

# The **FIRST EDITION**



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# It huffed and it puffed!



**O**n Wednesday, May 30, a very big, black cloud darkened the area and with it very strong winds. Stan Scott, our maintenance person, as well as 3 preschool teachers, were watching from the front door of Wesley as the columns in the front of Alexander began to topple. They then saw the very large pecan lift out of the ground, tumble over onto the power pole and transformer, and explode in a ball of flame. With the amount of rain we were receiving at the time, the fire did not last long. The fire department was immediately called. As soon as the rain subsided, the staff made its way to assess the damage. It was truly a sight to behold. We then received a call that a tree had fallen on the parsonage on Forest Court where Rev. Marie Mitchell resides.



The Forest Court parsonage is being checked to assess if any damage was done to the roof after a neighbor's tree fell over the driveway and on to Rev. Marie Mitchell's house.

By that evening the repairs had begun. The power company was here to help remove the tree from the wires and replace the 2 transformers, tree people were here on Thursday to cut up and remove the tree, crews arrived to finish the demolition of the columns which thankfully were a facade and offered no support for the overhang.

Robert Hutson and his crew worked to restore power to Alexander, the City of Duncanville approved with a green tag, Wolverton Heating and Air Conditioning did their job and we finally were restored to power on Friday, June 8.

Larry Groce, chairman of the Trustees, and Mona Barbee, Director of Finance for the church, put in many long hours and many phone calls to insurance carriers, the City, and others to get this job completed in a timely manner.



Pictures show the damage to the columns and railing. The sidewalk was damaged when the tree was uprooted.

# OUR AMBASSADORS ARE BACK



Our singing youth ambassadors are back, and our church family could not be prouder of them! Every church in which they performed has contacted the church office to let us know how much they enjoyed our youth and their music. We are so blessed to have this wonderful group of youth representing us every summer throughout the United States.

Every year our youth experience many wonderful sights on their choir tour. This year these sights included the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Illinois, the Field Museum in Chicago, the Seadog Architectural Boat Tour of Chicago and Lake Michigan, the Sears Tower, the Broadway musical *Wicked*, dinner at world famous Giordano's and, of course, shopping on Chicago's Magnificent Mile. The last two stops on the tour will be to the beautiful and bucolic farm country of Birmingham, Iowa and a lovely Methodist camp in the hills of Arkansas.

This year's Youth Choir Tour to Chicago represented the 20th year of summer tours and over 70,000 miles logged. They have touched the hearts of so many people over the years and the people from the many host churches in which our youth have stayed and performed have created memories for our youth they will never forget. No matter how wonderful the place for the choir tour destination, the part the youth remember the most are the people with whom they have touched with their singing.

**The Annual Youth Choir Homecoming Concert is Saturday, June 16 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Join us in honoring and welcoming home our special youth.**



Dear FUMC Duncanville, Thank you so much for the scholarship you gave me. It is well appreciated and will help immensely in my preparation for college. Thanks again and God bless.

Justin Barbee



Tiffany Nickerson for gathering courage to ride the rapids in Colorado.

Steve and Sarah Puckett on the birth of their grandson, Barrett Scott Puckett, son of Scott and Amanda Puckett.

Brent, Dana and Jillian Luna on the birth of their daughter and sister, Bethany Marie.

The Youth Choir, their sponsors and chaperones for a great Choir Tour.

## Summertime Reading

What books are you reading?  
What are you planning to read this summer?

Our church library, located in the Alexander Building, has fiction, nonfiction, biographies, children's books, reference books and many other treats just waiting for you to come and get them.

We are anxious to entice you with our lists for your summer pleasure. Titles, authors, and reviews will be available to help you choose from the books on our shelves. Come see what is waiting for you!

Watch for Library Highlight in the *First Edition* newspaper and take advantage of our great selection of books.



LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

*The Jesus I Never Knew*  
by Philip Yancey

James I. Packer, author of *Knowing God*, says that Yancey's flair for honest, vivid, well-informed down-to-earthness gives piercing power to these broodings of the gospel facts about Jesus Christ. He says that Yancey's pages offer major help for seeing the Savior as he really was.

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*Unshaken*  
by Francine Rivers

You will feel that you are experiencing Ruth's journey as her dedication to the Lord is described in a very personal way. Francine Rivers wrote this book of fiction that is very closely based on the Bible account of her life that changed eternity. You will feel that you know Ruth and have been on her journey.

Book highlight written by Anne McCommas

## Broomball?!



All you need are tennis shoes, a broom, a ball, a net and some ice. Over 40 of our youth had exactly that when they rented the Stars Center and played BROOMBALL. The report was "great fun was had by all."

## Moon C.A.M.P.

**A great night for kids  
A night out for Mom and Dad  
(1 year old-entering 4th grade)**

**Who:** Children 1 year thru entering 4th grade  
**What:** A great night for kids and parents  
**When:** Thursday, June 28  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Aldersgate Fellowship Hall (Kids K-4th grade)  
Wesley (1 year old-preschool)  
**Cost:** \$5.00 per child  
Dinner and Snacks included

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C.A.M.P. kids have fun



## C.A.M.P.

Children's **A**dventure **M**inistries & **P**rograms

These C.A.M.P. kids enjoyed arts and crafts, music and fun. This is an activity for children 4 years entering 4th grade on Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 12 from 10am to 1pm. The cost is \$5 per day including lunch and project cost. There will be no C.A.M.P. on Tuesday, June 19 or 21, due to VBS.



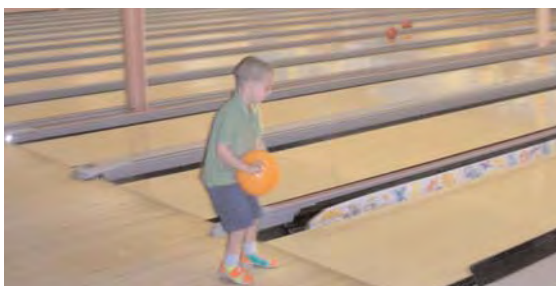
## Vacation Bible School Monday - Thursday June 18-21

It's not too late to register!  
Register on line at [www.fumcd.com](http://www.fumcd.com),  
at the church office,  
on Sunday night at the hot dog supper,  
or on Monday morning, June 18

Join us at a hot dog supper on Sunday, June 17, for our little passengers and their families beginning at 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm  
free food, music and FUN!



## Bowling for Fun



Almost 40 kids participated in the Children and Youth Bowling League. The children's league is for children 4 years through entering 6th grade and youth league for 7th graders through graduating seniors.

This bowling fun takes place on Wednesdays through August 8 (excluding July 4) from 2-4pm at Red Bird Bowling.

Only \$5 per week (balls and shoes included). Join in on the fun!

**cares and concerns**

Barbara Holloway	David Knox
Brantlee Sontag	Owenda Douglass
Barrett Puckett	Jerry Sliger
Grace Brandenburg	
Mary Dabiere	Our military
Sandy Courville	Our firefighters and police
Jon Kinslow	
Martha Leewright	

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**Christian One Liners**

**Don't give God instructions-- just report for duty!**

Let the church office know if you, a family member or a friend of FUMC are going into the hospital.



**Member needs help.**

**Note the correction in the phone number.**

Cedar Hill family looking for a nanny beginning in September 2007 to keep a 1-year old child. Monday-Thursday Total of 35 hours. References needed. Call 214-649-8380 if interested.

**Class Notes**

**CUP & SAUCER**

Attention All Cup & Saucer Class Members. Our class pictures for the new directory will be taken Sunday, June 24 at 10:30am. Please put this date on your calendar! On Sunday, June 3, we met in Harmony Hall due to storm damage. Thirty one members and 11 visitors from another class joined us. Sunday, June 10, 43 were present to hear Dick Rittenberry continue lessons on the Prophets. Our lesson was from Hosea which means salvation. The scripture was Hosea 4:1-4. Margie Crums was our visitor. Thanks to Jo for the beautiful picture donated to our classroom. Anniversaries celebrated recently were Carol and

Dean, Dick and Janie, and Betty and Wayne. Next Sunday's lesson is "True Worship" Isaiah 1:10-11. Please remember our sick and needy, Myrt Airhart, Grace Brandenburg, Gene Welborn and Mary Dabiere.

**New Horizons**

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Betty Lang giving an overview of the summer quarterly series and Bob Hastings giving the second lesson entitled "God's Indictment of Israel." Carolyn Babb played the piano to open the class and Robert Shugart led us in prayer.

Project Transformation is off and running again. The plate was passed for donations to support a meal for the students later

in the month.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Larry and Willa Yost, Carole Deffebach, George Young, Marlin Crow, Ben Oliphant, Gene Browder, Morgan Crow, David Babb, Jim Rogers, Charles Cason, Gene Welborn, Sandra Coyle, Carol, Martha Williamson, Cami Leigh Crews, Rev. Bill Stephenson, Billy, Mary Ann Lee, Shane, Chuck Weems, Ruby Edgar, Mavis Mathis, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, Karen Kelly, and Kathleen Godwin.

On June 17th, our lesson will be "True Worship" taught by Carole Deffebach. This lesson is the third in Unit 1, Life as God's People.

The scripture background for the lesson is Isaiah 1:10-20; 2 Kings 15:32-35. So read your Bible this week and we will see you Sunday.

**PROGRESSORS**

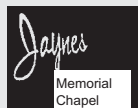
Our class has been studying a book *Sinning Like a Christian* by William Willimon. Interesting topics already covered have been "Thinking about Sin," "Pride" and "Anger" provided by Cynthia, Alice and Sam. Our class joined the Homebuilders for an interesting presentation on life in a Muslim country.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Carol Miller and family on the sudden death of her father.

**UNITED CLASS**

Eleven met on Sunday, June 3, with the Cup and Saucer Class in storm dictated temporary quarters to be treated like guests and to enjoy an excellent lesson by Dick Rittenberry. On Sunday, June 10, we were back in our regular classroom to share some current news on our members. Barbara H. is moving to Grace Presbyterian, Cathy Fisher taught our lesson from the Prophets and did her usual in-depth treatment of a subject full of meaning. Nona volunteered to remind missing class members to be here for class pictures on June 24.

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