

February 2012

Life is strange, okay maybe it's just me, I am strange. This past month my favorite band, *David Crowder Band*, released a new album. I bought it the day it came out with great anticipation, watching it download eagerly, and when it came time to press play I couldn't do it. I still haven't listened to it. This is the last *David Crowder Band* album - EVER. When I listen to it will be the last time I ever hear one of their songs for the first time. I know it sounds crazy but their music has had a profound effect on my spiritual life. The first time I heard their debut album I was in a difficult place spiritually- drained, worried, lots of changes going on in my life. I popped in this random CD I got in the mail because I was helping lead a worship service and heard:



Lord I'm tired, so tired from walking and Lord I'm so alone.  
And Lord the dark, is creeping in, creeping up to swallow me.

I think I'll stop, rest here a while.

Chorus:

And this is all that I can say right now and this is all that I can give.  
And this is all that I can say right now and this is all that I can give.  
That's my everything.

And didn't You see me cry'n and didn't You hear me call Your name?  
Wasn't it You I gave my heart to?  
I wish You'd remember where you sat it down.

Bridge:

I didn't notice You were standing here.  
I didn't know that that was You holding me.  
I didn't notice You were cry'n too.  
I didn't know that that was You washing my feet.

It was the first worship song I ever heard that acknowledged that sometimes life is hard and sometimes we have questions for God. Sometimes we cry and call out and this song offered the hope that Jesus is right there with us even in those "sometimes."

That is a good news folks! Jesus is with you- Jesus is with us! Jesus is working in our world and washing the feet of the tired, wiping away tears, binding up the broken hearted, and leading his church into mission and ministry! Jesus is working to transform us, to use us to make disciples that will transform this whole world. Get excited Tallassee FUMC your God is here! I think I'll go listen to that new album now.

Your Servant in Christ,

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

Worship at 8:30 am  
Sunday School at 9:45 am  
Worship at 11:00 am  
Handbells 4:00  
Children 5—6:30  
Small Groups 5—6:30  
Youth 5—6:30  
Chancel Choir 5—6

#### Monday

Staff Meeting 10:30  
Lighthouse 2:30—6:00

#### Tuesday

Lighthouse 2:30—6:00  
Work night 6:30  
RTB small group 6:30

#### Wednesday

Lighthouse 2:30—6:00  
WNF 6:05—7:05  
Youth from 6:30—7:15

#### Thursday

Prayer Group 6:15 am  
Lighthouse 2:30—6:00

#### Friday

Lighthouse 2:30—6:00

# Ash Wednesday

The start of the Lent season is marked with an Ash Wednesday service. This is the beginning of the forty days leading to Easter in which we focus on repentance and forgiveness of sins in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. This service will be February 22 at 6:30 pm. All children and youth will be worshipping in this service instead of their

normal activities. Even if you do not normally come on Wednesday nights, please consider coming to join us on this evening.

## Pancake Breakfast



\$5.00 all you can eat pancakes with choice of sausage or bacon.  
Orange juice, milk and coffee  
Saturday, February 18  
7 – 10 am

Proceeds go to UMM mission projects.  
Tickets purchased from Men's Club members or at the door.



February 1  
Chicken and Dumplings  
Green Beans  
Green Salad  
Dessert

February 8  
Youth Night

February 15  
Chili  
Crackers or bread  
Dessert

February 22  
Beef Stew  
Green Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

February 29  
Breakfast Night:  
Bacon or Sausage  
Scrambled Eggs  
Grits  
Biscuits

## New in the Library

Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas  
Three cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson

These are on display on a shelf on the bookcase. Please leave checkout card with your name in the appropriate box. In case you don't know, the library is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Allen Cowan classroom. Check it out!



### If We Love One Another

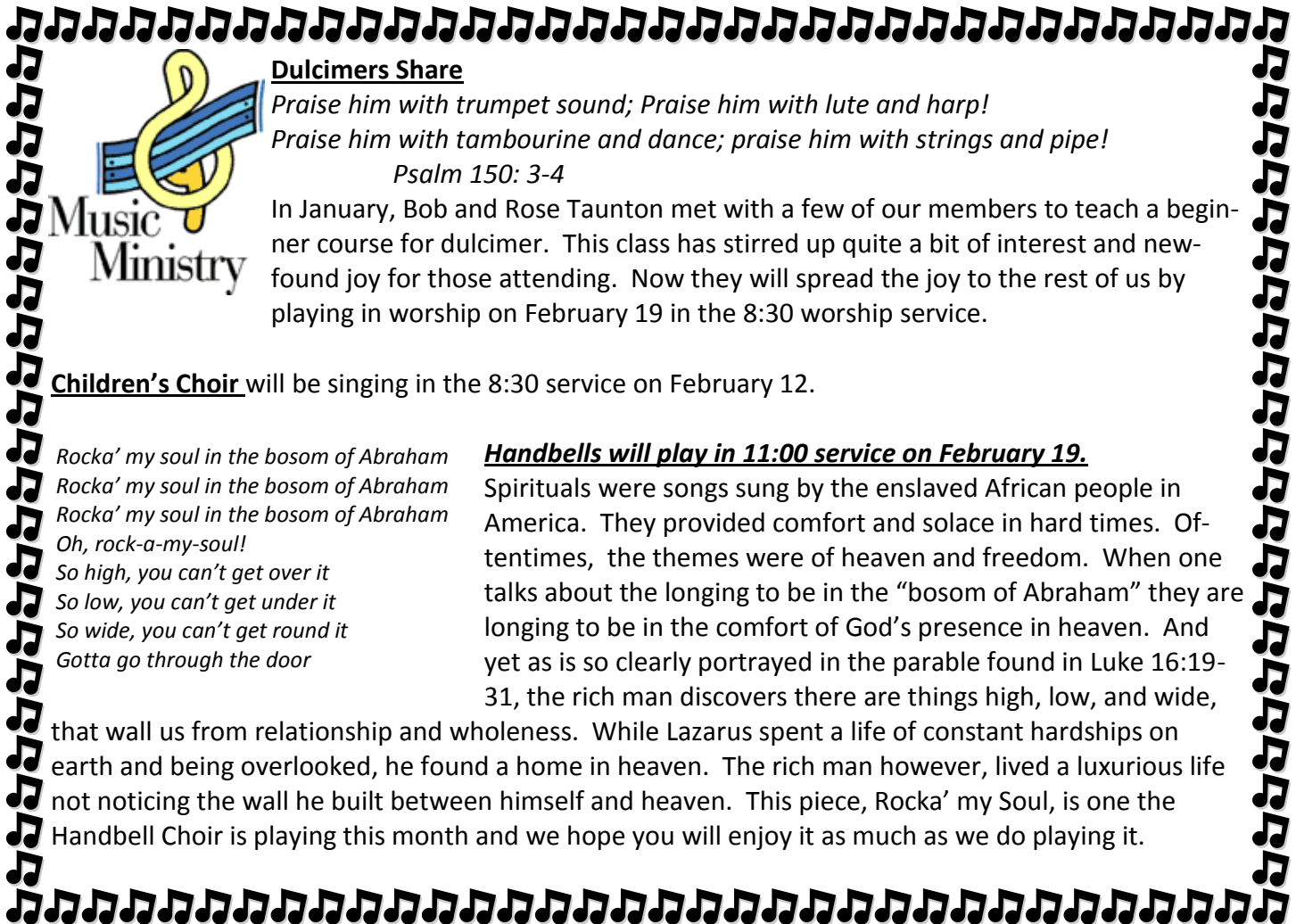
The Bible records several disagreements between Christian brothers and sisters. I am glad that God's Word does not gloss over such things, because we can glean much from such passages. God is in the business of using cracked, flawed pots for His work. If He didn't, He'd be doing all the work, because we're the only things He has to work with.

Jesus said, in John 13:34-35 (NIV), "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

We have recently gone through a time of serious disagreement in our church, and there's nothing wrong with that. Nor is there a wrong or right "side." By the very nature of the disagreement, good people will likely be pleased with the outcome and other good people will likely be displeased with the outcome. However, we must keep firmly in mind that we are all brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and therefore of each other. We loved each other before, we love each other during the disagreement, and we will most assuredly continue to love each other, perhaps even more than before.

As we look forward to Lent, let us all remember that Christ died for everyone, so that whoever believes in him might have everlasting life. If Christ loved every man, woman and child that would ever be born – enough to die for them – we clearly do not have a choice of whom we should love; as disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to love one another.

Bob



Music  
Ministry

#### Dulcimers Share

*Praise him with trumpet sound; Praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!  
Psalm 150: 3-4*

In January, Bob and Rose Taunton met with a few of our members to teach a beginner course for dulcimer. This class has stirred up quite a bit of interest and new-found joy for those attending. Now they will spread the joy to the rest of us by playing in worship on February 19 in the 8:30 worship service.

Children's Choir will be singing in the 8:30 service on February 12.

*Rocka' my soul in the bosom of Abraham  
Rocka' my soul in the bosom of Abraham  
Rocka' my soul in the bosom of Abraham  
Oh, rock-a-my-soul!  
So high, you can't get over it  
So low, you can't get under it  
So wide, you can't get round it  
Gotta go through the door*

#### Handbells will play in 11:00 service on February 19.

Spirituals were songs sung by the enslaved African people in America. They provided comfort and solace in hard times. Oftentimes, the themes were of heaven and freedom. When one talks about the longing to be in the "bosom of Abraham" they are longing to be in the comfort of God's presence in heaven. And yet as is so clearly portrayed in the parable found in Luke 16:19-31, the rich man discovers there are things high, low, and wide,

that wall us from relationship and wholeness. While Lazarus spent a life of constant hardships on earth and being overlooked, he found a home in heaven. The rich man however, lived a luxurious life not noticing the wall he built between himself and heaven. This piece, Rocka' my Soul, is one the Handbell Choir is playing this month and we hope you will enjoy it as much as we do playing it.



## An Easy Way to Help Our Schools

Box Tops for Education and "Campbell's" Labels

for Education provide money to schools. Please consider collecting these for our schools. A box has been placed in front of the church



## Ladies Circle

The February meeting of the Estelle Lockwood Circle will be on Monday, February 19, 2012. We start at 10:00 am and will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Our February hostess is Fern Glass and the program will be given by Yvonne Boone. We would love for anyone who would enjoy a morning circle to please come and join us. We are growing spiritually in study and prayer, having wonderful fellowship, and enjoying lovely refreshments. Hope to see you there. Anyone needing a ride to the meeting, please give me, Anne Bryant, a call at 283-8107.



On behalf of The Learning Tree and our students, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your support during Christmas this year. I often hear people talk about charity, compassion, and community support. However, rarely have I seen these demonstrated the way the members of your Church have continually done for our students year after year. It was truly poignant to see the Spirit of Christmas as expressed by your congregation. Thanks largely to your Church, our students had a spectacular Christmas. The generous contribution of gifts given was greatly appreciated by all of our staff, family members of our students, and the students themselves.

Sincerely,  
Whitney Hester  
Campus Supervisor



## Weekly Bible Readings

<b>Jan.29-Feb.4</b>	<b>Ezra1-Neh.9</b>
<b>Feb.5-11</b>	<b>Neh.10-Job10</b>
<b>Feb.12-18</b>	<b>Job11-34</b>
<b>Feb.19-25</b>	<b>Job35-Ps.25</b>
<b>Feb.26-March3</b>	<b>Ps.26-65</b>

## Mark Your Calendars



The first "Amazing Grays" or Senior Adult luncheon of the year will be on Monday, March 5, 2012. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall starting at 11:30am. There will be more information given at a later date. Go ahead and write it on your calendars because it is going to be so good!!



The new year is underway and FUMC, Tallassee Youth Ministry is in full swing. We are excited about what the new year will bring as we look for new and innovative ways to serve God through missions, worship, and fellowship. We will be hosting the Wednesday Night Fellowship program and dinner on February 8. All proceeds and donations will go toward our church's fundraising efforts for a well in Sing'Umba.

A special thank you to all of our church family because of your love, support, and encouragement our youth are able to do so many exciting things that many others do not have the opportunity to take part in. This past December we had the best time on our annual ski trip. We drove, skied, played, ate, and drove some more. We are such a fortunate bunch and we are grateful for all of you who help make it possible. FUMC has an amazing bunch of young people and it is such a blessing to be able to go on a trip like that and enjoy each other and grow in our relationships with the Lord. THANK YOU!



Betty Watkins is our "Kingdom Keeper" for this month. Betty and Ed Watkins have been members of FUMC since 1950. Dr. B.B. Nelson, Superintendent of Tallassee City Schools brought them to Tallassee in 1950 from Northport, Alabama. They initially stayed with the Nelsons on King Street. Ed would be the Band Director for Tallassee for the next 37 years. Betty only missed 2 performances through those years and would always critique the halftime show. Dr. Nelson asked Robert Hill to take them to our church because they were "good" Methodist.

Betty has served our church in many different roles. She and Ed have been faithful members of the Chancel Choir for 62 years. One of her talents she shares with our congregation is cooking. You can always count on her to cook for families in need. She served as secretary for the Administrative Board, keeping the minutes accurate. She and Ed worked with the youth, and were active with the Supper Club of our church. They would eat at a restaurant and then have desserts at a member's home. After desserts, everyone would sing, showing off their musical talents. Members of the Supper Club were Nell and Roland Mann, Louise and Douglas McCartha, Hulda and Joby Gauntt, Ann and Bill Crouch, Joanne and Arnold Dopson, Shirley and Harry Jackson and of course the Watkins. Betty has always been a member of a circle. She is currently a member of the Mary Mattie Circle.

The Watkins will be married 63 years as of March 19 of this year. Devoted wife, mother and grandmother are titles she proudly carries. The Watkins children, Susan and Danny were raised at FUMC.



Heart Links was so happy to have Mark Kay Beard as our speaker this year. She is a powerful lady of God and her testimony is amazing. Mary Kay found out that she must have back surgery in Feb and was sure that she would make our Feb 24th date for Heart Links. After much consideration, the team felt this time limit was too unpredictable to go forward with all that it takes to put our program together and possibly have to cancel at a later date. Therefore, We have decided to CANCEL HEART LINKS FOR 2012.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, prayers and love for the past 11 years. We would love your input, complaints, joys, ideas, or visions about Heart Links as we will try to take this years break and see if our program might need a new face. First, and above all else, we want our programs to glorify God with true testimony, witness, praise and worship. Please pass this word to your church and friends about this years cancellation. We know Heart Links was started by God - has been blessed by God and to Him we give the Glory!!!!



- 02—Karl Ames  
Jesse Rowlen  
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- 04—Lauren McCartha
- 06—John Foshee
- 07—Austin Davidson
- 08—Leah Cullars
- 09—Ann Noble
- 10—Marvin Glass  
Matt Hall
- 11—Heather Johnson
- 12—Susan McClellan
- 13—Randal Herring  
Stuart Smith
- 14—William Guy  
Charles Reed  
Megan Watkins
- 19—Dave Barkalow  
Luke Miller
- 20—Anna Mann
- 21—Leigh Carman
- 22—Steve Cox
- 27—Dylan Turner
- 28—Heather Burton



- 03—Linwood & Margaret Erb
- 04—Sterling & Beth Turner
- 05—Jack & Sylvia Luke
- 21—Jonathan & Leah Cullars
- 27—Obie & Lois Cantrell



- Altar Flowers*
- 05—Mae Willa Mason
  - 12—Pat Reed
  - 19—Sandra Patterson
  - 26—Anita McFaddin

### WE'RE ON THE RADIO!

The service for the preceding week is broadcast on WTLS (106.5 FM and 1300 AM) each Sunday at **11:00 a.m.**

Listen to Dave's daily devotions at 7:15 each weekday morning on WTLS.



### SCHEDULING EVENTS

Please remember to call the church office BEFORE scheduling an event or meeting. We have many activities that are not on the calendar in the newsletter!

### WANT AN ARTICLE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Articles need to be submitted no later than the 20th of each month!

### COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

This offering goes in our Pastor's Discretionary fund to help the less fortunate in our community with utility and medical bills.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Year end financial statements for the church are available on the table across from the office.



### Hospice Needs:

Non-perishable items such as: assorted canned soups, crackers, assorted canned vegetables, spaghetti noodles, Jell-O, boxed macaroni and cheese, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, razors, and paper towels.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Church Council 7:15	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Men's Club Breakfast 7:15  Children's Choirs 8:30 worship	13  Trustees 6:00	14	15  Nursing Home Communion 2 :00	16	17	18  Pancake Breakfast 7—10 am
19 Handbells 11:00 worship	20 Estelle Lockwood Circle 10 am	21	22 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30  Stewardship 7:15	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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