

ATHENS AND CANTRALL UNITED **METHODIST CHURCHES**

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Sun. Cantrall 9:00 am

Athens 10:35 am

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**HELP
WANTED**

Needed a new Cantrall reporter.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY, KINDLY CALL THE OFFICE SO WE CAN ADD YOUR NAMES.

March 2010



Pastor's Page:

Live Because You Are Free

There is a saying that you should live well so the preacher won't have to lie about you at your funeral. I can think of better reasons to live a righteous life. The main one is to bring honor to the One who loves you most, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There is a teaching that has been taught for ages— "You should keep short accounts with God." The meaning here is that you should not let sins pile up before you bring them to God for forgiveness. This teaching is a lie because if you are in Christ there is no account for you. Your account has been closed because of what Christ has done for us by paying for all of our sins on the cross. Jesus said from the cross, "It is finished!" Your account has been paid in full by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. This is what freedom in Christ is all about. We are free from the penalty of our sins and free from

death as, in Christ, we live eternally with Christ when our earthly journey is over. In the meantime, should we go ahead and sin since our sin account is closed? Of course not! We live in God-pleasing ways because we are thankful to God for our sin-free (from God's perspective) standing.

Sure, live in a righteous way as a tribute to God for setting us free. If we slip up, we own it before God, and we keep on the path. Remember, we are already forgiven! We have no sin account!

The words to "My Tribute" by Andre Crouch say what is in my heart because of God paying my sin-debt in full.

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved yet You gave to prove your love for me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am, and ever hope to be I owe it all to thee.

To god be the glory, to god be the glory To god be the glory for the things he has done
With his blood he has saved me With his power he has raised me To god be the glory
for the things he has done Just let me live my life and Let it be pleasing lord to thee
And if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary With his blood he has saved me With his
power he has raised me To god be the glory for the things he has done.

Celebrating His Love, Pastor Gloria

Colossians 2:14 (New Living Translation)

**He canceled the record of the charges against us
and took it away by nailing it to the cross.**

Ways to give to Haiti:

**Make checks out to your local church but in the memo place your fund # or your
charity.**

Haiti Relief-- United Methodist Committee on Relief OR

Advance # 418325 - place this Fund # on check.

Those who wish to give to H.I.S. Home Orphanage may write H.I.S. Home on check memo.

Scripture Readers for March 2010

Athens- Joan Smith Cantrall - Ange Tapscott



MARCH 2010 CALENDAR

March 1	8-10 am	Coffeehouse at Athens UMC
March 2	7:00 am	Choir at Cantrall UMC
March 3	3:00 pm	Special Sprouts at Cantrall UMC
	6:00 pm	Family Night Out at Athens UMC
March 4	8-10 am	Coffee Cup at Cantrall UMC
	1:00 pm	United Methodist Women meet at Athens UMC
March 6	5:30 pm	Casual Worship service at Athens UMC
March 7		Communion at Athens and Cantrall
	7:00 pm	United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets at Athens UMC
March 8	8-10 am	Coffeehouse at Athens UMC
	7:00 pm	Ad Council meets at Athens UMC
	7:00 pm	City Council will meet in the upstairs room at Athens UMC
	7:00 pm	United Methodist Women meet at Cantrall UMC
March 9	7:00 pm	Ad Council meets at Cantrall UMC
	7:00 pm	Choir at Cantrall UMC
March 10	3:00 pm	Special Sprouts meet at Cantrall UMC
	6:00 pm	Family Night Out at Athens UMC
March 11	8-10 am	Coffee Cup at Cantrall UMC
March 13	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service at Athens UMC
March 15	8-10 am	Coffeehouse at Athens UMC
	10:30 am	Athens Area Ministers meet at Athens UMC
	7:00 pm	United Methodist Men meet at Athens UMC
March 16	10:00 am	Women of Promise event at Athens UMC
	6:30 pm	Women of Promise event at Athens UMC
	7:00 pm	Choir at Cantrall UMC
March 17	3:00 pm	Special Sprouts at Cantrall UMC
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Out at Athens UMC
March 18	7:00 am	FCA breakfast at Athens UMC
	8-10 am	Coffee Cup at Cantrall UMC
March 20	5:30 pm	Casual Worship Service at Athens UMC
March 21	7:00 pm	United Methodist Youth Fellowship meet at Cantrall UMC
March 22	8-10 am	Coffeehouse at Athens UMC
March 23	4:00 pm	Women of Promise planning meeting at Athens UMC
	7:00 pm	Choir at Cantrall UMC
March 24	3:00 pm	Special Sprouts meet at Cantrall UMC
	6:00 pm	Family Night Out at Athens UMC
March 25	8-10 am	Coffee Cup at Cantrall UMC
March 27	5:30 pm	Casual Worship service at Athens UMC
March 28		Palm Sunday
March 29	8-10 am	Coffeehouse at Athens UMC
March 30	7:00 pm	Choir at Cantrall UMC
March 31	3:00 pm	Special Sprouts at Cantrall UMC
	6:00 pm	Family Night Out at Athens UMC

PASTOR IS ON VACATION MARCH 8 THRU 14TH.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John Zook - 3rd - A
Stevie Bounds - 4th - C
(68 Lilac Lane, Spfld 02)
Jill Loeser - 5th - C
Cora Bell - 6th - C
Peggy Pavlisin - 7th - C
Nancy Bounds - 7th - C
Kenneth Litchfield - 7th - A
Ruby Stadsholt - 7th - C
Mark Dugger - 8th - A
Nellieann Kotty - 10th - A
Joseph Richmond, Jr. - 10th - C
Jeff Stott - 11th - A
Dixie Brown - 13th - C



Carolyn Kern - 13th - A
Lynn Sinnott - 15th - A
Sharon Porter - 17th - A
Larry Wilkens - 19th - C
Ken Parks - 21st - A
Mary Sellman - 22nd - A
Lindsay Tebrugge - 22nd - C
Elaine Jensen - 23rd - A
Molly Hughes - 23rd - C
Jarob Heffner - 24th - A
Mark Grant - 27th - A
Aaron Pedigo - 27th - A
Jeff Grieve - 29th (C)
David Burris - 31st - C

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Linda & Tom Dillon - 1st (C)
Karen & Jeff Stott - 11th - A
Linda & James Ratliff - 11th - A
Gene & Sandy Bayse - 16th (A)
Nicole & Matt Broch - 20 (A)
Arlee & Pete Grimsley 28th (C)
Gayle & Cecil Denton - 29th - C
Joyce & Walter Fornoff - 29th - A
Valerie & Rich Henning - 31st - A



Athens United Methodist Church Newsletter
March, 2010

N.O.W.
(Night of Worship)

March 28, 2010 6:30-8:00 PM - Athens UMC
Featuring Andy Hite

*Special guest musicians, youth ministry leaders, and youth of all ages
will come together to offer the best that we have to the One who redeems
us and calls us His own*

Snacks and fellowship after worship!

Come... NOW is the time to worship...



Women of Promise

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

10:00-NOON
or 6:30-8:30 P.M.

In the Upper Room
Athens United
Methodist Church

•
Light, Healthy Meal

•
Door Prizes

•
Relaxing Atmosphere

•
Child Care Provided
\$6.00 donation suggested

For
RESERVATIONS Call 636-8785
or email

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March Program

Mary Grant has shared with us before, but she has never told her personal story of faith. Long distance cyclist, special education teacher, and "professional volunteer," she and husband Mark have three grown children, one grand-daughter, and one elderly, lovable mutt. Mary showed up in Athens one day after a six-year vacation in Oklahoma. You may already know Mary has a passion for nature, for missions, and for the Word of God. But when did she get so thirsty for the abundant life of Christ? And why does she smile so much? Join us in March to find out!

United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women will meet on March 4 at the church at 1:00 p.m.
Donna Emmerich will be the hostess and bring the program.



Perhaps what I am supposed to do about Lent is to think about some things that I have put off thinking about, The Beatitudes, for instance. They seem to make demands on me that I'm not sure I want made.

But I have a hunch that if I stop being afraid of the Beatitudes and consider them seriously, I may discover a way of life which will not only be simpler than life usually is, but which will also be more free than life normally is for a middle-class American.

-Madeline L'Engle



Wednesday Night Menus

Mar. 3

**Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Salad
Bread
Cake & Ice Cream**

Mar. 10

**Beef Stew
Biscuits
Cole Slaw
Dessert**

Mar. 17

**Spaghetti
Garlic Bread
Salad
Dessert**

Mar. 24

**Barbeque Chicken
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Bread
Dessert**

Mar. 31

**Chili
Hot Dogs
Relish Tray
Dessert**

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

The United Methodist Women work at the Midwest Distribution Center on the first Monday of the odd numbered months. The next date for working at MMDC will be Monday, March 1. See Joan Smith if you are interested in helping.

We Need the Church

Christianity is essentially a social religion; and to turn it into a solitary religion is indeed to destroy it...I mean not only that it cannot subsist so well, it cannot subsist at all, without society - without living and conversing with others.

-John Wesley

When someone suffers alone, the question is not "Where is God?" but "Where are God's people?"

-Anonymous

The Quest

I asked for bread!
Life led me to a plain.
And put a plough at hand,
And bade me toil until my bread I earned.
I asked for drink!
Life led me to a sand
As dry as tearless grief -
Forced me to find the springs of sympathy.
I asked for joy!
Life led me to a street,
And had me hear the cries
Of wayward souls who waited to be freed.
I asked for words!
Life led me to a wood,
Set me in solitude
Where speech was still and wisdom came by prayer.
I asked for Love!
Life led me to a hill,
And bound me to a cross
To bear and lift and be hanged upon.
-Anonymous

Lord, make my life a window for your light to shine through and a mirror to reflect your love to everyone I meet.

Thank You

Mary Grant wishes to thank everyone at both churches who has donated money and supplies for H.I.S. Home for Children. Her trip to Haiti has been postponed until either April or Sept. All money collected has been forwarded to H.I.S. Home and she is making arrangements to get the supplies there by April, even if she is delayed from making the trip then. For updates on the work at H.I.S. Home, go to

www.hishomeforchildren.com

Prayer and Self-Denial

Sherman United Methodist Women cordially invite you and your friends to A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. The event will be held on
Mon., March 1, 7:00 p.m. at Sherman United Methodist Church.
Refreshments following in the fellowship hall. Call Lou Garner 638-3334 or Polly Wise 622-1363 with questions.

Athens Area Food Pantry



A big thank you to the generosity of everyone at the Wednesday Lenten service. Thanks to your giving the Athens Area Food Pantry will receive \$98. This will certainly help in such difficult times as we face right now.

CANTRALL UNITED METHODIST E-NEWSLETTER

Reporter - Pastor Gloria



March 2010

United Methodist Men's Day at the Ballpark

Sat. May 22, 2010

St. Louis Cardinals vs. Los Angeles Angels

Game time 1:15 PM.

There will be a dinner or breakfast to help offset the price of tickets and bus ride to make the event affordable for families. Watch for more information coming soon.



United Methodist Men

UM Men meet on March 15, 2010 at 7:30pm. This group is open to all the men of the Athens and Cantrall United Methodist Churches.



The following dates are when the Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups meet. Mark your calendars and invite friends to join you. UMYF is for all interested youth.

March 7th ~Movie Pizza night at the Epperson's. 6:00 till 8:30

March 21st~ At CUMC 7:00 to 8:00

Pastor Gloria will be looking for all interested youth to take part in this year's Easter Sunrise Service.

This year the service will be held at Athens UMC on April 4th.



Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Palm Sunday is March 28, 2010



Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Indian Point Presbyterian Church

on April 1, 2010 at 7 PM.



The Good Friday service will be held at Cantrall UMC at 7 PM.

There will be no noon Community Good Friday Service this year.



Easter Sunrise Service will be held at

Athens UMC followed by breakfast.



Special Sprouts



On all of the Wednesdays in March Special Sprouts will be held.

March 3 - lesson is Love, Joy, Peace

March 10 - lesson is Patience, Kindness, Goodness

March 17 - the lesson is Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self Control

March 24 - lesson Crucify! Crucify!

March 31 - lesson - He's Alive

Spotlighted this month is Nancy Swanson - our treat lady. Every week, Nancy sees to it that the kids and helpers have treats - something to eat and drink. Nancy is careful to make sure that children with special food allergies are protected.

Our thanks to Nancy for her service to Christ as the "Treat Lady".

Basic Bible Study

The Bible Study continues on Thursday evenings.

These dates Bible Study will be held.

March 4th

March 18th

March 25th

There will be no Bible Study on March 11th.

The study always welcomes newcomers.

Why should we study the bible?



The simple answer is because God in His word tells us to. 2 Timothy 2:15 "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are exhorted to preach the word and to be able to defend it. 2 Timothy 4:2 "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." Scripture is the tool God has given us and it is our duty to study it, know it, and apply it. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



Gerald King assigned to Laurel UMC

Our District Superintendent, Gerald King has been assigned to Laurel UMC, Springfield for his next appointment.

One Great Hour of Sharing is March 14



When the first tremors of the earthquake in Haiti rocked that island nation, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) staff were already in country, strategizing how United Methodists could help improve the lives of the people there.

Their work is a direct result of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which supports the operating expenses of those who bring healing and help in our name. It makes it possible, when we respond to an emergency like Haiti, to know that 100% of our gift goes directly to where the suffering is happening.

Every year, but this year more than ever, give your people the opportunity to join with the faithful across the church to support the One Great Hour of Sharing.



Cantrall Choir

Meets on Tuesdays at 7 PM in Cantrall sanctuary.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH CRITICISM

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves

If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy

If children live with jealousy, they learn what envy is

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty

If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient

If children live with encouragement, they learn to be confident

If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves

If children live with acceptance, they learn to find love in the world

If children live with recognition, they learn to have a goal

If children live with sharing, they learn to be generous

If children live with honesty and fairness, they learn what truth and justice are

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those around them

If children live with friendliness, they learn that the world is a nice place in which to live

If children live with serenity, they learn to have peace of mind.

What are your children living with?

-- Author Unknown



COFFEE CUP

Cantrall's Coffee Cup is open every Thursday from 8-10 am. You will find, along with your coffee, good conversation, camaraderie, and yummy things to eat.

Why Give Up Something for Lent?

Our salvation cost Jesus something. It cost Him his life. During Lent Christians may choose to give up something as a sacrifice in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice.

Many give up for Lent things they enjoy -perhaps chocolate, chips or soda. Others give up things that are not good for them anyway. Some use this time to give to others in Christ's name as a Lenten practice.

Some skip a meal and give the money to the poor that would be spent on that missed meal. Also some decide to give up long held grudges or even write a letter of forgiveness to someone who has wronged them.

Perhaps each of us can find a way to make these days leading up to Easter more meaningful.