



## THE BULLETIN

### *First United Methodist Church*

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#### **HOW CAN WE AS HUMAN BEINGS GLORIFY GOD? (Part 1)**

Acts 11:21-26: "The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So, for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch."

The word Christian is mentioned only three times in the Bible. Acts 11:26, "They assembled themselves with the church and taught many people, and the disciples were called Christians."

Acts 26: 28, "Then King Agrippa said unto Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

I Peter 4: 16, "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let them glorify God on his behalf."

Through the church, we glorify God as Christians. First, by assembling ourselves as you do as servants for the state and other people. The Christians assemble themselves in the church to honor and glorify God on behalf of the world. Second, as Christians we teach others about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Third, we are to witness to the fact that others will be persuaded to be a Christian.

We struggle with our faith and the grace of God. This struggle is expressed by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. Against Paul's gospel of salvation by grace alone, other people also asked: If human sin draws forth God's grace, then why not sin so that grace may be multiplied? Paul grew quite touchy over the charge implied in this question. He responded with three illustrations: Baptism, Slavery, and Marriage. In baptism, Paul notes, we share in Christ's death, so we emerge from baptism - a symbolic death - to walk in "newness of life." When our old self is symbolically crucified with Christ, it dies to sin and is alive to a new life.

Drawing on this experience of all Christians, Paul asks, "How can persons who have died to sin still live as if they were subjects of sin?" Paul restates the question: "Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?" He answers with an image drawn from everyday life. All people, he asserts, are slaves. Some are slaves to harsh taskmasters, owners, and sin; others are slaves of God's righteousness. All slaves know the good masters from the bad ones. Sin abuses and kills its slaves. God's righteousness, or Christ, gives life to His slaves. Now, Paul says, "all believers have been delivered from the slave pits of sin-and they remember how degrading that slavery was." So common sense tells us that no one liberated from the slavery that brings death would ever deliberately go back to it after being set free by Christ. The only truly free person is the slave of Christ.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastors and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bass in the death of his cousin, MRS. JEANNIE MILLER, Summerfield, FL; to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ragan and family in the death of his brother, MR. GROVER W. RAGAN, JR., Tampa, FL.; to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson and family in the death of her nephew, MR. WILLIAM LAURAMORE, Jacksonville, FL.

**MEET AND GREET:**

Join fellow church members in the fellowship hall at 9:45 A.M. New Hope and Rebelution SS classes are hosts this month.

**BUCKET BRIGADE:**

For September will be going to the Children's Mission for the Heifer Project. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**BUDGET REQUEST NEEDED:**

Committee chairpersons are requested to have budget request for 2011 turned in to the church office by September 15.

**NEWSLETTER:**

If you have something you would like featured in the "First Family", please email Katie at [children@cairofumc.org](mailto:children@cairofumc.org) or Mike at [mike@cairofumc.org](mailto:mike@cairofumc.org)

**NEEDED-3 HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBERS:**

We have openings and need 3 bell choir members. Rehearsals begin Sept.8. Musically, it helps if you can read music. Call Ed Lyon, 850-556-4113.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY:**

AFM DISTRIBUTION, SATURDAY, September 18 for preorders for the month of September. To place an order with a credit card on line, go to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)

Call the church office or Martha Hawthorne if you have any questions. Delivery for September will be Sept. 18, 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

**CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS**

**MAKE RESERVATIONS!**

You will need to call the church office to sign up for the meals on a permanent basis or weekly if that is what you choose or you may fill out the form below each week to make your reservations for Church Night Suppers. Reservations should be made or cancelled by Tuesday noon. The "Family" amount of \$11.00 is for only those living in the household. Magnolia Manor program.

No. From Age 12 - Adults(\$3.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
No. From 18 months - 11(\$2.00) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum Family Charge \$11.00 - all persons living in same household) \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent  
Week 9/15/10 \_\_\_\_\_ Cancellation 9/14/10  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by Philip and Carolyn Shelfer in loving memory of MR. WOODY CHAPMAN.

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

- MR. JAMES COLLINS
- MR. JIMMY LEE
- MR. CECIL MCDONALD
- MRS. MARY FRANCIS OLIVER
- MRS. MAXINE SHIVER
- MRS. VIRGINIA STAFFORD
- MRS. JANICE THOMPSON

By: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joyner

**NEW MEMBERS:**

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rhea as the newest members of our family of faith. Randy and Marilynn come by transfer of their memberships.

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION :**

**SEPT. 19 - BISHOP'S HOUR**

Bishop King will be at Thomasville First UMC, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend. Call the church if you would like to go on the van!

**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES**

Registration - Sept. 12 with the first sessions held on Sept. 26. (Books to be ordered)

**Studies being offered:**

When Christians Get It Wrong - Joy Smith, Bill Bass, Jr.

Women of Excellence-Being a Godly Woman - Karen Mobley

Dare to Be Uncommon - Men's Study - Mike Mobley, Nat Higdon

Oct. 2 - Annual Planning Event - Committee Chairs should have reports ready to turn in for Charge Conference.

**PELHAM EDUCATION GRANTS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

Applications for the Mildred Pelham Education Grants may be picked up during office hours from the church office. Deadline to apply this year is September 24. Guidelines are available with the application.

**UMMEN:**

Will meet Monday, September 13, at 7:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. Following a fish dinner, the program will be presented by Mike Thornton.

Make reservations for the meal by calling the church office, 377-3051, or F. L. Perkins, 377-3044, or filling out the form below and placing in the offering plate on Sunday.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS WEEK'S CHURCH**

**OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Sunday, September 12:**

- \*8:30 A.M. .... Early Worship
- \*8:44 A.M. .... Worship
- \*9:45 A.M. .... Meet and Greet
- \*10:00 A.M. .... Church School
- \*11:00 A.M. .... Worship Service

**Monday, September 13:**

- 7:00 P.M. .... UMMen

**Tuesday, September 14:**

- 6:30 A.M. .... Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 A.M. .... Fellowship Hall Reserved
- 9:15 A.M. .... Ladies' Prayer Team
- 3:00 P.M. .... Needlework Ministry

**Wednesday, September 15:**

- 5:00 P.M. .... Prayer Team
- 6:00 P.M. .... Church Night Supper
- 6:30 P.M. .... Handbell Choir
- Age Level Activities
- 7:30 P.M. .... Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 16:**

- 8:30 A.M. ... Service on CNS Channel 6

**Friday, September 17:**

- 2:00 P.M. ... Service on CNS Channel 6
- 9:00 P.M. ... Service on CNS Channel 6

**Saturday, September 18:**

- 10:00 A.M. ... Angel Food Distribution
- \*Nursery for children birth thru three

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

**September 12:**

- Debbie Godbehere
- Billy Rathel
- Sue Singleton

**September 14:**

- Judy Fusco
- Kay Keller

**September 15:**

- Jim Hester

**September 16:**

- Henry Bass
- Arlene Spooner
- Katherine Stoddard

**September 17:**

- Beverly Cliett
- Shirley Gale
- Ellen White

**September 18:**

- Ellen Cox
- Kaye Helms

If your name has not been listed, please call the church office in order that we might get our records corrected.

**No Adult Activities**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**OUR KNOWN ILL: (As of Tuesday)**

Please remember those of our membership:

Columbus, GA:

Mrs. Dorothy Gainous

At Home:

- Mr. Alton Barrineau
- Mrs. Lois Clark
- (Mother of Sandra Clark)
- Mrs. Laverne McClenny
- Mr. & Mrs. Carter Morton
- Mrs. Jean Strickland
- Mr. Terry Prince

Atlanta, GA:

- Mr. Mike Davis
- (Son of Sara Davis-Merriman)

Sidney, OH:

- Mr. Samuel Hughes
- (Step-father of Brenda Sharpless)

Medical Center, Augusta, GA:

Mr. Jason Norton

Magnolia Place:

- Mrs. Ida Pearl C. Brown
- Mrs. Margaret Johnson
- Mrs. Jean Scott
- M/M Bill VanLandingham

Camellia Gardens:

Mrs. Bernice Porter

Golden Living:

Rev. Charles Culbreth Mrs. Evelyn Hester

Parkway, Pelham:

Mr. Bob Voyles

Belvedere Commons, Thomasville:

- Mrs. Carol Heath
- Mrs. Joyce Pickens

Woodleaf, Tallahassee, FL

Mrs. Marion Walker

Brighton Gardens, Omaha, NE:

Mrs. Jane Wilkinson

Pinewood Nursing Center, Whigham:

Mrs. Elde Sharpless

Visitors, September 5, 2010:

The Simmons Family; Forest, Suzanne Lovett

Please sign the attendance register each week!

**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP**

September 5, 2010

8:30 A.M. Worship .....	32
8:44 A.M. Worship .....	40
11:00 A.M. Worship .....	125
Budget needs for the year to date .	\$409,344.00
Budget receipts for the year to date	\$339,089.00
Designated .....	\$200.00
Bucket Brigade .....	\$113.54

**CHILDREN, Sunday, Sept. 12, 8:44 A.M.**

Today is Children's Sunday. The children will be taking part throughout the 8:44 service. There will not be Children's Church. However, all the children are going to sit together in the balcony. Please bring your child to the balcony at the beginning of the 8:44 service to sit with the volunteers.

All children should come to the Education Building. Preschool children should meet downstairs. Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade should meet in the Upper Rooms Bible Village.

The children will continue their Sunday School series entitled "Making Choices". The memory verse is "I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set your ordinances before me". Psalm 119: 30 We need volunteers to help lead and assist during this rotation. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

**Christmas Program:**

On Wednesday nights following CNS, your children are practicing for the Christmas program "Follow the Star". They each have a music cd; please encourage them to listen to their cd so they begin to learn the music.

**Upcoming Events:**

**KIDZQUEST**

Is September 24-26. Registration is now closed.

Please call Katie Odum or visit the website ([www.cairofumc.org](http://www.cairofumc.org)) for more information about all upcoming events.

**Mission Project -** During the next few months, the children will be doing various fund raisers to raise money for Heifer International. Please support them in their efforts to raise over \$600 to purchase animals for poverty stricken families.

**QUILTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUPS:**

Monday, 9:30 A.M. - Quilting Group  
Tuesday, 3:00 P.M. - Needlework Group  
You are welcome to join either or both groups.

**REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP CHOICES:**

Our congregants have the opportunity to choose between three different worship services each Sunday morning. Choose the one that works for you!

8:30 A.M. in the chapel  
A blended worship service

8:44 A.M. in the sanctuary  
A contemporary worship service

11:00 A.M. in the sanctuary  
A traditional worship service

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**Sunday, September 12, 2010**

**8:30 Worship**

Message **Rev. Henry Bass**  
"Loneliness"  
Psalm 102: 1-7

**8:44 Worship**

"Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you."  
Psalm 84:4  
Message **Rev. Michael Mobley**  
"Looking For The One"  
Luke 15: 1-10  
(Pew Bible Page 740)

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**YOUTH**

Sun., Sept. 12, (After Meet and Greet)  
6-12th grades: Meet in the Youth House for a combined SS lesson.

Sun., Sept. 12 - UMYF - 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.  
Supper provided by the Howell family.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

5<sup>th</sup> QUARTER EVENT hosted by CFUMC on Friday, Sept. 24, after the CHS football game vs. Monroe. Volunteers are needed to help with the event and all youth are encouraged to attend.

Other 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter locations include: 9/10 @ Family Worship Center; 10/8 @ First Baptist; and 10/22 @ Faith Christian Center.

Mark Your Calendars...the Hungry for Love tour is coming to Christian Heritage Church in Tallahassee on Friday, Oct. 29, featuring the Afters, Leeland & Sanctus Real. Check out 88.1 Way FM website for details. Let Mrs. Meghan know if you can go.

Winter Youth Trip (Xtreme Winter '10 in Gatlinburg, TN) will be December 26-29, 2010. \$75 deposit and permission form due Oct. 1 to reserve your spot. Our trip will include concerts by Skillet, Newsboys and Mercy Me, skiing, and a visit to Dollywood. Don't miss this trip!

**STAFF DIRECTORY:**

Rev. Henry Bass ..... Pastor  
Rev. Michael Mobley ..... Assoc. Pastor  
Dr. Ed Lyon ..... Minister of Music  
Mrs. Katie Odum ..... Dir. Of Children's Min.  
Mrs. Meghan Ridenour .... Dir. Of Youth Min.  
Mr. Ed Self ..... Organist  
Mrs. Ruth Sims ..... Adm. Assistant

MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Kingdomtide XVI  
The Lord's Day

September 12, 2010  
Christian Color: Green

THE GATHERING

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.  
Before the service speak to Him, during the service let Him speak to you,  
after the service speak with one another.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Rev. Michael Mobley

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR ..... Time for Silent Prayer

THE PRELUDE ..... Mr. Ed Self  
"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" - Phillips

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES ..... Acolytes

\* THE HYMN OF AFFIRMATION ..... No. 732  
"Come, We That Love the Lord"

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED ..... No. 881

\*THE GLORIA PATRI ..... No. 70

\* THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP ..... The Sharing of God's Love

THE ANTHEM ..... Chancel Choir  
"Cornerstone"

THE MORNING PRAYER ..... Rev. Henry Bass

\*THE HYMN OF TRUST ..... No. 378  
"Amazing Grace" (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Rev. Bass

THE OFFERTORY ..... Mr. Ed Self  
"Psalm 23" - Jordan

+\*THE DOXOLOGY. .... "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ..... No. 95

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

THE SOLO ..... Mr. Alan Young

THE MESSAGE ..... Rev. Bass  
"Loneliness" Psalm 102: 1-7 (Pew Bible Page 428)

^\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE ..... No. 371  
"I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (Vs 1, 4, 5)

\* THE BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Henry Bass

\*THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES ..... Acolytes

\* THE POSTLUDE ..... Mr. Ed Self  
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" - Phillips

\*Please Stand ..... Please sign attendance register

Thanks to Amy Amaro for leading in worship today.

+The Children are invited to go to Children's Church

^Please come forward at this time if you wish to unite with this Christian fellowship. The doors are always open for those desiring to become members.

THOSE WHO SERVE:	8:44 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
GREETERS:	Carter Ausley	Carroll Hopkins, Jim Rinker
BULLETIN:	Matt McCaskill	Karen, Mark Bishop
USHERS:	Ausley, McCaskill	Billy Wind
SS GREETERS:	Debbie, Blair, Charles Davis	
ACOLYTES:		Amelia, Ty Pharis
BUCKET BRIGADE:	Hanson, Nathan, Stuart	Casey Hand, Aubrey Walden
	Higdon, Brayden Meissner	
CHILDREN'S HELPERS:		Pharis
ALTAR GUILD:	Cheryl Hunziker, Charlene Powell	