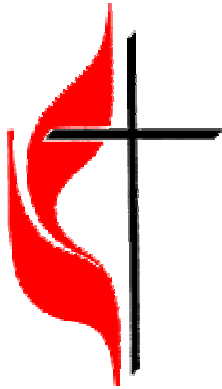


The Good Views

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Guest Preachers Scheduled While I Am Away

I will be away from the pulpit the first two Sundays of April and have scheduled two guest preachers to fill in during my absence. Both of these pastors are friends and colleagues that I greatly admire and know that their presence at Westview will greatly bless you.

April 6—Rev. Bob Lewis preaching and serving Communion. Bob is a retired pastor that I have known and admired since we worked together at Glendale UMC in Nashville back in the 70's. After being a campus minister at the TTU Wesley Foundation in Cookeville, Bob served several of the major congregations of our Annual Conference including, Glendale, Columbia First, Belle

Meade, and Franklin First. He and his wife Wylodene remain close friends of Gail and I. Today they live in Bellevue where they are actively involved at Bellevue UMC.

April 13—Rev. Ron Lowery preaching. Ron is a former pastor here at Westview who is presently the District Superintendent of the Cumberland District. He served Westview from 1989-1995 and then the churches of Mathew's Memorial in Nashville and Cross Plains UMC in Robertson County. A chaplain in the Tennessee National Guard, he has been instrumental in supporting those service men and women during the present conflicts overseas. Many of you will remember

Ron and his wife Connie and will enjoy hearing him preach again.

I look forward to worshipping with you again on April 20. In the meantime I know you will greet these pastors warmly and support their presence with you.

Grace and peace,

Ed Britt

Rev. Britt to Participate in FCA Fundraiser

I have been invited to participate in a golf fundraising event for on April 18 for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I am asking any individuals, families, classes or groups to help sponsor me with a donation of any amount. The young athletes benefited by this effort will greatly

appreciate any support you can provide. If you can donate any amount please let me know. Checks can be made out to the "Fellowship of Christian Athletes" or to Westview Church and marked for that group. Thank you for your support!

Ed Britt



Save CHANGE for world change

1. Every day 43,000 children become orphans around the world.
2. Nearly 11 million children die each year before their fifth birthday. (World Hunger Facts)
3. There are 60 million orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa due to HIV/AIDS, conflict and poverty.
4. More than 30,000 children have been abducted & forced to serve as child soldiers in Uganda . (George Town Journal)
5. In 2006, 2.9 million people died from AIDS, 2.1 million of those are in Sub-Saharan Africa. (Info Change Books and Reports)
6. In 2003 an estimated 12.3 % of all children in Sub-Saharan Africa were orphans. (Orphans and Vulnerable Children)
7. 2 million Ugandans have been orphaned, 880,000* as a

result of AIDS alone (*UNAIDS).

In Africa , there are over 60 million orphaned and vulnerable children (HIV/AIDS, conflict, disability, street children). These staggering numbers will have impact on a family, community, and a nation's future. In Uganda , the future for many of these children will be changed through the work of Watoto.

Raising the next generation of Ugandan leaders is Watoto's number one focus. It is their mission, purpose, and passion. They place these parentless children in families where unconditional love, spiritual discipleship, care and nurture, and the meeting of their physical needs take place. These children will grow up to be change agents for

Uganda . If these children are equipped with essential moral values and life skills they truly can live lives of significance and lasting impact. For additional information on the Ministry of the Watoto community go to www.Watoto.com.

The Westview UMC Outreach Committee is asking for your help. Between April 6, 2008 and August 3, 2008, the Outreach Committee is collecting change. By collecting change in a small plastic cup and bringing it to church each time it's full, you can be a change agent. Plastic cups with Watoto Ministry are available in the Narthex for everyone interested in **Saving Change for World Change.**



April Showers bring May Flowers!



It's getting closer! Next month is Westview's annual plant sale, and it's set for Sunday, May 4 during and after the Cinco de Mayo Fellowship Meal.

If you're bringing plants, please come during Sunday

School hour. All plants are welcome: perennials, annuals, houseplants, and vegetable seedlings. We do not discriminate against anything green!

Proceeds will benefit the church. For more information, call Eva Harris, 799-2248.

In Deep Appreciation

Words can't express how much we appreciate everything you guys have done for us. The flowers were beautiful, the food was out of this world and we could not have made it with out your prayers.

Thanks for being our family. We love you guys.

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

In Christ's Love

The Mattie Smith Sewell Family

The Daniel Sewell Family



COUNTRY MUSIC MARATHON WATER STOP VOLUNTEERS WANTED NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Several of your Westview friends are volunteering at the #1 water-stop during the Country Music Marathon. The event date is Saturday April 26. If you are interested in joining us please contact Gail Bock at 799-8761, 340-7061, or bockg@earthlink.net. You must be 14 to volunteer. (OK, Youths, what are you doing that morning?)

All volunteers will receive a Race Crew t-shirt, a ticket to the concert (for information about concert headliners go to <http://www.cmmarathon.com/entertainment.html>.) the night of the marathon, and a marathon goodie bag. If you've ever thought about training for a marathon, this just may be the jump-start you need. Every marathon and

half-marathoner passes by this water stop. If you want to see the Kenyans and wheelchair racers this is the water-stop for you!

There will be a short meeting for all marathon volunteers prior to race day.

Tornado Relief Update

Wow! Things certainly look better in our affected areas since the tornado hit on February 5. Because of our wonderful volunteers, we have made a difference! Homeowners and many people in our community are just so thankful for the assistance from our volunteers.....Thanks to you!

We're continuing to send volunteers out as they call in to give assistance. Civil Air Patrol is now approved to assist in our volunteer efforts.. these are the high school students in military style uniforms you may have seen in our tornado zones recently

Current needs are:
chainsaws, bulldozer or backhoes, people needed to pack and move belongings, house demolition (use of crowbars, hammers, etc.), and debris removal from chainsaws.

Most of our volunteers are coming from churches, universities, or TEMA. If you know of any community organizations, pass the word along that we still need volunteers.

The Volunteer Desk is needing your assistance. Summer is coming and we need more volunteers to help answer phones and cover the desk. Our hours are 9-1

Tuesday - Friday and Saturdays mornings until the volunteers have been assigned for the day. We rotate days/hours so that no one has to come every day. Volunteers covering the desk follow-up with homeowners and schedule volunteers and lunches when necessary. If you can provide assistance for the volunteer office, please call 799-2575.

Case Managers have been trained and will be contacting homeowners promptly. Information gathered from these Case workers will be used to determine current and long range goals for the WH/LTRC and when and how to utilize the volunteers in the future.

As many of you may know, my husband Steve is now working out of state. Within the next few months we will probably relocate. So as much as I would like to continue with the volunteer efforts, I need to find my replacement now while I'm still available to provide assistance to my replacement. This position oversees the volunteer activities and is a board member for the WH/LTRC (Williamson/Hickman County/ Long Term Recovery Committee). This is a very rewarding activity. You get to know the homeowners and the wonderful volunteers

Information from Janice Boren

coming to our Fairview community. You get to set your hours....based on getting the job done. If you or someone you know would like to be the Williamson County Volunteer Coordinator, please call me at 615-417-4090 or 615-799-0009 to discuss this opportunity to serve.

We are currently securing grants and donations from various sources. The United Way and Salvation Army are providing monetary assistance for homeowners as well. TEMA is trying to secure donated home items (such as hot water heaters) from manufacturers and churches for homeowners as well. TEMA and VOAD are providing excellent assistance for our relief efforts.

Hope to hear from you all soon!

Thanks again for each and every one of you for all your assistance!

Janice Boren
 Volunteer Coordinator

Tornado Survivors Still Need Assistance!

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the relief work to help the survivors of the recent tornadoes in our area. But there is still much, much, more to be done!

Everyone who was effected by the tornadoes needs to register with FEMA!!! The **deadline** to register is **April 7, 2008**. Even if they think they do not need assistance, they need to register. If you know of

anyone effected, please make sure they have registered!

Persons can register at the FEMA Recovery Center at the Williamson County Landfill at 5750 Pinewood Road or they can call 1-800-621-FEMA for teleregistration & the help line, or at www.fema.gov

Please let them know of all the assistance options listed below.

A Long Term Relief Committee has been formed to serve the survivors in Williamson and Hickman counties. They will be setting up the resources to provide long term relief. Westview Church along with other community churches and organizations will be participating with this committee to provide the manpower, materials and funding needed to assist survivors.

Vouchers

Vouchers are now available at the Williamson County Rec. Center, located at 2714 Fairview Blvd., Fairview, TN. The vouchers will be given out at the "Meals On Wheels" office located in the Rec. Center. You will need some means of verifying your name and address, and you will need to be registered with the Red Cross. These vouchers will cover things that the Red Cross and other agencies do not cover.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army has gift cards available. They have an office at the Fairview Recreation Center but my not keep it open. **You can call them at 615-242-0411 and they will come to Fairview to supply the gift cards to you.**

Donations: Food: 2nd Harvest Food Bank, First Baptist Church; **Money: Westview UMC, United Way, Red Cross:** Be sure to designate your gift "Western Williamson County Disaster Relief Fund"

Food, Clothing, and Other Resources

Toolbox Hardware Store
2014 Fairview Blvd. (next to Sonic)
Fairview, TN 37062
(615) 799-0858

Graceworks Ministries
104 Southeast Pky
Franklin, TN 37064
(615) 794-9055
www.graceworksministries.net

First Baptist Church
7310 Overby Road
Fairview, TN 37062
(615) 799-9478

Bank of America
2017 Fairview Blvd.
Fairview, TN 37062
(615) 799-2218

The Church of Christ at Fairview
2001 Fairview Blvd.
Fairview, TN 27062
(615) 799-2959
Contact Eddie Hyche
(615) 509-3836 (Cell)
The Church Relief Organization has **food boxes that will feed a family of 4 for a week.**

April Birthdays

1-Apr Max Sanders
 2-Apr Daniel Sewell
 4-Apr Alec Daugherty
 4-Apr Chris Raines
 7-Apr Bobby Bock
 7-Apr Collin Chappell
 7-Apr Lindsay Saunders
 8-Apr Gail Bock
 9-Apr Ron Renner
 15-Apr Helen Brison
 16-Apr Jerry Peden
 19-Apr Will Bowser
 19-Apr Jeanie Handy



21-Apr Caitlin Brison
 22-Apr Rose Kephart
 28-Apr Chester Peden
 28-Apr Linda Peden
 29-Apr Linda Sewell
 30-Apr Joseph Daugherty
 30-Apr Abie Peden



April Anniversaries

04/05 Ken & Helen Brison
 04/12 Will & Christine Penner
 4/16/1988 Bob & Renee Bowser
 04/22 Kerry & Dawn Green
 4/28/1973 Ed & Syble Stinson

March Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

March 2nd	8:30 am	46	10:30 am	106	Total:	152
March 9th		37	7:00 pm	99	Total	136
March 16th Anniversary & Palm Sunday			10:30 am	170	Total	170
March 20 Holy Thursday Service			7:00 pm	25	Total	25
March 21 Good Friday Service			7:00 pm	43	Total	43
March 23 Easter Sunrise Service	6:00 am	47			Total	47
March 23 Easter Services	8:30 am	57	10:30 am	139	Total	196
March 30th	6:00 am	56	10:30 am	117	Total	173
Average Sunday Services		49		115		164

March Giving

AA	20.00	Apportionments	295.00
Art Academy	41.49	Easter Breakfast	175.00
Easter Kukkues	170.00	Fellowship Meal	217.09
General Fund	13,603.268	Graceworks	126.00
Long Term Relief Committee	100.00	Men's Group	39.00
Miriam's Promise	56.00	Parsonage Payoff	100.00
Preschool Day Camp	1,208.00	Preschool Tuition	3,299.00
Sunday School	65.91	UMCOR—One Great Hour	380.00
		Youth	300.00

Total Giving: \$ 20,183.66—\$1,500.00 Paid on Apportionments in March

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

**OS3 York, Evett M.
OI Division**

USS Chancellorsville
CG62

FPO AP 9662-1182

San Diego, CA 92136

Serving in the United States Navy.

He is still stationed in San Diego, he goes out sea on training exercises and expects to be deployed to Iraq in May.

PVT Jessica Spivey

L.R.M.C.

C-MROT Box 2003

APO AE 09180

AM3 Decker, Thomas E.

HSC-22

1029 Bellinger Blvd.

Norfolk, VA 23511-222

Serving in the United States Navy

Brittain Mangrum

Serving in the US Army, finishing Boot Camp and then he will begin his job specialization training.

2nd Lt. Katherine Kuster

Still serving but moving often.

Keep her in your prayers.

Serving in the US Air Force

PVT2 Fold, Eric

C Co. 3-75 Box 29

Fort Benning GA 31905

Deployed to Iraq

Serving in the US Army

PFC, Leek, Joshua J.

1566 Bruce Drive

Bon Aqua, TN 37025-1901

Serving in the US Marine Reserve

PCF Brison, Michael R.

7114 Boone Street

Fairview, TN 37062

Serving in the Marine Reserve

Church Bulletin Bloopers

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00

PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast- off clothing of every kind.

They may be seen in the

basement on Friday afternoon.

Don't let worry kill you off..... let the Church help.

Lectionary Readings for April

April 6, 2008

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

(UMH 837)

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

April 13, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

1 Peter 2: 19-25

John 10: 1-10

April 20, 2008

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

(UMH 764)

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

April 27, 2008

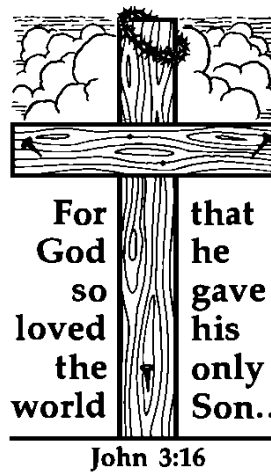
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalm 66: 8-20 (UMH 790)

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21



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change lives."***

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Sunday Activities

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday Activities

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Fellowship

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday Activities

7:00-8:00 PM WUMC Men's' Group