



Gabriel

"I am Gabriel...I have come to speak to you and tell you this good news."



Taylorsville First UMC: a garden of Christ's love through Planting Believers, Nurturing Disciples and Helping with the Harvest.

January
2011



"Mortification- literally, 'making death'-is what life is all about, a slow discovery of the mortality of all that is created so that we can appreciate its beauty without clinging to it as if it were a lasting possession. Our lives can indeed be seen as a process of becoming familiar with death, as a school in the art of dying. I do not mean this in a morbid way. On the contrary, when we see life constantly relativized by death, we can enjoy it for what it is: a free gift. The pictures, letters, and books of the past reveal life to us as a constant saying of farewell to beautiful places, good people, and wonderful experience.... All these times have passed by like friendly visitors, leaving us with dear memories but also with the sad recognition of the shortness of life. In every arrival there is a leavetaking; in each one's growing up there is a growing old; in every smile there is a tear; and in every success there is a loss. All living is dying and all celebration is mortification too."

-Henri Nouwen,
A Letter of Consolation

*I thought these words speak a comforting yet tough truth in the midst of Robin's death last week. All living is indeed dying. Let us therefore live well!
Peace,
Josh*

New Young Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning Sunday, January 9th on the 3rd floor of the educational building. Come and learn about God in a laid back atmosphere in a non traditional way! This ain't your mama's SS Class!

Worship Schedule

8:43 AM Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM Coffee and Refreshments
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

Birth Announcement!!

Join us in welcoming Raegan Grace Meadlock, born December 22, 2010 around 9:50pm. Raegan weighed 6lb 12oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of proud parents Maegan and Tyson Meadlock and the grand-daughter of proud grandparents Dale & Gale Clary. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Got Fellowship Suggestions?

Do you have a great idea for a church wide fellowship event? We're brain storming possibilities for inter-generational gatherings of our church family. If you have any suggestions, please contact your new Fellowship Coordinator, shannonsherfey@charter.net or 632-7130. Thanks!

January Events

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| 2 | 6:30 pm | UMYF |
| 4 | 10:00 am | M&M's Planning Mtg- MPR |
| | 6:30 pm | Disciple 1 Bible Study |
| 5 | 5:30 pm | Mid Week Manna |
| | 6:00 pm | Handbells |
| | 6:30 pm | Kids Praise |
| | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| 9 | 4:30 pm | Guatemala Info Mtg |
| | 6:00 pm | UMYF |
| | 7:00 pm | Church Council |
| 10 | 11:00 am | UMW Monday Morning Circle |
| | 5:30 pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| | 7:00 pm | Susannah Wesley Circle |
| 11 | 6:30 pm | Disciple 1 Bible Study |
| 12 | 6:00 pm | Handbells |
| | 6:30 pm | Kids Praise |
| | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| 15 | 12:30 pm | Acolyte Training |
| 16 | 4:00 pm | Trustee Meeting |
| | 5:00 pm | Children's Council |
| | 6:00 pm | UMYF |
| 18 | 6:30 pm | Disciple 1 Bible Study |
| 19 | 5:30 pm | Mid Week Manna |
| | 6:00 pm | Handbells |
| | 6:30 pm | Kid's Praise |
| | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| 22 | 7-10:30 am | UMM Community Breakfast |
| | 12:00 pm | Habitat Lunch |
| 23 | 7:00 am | Gabriel Deadline |
| 25 | 4:00 pm | Safe Sanctuary Training |
| | 6:30 pm | Disciple 1 Bible Study |
| 26 | 6:00 pm | Handbells |
| | 6:15 pm | Book Club |
| | 6:30 pm | Kid's Praise |
| | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| 30 | 3:00 pm | District Leadership Conf |



Mid-Week Manna January 5th &

19th 5:30pm-6:15pm

Fill out your reservation cards by the Monday (1st & 3rd) before the following Wednesday night meal.

Jan. 5: Chicken pot pie, slaw, baked apples, dessert

Jan. 19: Mild chili and corn bread, carrots and celery sticks, Apple dump cake

**Next Trustees Meeting
January 16th @
4:00pm.**

Council Corner – December, 2010

-Council approved the 2011 Budget recommended by the Finance Committee. The total budget for 2011 is \$200,602 compared to a total of \$201,028 for 2010.

-Below is Church Council's updated list of prayer concerns. Please join us in daily prayer for the items listed.

- Stewardship
- Guatemala Mission Trip
- Spirit of Christ during the Christmas Season
- Poor and needy
- Incoming Church leaders

-Reminder: Everyone is welcome to attend Council Meetings. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 9, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Would you like to serve as an Acolyte?

Calling all 3rd-6th graders! Are you interested in serving as an acolyte at the 11am service? We could sure use your help. If, so, please contact Shannon Sherfey (632-7130 or shannonsherfey@charter.net). There will be a training session in January for those who have not served before.

New Office Hours
The Church office will be opened
Tuesday 8:30am- 12:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am- 12:30pm
Thursday 8:30am- 3:00pm

Acolyte Training Saturday, January 15th at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary

This is for all NEW acolytes or those needing a refresher course and will include a pizza lunch afterward. It should only take about an hour total. Parents are encouraged to attend as well.

Missions



Helping Pot for January Benevolence Fund

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry has been in existence for about three years. Since then 131 prayer shawls, lap afghans, snowmen that cover toilet tissue, Kleenex box covers, and Christmas candles have been given out to people in need of a prayer and comfort. Also not counted in the total we have given out are toboggans and scarves to children and numerous little crocheted toys. Isn't this wonderful to think what loving hands can accomplish!

This year as we delivered prayer shawls to Valley Nursing Home and Alexander Assisted Living, we found out there are people, for one reason or another, that have very little contact with family. Listed below are the names of the ones that would love a visit or a card from you (if you find it in your heart to do so).

This ministry has meant so much to me and the ones that participate. Would you like to be part of this wonderful ministry that will touch your heart as much as it does the ones you minister to?

Starting with our meeting in January (the 2nd Tues. each month) we will be meeting at 5:30pm. Please feel free to come. If you want to learn how to crochet or knit, we will be glad to help you get started.

Alexander Assisted Living, 3032 NC Hwy. 16 South, Taylorsville NC 28681 828 632-4443

Wendy Flowers, Mary Jo Patterson, Fleisha Bowman

Valley Nursing Center, 581 NC Hwy. 16 South, Taylorsville NC 28681 828 632-8146 X7128

Clyde Dula Room 112B, Carl Chapman Room 116B, Hayden Woodie Room 217A, Richard Adams Room 301B, William Foster Room 406B, Benny Hawkins Room 507B, Jack Butler Room 417A, Bill Anderson Room 417B, Clinton Barlowe Room 504A.

Dorothy Beechem Room 412B, Terri Moretz Room 412A, Vivian Winkler Room 411B, Willie Massey Room 410B, Marie Seligmiller Room 411A, Juanita Snow Room 111, Nina Oyan Room 115B, Vera Lowe Room 205B

Thank each and every one of you that participated this year.

Betty Jackson



Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift received on 11/22/10 for \$584.00 to the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that **100 percent** of your contribution will support the missionary community in honor of Mary Randall Zigbuo Advance #10721Z.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes
General Treasurer
General Board of Global Ministries

Shawn Bakker
Associate General Secretary
The Advance



Mission Money Jars

Add your pocket change to the labeled jars in Sunday School rooms and around the church to help fund our Outreach Mission Projects.

Our Covenant Missionaries

From Liberia

Herbert and Mary Zigbuo:

1158 Mallard Place

Creedmoor, NC 27522

e-mail: umcliberia@yahoo.com

Drop them a note and let them know

that we are praying for them and their ministry.



Time & Talent!!

There will be information in the bulletin to sign up for Time & Talent. Please be prayerful about your decisions and fill out your volunteer form and turn it in to the church office as soon as possible.

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December 2010

Dear family and friends,

Your beautiful Christmas cards, personal notes, and newsletters are so deeply appreciated and so much a part of our Christmas that without them something vital would be missing from Marie's and my life at this holy season.

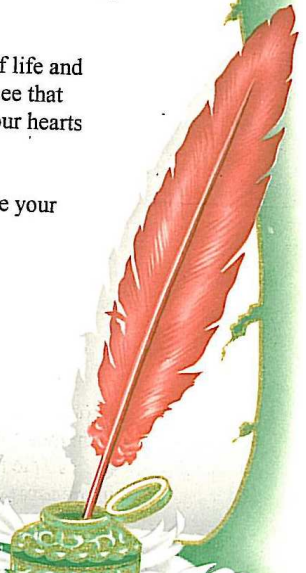
Yet, there was a time when vast numbers of people could not read and Christmas correspondence was not so much a part of Christmas as it is in our time. In the early middle ages many people could not read. The beautiful nativity story was told in the form of pictures. Many common folk who could not write or read were inspired to remember the Birth of the Savior through hymns, sermons and the pictures in the church windows which depicted the nativity.

What do you suppose would be the most impressive lesson we would learn about Christmas if we, like so many folk in human history who could not read, had only a picture of a shining star, a lowly stable and a poor family, finding shelter in a stall and a resting place for an infant in a manger? Doubtless, the Judean night was not as friendly as later devotional thoughts would make it.

Would we not see that at the heart of Christmas is the sacred Gift of life and human relationships made strong by love and devotion. Surely we would see that faithfulness and loyalty shine in the darkness, with a heavenly light to lift our hearts toward God.

May the abiding truth of Christmas strengthen, encourage, and guide your life and may the Peace of God dwell in you always.

With love,
Fred + Marie
Fred and Marie



Our Prayer List

The Bowen Family
Anna Sharpe
Clara Barlowe
The Larmore Family
Sam Brookshire
Lloyd Larmore
Bob Duncan
Pete Petrie
Betty Roulic
Tony Meadlock
Ed Marshall

Dawn Yount
Danny Young
Kendra Loria
Nita Wagoner
Charles Odom
Lucille Garmon
Harvey Feimster
Marguerite Rector
Joel Dishmond (Iraq)
Jeanie Farish
Helen Heafner



UMW News

As we enter a new year, I find it interesting that the theme for our coming year for the United Methodist Women is PEACE – finding peace and reconciliation in our own daily lives. I encourage each and every woman in our church to join us for study and fellowship that will help us to develop a deeper spiritual practice that will help us find that peace.

Linda Greer will lead our pledge service for both the morning circle in the church parlor at 11:00 a.m. and the Susannah Wesley circle at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2011.

Haiti will be our primary mission focus for the year. All of us are familiar with the numerous and unmet needs in Haiti. With that in mind, I ask for your prayers during January to include the International Child Care Midwife training in Grande-Riviere du Nord, Haiti during this month.

Nan Campbell

UMM News

Methodist Men Newsletter Article

The Methodist Men met for their regular monthly meeting on December 12, 2010 in the Multi-Purpose Room and enjoyed breakfast together. Those present included Guy Chapman, Jerry Adams, Moe Perron, Mark Odom, Glenn Fox, and Terry Graham, Josh Sherfey.

After an opening prayer by Guy Chapman, our discussion centered on the upcoming Community Breakfast the following week and the need for it to be profitable to help assist those members going on the mission trip to Guatemala. We were not profitable with our breakfast in November. We are concerned that we don't have more people from our own congregation join us for these community breakfasts. We discussed other ways of advertising the breakfast with more flyers, radio broadcasts, and an article in the Taylorsville Times along with these newsletter articles.

Other discussion centered on having a Men's Spiritual Retreat in the springtime at Josh's suggestion. The men were enthusiastic about making this happen in 2011.

After our Treasurer's report, we were dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Fox
Secretary/Treasurer

M&M's

As I begin this new year in the leadership roll for M&M's, I pray that God will lead and guide me. Our January meeting will be held in the "Multi-Purpose room" @ 10:00am on January 4th, 2011. This meeting will be a "planning session" for all of us to decide what we would like to do for the year. Please make it a point to be there with sharp minds and pencils as we go about preparing for new adventures. I welcome all of your ideas. Note: After the meeting, we will be going to Scotty's for lunch. So bring your appetites, too!! Blessings, Sue Perron



Book Club

The book club will meet at 6:15pm on the 26th. The book to be discussed is *When Men Win Glory* by Jon Krakauer. See you there!

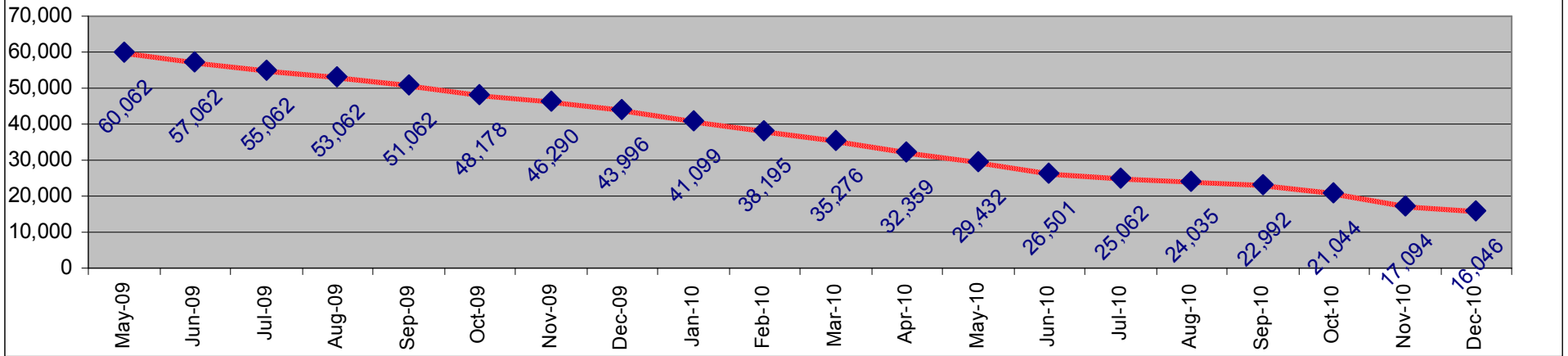


Life Line Screening 1/21/2011

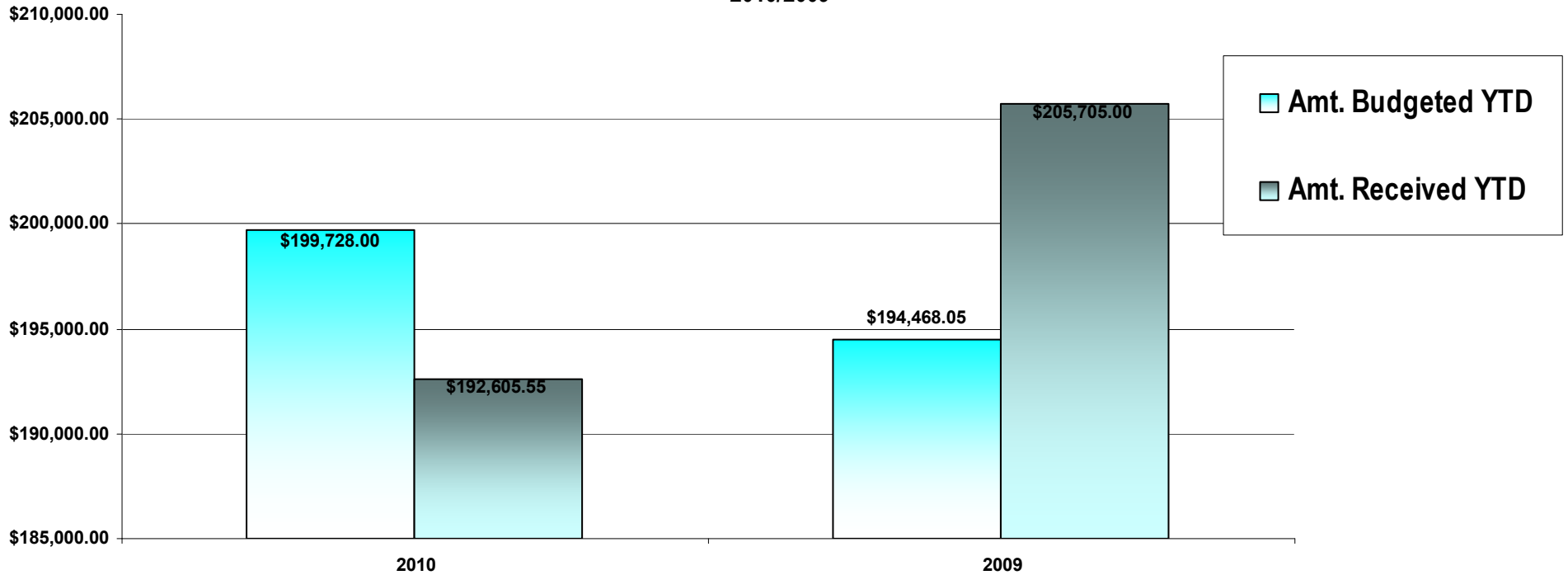
REMINDER: Life Line Screening will be at (location) on (date). Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit: www.lifelinescreening.com to make your appointment now. Life Line Screening is the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings and offers tests for stroke prevention, vascular disease, and osteoporosis. Don't wait. Protect your health and your loved ones by getting screened.



Land Debt



Stewardship Summary of Yearly Budgets
2010/2009



December 2010

January 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Linda Greer Bday |
| 2 6pm UMYF | 3 | 4 10am M&M's Planning Mtg 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study | 5 Justin Bowman Bday 5:30pm Mid Week Manna 6pm Handbells 6:30pm Kid's Praise 7pm Chancel Choir | 6 Dylan Miller Bday Kenneth Poole Bday | 7 Diedre Queen Bday | 8 |
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| 16 4pm Trustee Meeting 5pm Children Council 6pm UMYF | 17 | 18 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study | 19 Gary Rogers, Vince Aponte & Zachary Ferguson Bday 5:30pm Mid Week Manna 6pm Handbells 6:30pm Kid's Praise 7pm Chancel Choir | 20 Margaret Osborne Bday | 21 Bill Vinson Bday | 22 Alexa Dunbar Bday Charleigh Bailey Bday Vickie McCoy Bday 7am UMM Breakfast 12pm Habitat Lunch |
| 23 Kathryn Barlowe Bday 7am Gabriel Deadline 6pm UMYF | 24 Linda Graham Bday Nellie Jones Bday Jo Ann Lowe Bday | 25 Susan Hertzler, Elaine Ruff & Shannon Sherfey Bday 4pm Safe Sanctuary 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study | 26 6pm Handbells 6:15pm Book Club 6:30pm Kid's Praise 7pm Chancel Choir | 27 | 28 | 29 Joey Williams Bday |
| 30 Beth Jarrett Bday 3pm District Leadership 6pm UMYF | 31 Babs Odom Bday Pat Wilkinson Bday | | | | | |

Josh on a Spiritual Retreat

