

# Fairview UMC Newsletter

*Hand in hand, with Christ, we can!*  
**Pastor Ryan Campbell**  
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"Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it.."  
 " Song of Songs 8:7



## TITHING ... FROM HESITANT TO JOYFUL GIVING

Sally and the Rev. Albert AsKew UNITED METHODISTS TELL THEIR STORIES OF HOW GIVING HAS AFFECTED THEIR LIVES.

Tithing. To many United Methodists, the idea is scary and fraught with anxiety. To others, it is exciting, inviting — and the right thing to do. For Sally Curtis AsKew, tithing is a no-brainer. "Both my husband Albert and I have tithed ever since we can remember," says AsKew of Oconee Street United Methodist Church, Athens, Ga. As children, they learned to tithe at home and in church and Sunday school. Saying tithing is simply a way to fulfill "our responsibility as Christians to share what we have with others," AsKew admits that tithing can prove challenging. "When we were first married, and Albert was pastor of three small churches and a student in theology school, I was teaching school," she recalls. "Even in 1962, that meant if we gave all our tithe, we would be the largest givers in any of those churches." However, tithing also allowed the couple to improve the parsonages in which they lived and to support their United Methodist alma maters.

Betty Katiyo, a member of Inner City United Methodist Church, Harare, Zimbabwe, is also a tither.

"Tithing is a matter of obedience," she said. "God blesses us when we are faithful."

The associate secretary of the West Zimbabwe , Betty Spiwe Katiyo of Zimbabwe delivers part of the Laity Address at General Conference. A UMNS photo by Paul Jeffrey. Annual Conference added, "Tithing sustains the church in making disciples of Jesus Christ and helps the church reach out to widows, orphans and the poor in the community."

Sherri Williams, a certified lay servant at First United Methodist Church, Leavenworth, Kan., tackled the sometimes-taboo subject of tithing in her "Simply Sherri" blog. For her and her husband, Spencer, tithing was an on- again, off-again topic. "We always tried to give 10 percent," she wrote, "but sometimes it was really hard and we were unable (to tithe), but we always gave. When we first moved here, we were struggling financially." Then Leavenworth First started the "Extravagant Generosity" study. "It had a book of daily readings," Williams said. One of the Scriptures was Malachi 3:10, in which God urges, "Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury. ... Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams." (The Message) That verse inspired Sherri and Spencer Williams, who was preparing to retire from the military. However, the prospect of tithing was daunting. "We didn't really know what the future held for us as far as a job for him and our financial future," she wrote, "but here was God — telling us to trust him and if we did, he'd make it worth our while. We jumped in with both feet, no holding on to the sides! "We have not looked back since. At least once a month, (we) will read the Scripture again and comment on how blessed we have been. We aren't independently wealthy by any stretch of the mind, and since my husband is a contractor for the military, his job is not always the most secure, but we are blessed beyond measure, and we don't worry that much anymore.

"Sometimes it's really hard! I know it is! But we have found it worth it."

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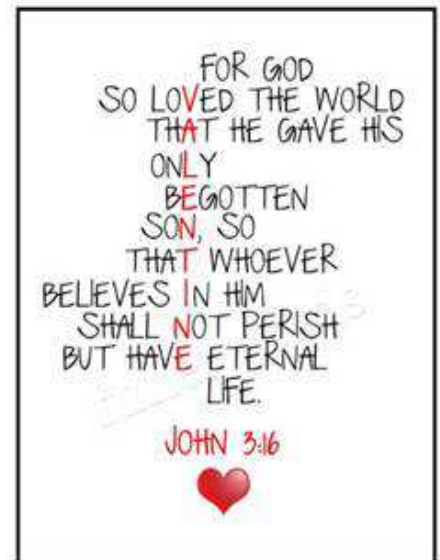


**Feb. 26th 2016**  
**6pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Showing:**

## God's Not Dead

*An atheist Philosophy professor insists the new student's declare that "God is dead", unable to do this a student sets out to prove to the class that God is NOT dead. Powerful movie!*

*Weather permitting, if questionable call Janet at: 765-744-0852 to check status of movie night.*



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(765)744-0852) Or put your information in the box in the hallway in the Fellow-

Please help keep the Newsletter going by adding your submission!

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically in full color in your email, please submit your address to Janet as well!



# February Events:



## On Going Events:

- 2pm each Mon. Grown up Coloring Party
- 2pm each Wed. Cacklin Hens (knit/crochet)
- 6:30 each Wed. Bible Study
- Third Sun. worship-Jimmy Riddle to sing
- 6p-8p Friday Night Friendzee@ Redkey Youth Center
- 3rd Tues each month Fairview Woman's Guardian Angels meeting at 6pm.
- First Saturday of each month: Breakfast at the Youth Center 7am-10am

## Fairview Woman's Guardian Angels



**That's right! A pajama party!**  
**Feb. 12th 6pm-???**

- ⇒ Facials by Karmen!
- ⇒ Mini Massages by Janet!
- ⇒ Nails done by Marsha!
- ⇒ SO MUCH MORE FUN!

Wear your favorite PJ's and come join us! (All ladies invited! Bring a friend!) Weather permitting...call Janet at 765-744-0852 to check status of event.

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Your teeth are store bought and as white as the hairs on yer head. **Song Of Solomon for Seniors**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 7th: Jim Albertson
- 10th: Jim & Joan Albertson (A)
- 14th: Jessica Daniels
- 20th: Al Harlow
- 27th: Skyler Bee
- 27th: Jack & Janet Amundson

## Fairview Woman's Guardian Angels

Feb. 16th at 6pm - Fellowship Hall for our normal meeting. ALL ladies welcome!

## Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday Evenings  
 At 6pm  
 Shon and Lindsey Willoughby's house.



## Jeanie's Article: MAKE TIME, TAKE TIME

When we love someone, we want to spend time with that person. Particularly when we are in love, we are happy to change our schedules so we can be with the person who has captured our heart. One way we express our love for God is to prioritize spending time with Him. I like to think of it as keeping a daily appointment with Him, an appointment that is more important than anything else I have to do that day.

If I had a dear friend who lived in another city and wanted to come to my house for a visit, I would be delighted to schedule time with that person. I certainly would not accept an invitation to do anything else during that appointment because I would be so excited to be with my friend.

Time spent together would be vital for our ongoing, growing relationship. Sometimes, we may become slack in keeping our appointments with God because we know that He will always be there for us. We may skip or reschedule our time with Him in order to do something else that seems urgent. But if we spent more 'priority moments' with God, we might not have so many 'urgent' situations.

A commitment to spend time with God is as serious a commitment as any we will ever make.

If you struggle to keep your appointments with God, I encourage you to be disciplined and diligent about them. With persistence, you will reach the point where you so enjoy fellowship with Him that you don't want to live a single day without time spent sharing your love for Him and receiving His love for you.

## Did you know?

- \* People in Biblical times rarely married for love, although it was generally accepted that love would result from being married, hence Leah's prayer that Jacob would love her once she had bore him a son. (Gen. 29:32)
- \* The Parable of the lost coin in Luke 15 probably refers to a coin lost from a wedding headdress. Headdresses were made from coins strung together and were part of the bride's dowry.
- \* Descriptions of the bride's wedding dress in Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Revelation show that they were made from the finest linen and were richly embroidered. The bride was also adorned with many jewels and a thick veil, which explains why Jacob did not recognize Leah.
- \* The bride and groom walked in a torch light procession, amid dancing and singing back to the grooms house or to their new home, where the bride groom's family held a feast/
- \* Celebrations lasted a week, or even a fortnight (Gen 29:27) During this time there was considerable drinking and eating, and also games and contests. The bride and groom were seated on a dais, and were treated like a king and queen.
- \* The Old Testament book Song of Songs, tells of deep human love. It looks at marriage sensitively from a woman's point of view and describes the purity and nobility of true love.
- \* The Song of Songs is often interpreted as a devotional allegory in praise of the love of God and his people. Alternatively, it may be

The Hebrew word 'chesed' means lovingkindness and describes relationships bound together by love, loyalty and commitment. *Chesed* is commonly translated as "loving-kindness," "kindness" or "love." *Chesed* is central to Jewish ethics and Jewish theology and is a common term in the Bible for describing God's love for humankind and God's special relationship with the Children of Israel.

To name a few Biblical examples of *chesed* we see: Naomi and Ruth; Mary and Elizabeth and Jonathan and David. *Deep and lasting friendships that embody the love of Christ are chesed.* I hope that many of you can say that you have kept in touch with childhood friends, or have throughout your life made true, *chesed* friendships. True friendships are rare and something to be treasured. Whether new friends or old long time friends, our relationships that are built on love and trust are priceless.

Thomas Jefferson says this of friendships: *But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine.*

In **John 15: 13-15** Jesus says: **"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends,.."**

John Leonard says: *"It takes a long time to grow an old friend."* This is very true, but there are also those that we meet that we feel an instant strong kinship to as though we have known them all our lives. I have a few 'old' friends that know me better than I know myself, because they know me the way Jesus knows me. They love me, the way Jesus loves me, unconditionally and completely as I in turn love them.

It is a true blessing to know that Jesus thinks of us as not only his brother's and sisters, but his friends. Not only just as those who he died for but those that he loves. The reason we can come boldly before the throne with our requests is because he is our friend and he loves us!

I feel so blessed to have many friends. I love all of them dearly. I have found through out the years that being a friend isn't always easy. Yes, there are those 'happy days' spent with friends, going to antique malls, shopping, laughing and having our casual friendship times together. But there are also the difficult times in friendships. I am facing some of them now, as I know you all have had to do at different times in this life.

Robert Brault said: *"Our most difficult task as a friend is to offer understanding when we don't understand."*

Currently I have two very dear friends that have been given terminal diagnosis from their doctors. I don't understand why. I will never understand why. But I do know that our God never gives us more than we can handle, and I know that we grow stronger through our trials. I also know that no matter what the doctors have said to these two lovely women about their 'diagnosis' and life expectancies only ONE knows the number of our days and that is our friend, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

I love these two women, they have been in my life for a very long time. Friend "A" is a strong and very independent woman. She use to be my boss when I first started working at Jay County Hospital. She became more of a friend than a boss as time went by. Then only two short years ago she was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and had to retire, her battle laid out before her. Her time an energy was needed to fight for her life. IPF is a disease that scars down your lung tissue and makes it difficult for your lungs to expand for you to breathe. IPF is in itself usually offers up a prognosis of two to five years. My friend also has Lupus and many other 'auto immune' disorders that come along with Lupus. Lupus on it's own is a formidable foe to contend with. I know because, I too have Lupus. Friend "A" has been battling IPF now for two years, she needs a lung transplant. I have been blessed to be able to a lot of time with friend "A" encouraging her to fight, hold on..stay strong in the Lord! We opened All Things Together and were able to lead some to Christ within it's walls.

Friend "B" was diagnosed with cancer that had by the time it was discovered it had already metastases to all her major organs. We met when our children were very small, some forty years ago. We hadn't kept in touch over the past 15 years other than the occasional phone call. But when I heard of her cancer, I went to visit her. It was like no time at all had gone by. That's how it is with true *chesed* friendships, we are bound together in our hearts. We cried a lot as I listened to her talk about her diagnosis. We also talked about the Lord and His mercy. One thing that gave me comfort about friend "B" is that she isn't afraid of dying. She is concerned about how her family will get along once she moves on to her eternal home. I was so happy to know that she retained her love of the Lord, and her faith. I assured her that God would look after her family and care for them, just as he was doing for her. She already knew that, but isn't that what friends do? Encourage, lift one another up and stand by one another through our sadness as well as through our joys?

There are times when I speak to both of my friends that I am not at all sure what I should say. I pray and ask God to direct my words. I ask him to give me wisdom. **"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."** **Colossians 4: 6**

I ask for wisdom as to when I should speak, or when to just be silent and listen. **"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."** **James 1:5**

Often times, that is the most important thing we can do for those who are struggling through trials. Just listen. *Good friends are those who care without hesitation, who remember without limitation and who love even without communication – Philippos<sup>3</sup>*

*Each one of us has the responsibility to comfort one another. "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."* **1 Thess. 5:11**

Until next month: Treasure your friendships! Janet

The LORD your God is with you,  
He is mighty to save.

He will take great delight  
in you,  
he will quiet you  
With his love,

He will rejoice over you with singing.  
Zephaniah 3:17



### I Corinthians 13

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 HOPE  
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 PROFIT  
 THINGS



**We fall in love by chance,  
 We stay in love by choice.**

#### The Woman of His Dreams

A young man called his mother and excitedly announced that he had met the woman of his dreams. Asking his mother's advice on what he should do next, his mother gave him her idea:

"Why don't you send her flowers and on the card invite her to dinner and ask her to come to your place for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great strategy and arranged a date for a week later. The next day after the date the mother called to see how things had gone.

"The evening was a disaster." Her son moaned.

"Why, didn't she come over?" asked his mother.

"Oh, she came over, but she refused to cook!" He exclaimed.