

**Evening Worship** tonight at 6 pm.

The **Garrett-Lynn class** - grilled chicken luncheon fundraiser today after morning worship.

**Visions Committee meeting** today in the pastor's office beginning at 4:30. Members: Janice Conley, Megan Davenport, JoAnn Deas, Bulk Elder, Roger Lynn, Stanley McCall, Jared Middleton, Rodney Porter, Maria Rea, Ronald Rhodes, Jeffery Spell and Carole Stone.

It's that time of year to subscribe or renew your subscription to the **Wesleyan Christian Advocate**. The rates are \$23 per year for those 65 years and older and \$25 per year for everyone else. Please contact the church office by **March 16**.

**Finance Meeting** - Monday, March 17th in the church parlor at 6 pm. Members: Richard Deas, Carroll Girtman, Pickett Harrison, Martha Lolley, Jimmy Maley, Shirley Maley, Stanley McCall, Rodney Porter, Dan Stone, Rob Stone and Jess Woodard.

**Council Meeting** - Monday, March 17th in the choir room at 7 pm. Members: Chuck Coleman, Megan Davenport, Richard Deas, Buck Elder, Pickett Harrison, Benny Joyner, Martha Lolley, Jimmy Maley, Elaine McCall, Stanley McCall, Jared Middleton, Rodney Porter, Angie Sellers, Mildred Sellers, Shirley Smith, Jeffery Spell, Dan Stone, Rhonda Stone, Alan Strawn, Barbara Swain, Joe Swain, Patricia Wilkes, Jay Woodard.

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be Tuesday, March 17th at 11:45 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Our special guest will be Rev. Ben Glosson, Pastor of Southside Baptist Church. Everyone come and bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy being among friends.

**Ladies Night Out** Sponsored by UMM will be Friday, March 20 beginning at 7 pm.. Tickets are \$30 per couple and can be purchased through the church office.

**Sunday Morning Breakfast List**

- 3-22-09 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport
- 3-29-09 Alan & Brenda Strawn
- 4-5-09 Janice Conley
- 4-12-09 Frank Roussert & Alex
- 4-19-09 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain
- 4-26-09 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler



**2009 Flower Calendar**—If you would like to sign up for a particular Sunday, please fill out the form and put in offering plate or call church office at 375-4555. Sunday's available for March, April & May. 3-22, 4-26, 5-3, 5-17 & 5-31.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Chancel Choir

MEDITATION HYMN "Learning To Lean" CONGREGATION

**Learning to lean, learning to lean, I'm learning to lean on Jesus; Finding more power than I'd ever dreamed, I'm learning to lean on Jesus.**

OFFERTORY "Sunshine in My Soul" Orchestra

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow/Praise Him all Creatures here below/Praise Him above ye heavenly host/Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mary Hulett  
(After Children's Sermon is over, preschool through 4th grade is dismissed for Children's Church).

ANTHEM "Sweet By and By Medley" Chancel Choir  
Soloist - Dr. Neal Lovett

†SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

SERMON "Branded" Rodney Porter

†HYMN OF INVITATION "I Surrender All" No. 354

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

Sermon

The cross is the brand of Christ. Christ crucified is the brand for all Christians. Contained in this brand is all anyone needs to know in order to see the true, God-designed image of the church, for the church's touchstone is, and must always be, Christ crucified. Our brand isn't a set of rules or regulations. The touchstone isn't an ordered set of principles. Our brand is the person of Jesus Christ.

*The Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today by John & Susie Reed, in Memory of their Mothers, Louise Hand and Ann Reed.*

*Called By Name Candles are burning today in Honor of the following Birthdays: Callie Anne Carter on 3-11, Edward R. Quinn on 3-12, Melisa Pace on 3-20.*

Pennies to Pesos  
Total Collected to date: \$742.10  
Total Collected in Pesos: \$10816.10

***Have you welcomed a visitor today?***

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2009

PRELUDE "I Am Resolved" Orchestra  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Conner Coleman, Max Diaz  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

**Weary and overwhelmed, we gather. God's holy word revives us. Simple and confused, we yield. God's word gives us wisdom. Blind and uncomprehending, we await. God's word enlightens our eyes. More precious than gold is God's word. Sweeter than honey are God's commands. Amen!**

†PRAISE CHORUS "Sing Unto the Lord" CONGREGATION  
**Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. (Repeat)**  
**For God is great and greatly to be praised. God is great and greatly to be praised! O sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth.** (CLLI-1134089)

†OPENING HYMN "There's Within My Heart a Melody" No. 380  
†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 19 No. 750  
†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed No. 881

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

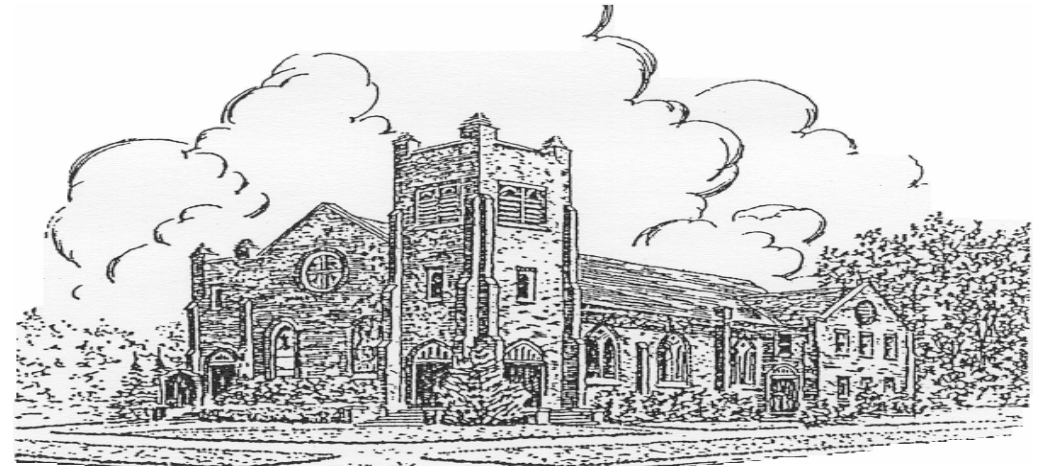
†GLORIA PATRI No. 70  
*Glory be to the Father/and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost/as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be/world without end. Amen.*

LIVING THE MINISTRY Mary Sue Day

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*

# First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia

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Safe Sanctuary

### Our Church Staff

Ministers-Congregation  
Minister of Music & Senior Adults -Jeffery Spell  
Minister to Students and Families -Jared Middleton  
Office Manager-Martha Lolley  
Organist-Janice Cole  
Custodian-Elaine McCall  
Nursery-Jessica Miller  
Pastor-Rodney Porter

### Gift Based Ministries

**Children's church volunteer today -** Maria Rea  
**Children's church volunteer next Sunday –** Chuck Coleman  
**USHERS & GREETERS:** JoAnn Deas, Brenda Merritt, Vicki Roussert, Sue Woodard  
**OFFERING STEWARDS:** Jim Sewell, Roger Lynn

 The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Hazlehurst is to reach out and welcome people just as they are, lead persons to commit their lives to God through Jesus Christ, nurture and encourage them as disciples and send them out to help make our community more loving and just.