

Wednesday Night Fellowship

September 16, 2015
Potluck Supper/Meat & Drinks Provided
Program: Bill Carter - Session 1 of 3
How We Got Our Bible:
"The Making of The Old Testament"

Reservations please by Tuesday 9/15
INDICATE # OF PEOPLE:

_____ Adults & Children 12 or older
_____ Children 11 or under
_____ To Go Orders
reservation required

NAME: _____

More Wednesday Night Programs Fall and Winter 2015

Please Join Us! Lots to learn and do!
INVITE SOMEONE!

September 16, 23, 30:

Bill Carter presents "How We Got Our Bible" divided into 3 sessions:
- *The Making of the Old Testament*
- *The Early Christians and The Bible*
- *The Bible in Every Day Language*

October 7:

"Blessing of the Animals"
at Powell Park

October 14, 21:

(1) *The Daniel Plan - Group Program*
(2) *Cyberbullying - by Bree Nelson*

October 28:

Trunk of Treats

November 4, 11, 18:

(1) *The Daniel Plan - Group Program*
(2) "Turnips and Tinsel" presented by Fran Waterbury
(3) *Ceramics Class by Nancy Honeycutt*

November 25:

No Wednesday Night Meal/Program

December 2, 9, 16, 23:

Advent Sessions: Fellowship Hall

WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS!

*"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."
--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all others in the congregation*

For Your Information:

Restrooms are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a nursery for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there if you desire.

If you would like to consider becoming a member of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the CONNECTOR; TOP FLOOR; go through door to the front and right side of sanctuary.

New Church Directory

Photograph Sessions - [we need you](#)

Register Online or See Volunteers in the Narthex.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SMILE!

The Senior Adult Gathering will be held at Edgefield UMC, 745 North Pickens Road, Piney Flats on Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 am. The church van will be taking those that would like to go. Please let the church office know if you would like to ride the van.

Church Staff:

Rev. Jane Taylor, Pastor

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Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music

Lisa Reis, Dir. Youth Ministries

Kathie Battista, ELC Director

Steve Reis, Dir. Community Outreach/
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Susan Dove Fields, Organist

Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer

David Gbaa, Custodian

Joshua Gbaa, Custodian

Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef

Church Website:

www.1stChurchJC.org

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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY

SUNDAY, SEPT 13

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship Service
11:30a The Branch Worship Service
1:00p **Ministry Architects Report: Church-Wide Presentation**
4:30p Children & Youth Afternoon & Evening Programs

MONDAY, SEPT 14

9:30a Program Staff Meeting
11:00a Full Staff Meeting
7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16

5:45p Wed. Night Fellowship -
Potluck Supper this week
- Fried Chicken provided
Program: Bill Carter presents
"The Making of The Old Testament"
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPT 17

10:00a Excel Class by Sue McGaha in Conference Room
10:00a Senior Adult Gathering
Edgefield UMC in Piney Flats
Meet at 9 am to leave in van
7:00p Communication Pillar Mtg.

FRIDAY, SEPT 18

10:00a Melting Pot - FUMC Serves
4:30p Photograph Sessions Begin
6:00p Circle of Friends

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS:

USHERS: David Denny, Buck McClellan, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap

GREETERS: Katie Mahoney, Donna Robbins, Sharon Cradic

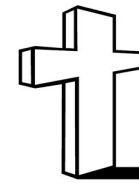
PRAYER: Nancy Campbell

CROSSBEARER: Molly Huff

ACOLYTE: Claudia Davidson

BEADLE: Zane Huff

AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic



Consider denying yourself

And following Christ

In the shadow of the cross.

First United Methodist Church

900 Spring Street
Johnson City, TN 37604

Celebrating the Gospel and Worshiping God

September 13, 2015 10:30 am

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Ash Grove" Arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are not our own:

People: So, what we want, and what we think, should not get in the way of what God hopes for us.

Leader: We are not our own:

People: So, we should not choose the easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

Leader: We are not our own; we belong to God.

People: So, let us seek the wisdom of God, and live abundantly in faith.

Leader: We are not our own; we are called to lives of mercy and justice.

People: So, as children of God, we will forget ourselves and follow the Way of Jesus.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Found of Every Blessing" **No. 400**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Wise and all-knowing God, You see our hearts so clearly.

People: You speak to our lives so profoundly, and yet, we are often unable or unwilling to hear Your voice and follow where You lead.

Leader: Even as we praise You with our mouths, our tongues and thoughts betray us.

People: Forgive us for our hateful words and cruel gossip.

Leader: Forgive us when our hard hearts and stubborn ears fail to listen.

People: Forgive us when we act as if we are ashamed of You.

Welcome to 1stChurch. We're glad you are here. Please sign the red folder in pew.

Leader: Forgive us when we willingly ignore Your commandment to love one another.

People: Help us live in Your love and walk in Your truth, so that we might be Your people and You might be our God.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: With gentleness, God speaks to us. With graciousness, God forgive us. With joy, God embraces us.

People: With grateful hearts, we will proclaim God's redeeming love in our words and actions. Thanks be to God! Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Following the Time for Children, those 3 years old through 4th grade may gather with the adult at the doorway to the right of the lectern to attend King's Kids)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 3:1-12

MORNING PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The altar of our church is always open; in particular, you are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar during the morning prayer time as well as during the closing hymn after the sermon. If you desire assistance please signal you would like someone to pray with you.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "God of Wonders" **Supplement No. 3034**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Arr. Larry Shackley

***DOXOLOGY** **No. 94**

***GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 8:27-38

ANTHEM "For Where Love Is, There is God"

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.
Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God.
Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word,
Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God,
And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God.
Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways.
Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.
Alleluia.

SERMON "On Jesus' Side" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Take Up Thy Cross" **No. 415**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

***Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.***

***A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

Also: A special thank you to Stephen and Louise from Ministry Architects! They will present a summary of their work concerning sustainable ministry at 1stChurch to all who can attend at 1 pm today in the Fellowship Hall.

The flowers for the altar last week were presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of "Mac" McGaha by his family

In Sympathy and With Prayers for Comfort:



Our Church Family extends sympathy to the family of Steve Kellum who passed away September 7; Steve's brother is Mike Kellum and Steve's mother is Marie Gouge.



First Church also extends sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy Davis who passed away August 29, at Asbury in Kingsport, at the age of 98.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Clare Warren, parents, & grandparents	Elizabeth Wells
Jane Eddy and her parents	The Moore Family: Angie, Bailey, Eric
Ralph and Joan Garland	Scott Huff
Evelyn Moore	The Kellum Families
Frank Gregg	Judy Story and family
Carrie Denny	Bobbie Wells
Chuck Short	Ann Patton
Donna Wilkinson's parents, & Donna	Catherine Mason
Our Youth and Children - Fall Program	Gail, her brother, and son
Tony Woodall	Amy Dryburgh
Barbara and Clay Marrs	Ministry Architects Consultation Process
Carol Anne Milliken	"1stChurch InAsMuch Day" Planning
Mary McClellan	Sue Zabola

Sept. 13, 2015 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

Support the Upcoming Events at 1stChurch:

Photo Sessions for our new church directory; we need everyone! **Sept 18,19,20, 21, 23**

Special Guest: Lulu, from Mexico, will talk about her faith story during Sunday School **next week, Sept 20** (Mexico Medical Mission)

IHN Host Week - we need volunteers to assist with this ministry; **Sept 27 - Oct 4** See Kent Merrill, the website, or call the office; a mission right here at home

Food Pantry - the Food Distribution Day is **September 27** this month; paper items needed; see Polly Crowder or Peggy Humphreys

A Service of Shalom (healing and wholeness) will be **Friday October 2**, 7 pm

The Johnson City District is sponsoring a Wesley Foundation Support Event(s) - 1stChurch will have a Special Offering on **October 4** at the Communion Rail

A "Blessing of the Animals" is set for Wednesday, **October 7** at Powell Park after Wednesday Night Meal

1stChurch InAsMuch Day: **Sat., October 24**; includes the Food Pantry and several other projects as part of "A Compassion Revolution" - take part in one or more!



ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE

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1stChurch Inasmuch Day will be held on October 24. You will be hearing much more about it in the weeks leading up to this date, but briefly: Operation Inasmuch is a national organization based on the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40:

"Inasmuch as you did it [fed the hungry, healed the sick, clothed the naked, visited the imprisoned], you did it for me."

