November 1, 2009

Sunday worship schedule: 8:30 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.

From the Minister's desk

It is good to see the new building "rising from the ground." We have many pictures of the construction and our webmaster, Dennis Blackburn, is preparing to put some of them on our website.

Someone who wishes to remain anonymous has been concerned about general safety and security around the outside of the church and has donated a new surveillance system that monitors activity around the buildings. We certainly hope that the new construction proceeds without incident and that we will not have any additional vandalism issues. You will remember that several months ago windows were kicked in along the ground floor of the Education Building.

Two questions that I'm frequently asked: When will be the building be finished? Why wood and metal studs? I hope that the work will be finished by June, but I don't think anyone knows for sure. The weather, of course, has determined the schedule so far and the work is behind in terms of the hopes & expectations of the builders. As I understand, height, anticipated load, length of wall are the determining factors in wood or metal. Any one of those factors coming into play result in a shift from wood to metal.

In 1895-96, John G. Fee built the first church on this site. As you know, the 20th century saw numerous renovations to that building. Each adjustment was a significant time in the life of this congregation. This moment in our history is a remarkable and exciting time as we look down the road to tomorrow. It is reassuring to know that, once again, the congregation has risen to the challenges of the time.
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Elders' Prayer

Please join the Elders in prayer during our time of transition, offering this prayer each day: *Lord, help us continue to listen, that we might be obedient to your guidance, building in one accord, serving you and glorifying your name.*

Financial Report	**September**
Pledges & Receipts	12,403.65
Budget Requirements	14,450.08
(Under Budget)	(1,651.63)

Please remember our general fund and our building fund.

Please remember that good stewardship is important.

Please pray for …
Ernie Murray
Vickie Simmons
Steve Taulbee
Laura Crawford
Peggy Kelly
James VanWinkle
George Harrison
Pat Hensley
Ernestine West
Christine Cope
Mary Bondurant

Building Committee Update:

At it's October 13 meeting, the following items were discussed:
1) Whether metal roofing is feasible. Cost will be explored.
2) Electrical & lighting issues were discussed. John Heiser & Mike Robinson are assisting with that since they work in that field.
3) The committee will accept 2 light fixtures that someone wants to donate.
4) A baptistry has been order from Superior Fiberglass in Texas
5) The young people would like to have a youth room in the basement of the new building. The committee was unanimous in supporting the idea, but said that we need to complete construction as it is currently called for without adding changes. Such a room can be completed later on.
6) The committee passed a motion that any requests about the building, new ideas, or suggestions for change be brought to the building committee instead of the contractors.
7) A six feet in diameter round window with a cross in the center will be on the front of the bell tower.
8) The company that moved the piano and organ will be contacted in order to assist with speaker placement for the organ.
9). It was suggested that we have a "stud-signing party" to allow everyone to put their signature and date somewhere in the structure.

The committee meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The next meetings will be Nov. 10th & 24th.

Building Fund Report

	Received	Expenditures
2007	42,527.00	38,190.77
2008	135,107.45	35,146.91
2009	66,004.58 (thru Sept.)	161,736.55 (thru Sept.)

Notes From the Trustees:

As you watch the new building take shape, please remember your pledges.

Note From the Treasurer

Please remember to note on your checks where you would like your offering to go (Building Fund, General Fund, Capital Campaign).

November Birthdays

Robin Workman	November 2
Kelly Taylor	November 4
Mary Ann Wagers	November 4
Stephen Heiser	November 5
Ed McCurley	November 5
Jeremiah Duerson	November 6

Spot Jennings	November 6
Joshua Neeley	November 6
Leanne Clark	November 9
A. B. Carter	November 11
Jamie Wagers	November 11
Tyler Madden	November 13
Katie W. Tate	November 13
Jenni Bilby	November 14
Ned Gilbert	November 15
Patsy Wagers	November 17
Britt Chambers	November 17
Kendall Gadd	November 17
Dennis Blackburn	November 18
Tara Bilby	November 20
Cadence Perman	November 25
Jim Davis	November 26
Lyle Walker	November 27
Mary Bondurant	November 28
Michael Madden	November 30

Wednesday Night Meals
The first Wednesday evening meal of each month will be a "Pot Luck" meal. Please remember on *Nov. 4th* to bring your favorite dish to share with us.

Choir Activities
Rehearsal for the very fun "Camel Lot" is held every Wednesday at 6:15. Sneak a peak & check out the fun.

Youth Activities
Nov. 6th – "Food Bank Throw Down" (All ages) 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Nov 14th – Bowling for Pre-K to 2nd graders in Richmond 6:00 pm
Nov 21st – Bowling for 3rd to 6th grade in Richmond @ 6:00pm.
Activities for 7th – 12th grade Youth to be decided.
Nov. 29th – Youth Sunday – Members of all Youth Groups will have an active part in the worship service.

New Women's Group
The New Women's Group will meet on Dec. 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Helping Hands Ministry
Mary Ann Foster is starting up a new "Helping Hands Ministry" for our church. The intention behind the "Helping Hands" is to assist primarily our senior members in getting things done that they can no longer easily do without putting themselves in some jeopardy. This ministry is not designed to be a comprehensive home repair service, but might involve such things as changing the washer in a dripping faucet or a light bulb that's hard to reach. If you want to volunteer to be one of the "helping hands" or if you are in need of a helping hand, please contact Mary Ann at 986-3557 or her cell at 302-3026.

CWM – Rebecca Circle
The CWM – Rebecca Circle will hold its rescheduled meeting on Nov. 3 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Cake & Pie Auction
The Annual Cake, Pie & Dessert Auction will be Nov. 19th, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your sweets & your sweet tooth. Proceeds help with the Outreach Programs of the church.

Community Thanksgiving Service
The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Nov. 22nd, Union Church, 7:00 pm.

Special Olympics Fundraiser & Chili Supper
Nov. 6th from 6:00-9:00 pm @ the Acton Folk Center. Auction begins @ 7:00 pm. $5.00/Adult & $3.00/Children (12 & under) For more information call 986-9402.

Empty Shelves & Funds
The Food Bank shelves are running low & funds for BUURR are low also. Please remember these two Outreach Programs with your donations.

Officer Recommendations
If you know of someone who is interested in serving as an officer at the church, please contact Mark Workman.

Hope's Wings
Hope's Wings a domestic violence program is in the middle of a Fund Raiser to stay open. Please see the flyer on the table outside the Fellowship Hall to see how you can help.

Baby Shower
You are invited to a baby shower for Katie Walker Tate, on Sat., Dec. 5th, 10:00 am to 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Have You Moved?
Have you moved or changed your mailing address? Please take a moment to fill out a NEW Congregational Update Form to let the office change your info. The Postal Service charges us .50 (fifty cents) for every forwarding and/or return.

Announcements for Newsletters & Bulletin

Please be aware of the time deadline for announcements to the weekly bulletin and newsletter:
Weekly Bulletin:
Wednesday by 12:00
Monthly Newsletter:
12:00 on the 20th of Each Month
It would also be most helpful if the individual Committee Chairpersons would pass on any Committee announcements to the office. Thank you for your help in these matters.