



LATHAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger



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FOCUS:

In response to the criticism, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them," Jesus tells two LOST parables and says that if there is joy over finding a lost sheep or coin, how much does heaven rejoice when one sinner repents? Join in the search and the celebration today!



Hughey Reynolds, Senior Pastor



For the Team

The first day of practice of my junior year was rained out. We gathered in the gym on that muggy late July afternoon. Coach Johnson lined us up for stretch and endurance drills, which included jumping jacks, toe touches and those painful leg-lifts that he had us hold until we cried for mercy. Then we ran wind-sprints and suicides. The humidity had us all sweating buckets. After the drills he had us bunch up at mid-court. We were all gasping for breath.

Coach Johnson said, "We graduated 12 members from this team. There are positions open for anybody who really wants to play." He slammed the ball down on the floor, backed away and said, "Let's start with offense. Give me a center." Nobody moved. Our starting center had graduated. Coach yelled, "I said give me a center." I was a fullback on offense, but I ran to the ball and bent down over it. "I'm glad somebody wants to play," he said. "Reynolds has never snapped a ball in his life. Now do one of you guys that know how want to come take the position away from him?"

That got me all riled up, so when last year's backup center Kenneth Whaley came to take my place, I wouldn't move. "Looks like you're gonna have to take it from him Whaley," the coach said. He and I grabbed each other and started wrestling. We went down to the floor. Neither of us could get a good hold on the other because we were both soaking wet. This got the whole team fired up. I can still hear their voices echoing in the gym. Finally coach blew his whistle and said, "Reynolds, that's the eagerness I like to see but don't you want to play fullback? Give the ball to Whaley." I gave him the ball and went back into the crowd until Coach called my position.

The memory of that July 1972 day came back to me as I thought about the task of enlisting leaders at Latham. The Lay Leadership team is nominating leaders for 2011. Our church has stressed the need to know and use your gifts and talents and to serve in roles that best fit those gifts. That is still the game plan for an excellent leadership team. And yet, even after taking classes on finding your PLACE, we find that no set of gifts, talents and interests are a perfect match for a single leadership role in the church. By the grace of God, and with folks willing to jump into roles they've never played, we will have an even better team next year. It happened in 1972 and it will again in 2011. – Hughey





Latham Praises ** Worship Happenings

**A nursery will be provided for ALL Morning Services.

Morning Watch—8:30 AM
Rev. Hughey Reynolds
 Restore the Joy
Psalm 14:1-7

SpiritLink—9:00 AM
Rev. David Thompson
 G-Rated Kids in an X-
 Rated World—Part 3

Liturgical—11:05 AM
Rev. Hughey Reynolds
 The Search Begins
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday Evening Worship

Church Wide Picnic—4:00 PM on Green Mountain

Come up any time you like. Bring a covered dish entree, side dish or dessert. Drinks are furnished. Also bring a musical instrument for some picking and grinning. 4PM - Worship Service begins. As soon as its over, we will eat. Park closes at 7PM. P.S. There is NO fishing at Green Mountain on Sundays.



Men's Tailgate Party MEN EVENT ONLY

The Who - Men over 21 years old interested in watching football, having fellowship with other men and enjoying food

The What - A tailgate Party where no ladies are allowed

The When - September 11th from 2 pm (1400) until 6 pm (1800) or later

The Where - Howard's house, 705 Forrest Heights Dr, Directions to my house are simple. From the Church, turn left on Weatherly Rd (East) and go approx 1 mile. Turn left on Hickory Hill Lane and take the 3d right turn (Forrest Heights Dr). My house is the Tudor at the top of the hill (on the left). The house with a large Oak tree in and boulder in the front yard. I need a pretty good RSVP, so call the house at 256 880-7844, drop me a note on Facebook or email me at howardt1957@comcast.net



The Why - A fun thing to do with a bunch of guys. If football gets boring, I have an expanded patio now, so bring your musical instruments and we can do some pickin. If you want to bring a side dish or beverage to share, then just bring it.


Vision Statement

Latham exists to hear Christ, to proclaim Christ and to become like Christ to the world.

Mission Statement

Through the grace of God, Latham focuses our ministries and our worship to reach the un-reached and to grow and empower disciples of Jesus Christ.

LATHAM UMC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

 LUMCDC is kicking off a new school year! We currently have spots available in the 2, 3 & 4 year old classes. Preschool hours are 9:00—1:00 p.m. Full Day hours are 7:00-5:30 p.m. Come by for a tour or call 256-883-0769 for more information.



Jo Walton Literary Club

On Monday, September 13th, 2:00 p.m., the Jo Walton Literary Club will be in Room 151. This month we are discussing Tess Gerritsen's book, GRAVITY. This is a particularly interesting book for those who are or have been associated with the space program. Facilitating the discussion will be Gerald Smith, retired NASA engineer. We invite anyone interested in reviewing an exciting book and learning more about the space program to join us. For more information, contact Amma Barnes at 256-881-4537.



If you need something announced in Spirit Link, please get that announcement to Vince Tonini by 12:00 on Friday.

Just FAITH IS COMING TO LATHAM IN SEPTEMBER

A Scripture-based adult education program that looks at poverty and compassion for the poor through the lens of faith. Ask Doug 256-883-7108 or dougsey@comcast.net.

Bag Packing Schedule

Please mark your calendar and join us packing weekend food bags for Title 1 school children on the dates below. **Oct 12 & Nov. 2** 6:00pm in the Kids Korner. Questions? Call Doug 883-7108 or dougsey@comcast.net.



Pictorial Directories

Distributed this Sunday in the Welcome Center. If you had your picture made, it is free. If not, cost is \$10.00 each. After this date, contact Donna Bowers 256-533-7675.

CALENDAR



YOUTH EVENTS

This Week at Latham

Sunday, September 12th
 8:30a - Morning Watch
 9:00a - SpiritLink Service
 10:05a - Sunday School
 11:05a - Liturgical Service
 3:00p - Guitar Lessons
 4:00p - Church Picnic/
 Green Mountain
 5:00p - Youth/Picnic
 7:00p - Praise Band

Monday, September 13th
 6:30a-5:30p-Mon.-Fri.—
 L.U.M.C.C.D.C
 7:00a - Youth Prayer Breakfast
 8:30a - Bend & Stretch
 2:00p - Jo Walton Lit. Society
 6:00p - Praise Band
 7:00p - F.R.O.G.S
 7:00p - Lily Flagg Pool Mtn.

Tuesday, September 14th
 9:30a - Circle 3 Meeting
 10:00a - Staff Meeting
 11:00a - Numbers of Hope
 6:00p - Cub Scouts
 6:00p - Cooking Class
 7:00p - Circle 1 Meeting
 7:00p - Covenant Prayer
 7:00p - Coast Guard

Wednesday, September 15th
 10:00a - Bible Study
 10:00a - Circle 2 Meeting
 1:30p - Wesley Singers
 3:00p - Youth/Coffee Tree
 6:00p - Jubilation Handbells
 6:00p - Boy Scouts
 6:30p - YAC/meeting at
 the Thompson's Home
 7:00p - Youth Guys Fusion
 7:00p - Youth Girls Fusion
 7:00p - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 16th
 8:30a - Bend & Stretch
 10:00a - Elderberries Board
 Meeting
 11:30a - Elderberry Luncheon
 4:00p - Webelos
 6:00p - Sign Language
 6:30p - CPSA Meeting
 6:30p - Reach, Grow,
 Empower Meeting
 7:00p - Bible Study

Friday, September 17th
 5:30p - Singles S.S. Party

Saturday, September 18th
 8:30a - Jackson Bend Mtg.
 6:00p - Spirit Link Set up



Youth Activities this week

Sunday September 12th:
 *Church Wide Picnic on Green Mountain 4:00-6:30pm
 *Praise Band Practice 7:00-8:00pm in the choir room

Monday September 13th:
 *Prayer Breakfast 7am @ Chick-Fil-A on Whitesburg Dr.

Wednesday September 15th:
 *Chillin at the Coffee Tree 3:00-4:00pm
 *Boys and Girls Fusion 7:00-8:00pm on 2nd floor of Family Life Center

Saturday, September 18th:
 *Tailgate Party in the youth room from 2pm-10pm. Bring snacks to share and games. We will watch the Alabama and Auburn games. We will also have games and activities set up for those who won't be watching the games.

MUSIC PROGRAMS

Sun 7:45a SpiritLink Rehearsals
 Mon 6:00p Renew Praise Band
 Mon 7:30p Seamless Praise Band
 Wed 1:30p Wesley Singers
 Wed. 7:00p Chancel Choir



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

No Activities — Church Picnic

WEEKLY GIVING & ATTENDANCE AT LATHAM

Operating Budget 9/5/10

Received this week \$ Not
 Received year to date \$ Available
 Needed year to date \$

Capital Fund Status 9/05/10

Received this week \$ At
 Needed each week \$ This
 Received month to date \$ Time
 Needed each month \$

Attendance for 9/05/10

Adult Sunday school	140
Leaders	41
Youth Sunday school	14
Children's Sunday school	32
Total Sunday school	227
Visitors	16
Morning Watch Service	32
Spirit Link Worship	199
Liturgical Worship	149
Evening Worship	37
Total for Sunday	417



Surviving Life's Disasters

A small group that helps people develop strategies for surviving and finding joy again after job loss, divorce, death of a loved one, or just too much change in life. Come discover a meaningful connection to your new life circumstances. You do not need to be a member of Latham to attend. Meets Monday, September 13th, 7:00-8:00 in the church library.



Saluting Our Military

November 7th, 4:00 p.m.

We are asking EVERYONE to fill out a flag request card this year. Please feel free to fill out as many cards as you would like to honor/memorialize family, friends & neighbors. The ABSOLUTE deadline for submitting flag request will be October 17th. You will find request cards in the Welcome Center.



****DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT WEEK'S MESSENGER IS FRIDAY BY NOON.**



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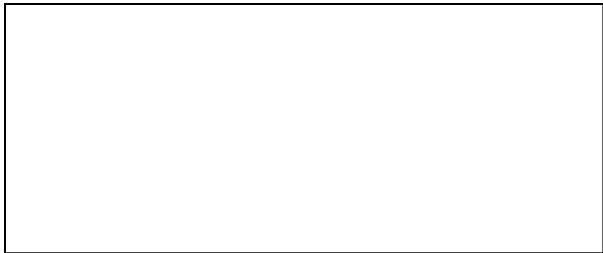
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Director of Adults & Children: Susan Terry
Director of Child Dev. Ctr.: Traci Harris
Organist: Cherry Hovik
Pianist: Joey Evans



DEAR RECIPIENT: When you have a change of address, a new telephone number or when someone in your family moves or goes off to school, please make the church office aware of this change. Thank you.

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



The Trinity class will be beginning a new series by Andrew Farley on September 19, 2010 called The Naked Gospel. This series "has a fresh take on the scripture"... and "puts forth a message that is simple but life changing." If you are interested in taking part in this series with us feel free to come by our class on the 3rd floor this Sunday (September 12) and pick up a book and have a quick overview of the study. We are excited about this study and looking forward to having you.

Joining The Church
If you would like to become a member of Latham UMC during the Spirit Link Service please text David Thompson at 256-527-8998 or email him at dthompson1950@ Com-cast.net. If you would like to join during the Liturgical Service please call Hughey Reynolds at 256-881-4069.



Cooking Classes - \$25 for 5 weeks
Come One Come All
Share your expertise or learn a new skill
Cooking For One -Three People
Offered the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays beginning September 21
Cooking for 4-20 People
Offered the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays beginning Sept. 14
Contact Donna Bowers (256-533-7675) for more information

