

**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  
**Communion Servers** John & Barbara Cady, Donnie Ballance, Johnice Young  
**Communion Steward** Joyce Smith

December 26

**Liturgist** Paul Ballance  
**Greeters** Clay & Anne Hyde, Bill & Joyce Smith  
**Acolytes** Anna Ballance, Avery Manhart  
**Children's Church Volunteers** Cathy Seals, Jackie Harwood, Leslie Shepard  
**Nursery Volunteers** Kathy Kindred, Amy Key  
**Visitation** John Cole  
**Sound** Scott Jones/Richard Wilson  
**Prayer Chapel** Jimmy & Pinna Gattis

January 2

**Liturgist** Marcie Purser  
**Greeters** Jan Bannister, Bonnie Treadway, Randall & Leslie Shepard  
**Acolytes**  
**Children's Church Volunteers** Leone Purser  
**Nursery Volunteers**  
**Visitation**  
**Sound** Scott Jones/Richard Wilson  
**Prayer Chapel** Mary Anne Bott

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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 Billy Ledbetter, Custodian

**Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below**

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



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of .... December 26, 2010

<b>Family of Ronnie Young</b>	Cheiko Inman	Cecil Morgan & Family
<b>Holly Wells</b>	Ed & Ruth Friday	Pat Reid
Amy Alverson	Lue Harvell	Madeline Reynolds
<b>Ashley Daniel</b>	Donna Hamilton	Bill Schrimsher
Buck Bannister	Pat Howard	Ann Sexton
Mildred Barnes	PVT Chris Howser	Sam Sproles
CPL Christopher Burke	Jane Hoffman	Frances Slayton
Diane Birdwell	Family of Tammy Hoffman	Earl Stringfellow
Austin Bullard	Larry Holder	Nell Stone
Sandra Boyle	Ed & Joyce Hunt	Pam Strunk
Hans Bott	RJ Jackson	Ethel Short
Bailey Braxton	Bill Kerr	Erroll Stirling
Helen Branum	Darby Jones	Lance Taylor
Hazel Cowley	Carolyn Knight	Nell Teater
Glenda Edwards	Mary Ann Kirkland	Jim Treadway & Family
Matthew Evans	Larry Limbaugh	Rhonda Tucker
Norma Dickson	Dee McPeters	Angie Watwood
Fannie Mae Falkenberry	Vickie Manhart	George Walker
Corrine Fanning	Fred & Mary Moffitt	Freda Wells
Chris Franklin	Tammy Martin	Crystal & Doby Willis & Girls
AIC Trey Franklin	Donna Prichard	Marguerite Wilson
Chris Franklin	Maymie Pickett	US Military families
	Donna Kuiper	

*"...they will call him  
 Immanuel"  
 — which means,  
 "God with us."*



*Matthew 1:23*

**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.

**"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." - Luke 2:6-7**

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

*The Order for Worship  
First Sunday After Christmas  
December 26, 2010*

*Chiming of the Hour*

*Prelude*

*Bringing in the Light* Acolytes

*\*Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time* Paul Ballance, Liturgist

*\*Hymn of Praise* "Joy to the World" No. 246

*\*Affirmation of Faith* Paul Ballance, 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. Jeff Havens

*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* "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 224

*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* 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Paul Ballance, Liturgist

*Sermon* "Now is the Acceptable Time" Reverend Jeff Havens

*\*Hymn of Dedication* "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

*Benediction*  
\*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

*The Story*

**YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Regular youth activities will start back Sunday, January 9th, and Wednesday, January 12th.
- There is a parents' meeting Wednesday, January 12th from 7-8pm while the youth will play games. Please make an effort to be there!
- 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 Sunday, January 2nd.** 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.
- The youth rally Sunday, January 9th will be moved to either Sunday, January 30th or Sunday, February 13th. Stay tuned for the new chosen date.
- Please continue to bring THICK SOCKS for the homeless in the Huntsville area!

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3** MDO Board Meeting, 6:00 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 been born of God and knows God



in so many, many ways in 2010! Our church is better because of YOU!

"Joy to the World" is a popular [Christmas carol](#).

The words are by English hymn writer [Isaac Watts](#), based on [Psalm 98](#) in the Bible. The song was first published in 1719 in Watts' collection; *The Psalms of David: Imitated in the language of the New Testament, and applied to the Christian state and worship*. Watts wrote the words of "Joy to the World" as a hymn glorifying [Christ's triumphant return](#) at the end of the age, rather than a Christmas song celebrating his first coming as a babe born in a stable. Only the second half of Watts' lyrics are still used today. The music was adapted and arranged to Watts' lyrics by [Lowell Mason](#) in 1839 from an older melody which was then believed to have originated from [Handel](#), not least because the theme of the refrain (*And heaven and nature sing...*) appears in the orchestra opening and accompaniment of the [recitative](#) *Comfort Ye* from Handel's [Messiah](#), and the first four notes match the beginning of the choruses *Lift up your heads* and *Glory to God* from the same oratorio. However, Handel did not compose the entire tune. As of the late 20th century, "Joy to the World" was the most-published Christmas hymn in [North America](#).



The flowers on the Altar are to wish

**Pinna, a Happy Anniversary**

With Love, Jimmy

**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.**



IN LOVING MEMORY

*Joy Daniel*

*Given by*  
Nell Rose Brackett  
Hazel Dennis  
Lynette & Chris Fountain  
Marie Grimes  
Sarah King  
Lee & Evelyn Parker  
Dick & Brenda Titus  
Johnice Young

*For*  
Undesignated  
Undesignated  
Undesignated  
Building Fund  
Undesignated  
Undesignated  
Undesignated  
Van Fund

*In Honor of*

*Judy Fiske*

*Homemakers Class*

*Undesignated*

**PRAYER CONCERNS** We would like to begin the new year with a new prayer list. If you have someone you wish to continue on the list, please fill out the prayer needs in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate, e-mail us at eumc@hiwaay.net, or call the church office at 256-536-1559. Thank you for your gracious attention.

I Am

While praying one day, a woman asked, "Who are you, Lord?" He answered, "I Am."

"But who is I Am? she asked?"

And He replied, "I Am Love,  
I Am Peace,  
I Am Grace,  
I Am Joy,  
I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Light,  
I Am the Comforter,  
I Am Strength,  
I Am Safety,  
I Am Shelter,  
I Am Power,  
I Am the Creator,  
I Am the Beginning and the End,  
I Am the Most High."

With tears in her eyes, the woman looked toward Heaven and said, "Now I understand. But Lord, who am I?" Then God tenderly wiped the tears from her eyes and whispered, "You are Mine."

*We thank Brother Jim, Eric, and carolers for their visit Sunday night. Their singing was beautiful. Gayle and I enjoyed and appreciated it. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.  
Maymie Pickett*



**Attendance**  
*December 19, 2010*

**Worship: 158**  
**Sunday School: 105**

Children: 19  
Youth: 15  
Adults: 71

**Stewardship**  
*December 19, 2010*

General	\$5,262.00
Building Fund	1,452.00
Flowers	68.50
Children	100.00
Social Concerns	30.00
UM Youth Fellowship	80.00
Children's Home	55.00
SA Bread Basket	15.00
Cynthia Carr, Missionary	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,112.50</b>