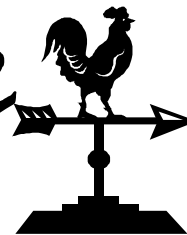


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## The Weatherly Spirit... On Being Red Letter Christians

I've just read Tony Campolo's latest book, *Red Letter Christians*. He says that he got the title from Jim Wallis, the founder of Sojourners magazine. During a radio interview, the interviewer kept pressing Jim to declare what *kind* of Christian he was. Jim refused to accept a stereotypical label.

The interviewer finally said, "So you're one of those red letter Christians - you know - who's really into those verses in the New Testament that are in red letters."

Most of you know what he is talking about. In many translations of the New Testament, the words of Jesus are printed in red. The interviewer was saying that Jim Wallis was the *kind* of Christian who tried to live by the teachings of Jesus.

While all the Bible's teachings are important, the red letters really are our standard. When we are struggling with an issue, we would do well to turn to the red letters. When we meet with personal crisis, the red letters would serve us well. The red letters should be our default setting. We naturally go there. Whether the teachings of Jesus are printed in red or black in your Bible, may they always be our standard.

A red letter Christian,  
David

## Welcome to New Member

We are pleased to welcome  
Ching-Hua Su  
who joins our church on profession of faith. He is  
married to Isis, and they have two daughters,  
Jeanne and Charmain.

## Worship News For This Week

### The Second Sunday of Lent

#### *The Hungry Spirit...* *Born Again* Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

How is an old man born again? Or a young man or woman? Wouldn't it be wonderful if our worn, tired spirits could be born again? Join us this Sunday as the pastor talks about the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus. As always, invite a friend to be your guest.

## Lenten Calendar

This year's Lenten theme is "The Hungry Spirit." Lenten calendars are in the pamphlet rack in the Memorial Hallway behind the sanctuary and at [www.weatherly.org-Spiritual Formation](http://www.weatherly.org-Spiritual Formation).



For a key word Bible search go to  
[www.weatherly.org](http://www.weatherly.org)  
Click on Spiritual Formation,  
then Bible Study.  
You will see the link on the left.



## Ladies Birthday Lunch

**Tuesday, February 19 at noon**  
at the home of Becky Davenport  
802 Chatterson Road  
Please RSVP to Becky at 882-2765  
before Sunday, February 17.

## Senior Adult Luncheon

Our monthly luncheon will be on Thursday, February 21 at 11:30. Our guest speaker will be Ed Drenning of Redstone Village who will speak on the topic of how to select an assisted living facility. He will answer questions such as: what to ask; what to look for; what you should expect; and others. The luncheon will be potluck so bring a favorite dish to share. Sign up on the Senior Adult bulletin board.

## Missions Opportunities

If you are interested in **teaching ESL** at Stone Middle School, please see Al Johnson.

### Tutors Badly Needed

- Lincoln Elementary (see Charlene Pinke)
- Stone Middle School (see Al or Jan Johnson)
- Chapman Middle School  
(see Bodo or Kathy Zuschlag)



## Happy Birthday!

**February 14:** Tiana Calvert, Lillian Pinke;  
**February 15:** Jide Augustus; **February 16:**  
Lisa Allen, Mary Carol Lawrence, John Terry;  
**February 17:** Charles Cothran; **February 18:**  
Corbet Cornelison; **February 19:** Brian Smith,  
Ed Trentham, Kristina Zuschlag; **February 20:**  
Sam Chang, Mark Dixon, Helen McDaniel,  
Christian Tarantini

## The Record Speaks

Morning Worship .....	234
Sunday School Attendance .....	182
Weekly Budget Requirement .....	\$13,265.00
This Week's Budget Receipts .....	\$10,681.00

### 2008 Church Stewardship

YTD undesignated receipts through Jan. 2008.....	\$40,646.00
YTD undesignated expenses through Jan. 2008.....	\$61,507.00
Shortfall	\$20,861.00

## Prayer Requests

Mickey & Pat Hallum, in the death of their son, Mitch Hallum  
 Meghan McDuffie, great-granddaughter of Alice Caruso  
 Rosa Lee Heflin's sister  
 Carolyn Hodges, sister-in-law of Bonnie Garrett  
 Ruth Harlow  
 Tom Foster  
 Roger Schneider's parents  
 Stuart Kennedy, stepson of Patricia Kennedy  
 Patricia Kennedy's stepmother  
 Exie Woods, mother of Rachel  
 Tom Ibarra  
 Linda Schmidt's niece & husband, Emily & Jeff Callaway  
 Doug Atkins, son of Brenda Graves  
 Ray Gargus  
 Elaine McKenzie  
 Bob Nore's mother  
 Becky Bruce  
 Russell Cliburn, cousin of Keith Putnam  
 Beverly Garrett  
 Our members and friends serving in the military

## The Church in Service

**DEACON ON CALL:** Bobby Williamson  
**Next Week:** Keith Garrett

**TELLERS:** Ray Baldwin & Larry Thomas  
**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Scott Booth

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Anne Caraway & Pam Booth

**ACOLYTES:** Becca Hubbard & Ty McElroy

**NURSERY :** Ashley Avery, Mike & Wendy Malone,  
Dan & Anna Cox

There will be no children's activities  
this Sunday evening, February 17.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Beach Party  
Vacation Bible School  
June 2 - 6**

**Two Yoga Classes!**

Due to increased interest, a new class, Gentle Yoga will be added for everyone over 60 years of age. Gentle Yoga will begin this Friday; class time will be 11:00 - 12:15. The original class will continue to be offered from 9:30 to 10:45. The cost of the classes is \$8. Please contact Jana if childcare would be helpful for you.



**Weatherly Lecture Series**

**February 22-24  
Dr. Frank Tupper  
Re-Visioning God Today**

Friday

6:00 pm Catered meal from Steak Out  
Tickets are \$9.00

7:00 pm Opening lecture

Saturday

9:00-11:30 am Lectures  
Breakfast snacks will be available.

Sunday

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
in the Sanctuary  
10:10 am Dr. Tupper preaches

**Youth at WHBC**

Recently, the Youth Committee met with the Families with Children Committee to discuss changes to the children and youth ministries for the 2008-2009 school year.

The committees decided that 6<sup>th</sup> grade students should be a part of the youth ministry to be compatible with the way students are organized in the Huntsville City Schools. Beginning August 2008, we will create a middle school ministry for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and a high school ministry for students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Key leadership for implementing this ministry are Lisa Malone, Mary Paige McElroy, Leigh Smith, Kim Smith, Martha Olsen and Barbara Buckner.

What does this mean? All students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade in August 2008 will move into the middle school ministry as part of Weatherly's youth ministry. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will no longer be a part of the children's ministry when school begins in August 2008. We will have more dedicated separate Sunday and Wednesday night gatherings for middle school and high school students (we already do this for Sunday school & youth covenant group.) We will need more people to serve as teachers and leaders of youth Sunday school, youth covenant group, and youth Wednesday night gatherings. We will need more volunteers to help create separate middle school and high school retreats and summer trips.

If you would like to be a part of the middle school ministry, contact Dean and we will be glad to have you on the team. Working with teenagers is a delightful experience for me. To be a part of the most influential years of a person's life is challenging and rewarding. Be a part of the youth ministry and discover the amazing insight, care, compassion, difficulties, struggles, and challenges faced by these students. Be a part of their lives now and forever.

**Upcoming Events**

**NO D.E.E.P. this Sunday, February 17**

Due to President's Day Holiday we will continue with the tradition since 2003 - when students are out of school on Monday, there will be no youth activities on Sunday.

**D.E.E.P. Xtreme Bonding, Sunday, February 24**

Join us at 6:20 p.m. for an evening of flashlight tag.

**Youth-Led Good Friday Service**

Are you going to be in Huntsville at the end of Spring Break on Friday, March 21? Would you like to play a role in "A Service for Good Friday" for the whole church? Let Dean know if you are interested

- Dean

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Handy's Happenings  Fat Tuesday and Beyond

I had saved the card to open on Fat Tuesday. Inside were two cute jokes that started my day:  
*Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary church.  
Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa...and  
The ladies of the church are having a rummage sale.  
It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house.  
Don't forget your husbands.*

Needless to say, that was a fun start. However, Fat Tuesday is the last hurrah before Lenten Ashes begin our faith journey to the cross. My journey this year will be accompanied by a "Holding Cross." It was a Christmas gift. It is made of finely polished stone, about 3 inches in size, always cold to the touch but warming quickly when cupped in my hands.

My holding cross is familiar, like other items I love to grasp: my bike handle, my favorite cooking utensils and the handle of my best trowel. Certain objects are cherished by our hands, sanctified by their uses, becoming an extension of what and who we are.

The cross of Christ was not lovely. It was made of pain. But the love of the One upon it has blessed it for us all forevermore. There is an ancient hymn with one phrase that describes that cross: *sweetest wood and sweetest iron*. We know it was not sweet then, but it is now: it is pure love, the pure presence of God, even in the terrible midst of our worst sorrow.

I clutch my holding cross when I pray. You may see me with it in worship. After prayer, I hold it still, just to hold it. Perhaps my hands haven't completed their prayers yet. Last night, I fell asleep holding it when I awakened, there it was, still in my hand.

Sunday's anthem is "The Old Rugged Cross." I know without asking that it is a favorite for many Christians. It often links us to our conversion or baptism experiences. I am sharing my story here so that you might bring your own holding cross to worship this week. Perhaps holding it in your hand as the words sing themselves again in your soul will strengthen you in our Lenten journey.

Blessings,

### SPECIAL NOTES

- THIS Sunday afternoon, the Chapel Choir will rehearse from 5:20-6:15, have a snack supper and then rehearse from 6:40 to 7:30. Dean has given us this time to get a jump-start on our tour music. Every Chapel Choir member is expected to attend.
- No Children's Music Ministry Rehearsals this Sunday, February 17. Regular schedule resumes on February 24.

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