

# THE FIRST WORD

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*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights."* James 1:17

It's been four weeks since Sweet BB James was born. It's funny to use the passive voice, since James' birth required a lot of activity on my part to ensure that it happened, but he's a lovely spirit who requires effort in the way that is fun to give. James is sweet, sleepy, and adorable. And, he is the absolute center of our family now. We are completely in love with him, and though he's got us all enveloped in his charms, he is a benevolent dictator who only uses his power for good.

To say that I am smitten is an understatement. To say that I am honored beyond words to have the chance to mother him comes closer. I love him so much I can't even talk about it, and I am so excited to get to know him as this little life reveals more to us each day. Already we know that he is strong and healthy, delightful and handsome. Soon, we will hear his voice and watch him move with purpose and assurance. And, friends, I am so glad to share his life with you.

Many of you have asked when I will return to active duty. I will be back in my regular seat in worship by the end of April, and in the office or working from home as well. I'll be back up and running in full when James starts full time day care on June 1. The energy and excitement that comes with his arrival makes me anticipate my return to full-time ministry, and I'm glad to have all of you ready to help ease the transition from maternity leave.

Travis and I have been blessed with the opportunity to enjoy Sabbath time at home together these first few Sundays. We have been reading the Bible to James and talking about the importance of our faith. We tell James the great role God has already played in his life and the hopes we have for him growing into a life of faithfulness and discipleship. It has truly been a joy to start off our life as a family of three grounded in God's Word and God's love. We look forward to worshipping with you soon.

I cannot thank you enough for your continued support of our church and its ministries during this special time. I enjoy the good reports of your welcome and hospitality to our guest preachers. It's been a powerful and humbling experience to let others care for my flock! I am so grateful to Doug, Sarah, and Jena for stepping up as our lay liturgical leaders as well! It is a blessing to know our church continues to Seek God, Love All People and Change the World – even in my absence.

**The most profound part of my maternity leave is how I've been ministered to by you. I can't thank you enough for your love and support, grace and kindness; I will be forever grateful.**

I look forward to my return, but until then, thanks to you all for letting me follow God's call to be a Mommy. I am blessed beyond measure.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Julie Belman

## OUR MINISTRY FOR MARCH

### **USHERS:**

**Adam Swearingen and Justin Blackwelder**

### **COUNTERS:**

**Mary Jim Gunter and Patsy Black  
Sallie Kate and Donnie Laird  
Alex Rabb and Kenny Martin  
Roy Barnett and Jim Baughman**

**Acolyte:  
Berkley Derrick**

## PRAYER LIST

The family of Susan Jackson , Dargan Broome, Bill Bundy, Ann Bailey, Caroline Montgomery, Sara Duncan, Rev. Don McKinney, Betty Coleman, Chip, Julie and Madeline Fischesser, Brent Dorrier, Frank Martin, Taylor Novinger, Lynne Moore, Mary Thomas, Julie Reese, Tam Lark, Merrill J. Wood, Annette Clowney, Scott Vanwick, Becky McAlister, Albertia Bundy, Martha Branham Robinson, and Blaine Riley

**Please, remember in prayer those serving  
our country in our armed forces both at  
home and overseas.**

**When you can, remember to send a card, call  
or visit**

**Doris Myfelt** 3195 Rio Dosa Drive #2103,  
Lexington, KY 40509 (859)309-9284

**Dot Yon** Goodwin House Apt. #401, 3440 S.  
Jefferson Street  
Falls Church, VA 22041

**Elise Williams** 9423 Old Douglass Road,  
Blackstock, SC 29014

**Edith McAlister** 110 Summit Hills Drive, Apt. #317,  
Spartanburg, SC 29307

**Becky McMaster** NHC Room 311, 7601 Parkland (PO  
Box 25548), Columbia SC 29223

**Katherine Rabb** 1330 India Hook Road,  
Westminster Towers, Apt. 108 Rock Hill, SC 29732

**Lisa Lewis Meyer** The Heritage at Lowman, PO  
Box 444  
White Rock, SC 29177

**Mabel Ward** 200 River Landing Unit #209,  
Charleston, SC 29492



**Thank You** to Jan Trent  
for donating a “brand new” walker and  
bedside potty. If you know of anyone in  
need, please contact the church office.

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A special thank you to Doug Williams,  
Sarah McMaster and Jena Johnson for  
leading the services with our visiting  
ministers while Pastor Julie is on maternity  
leave.



**American Red Cross Blood  
Drive**

**March 5, 2015**

**2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

**Father, help me to see this  
holy season of Lent as a time  
of spiritual renewal, rather  
than a time of deprivation.  
Motivate me to reach a new  
level of experiencing  
your grace.**



**TO MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY  
WITH BIRTHDAYS IN  
March**

March 1	Vickie Robinson
March 5	Lenora Bundy
March 10	Mary Jim Gunter
March 11	Allan Martin
March 12	Bob Drake
March 16	Berkley Derrick
March 18	Jenni Sharpe
March 22	Cheyenne Moyer
March 23	Mary Margaret Swearingen
March 25	Barbara Douglas
March 26	Marcia Bonds
March 26	Josie Williams
March 27	Spencer McMaster
March 29	Kitty Rabb

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***Altar Flower Schedule***

**MARCH FLOWER CALENDAR**

**March 1                    Cleo and Crosby Lewis**

**March 8**

**March 15                    Wanda Neese**

**March 22                    Linda and Bill Haslett**

**March 29                    Psalm Sunday**

*If you would like to provide altar flowers, please sign up on the flower calendar in the hall behind the sanctuary.*

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*Thanks to everyone who donated to Souper Bowl Sunday. We raised \$259 for the Fairfield Community Food Bank!*



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**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

**8:00 a.m. until Noon (Julie Barfield)**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 a.m. until 12:30 (Peggy Ayers)**

**Friday**

**10:00 a.m. until Noon (Peggy Ayers)**

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The Carillon in the North Narthex of the Church is in need of repair. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause, please make your donation to the church with a note for the Carillon. The repair cost is \$6,000.00. The chimes are such a lovely ministry to the church. Any donation is appreciated.

The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker for this program will be Diane Mosley from Killingworth Home. We invite all circles and anyone interested to attend. For more information, contact Barbara Martin.

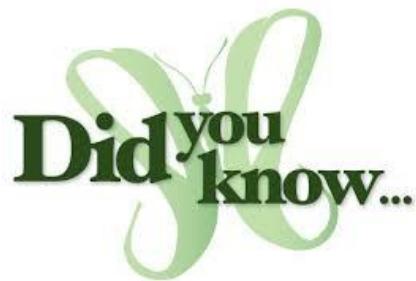
## Killingworth Home Mission

To support,  
to empower,  
and advocate  
for women recovering from various life crises within a safe, nurturing, Christian environment.



## Keyless Entry

The keyless entry is in full force and working really well. If you have not received your code, please contact the church office. We urge you to get a code so you can come and go through the back door as needed. Thank you!



The Ladies Church Circles are responsible for putting together Family Night Dinners (setup, cleanup, etc.). These ladies are also responsible for preparing a meal when a member of the church passes away. These are just a couple of the many duties these unsung champions handle behind the scenes.

We are thankful for these ladies and their silent ministry of making sure special events go smoothly. The Madeline Jennings McMaster Curlee Circle, the Susanna Wesley Circle, the Broome Gladden Circle



Did somebody say Yard Sale? Yes, we are taking donations for the 26 Mile Yard Sale that will be here this September sponsored by the Winnsboro Chamber of Commerce. This year, we plan to have a table set up to sell hand made goods. If you knit, crochet, needlepoint, sew, make Christmas crafts or have any handmade goods, please make plans to donate them to the church to be sold during the yard sale.

*In Loving Memory of  
Susan Wilkes Jackson  
January 17, 1948 - February 11, 2015*



We welcome the following visiting pastors while Rev. Julie Belman is out on maternity leave:

March 1      Chaplain Clyde Scott

March 8      Mr. John Adams

March 15      Chaplain Clyde Scott

March 22      Rev. Larry Hays

March 29      Rev. Bundy Bynum

Please make every effort to attend!



A 1956 photo of Mrs. Isabelle Broome's vacation bible school class on a field trip to the Winnsboro Police and Fire Department. How many of these faces do you recognize?

kgriffin@trinityblythewood.com  
cell number 803-609-4412

### **Rev. Julie Maternity Leave On Call Schedule**

**These pastors are on call for emergencies and pastoral needs each week.**

#### March 1-7

Rev. Ally Deal  
aldeal@att.net  
cell number 828-551-5259

#### March 8-14

Rev. Mike Bruce  
[pastor@ashlandumc.com](mailto:pastor@ashlandumc.com)  
cell number: 843-206-5283

#### March 15-21

Rev. Kathy Griffin

#### March 22-28

Rev. Christopher Greene  
[jcgreene@umcsc.org](mailto:jcgreene@umcsc.org)  
cell number: 864-316-3212

#### March 29 - April 4 (Holy Week)

Rev. Bundy Bynum  
bbbynum@truvista.net  
cell: 803-718-0224

#### April 5-11

Rev. Carly Wicklund  
[cwicklund@shandon-umc.org](mailto:cwicklund@shandon-umc.org)  
cell number: 803-417-7154

#### April 12-18

Rev. Frank Copeland  
fecopeland@umcsc.org  
cell number: 864-993-6273

## **2015 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**



Easter Lilies this year will cost \$13.00. Taking quality into consideration this is the best price we have found.

The deadline for ordering is: Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Please fill out the form below with the sentiment you wish to be expressed in the bulletin and put the completed form in the offering plate. Thank you.

# Lent

In Memory/Honor of:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Memorials

### *In Memory of Forest Hughes*

*By*

Henry and Barbara McMaster Mims

Crosby and Cleo Lewis

### *In Memory of Carl Douglas*

*By*

Crosby and Cleo Lewis

### *In Memory of Bill Boulware, Jr.*

*By*

Don and Mary Jim Gunter

Kenneth and Patsy Black

Maci Bonds

Bill and Shirley Bittinger

Carl and Tutta Startsman

Sarah Boulware

Crosby and Cleo Lewis

Bob and Sarah McMaster

Paul and Bobbie Dove

### *In Memory of Margaret McNeely*

*By*

Don and Mary Jim Gunter

Marion and Vickie Robinson

Ruby Teal

Carl and Tutta Startsman

Crosby and Cleo Lewis

### *In Memory of Harvey Branham, Jr.*

*By*

Don and Mary Jim Gunter

Peggy H. Ayers

### *In Memory of Jay Lucas*

*By*

David L. Allen

Larry and Nancy Stevenson

Van Collins

Brent Dorrier



## We celebrate James Glenn Belman



**James Glenn Belman,**

**born**

**February 2, 2015,**

**7 lbs, 12 oz.**

*Schedule of Events - First United Methodist*

- ❖ **March 1 – Communion**
- ❖ **March 5 – Blood Drive,**  
❖ **2:00-7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**
- ❖ **March 16 - Curlee McMaster Jennings Circle, 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall**
- ❖ **March 17 – Finance Committee, 6:00 pm. Conference Room**
- ❖ **March 18 – Administrative Council, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room**
- ❖ **March 19 – Susanna Wesley Circle, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**
- ❖ **March 19 – American Red Cross Spaghetti Supper, Church of Nazarene.**
- ❖ **March 24 – Methodist Men, 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall**
- ❖ **March 29 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, speaker from Epworth, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

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Daylight Saving Time 2015 begins at 2:00 AM on

**Sunday, March 8**



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*In Memory of Jay Lucas*

*By*

*Brad and Sallie Williams*

*Eddie and Sallie Kate Watford*



**First United Methodist Church welcomes**

**William Carlisle Blackwelder**

**Congratulations to Coleman and Justin on the birth of Walker's baby brother!**

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**Holy Week Services will begin the week of March 30, 2015**

**Please make plans to attend the services at First United Methodist. The service will begin promptly at Noon, followed by a light lunch at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.**

**We thank the members of First Baptist Church, Gordon Memorial Methodist, Bethel Methodist, Church of Nazarene, Bethel ARP, Sion Presbyterian, Washington Street Baptist and our very own First United Methodist for continuing this very important ministry of Holy Week Services.**

*In Memory of Jay Lucas*

**By**

Donnie and Pam Laird  
Jimmie and Brigitte Douglas  
Roy and Frances Barnett  
Kenneth and Patsy Black  
Don and Mary Jim Gunter  
Marion and Vickie Robinson  
Marcia Bonds  
Bill and Margaret DuBard  
Bill and Linda Haslett  
Carl and Tutta Startsman  
Sarah Boulware  
Kenny and Martha Martin  
Bob and Sarah McMaster  
Bill and Shirley Bittinger  
Bob and Tricia Drake  
Hal and Pat Frish  
Win McMaster  
Fred and Lea Weed  
Eddie and Sallie Kate Watford  
Milton and Jane Hinnant

*In Memory of Susan Jackson*

**By**

Bill and Margaret DuBard  
Carl and Tutta Startsman  
Bill and Linda Haslett  
Peggy H. Ayers  
Paul and Bobbie Dove  
Lyn McMastger Sheffield  
Win McMaster  
Brent Dorrier  
Annie McLeod Jenkins  
Sarah Boulware  
Anne McMaster  
Kenny and Martha Martin  
Crosby and Cleo Lewis  
Roy and Frances Barnett  
Bob and Sarah McMaster  
Amy Adams  
Harriet McMaster  
First United Methodist Men's Club



# March is American Red Cross Month

## Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, March 5th from 2:00 – 7:00 PM. Please call the church office at 635-4087 to schedule a time to donate blood. We need everyone that can to donate so we can meet our goal of 28 units.

## Annual Red Cross Spaghetti Supper (and Lunch)

A Spaghetti lunch and dinner will be held as a fundraiser for the Red Cross at the Nazarene Church on Thursday, March 19th to promote the needs of the American Red Cross in Fairfield County. The workers for this will be the twenty- plus members from the local community who are members of the Advisory Board of the Fairfield County American Red Cross. Members from First United Methodist Church on this Board are Crosby Lewis, Linda Haslett, and Barbara Martin. The profits from this fundraiser will be used to make several Heroes donations (\$1250/HERO – the average cost of caring for someone in a crisis) to the Fairfield County Service Center.

Thursday March 19th Spaghetti Dinner

Lunch 11AM - 1:30 PM (Delivery available for 5 or more plates)

Dinner 4 PM - 7 PM Eat in or Take out

First Church of the Nazarene

Meal includes pasta with meat sauce, salad, and bread

\$8.00 plate plus \$1.00 for dessert

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT FUMC OFFICE, 1<sup>ST</sup> CITIZENS BANK, AND FROM ADVISORY BOARD

### MEMBERS

We are involved and are asking that you consider being involved, too. You can do this by donating blood, supporting the Spaghetti fundraiser, and contributing money to the American Red Cross. Donations may be made during the month of March during the worship service, mailed to the Fairfield Service Center of the American Red Cross, PO Box 314, Winnsboro, SC 29180 or given to any Advisory Board member during the month of March or at any time. Some important reminders about the American Red Cross are:

- The Red Cross is not a government agency and depends 100% on donations
- 91 cents of every dollar donated is invested in our community
- During 2013-2014 eleven families (fifty-one people) experienced home fires and during this time period \$11,533 has been spent providing emergency assistance to the families in Fairfield County
- Disasters can affect anyone and the Red Cross is there to help when they do

Barbara Martin, Chairman of the ARC Heroes Campaign