THOSE WHO SERVE
Month of January

Trustee	Richard Wilson
Ushers	John & Barbara Cady, Jimmy & Pinna Gattis
Altar Guild	Joyce Smith
Monthly Counting Team	Gwyn Faile, Fred Reeves

January 9

Liturgist	Richard Wilson
Greeters	Jan Bannister, Susan Lambert, Randall & Leslie Shepard
Acolytes	William Edwards, Avery Manhart
Children's Church Volunteers	Monica Yearick, Leone Purser, Mike Harwood
Nursery Volunteers	
Visitation	Marge Masterson, Diane Hayes
Sound	Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel	Johnice Young

January 16

Liturgist	John Cole
Greeters	Patrick & Valerie Jones, Paul & Judy Ballance
Acolytes	
Children's Church Volunteers	Monica Yearick, Leone Purser, Mike Harwood
Nursery Volunteers	
Visitation	Jack & Ina Hucks
Sound	Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel	Judy Ballance

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer concerns and praises for the week of .... January 9, 2011

Family of Gracie Turner
Buck Bannister
Mildred Barnes
Hans Bott
Helen Branum
Hazel Cowley
Ashley Daniel
Norma Dickson
Fannie Mae Falkenberry
Chris Franklin
AIC Trey Franklin
Jane Hoffman
Ed & Joyce Hunt
Darby Jones
Mary Ann Kirkland
Carolyn Knight
Mary Ann Kirkland
Mildred Hopper
Larry Holder

Tom Diggs
Dee McPeters
Vickie Manhart
Fred & Mary Moffitt
Maymie Pickett
Pat Reid
Madeline Reynolds
Bill Schrimsher
Ethel Short
Nell Teater
Rhonda Tucker
Wayne & Paulette Templeton
US Military Families
Freda Wells
Holly Wells
Billy Brasfield & Family

Prayer Needs:

I am requesting prayer for: _____

Situation / relationship: _____

_____ Please contact me. _____ Please list this prayer request in the bulletin.

_____ I would like to talk with a staff member about joining Epworth UMC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Reverend Jim Stringfellow, Senior Pastor
Renee' Rowse, Children Ministries Director Erin Hicks, Youth Director
Judy Panucci/Valerie Jones, MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten Directors
Eric Wilson, Music Ministry Director Nicky Wilson, Organist/Pianist
Jimmy Gattis, Treasurer Larry Mathis, Assistant Treasurer
Leone Purser, Secretary

Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below

Sunday School	9:00 am - 10:00 am	
Sunday Worship	10:15 am	
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Youth choir
Monday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Pack 96
Tuesday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	10:00 am	Lydia Circle-Parlor (every 3rd Tuesday
	6:30 pm	Stitchers, Etc. - Parlor (2nd & last Tuesday of each month)
Wednesday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Girl Scouts - Art Room
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study—Parlor
	6:00 pm	Rebecca Circle - Parlor - 3rd Thursday of each month
	6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting-Conference Room (2nd Thursday of each month)
	6:30 pm	Open Basketball
Friday	9:30 pm - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten

Wish to Join? Questions about Membership?

You may join Epworth United Methodist Church by

1. **Confession of Faith** - the initial entrance into membership in the church when you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
2. **Reaffirmation of Faith** - renewing your initial confession of faith after a period of inactivity or not being on a church membership roll.
3. **Transfer of Membership** - from another United Methodist congregation or from a Christian church of another denomination. We recognize baptism from all other Christian churches.

If you have questions about baptism or church membership, please contact the office at 256-536-1559 or eumc@hiwaay.net, and our pastor will be pleased to meet with you.

"[Be Holy] Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming." - 1 Peter 1:13

The Order for Worship
First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 9, 2011

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Bringing in the Light — Acolytes

***Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time** — Richard Wilson, Liturgist

***Hymn of Praise** — "Lord of the Dance" — No. 261

***Affirmation of Faith** — Richard Wilson, Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri.** — No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer Time/Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer — Rev. Jim Stringfellow

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Offertory — "Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer" — No. 266

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

***Doxology** — No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Minute — Renee' Rowse

(After Children's Minute, children ages **3 1/2-5th** grade are dismissed for Children's church)

Anthem — Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson — 1 Timothy 1:1-7/Luke 5:12-16 — Richard Wilson, Liturgist

Sermon — "A Touch-Me-Not Faith" — Reverend Jim Stringfellow

***Hymn of Dedication** — "He Touched Me" — No. 367

Benediction

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

The Story

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Regular youth activities will start back tonight and Wednesday night.
- There is a parents' meeting Wednesday, January 12th from 7-8pm while the youth will play games. Please make an effort to be there!
- Behold is this coming weekend Saturday, January 15th through Monday, January 17th. Please be in prayer for our youth and adults that are going!
- If you are going to be 14 by June 19th, 2011, and are a rising freshman in high school through those that will have just graduated from high school, you all are able to attend the **Appalachian Service Project Mission Trip Sunday, June 19th through Saturday, June 25th. The cost will be $220 and the deadline to sign up is TONIGHT!!!** The sign up sheet for youth and adults that would like to go with us is on the bulletin board between the two youth rooms.
- Please continue to bring THICK SOCKS for the homeless in the Huntsville area!

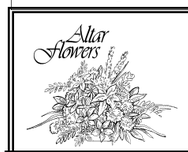
TRUSTEES' MEETING Thursday, January 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

The Women of Epworth invite everyone of all ages to come each Sunday morning to enjoy a minute or two of fellowship time with hot coffee, hot chocolate or a juice box before Sunday School. The "beverage bar" is set up just down from the Narthex and is being served at 8:45 am for the month of January.
1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has be

OPEN BASKETBALL Thursday nights, 6:30 p.m. in the gym

RE-RESOLVING?

The new year has begun and perhaps this is just the perfect moment to revise some of those new year's resolutions. You might even be a little frustrated at this point, having come to realize that you are not going to be able to lose that 10 pounds so quickly, and if you have taken up jogging that you are not going to be ready for the Rocket City Marathon this year. Instead of becoming disappointed, do some re-resolving and get a little progress and keep from completely giving up. Let's begin with devotional time. Maybe you became excited and decided to get up an hour earlier and have a daily hour of prayer and Bible study. It this is new to you, the starting period is quite ambitious. Some saints never had that much time for prayer and Bible study. If you're into revision, you might drop back to fifteen minutes. It's not the amount of time you spend, but the quality of that time that counts. Try starting with the sermon on the mount. Just read a beatitude a day. Learn it, think about it, pray about it, and then carry it with you through your day. Try just a small portion of the sermon each day; fifteen minutes before you leave for work, or before you go to bed. You'll be amazed at the difference it will make, and you'll get more out of those fifteen minutes that you ever did from the protracted hour. What about church attendance? Maybe you got all excited and set your goal to attend every Sunday between the first of the year and the end of May, only something came up already. Don't give up! Revise the goal to attend 8 Sundays between now and (you set a date). Make the goal reasonable and plan to grow with it. You'll feel better and won't give up easily!



The flowers on the Altar are in honor of
***Leone Purser** on her birthday, January 13th*
Thank you for everything you do.

Welcome to Our Guests

We are honored that you have chosen Epworth United Methodist Church as your place of worship this morning. If you are not active in a church or if you are looking for a new place in a caring, serving church, we invite you to become part of this church family.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex.

Sunday School classes are 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Joy Daniel

Given by	*For*
Ann Franklin	Undesignated
Susan Lambert	Building Fund
Gail Matthews	Undesignated
Maymie Pickett	Undesignated

Jay Treadway

Friendship Sunday School Class	Van Fund
Dave & Marge Jones	Capital Fund
Jimmy & Pinna Gattis	Building Fund

Wilma Caudill, Leigh Carpenter's mother

Dave & Marge Jones	Capital Fund
Jimmy & Pinna Gattis	Building Fund

James & Sue Hill

Ann Hicks	Undesignated

Lillian Johnson

Allen Owen	Building Fund

In Honor of

Tom & Joan Diggs

John & Jean Williams	Capital Fund

Becky & Bobby Barnes

John & Jean Williams	Capital Fund

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ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CALENDAR There are many dates to sponsor Altar flowers for our church. The cost is $22.00. Please fill our the form indicating your message for the flowers. It would most appreciated if every family chose one Sunday of the year. The flowers are yours after the Worship service. The fresh flower arrangement in the Narthex can also be yours each Sunday to enjoy for a donation of $10.00 This support is most graciously welcomed to make our church a bit more lovely for all of us.

RECYCLE CELL PHONES & EYE GLASSES There is a basket on the table in the lower Narthex where you can deposit your old cell phones & eye glasses to be recycled and thus help our environment.

The Real Gift

An African boy had heard a missionary explain the reasons people give presents on Christmas day. When Christmas came, the boy brought the missionary a lustrous shell of beauty and value.
"Where did you ever find such a beautiful shell?" the missionary asked. The boy said they could be found only in a special bay - several hours away. The missionary was stunned. "You shouldn't have gone all that way to get a gift for me." The boy's eyes brightened as he answered, "Long walk part of gift."

Attendance
January 2, 2011

Worship:	**132**
Sunday School:	**83**
Children:	7
Youth:	13
Adults:	63

Stewardship
January 2, 2011

General	$10,356.00
Building Fund	1,475.00
Flowers	42.00
Social Concerns	39.00
Children's Home	55.00
Total	$11,912.00