katherine Rhodes  
13 - Frances Counts, Anna Farmer,  
Danielle Kinard, Bebe Way  
14 - Harold Broughton, Jimmie Pibbs  
15 - Julie Underwood 16 - Elizabeth Spears  
17 - Blake Hamm 18 - Michael Donkle  
19 - Beth James  
20 - Elizabeth Amick, Bailey Gause  
22 - Bootsie Pardee  
23 - George Bowers, Rusty Farmer  
24 - Deanna Meade  
25 - Kathren Hamby, Steve Dominick,  
Rodney Epting, Will Garner  
26 - Jackie Bowers 27 - Chris Koon  
28 - Kristin Defreese, Katie Jackson,  
Sammy Sorensen, Tracey Wise

## *Happy Anniversary*

Feb. 1 - Gary and Beverly Heinly  
10 - Alan and Betty Frye  
11 - Travis and Meagan Grimsley  
12 - A.I. and Wylene Smith  
16 - Shannon and Holly Caudill  
24 - Chuck and Debra Weatherly  
26 - Dennis and Cendy James



# Special Gifts to Wightman

## Building Fund

In memory of Janet Young

By: Leonard and Therry May  
Johnny and Beth James  
James and Joan Mills  
Voris Bowers  
Jerry and Jackie Birchfield

In memory of Frances Smith

By: Johnny and Beth James  
James and Joan Mills  
Voris Bowers  
Jerry and Jackie Birchfield

In memory of Jeanette Hamm and in honor of Glenn Hamm by Ladison, Paula, Glenn II and Adrienne Hamm.

In memory of Rosalee Easterlin by Ladison and Paula Hamm.

In honor of A. I. Smith on his 90th birthday

By: Martha Bowers  
Jerry and Jackie Birchfield  
Rae J. Weimer

In memory of Ken Cope's grandfather by Martha Bowers.

In memory of Deborah Livingston

By: Ladison & Paula Hamm and Glenn L. Hamm  
Tookie and Joyce Oates

In honor of Frances Spotts by the Francis Asbury Class.

## Audio-Video Fund

In memory of David E. Roach and Earl & Sally Kinard by Jon and Missy Roach.

## Bus Fund

In memory of Vivian Stutts by Randy and Patti Suber.

## W.A.R.M. Project

In honor of Fred E. Harmon by Hubert and Edith Kinard.

In memory of Henry Barnett by Tom and Donna Perry.

*Valentine Banquet*  
*Saturday, February 13*

*6:30 p.m.*

*\$10.00*

**Entertainment by Carol Smith**  
**Free Pizza for the Kids**  
**Bring your favorite valentine or**  
**come stag for a fun evening!**

See any member of the Nurture  
Committee for tickets.

# In the Mail

Church Family,

The family of Janet Perry Young thank you for the Peace Lily, cards and personal condolences. We especially thank you for your prayers. We often mentioned how we could feel the strength of our Lord as the results of each and every prayer lifted-up during this past six months of Janet's life. We, also, thank you for your continued prayers, and we will always thank and praise God for allowing us to be a part of the Wightman family.

In His Love, Nelson & Brenda Perry

To Ron Wood and Team,

Words truly can't express how thankful I am to have you and your team to come and improve my home. You have filled my home with hope and joy. May God's Spirit continue to shine through all of you! Thank you so much! You are truly appreciated!

Geardline Walker & family  
P.S. Wesley loves his bed!

Dear Wightman Church and Church Family,

I want to thank everyone that was so kind and caring when my sister Frances Smith passed during the Christmas holidays. All the cards, personal condolences, memorials to the church and most of all your prayers are greatly appreciated. And I will take special care of the beautiful plant from the church. God bless each of you.

Sincerely, Ceile Kempson & family

Dear Wightman Church family: Thanks for the Wal-Mart gift card. This was very helpful! I am so blessed to be a part of Wightman UMC!

Blessings, Joel

***Church-Wide Lighthouse Clean-Up Day***  
***Saturday, February 13, 9:00 am-1:00 pm***

Join us for this great cause! The entire congregation is invited!!! Lunch will be served!

## Manna House Volunteers

Wightman Methodist Church has agreed to provide two workers per day for the Manna House for each day of the week, Monday through Friday, March 8-12. Each volunteer would need to report to the Manna House (located at the DSS Office on Wilson Rd. in Newberry) at 12:50 p.m. and work from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. filling a designated grocery order for each customer. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted on the bulletin board by the nursery and an information/directions sheet will be given to you prior to your serving. For additional information, please contact Beth James at [egjames@bellsouth.net](mailto:egjames@bellsouth.net) or call 364-1015.





# UMKIDS

## Church School Perfect Attendance


4-Year-Olds-K  
Ellie Turner  
Ashlyn Kinard  
Amber Hughes  
Chloe Kirkland



"See what love the Father has given us,  
that we should be called children of God."  
1 John 3:1




**In February  
the UMKids will  
clean the park  
as a service project.**



**Birthday Party**  
February 28  
Missy Roach

**Tiny Tots Church**  
Beginning in February, there will no longer be church for tiny tots. Children's church will continue to be held for ages 3 through 3rd grade.



<b>Children's Church</b>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Usher/Offering</u>	<u>Adults for Month</u>
February 7	Jon Lawson Cope	Lauren Cope	Marie Earwood
February 14	Jillian Wise	Ashlyn Kinard	Nancy Blackburn
February 21	Olivia Abrams	Elijah Abrams	
February 28	Anna Merchant	Luke Merchant	



# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bible Study -5:45	<b>5</b> Youth Thaw 2010 Ski Trip	<b>6</b>
		Joint UMW-7:00	Handbell Choir - 5:30 pm Choir - 6:30		Lighthouse-7:00	
<b>7</b> Souper Bowl Sunday Emmaus Reunion Lunch - 11:45 am  Youth - 5:00 pm	<b>8</b> Joy Group - 10:00 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Handbell Choir - 5:30 pm Choir - 6:30	<b>11</b> Bible Study -5:45  Growth Group - 6:00 pm	<b>12</b>  Lighthouse-7:00	<b>13</b> Church-wide Lighthouse Clean-Up Day - 9:00 am-1:00 pm Valentine Ban- quet - 6:30 pm
<b>14</b>  Youth - 5:00 pm	<b>15</b>  UMMen - 7:00	<b>16</b>  Shrove Tuesday Supper - 5:30- 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>  Ash Wednesday Service (Grace Lutheran) - 7:00	<b>18</b> Bible Study -5:45	<b>19</b>  Youth to Winter Jam  Lighthouse-7:00	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Pizza with the Pastor - 12:30  Youth - 5:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Handbell Choir - 5:30 pm Choir - 6:30	<b>25</b> Bible Study -5:45  Growth Group - 6:00 pm	<b>26</b>  Lighthouse-7:00	<b>27</b>  Spaghetti Sup- per - 5:00-7:00
<b>28</b> Council - 12:30  Youth - 5:00 pm Serving from the Heart - 6:00	<b>1</b>  Newsletter Deadline-1:00					

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**Sunday Schedule**  
Traditional Worship – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.  
Contemporary Service - 11:15 a.m.

**RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED**

**Welcome New Members**



Nick & Teresa Howard

On January 24, Wightman was very happy to receive into membership Nick and Teresa Howard. The Howards came to Wightman from Sword's Creek Baptist Church in Sword's Creek, Virginia.



Dennis and Cendy James

Also received on Jan. 31 were Dennis and Cendy James, Tina and Kylie York and Tiara Bradburn. The James transferred their membership from Trinity UMC in Fountain Inn. Tina and Kylie came to us from Freedom Baptist Church in Newberry and Tiara joined on Profession of Faith.



Tiara Bradburn  
Tina & Kylie York

Also joining on January 24 were Josh, April and Amber Hughes. The Hughes transferred from Lexington Baptist in Lexington, SC.

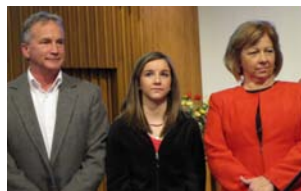


Josh, Amber & April Hughes



Bonnie & Tom Gooding

On Jan. 24, we received on Profession of Faith Tom and Bonnie Gooding.



Marvin, Rebekah, & Pam Smith

On Jan. 31, we were happy to receive Marvin, Pam and Rebekah Smith from First Baptist Church in Newberry.



**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY**

9:00 Worship -	181
11:15 Worship -	189
Combined Worship -	370
Church School -	184