

*The Order for Worship*  
*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*October 3, 2010*

**Chiming of the Hour**

<i>Prelude</i>	Nicky Wilson, Organist
<i>Bringing in the Light</i>	Acolytes
<i>*Welcome, Announcements, &amp; Greeting Time</i>	Boyd Hawkins, Liturgist
<i>*Hymn of Praise</i>	“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood” No. 622
<i>*Affirmation of Faith</i>	Boyd Hawkins, 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* “Let Us Break Bread Together” No. 618

*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* Psalm 100 Boyd Hawkins, Liturgist

*Sermon* “The Joyful Church” Reverend Jim Stringfellow

*Sacrament of Holy Communion*  
*(offerings made at the Altar table are given for World Communion Sunday fund)*

*\*Hymn of Dedication* “Become to Us the Living Bread” No. 630

*Benediction*

\*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

# The Story

**Children's Sabbath** is **Sunday, October 10**. Come and worship with and celebrate the spirit and blessing of Epworth's children. For 2010 the **Children's Sabbath's** theme is 'Speak Lord! I'm Listening.' Throughout history God has repeatedly called children into service for Him. Age is inconsequential when it comes to the calling of the Holy Spirit and the ability of a child to be obedient and respond to God's voice. Our Heavenly Father goes to great lengths to save us and to reach us, whether we are a child or an adult. It is our duty and privilege to say, "Speak, Lord! I'm ready to listen."

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12** SPRC meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference room

**HERE ARE SOME OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFT IDEAS:** **Toys** (small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.); **School Supplies** (pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.); **Hygiene Items** (toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.); **Other** [Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)]  
**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans


**Youth Announcements:**

- There is no youth Sunday, October 3rd or Wednesday, October 6th due to Fall Break. Sunday, October 10th there is also no youth, we'll be attending Ashley Howser's wedding!
- Friday, October 8th the youth will meet up to watch the Lee High Football Game at Milton Frank Stadium at 6:30pm to support Tucker and Jame!! We'll be on the Away side. More information will be e-mailed to the youth and parents.
- Wednesday, October 13th the youth will be attending "Field of Faith" at the Madison County High School football field. Youth need to be here at 6:15pm and we'll be back around 8:30pm. It will be a night of fellowship and worship.
- The youth will start collecting **canned foods** Sunday, October 10th. We are gathering them for a United Methodist District Youth Rally the night of Sunday, November 7th. So please bring canned foods to support your youth and the local food missions in the Huntsville area!  
 The deadline to sign up for Behold is Sunday, October 31st. The sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. There are a limited number of spots available. Money for Behold (\$130) is due Wednesday, November 17th.

**College Students:**

Be on the lookout for events for you over the Christmas holidays! Peace & Love in Him, Erin Hicks, **Youth Minister**

United Methodist Women: There are over 800,000 members throughout the world, and in 2008 these women raised 19.3 million dollars.



*The flowers on the Altar are to say*  
**Happy Birthday Wanda**  
*Love, Reek, Richard, & Rock*

Flowers This Week

**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 worshipping with us today.**

Our Fall Festival is **Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00**. This year, our festival has expanded to include the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor classrooms, where you will find children's games with prizes. In the fellowship hall, we will have 3 Moon Bounces, a Bake Sale, Silent Auction Baskets and food for sale. Wear your costume and join us for a night of family fun! This year all proceeds will go to ??????. (I'll let you know what this is as soon as I know.)



**Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity**

Next Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a church-wide study and worship emphasis called Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. Over the next few weeks we will look at some of the financial challenges facing us as a nation and examine our own spending, saving, and giving habits. In addition to exploring biblical principles of financial management, we will learn ways to assess our financial situation and develop a financial plan that will allow us to experience the true joy that comes through simplicity and generosity. At the end of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving for the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are not a member of a Sunday School Class, sign up for the week day small group that will begin meeting, Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. More information will be posted to our web site soon at epworthumc.net.

Hymn History - *There Is a Fountain*

William Cowper (1731-1800) had a life of great emotional turmoil and yet, he was able to write some very inspiring and beautiful hymns for us to sing today. *There Is a Fountain* is an example of one of his hymns. He wrote the hymn based on the verse Zech 13:1, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. Cowper grew up being pressured to study law. But before he could take his final exams he had a mental breakdown and was admitted into an asylum. But it was during this time that he able to find out what Jesus had done for him and as at the age of 33 William Cowper gave his heart to Jesus, the Savior. He moved to Olney and became very good friends with John Newton. Together they were able to compile the "Olney Hymns". There were a total of 349 hymns in the book, 67 were written by Cowper. This man who still suffered from depression but learned that he could trusting God to take away the guilt of his sins by coming to God's fountain of Jesus' sin cleansing blood.

October is **Susan G. Komen for the Cure month**. It is an organization supporting [breast cancer](http://www.komen.org) research. Since its inception in 1982, Komen has invested over \$1.5 billion for research, education and health services, making it the largest breast cancer charity in the world. Today, Komen has more than 100,000 volunteers working in a network of 125 affiliates worldwide. On the lower Narthex table there are the familiar pink ribbons that you may take for free and wear. You will also find a pink cup beside the ribbons, if you would like to make a donation or online donations may be made <http://www.komen.org>. Thank you. Leone Purser

**FIRST STOP** has run out of money and needs all kinds of essential supplies. Those who want to make a donation can go to this page and select 'First Stop' from the drop-down of agencies. <http://www.interfaithmissionservice.org/get-involved/donate/>

<i>Attendance</i>	
<i>September 26, 2010</i>	
<b>Worship:</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>96</b>
Children:	17
Youth:	14
Adults:	65



<i>Stewardship</i>	
<i>September 26, 2010</i>	
General	\$6,501.00
Building Fund	410.00
Flowers	25.00
First Stop	15.00
SS Literature	211.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,162.67</b>

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Month of October

**Trustee** John Cady  
**Ushers** Paul & Judy Ballance, Dave & Jane Maguire  
**Altar Guild** Ginny Brandau  
**Monthly Counting Team** Charles Avery, Jim Treadway  
**Communion Servers** Jimmy & Pinna Gattis, Jeff & Marcie Purser  
**Communion Steward** Nancy Ballew

October 3

**Liturgist** Boyd Hawkins  
**Greeters** Loyce Esslinger, Joyce Peek, James & Mary Ann Kirkland  
**Acolytes** Kathryn Larson, Tylor Thompson  
**Children's Church Volunteers** Beth Marshall, Jan Bannister, Monica Yearick  
**Nursery Volunteers** Teresa Parker, Ina Hucks  
**Visitation** John Cole  
**Sound** Scott Jones/Richard Wilson  
**Prayer Chapel** John Cole

October 10

**Liturgist** Darby Jones/Valerie Jones  
**Greeters** Fourth & Fifth Grade Students  
**Acolytes** William Edwards, Brandon Marsh  
**Children's Church Volunteers** Beth Marshall, Jan Bannister, Monica Yearick  
**Nursery Volunteers** Valerie Jones, Christie Malires  
**Visitation** Marge Masterson, Diane Hayes  
**Sound** Scott Jones/Richard Wilson  
**Prayer Chapel** David Hinote



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of .... October 3, 2010

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

Family of Tim Burress	AIC Trey Franklin	
Amy Alverson	Ed Friday	
Buck Bannister	Donna Hamilton	<b>Maymie Pickett</b>
CPL Christopher Burke	Lue Harvell	Madeline Reynold
Mildred Barnes	PVT Chris Howser	Pat Reid
Diane Birdwell	Jane Hoffman	Bill Schrimsher
Austin Bullard	Tammy Hoffman	Ann Sexton
Sandra Boyle	Mildred Hopper	Sam Sproles
Helen Branum	<b>Ed &amp; Joyce Hunt</b>	<b>Frances Slayton</b>
Betty Brockway	RJ Jackson	Earl Stringfellow
Vivian Bush	Bill Kerr	<b>Nell Stone</b>
Ashley Daniel	Lillian Johnson	Pam Stunk
<b>Joy Daniel</b>	Darby Jones	Ethel & Rodney Short
Fannie Mae Falkenberry	Mary Ann Kirkland	Lance Taylor
Corrine Fanning	Carolyn Knight	Nell Teater
Chris Franklin	Larry Limbaugh	Rhonda Tucker
	Dee McPeters	Marguerite Wilson
	Vickie Manhart	Jarrett Williams
	<b>Fred &amp; Mary Moffitt</b>	US Military families

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below**

Sunday School	9:00 am - 10:00 am	
Sunday Worship	10:15 am	
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	E.D.G.E. (every 3rd Sunday)
	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)
Friday	9:30 pm - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten

**Wish to Join?**

**Questions about Membership?**

You may join Epworth United Methodist Church by

**Confession of Faith** - the initial entrance into membership in the church when you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

**Reaffirmation of Faith** - renewing your initial confession of faith after a period of inactivity or not being on a church membership roll.

**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](mailto:eumc@hiwaay.net), and our pastor will be pleased to meet with you.

"Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."- [John 3:20-21](#)