

### Thank you Brandy

A Note from SPPRC: We sponsored a reception to honor Brandy Robinson today from 9:45- 10:15 or so. We hope everyone had an opportunity to stop by the parlor during that time to let Brandy know how much we appreciate all that she has done for our children and our church. A basket was available to collect cards and monetary gifts for Brandy. If you missed the reception, you can still see the pastor or any member of SPPRC to add to the gifts. Please note: any checks should be made to Brandy Robinson, rather than to the church.

### DARE TO DREAM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
TWO MORE SUNDAYS: JULY 26 (today)  
AUG 2  
4:30 - 7:00 PM

If you have pictures to share on the web-site please email the church office at office.fumc@charter.net or go to the website and email the webteam. Your Sunday School class or other small group activity is welcomed to be featured! If you cannot email the photos, just send a message and we will figure out a way to share your pictures and story.

**LOOK! MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for September 11 - 13. Using a special financial gift, 1stChurch has enlisted Ministry Architects to further develop plans based on **your input** and coach our program staff and church family in ministries which are vital to the health of our church. We have seen so much good in the past year. Sustainable ministry is key to making more and better disciples of Jesus.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**Weekdays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
Volunteers are staffing the church office for regular, predictable hours if you need access to the office. Voice mail (and email) are checked frequently.

### 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 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.

### SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS:

**USHERS:** David Denny, Ben Peoples, Art Eckerson, Alan Leclair  
**GREETERS:** Jamee Roberts, Judy Cook, Sharon Cradic  
**PRAYER:** Karl Kapoor  
**CROSSBEARER:** Martha Campbell  
**ACOLYTE:** Macy Shell  
**BEADLE:** Claudia Davidson  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Sarah Kapoor

### Church Staff:

**Rev. Jane Taylor, Pastor**  
**Email: revjetaylor@gmail.com**  
Billy Walker, Director of Worship & Music  
Lisa Reis, Dir. Youth Ministries  
Brandy Robinson, Dir. Children's Ministries  
Kathie Battista, ELC Director  
Susan Dove Fields, Organist  
Steve Reis, Dir. Community Outreach/  
Discipleship  
Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer  
Padra Turner, Nursery  
Ashley George, Nursery  
David Gbaa, Custodian  
Joshua Gbaa, Custodian  
Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef  
**Church Website:**  
**www.1stChurchJC.org**  
Phone: (423) 928-9222

### WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY

#### SUNDAY, JULY 26

9:15am Sunday School  
**9:30am Reception for Brandy Robinson - Church Parlor**  
10:30am Worship Service  
10:30am The Vine Sunday School  
11:30am Lemonade on the Lawn  
11:30am The Branch Worship Service  
4:30pm Summer Sunday Vacation Bible School #5  
5:30pm Connections Pillar - Conf. Rm.

#### MONDAY, JULY 27

9:30am Program Staff Mtg.  
11:00am Full Staff Meeting  
7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop #36  
7:00pm Worship Pillar - Pastor's Office

#### TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:00pm Circle of Hope, Hostess  
Kathie Tucker

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

6:00pm Wed. Night Supper Group  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

#### THURSDAY, JULY 30

7:30pm East TN Int. Folk Dancers

#### FRIDAY, JULY 31

6:00pm Young Adult Small Group

### Coming up: Sunday August 2

- **Promotion Sunday with a combined 10:30 worship**
- **Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting** begins - see website for more details.

### SPECIAL NOTICE:

**CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE**  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 2 AT 12:30**  
**FINAL MEETING WITH VOTE**  
**CONCERNING SALE OF**  
**PARSONAGE**

# First United Methodist Church

900 Spring Street Johnson City, TN 37604



### Celebrating the Gospel and Worshipping God

July 26, 2015 10:30 am

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Coronation" arr Jason Payne

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls all people to come, and find rest and peace.

**People: We come, placing our trust in God's love and mercy.**

Leader: Rejoice, for Jesus has come to gather us to Himself.

**People: In faith, we come to worship the One Who gives hope and joy.**

Leader: Together let us praise the God of love.

**People: We open our hearts to feel God's power and to listen for God's voice.**

### INVOCATION

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" **No. 152**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: To You, Savior-Friend, we bring our failures; especially those that could have been prevented had we not been self-centered and given in to temptation.

**People: Forgive us if our actions have added frustration and hurt to others.**

Leader: To You, Savior-Friend, we bring our successes; for even our best deeds are flawed and fall short of Your best gifts.

**People: Forgive our boastful pride, for our lives are a mix of good and evil, and we need Your grace.**

Leader: Give us the strength and courage to make amends where possible.

**People: Give us the wisdom to seek peace and understanding, as we place all we are and all we have in Your loving and faithful hands.**

*(a time for personal reflection)*

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

Leader: Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In the height and depth of the love of Christ, which is far beyond worldly knowledge, we are filled with the fullness of God and are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PSALTER READING** Psalm 96 **No. 815**

**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** "Here I am to Worship" **Supplement No. 3177**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "More Love to Thee" arr Brian Buda

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

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Ephesians 3:14-21 by Multiple Readers

*Alejandra Martinez, Mexico, reading in Spanish*

*Kevin George, Nigeria, reading in Ibibio*

*Yi Caudle, China, reading in Chinese*

*Mark Pollock, USA, reading in German*

*Jonathan Bowers and Dan McGuire, USA, reading in English*

**ANTHEM** "God is Love"

God is love; His mercy brightens all the paths in which we rove;  
Bliss He wakes and woe He lightens: God is wisdom, God is love.  
For the hour that darkest seemeth will His changeless goodness prove;  
Through the gloom His brightness streameth: God is wisdom, God is love.

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.  
For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind,  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple, we would take Him at His word;

And our lives would be all sunshine in the beauty of our Lord.

**SERMON** "The Radical Love of Jesus " Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN** "In Christ There is No East or West" **No. 548**

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*O fill me with Thy fullness Lord  
Until my very heart o'erflow, in kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.*

**\*A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**→ Ready, Set, GO!!!** *It is a lot to read - but very important*

**Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry** at 1stChurch are "GO" for the Fall 2015. **It is vital and essential for our congregation to provide support for programs designed which nurture our children and youth** in an organized, safe, and family-inclusive manner.

◇ *Some may not feel qualified to help. Others think they have no time. A few may be satisfied they have done their bit for God already. **But all are still called.** 1stChurch is counting on you to be involved. How will you respond?*

**Our children and youth programs are growing.** Whether you are a parent, or grandparent, or single young adult or older adult, **we are all in this together** for the work God calls us to do.

So, we, the church staff and program leaders, are seeking you. **We are only doing what God has done all along. Pursue.** God pursues each one towards a restored relationship with Him. Now, in turn, all of us pursue our children and youth.

◇ **They need a relationship with Jesus. And with you.**

*Being a volunteer does not have to mean long term commitment. Program leaders will be available for resources and other help. Maybe you can recruit others. Maybe you can help fix a meal. Maybe provide financial support. Maybe help call with reminders. Come on. Can you lead a game? Assist with a lesson?*

**Will you get to really know children and youth you now only see from a distance?**

◇ **Can you support this ministry? The answer is you can. The bottom line is, will you?**

Contact: Lisa Reis (423) 341-3741 or via firstumyf@gmail.com

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***Please be open to serving God and others through this ministry.***

**July 26, 2015 Prayer Requests**  
**Publish in bulletin? \_\_Y \_\_N**

Requested by:

**★ COMBINED WORSHIP**  
**NEXT WEEK AUG 2 AT 10:30**  
**IT IS ALSO PROMOTION SUNDAY!**

**ALSO NOTE - A SPECIAL CALLED CHARGE**  
**CONFERENCE MEETING AT 12:30 PM**  
**CONCERNING THE VOTE FOR THE SALE**  
**OF THE PARSONAGE.**

*(Yes this is in the bulletin twice - it is important!) :-)*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Clare Warren, parents, & grandparents

Jane Eddy and her parents

Ralph and Joan Garland

Evelyn Moore

Frank Gregg

Carrie Denny

Donna Wilkinson's parents, & Donna

Vacation Bible School & Our Children

Tony Woodall

Brandy Robinson and family

Carol Anne Milliken

Mary McClellan

Elizabeth Wells

Debbie Saylor

Kathie Batistta and family

The family of Steve Odell

The Moore Family: Angie, Bailey, Eric

Scott Huff

Bonnie Sampson

Our church, community, and world

Families impacted by violence in Chattanooga, Atlanta, and other places

Football players injured in car accident in Oak Ridge