

THOSE WHO SERVE
Month of December

Trustee Joe Mathis
Ushers Capt. C. Avery, T. Avery, C. Dewberry, S. Falkenberry
Altar Guild Cindy Conwill
Monthly Counting Team Larry Mathis, Russell Spiess

December 9

Liturgist Leone Purser
Greeters J. & T. Palmer, G. & J. Hicks, Marge Masterson, Frances Coleman
Acolytes Masoud Torabinejad, Daniel Tilson, Zach Maguire
Nursery Volunteers Daisy Carpenter, Beth Marshall
Children's Church Volunteers Judy Ballance
Visitation Marge Masterson, Diane Hayes
Sound TBD
Tape Ministry Reek Wilson
Prayer Chapel Reek & Wanda Wilson

December 16

Liturgist Patrick Jones
Greeters T. Putman, F. Burkholder, C. & T. Avery, P. & J. Ballance
Acolytes Jonathan Kindred, Tristen Palmer, Rachel Lozier
Nursery Volunteers Holly Keel, Cindy Marsh
Children's Church Volunteers TBD
Visitation Ina & Jack Hucks
Sound TBD
Tape Ministry Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Mary Anne Bott

Prayer concerns for the week of December 9, 2007

Vera Pitt	Virginia Franklin	Ruby Champion
Mary Ann Kirkland	Ed Friday	Becky Bortnick
Pam Dennis	Matthew Wiese	Barbara Clark
Dana McGuire	Angela Treadway	Fred Simpson
Family of Edna Johnson	Angela Turner	Wilbia Lee Howard
Family of Irene Camp	Bonnie Treadway	Carolyn Durden
Kimberley Groom	Kathryn Loggins	Hiram & Lillian Quillin
David Beutjer	Nancy Sexton	Exie Marshall
Cpt. Andrew Crumbley-USMC	Jennie Miller	Jessie Sanders
Philip Foster	Lorinne Fanning Lilly	Clara Mae Brooks
Vicki Manhart	John Keel	Carol Hunt
Gwen Siniard	Glenda Edwards	Margaret Fisk
D.J. Barnsby	Connie Pyszka	Bill Franklin
Virginia Franklin	Benny Fiske	Ethel Sharp
Ed Friday	Ruby Champion	Daisy Sublett
Capt. Scott Cline-Air Force	Becky Bortnick	US Military & Families
Sgt. David Baggett-Nat'l Guard	Barbara Clark	

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: _____

Epworth United Methodist Church

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Rev. Jim Stringfellow, Senior Pastor
Renee' Rowse, Director, Children's Ministries
Reek Wilson, Director, Adult Ministries
Russell Spiess, Church Treasurer

Rev. Cody B. Gilliam, Pastor, Student Ministries
Tammy Palmer, Director, MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
Billy Ledbetter, Custodian

Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below

Sun.	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	"Endangered Salvation" the Youth Praise Band
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	11:30 a.m.	Women's Emmaus Mtg-Prayer Chapel
	6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Girl Scout meetings/Searchers & Rm 310
	7-8:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tues.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	6:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.	Stitchers, Etc.-Parlor (meets 2nd & last Tues of each month)
Wed.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	5:30 p.m.	Men's Emmaus Meeting-Parlor
	6:00 p.m.	Circle of Grace Book Club-Conf. room
	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Youth Movie Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Parlor
	12:00 p.m.	Thurs. Noon Emmaus Reunion-Parlor
Fri.	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten

**Wish to Join?
Questions about Membership?**

You may join EUMC 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 role.

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 536-1559 or eumc@hiwaay.net and our pastor will be happy to meet with you.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."- [John 8:12](#)

The Order For Worship
Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2007

Chiming of the Hour Nicky Wilson, Organist
Prelude Nicky Wilson, Organist
Bringing in the Light Acolytes
**Welcome, Greeting Time & Announcements* Leone Purser, Liturgist

**Hymn of Praise* "Hail To The Lord Anointed"No. 203
**Affirmation of Faith*Leone Purser, 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer Time/Prayer Concerns/Pastoral PrayerRev. 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, for ever. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn-* "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates "No. 213

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 Choir

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

Anthem.....Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson John 1:1-14

Sermon "What Really Happened at Christmas" Rev. Jim Stringfellow

**Hymn of Dedication*—"Away In A Manager"No. 217

**Benediction*

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

"The Story"

NAME TAGS - Please remember to wear your name tags!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Powdered milk, soda crackers, canned fruit

BEHOLD WEEKEND January 19-21 at Camp Sumatanga. Get registration forms from Cody. We need to be registered by January 5.

ADVENT COMMUNION Beginning Sunday, December 2, we will have Communion at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall with Mrs. Joy, Mrs. Renee, and Mrs. Lynn. A snack supper will follow. Each family needs to bring a dish to share.

FINANCE TEAM meets Monday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTMAS DINNER is Sunday, December 16, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our meal is ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, salad, dessert, and drinks. Cost is \$6.00 per person or a maximum of \$18.00 per family. See Tobey Avery after church in the narthex to sign up. If you have a 2' Christmas tree with lights, Family Life would like to borrow it for the evening. Put your name on the bottom of the tree. Set up will be at 4:30 that afternoon.

BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by the Mission Team will be held in conjunction with our Christmas Dinner on December 16th. Contact Jack & Ina Hucks at 536-2370 for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE with Communion will be held Monday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY ANGELTREE Please help by sponsoring an angel. Pick up a name card today, do your shopping, and return your gifts to the church by Dec. 10. The cards say to return them to the Mall but please return them to Epworth.

CHARGE CONFERENCE called meeting immediately after worship service December 9 to elect officers for 2008.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS NEW PROCEDURE To give flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please sign up on the flower calendar in the narthex on your preferred date. Complete the form and place a check in the offertory plate or mail it to the church office. Remember to indicate on your check "memorial flowers and the date."

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet on Dec. 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Victoria's Café for our Christmas lunch. We will **not** be bringing school supplies for Chapman Elementary School this month. All women in the church are invited. If you wish to have lunch with us, please call me so I can add your name to the list. For questions or information or e-mail at cbshotts@bellsouth.net. For questions or information call Carolyn Shotts, 533-1273 or e-mail at cbshotts@bellsouth.net.

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.

Beginning **January 15th** & continuing for 13 weeks, our Senior Pastor, Jim Stringfellow will be leading the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace study.

The Huntsville Ballet Company & Community Ballet School's 39th Annual Production of **The Nutcracker** at the Von Braun Concert Hall is Dec. 7 & 8 at 7:30 PM & on Dec. 8 & 9 at 2:00 PM. **Tristen Palmer** is performing as a tall mouse!.

MEMORIALS

*In memory of **Gayle Butler** (Reek Wilson's sister)
Given by Tom & Joan Diggs for undesignated*

*In memory of **Gayle Butler**
Given by Vern & Clovis Oden for undesignated*

*The flowers on the altar today are in honor of
Tristen Palmer's 11th birthday*

Love, Mom. Dad. & Gabriel

*We hope that every
person, every week, will ex-
perience the presence of Jesus
in soul-stirring
worship.*

December 2

Worship: 154
Sunday School: 117

Children: 19
Youth: 12
Adults: 86

**Stewardship
For December 2, 2007**

General:	\$8,738.00
Christianity Family Tree:	10.00
Social Concerns:	105.00
Campbell Love Gift	60.00
Flowers	66.00
Poinsettias	20.00
White Christmas Offering	280.00
Sunday Night Christmas Dinners	600.00
Social Concerns	105.00
 Total:	 \$9,869.00

To order a Christmas poinsettia, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate. Mark the envelope POINSETTIAS. Order must be placed by December 16th.

Name _____

Given in (circle one) Honor/Memory of _____

Number of poinsettias _____ Amount Paid @ 10.00 each _____