



TODAY

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Parent's Day Out
6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts @
Chalet
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-
Financial Peace University

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Parent's Day Out
6:00 p.m.- Visitors Dinner
6:30 p.m.- Praise Team rehearsal
7:00 p.m.- Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.-Food Voucher Service
6:30-8:30 P.M.—"Jesus in the
Gospels" Bible study, Parsonage

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:45 a.m.- Parent/Youth Meeting
10:00 a.m.- Praise Team rehearsal
10:30 a.m.- Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:00 p.m.- Finance Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Lilly Frank 1/30
M.K. Bowen 2/1
Charlie Thompson 2/2
Laura Frank 2/3



Weekly Prayer Requests

M.K. Bowen, Betty Duncan, Suzanne Lemons, Avis Browning, Anne Browning, Phil Wehman, Cynthia Thompson Liz Bridger, Daisy Allen, Sue Summers, Evelyn Loveday, Bud & Betty Bailey, Jane Hall's daughter-Amy McGauley.

Prayer requests can be left in the Prayer Box located in the entry hallway for the Prayer Team.

I recently received a letter from Oxford University requesting financial assistance for a young woman pastor currently serving as a United Methodist Pastor in Tyument, Russia. The school has offered to reduce tuition for this young woman by half but has also offered to assist her in locating other financial resources so that she might further her education and her ministry in Russia.

If you are interested and would like more information on how you might be a part of this ongoing ministry, please call me (877-6447) and I will be happy to share information about his young woman with you.

Cynthia

Ernie Couch & Revival is gospel music at it's best!

The group's blend of traditional overtones with new and innovative sounds has lead listeners to refer to the group's style as a mixture of the classic Statesmen and Oak Ridge Boys, with an added dose of raw energy. The group's unique musical blend of the past and the present has a way of appealing to listeners of all ages.

EC&R travels thousands of miles each year across the United States and Canada, appearing at concert halls, churches, fairs, and festivals, presenting their music and gaining new fans and friends. These guys are just folks, that realize they may not be all that special, but the One they sing about is very special. EC&R presents a very high energy, entertaining program featuring good material, good stage presence, and good interaction with the audience. EC&R is all-live! Even on their recordings the group creates all of its own vocals and instrumentation, so there will be consistency in what in what is heard on radio, recordings, and in concerts. It is always the goal of the group to present a classy program that is worthy of the subject matter they sing about.

EC&R strives professionally to offer diversity in their music and performance, reaching out to all musical tastes. This is evident in the many opportunities they have had to work with other legends in various genres of music ranging from George Beverly Shea to George Jones, from Petra to Boots Randolph, not to mention Jake Hess and James Blackwood, to name a few. EC&R is not only professional but genuine too and bring both aspects to their music and profession. At times it is difficult to find wholesome entertainment and programming that is family oriented. EC&R strives to present quality entertainment while lifting up Jesus through music.

2011 Contribution Statements

The 2011 Contribution Statements are ready and are in the box in the narthex. Please help us in reducing postage costs by picking yours up today.

OUR STAFF

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Gospel Music Sunday



With Ernie Couch & Revival

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JANUARY 29, 2012

10:55 a.m.

OUR MISSION: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

MORNING WORSHIP

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS Kitty Reel

PRELUDE McGranahan/arr. Parks
"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we walk into this place of prayer, O God,
All: help us to still our minds and open our hearts.

One: In these moments of silence,
All: we confess to you the times when we have doled out judgment rather than justice, righteousness instead of compassion and bigotry instead of benevolence.

One: Let us breathe in your forgiveness and show mercy to those who have treated us less than mercifully.
All: Enable us to extend forgiveness to those who seem undeserving in our sight.

One: Help us to give of ourselves without counting the cost as we love people into life.
All: Grant us the grace to see others as you do and to follow Jesus, who came that we might know what a life of love looks like.

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #371
"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Kitty Reel

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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.

THE OFFERING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY "O How I Love Jesus" arr. Rasley

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME Sarah Strickland
TO GUEST MUSICIANS

SPECIAL MUSIC WORSHIP

"Ernie Couch & Revival"

LOVE OFFERING

*THE CLOSING HYMN UMH #380
Vs 1 and 4

"There's Within My Heart a Melody"

*THE BENEDICTION Kitty Reel

POSTLUDE "To God Be The Glory" arr. Hughes

*Please stand as you are able.

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**Lay Leader:** Kitty Reel

**Music Director:** Sarah Strickland

**Keyboardist:** Bill Hackler

We are so glad Suzanne Lemons is able to worship with us during this time of therapy but we need your help. Suzanne's therapy leaves her very vulnerable to infections so it is best to give her words of love and comfort but not touches of any kind including hugs, handshakes or pats on the back. Thank you so much for your loving care and prayerful support of Suzanne during this time.

On Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, the Chattanooga District entered into a covenant agreement with the Ligitolo UMC in the Sudan, Africa. Part of our response, as a member of the Covenant District, is to offer our prayer support for the Republic of South Sudan and our missionaries currently located there, The Rev. Dr. Fred Dearing and his wife, Libby, as well as Steve and Diantha Hodges and Drs. Lyn and Sharon Fogleman. We will add them to our on-going prayer concerns as reminders of our commitment to them.

In addition, we have the opportunity to support the work they are doing in empowering new ministries, supporting the many orphans in the area and renewing resources creatively through environment and agriculture. We have already received some designated funds for the work in the Sudan and encourage members of the church to consider making a donation to this designated fund. The special projects are listed below if you would wish to designate a specific fund. Any funds received with no special designation in support of the Sudan work and ministry will be divided among the four special offerings. In addition to special donations, the February Communion offering will be used to support this special work.

### **The four special advance offerings are:**

Sudan CAN build: Church and Nursery School Building Project

Sudan COME: Churches Organized for Microfinance Empowerment.

Sudan HEAL: Health Empowering All Lives

Sudan REAP: Renewing Environment and Agriculture for People

For more information, please check [steaveanddianthahodges.blogspot.com](http://steaveanddianthahodges.blogspot.com) or you may wish to communicate directly with the Hodges at through email. Check the St. Luke Mission Bulletin Board, located outside the church office, for details.