



# The Flame

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## A word from our Pastor: Rev. Mike Roberts

With October just passing, let me first say “thank you” to all those who were so kind to express their appreciation and support during Pastor’s Appreciation Month. This year I didn’t even realize that it was that time of the year again until many of you sent me cards and gifts as well as personal expressions of appreciation. Thank you very much!

Occasionally, I wonder what other people think of pastors. I wonder if they have any idea about why we do the things we do. Why are we pastors in the first place? What causes us to want to spend our lives this way? After all, most pastors I know could do extremely well in other occupations, so why this work? Well, a few years ago, while attending a “Promise Keepers” rally for pastors in Atlanta, I and 40+ thousand others were challenged to write our own personal “Mission Statement.” I accepted the challenge, wrote the statement and then hung it in my office where it would readily remind me of my mission – my calling. To this day, over a decade later, I keep this statement close at hand and read it often. It is a reminder of who and what God has called me to be and do. Allow me to share it with you so as to give you a glimpse into my heart and my calling from God.

### Pastoral Mission Statement

*As a pastor, I am called by God. Therefore, my first and foremost allegiance is to Him. I am committed to cultivate my personal relationship with Jesus Christ through daily prayer and study. I am also committed to guard against those things that could corrupt my heart, mind and soul and detract from my relationship with Christ.*

*Because God called me to be a husband and father before He called me into ministry, I will next devote myself to my wife and children. I will do all in my power to live before them a holy life. I will love my wife as Christ loved the Church and I will strive to give my children Godly counsel.*

*As pastor of this church, I will first do my best to stay under the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I will strive to follow Jesus’ example in ministry and mission by visiting the sick, helping the needy, counseling the confused and encouraging the discouraged. I will do my best to administer the business affairs of the church and uphold our Methodist tradition. I will make evangelism and missions high priorities because God has called me to preach the Gospel and win the lost to Christ. I will teach and disciple those who desire to know Christ intimately. I will always do my best to live in this community in such a way that I will not discredit or embarrass this church, my family or God. My goal will always be to help build the Kingdom of God through building a strong local congregation of people who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.*





# Help Needed

## October New Members

Jamie & Katherine Byers  
Jeff & Nancy Carlin  
Steve & Donna Foster  
Tim & Carol McCombs  
Alex & Allison McCrory

Welcome to the St. Luke Family!

## October Baptisms

**Jamie Byers**  
Baptized October 9, 2011

**Cooper Ellis Hatler**  
Son of Kevin & Jennifer Hatler  
Baptized October 16, 2011

As the Thanksgiving Feed-A-Family food drives wraps up, volunteers are now needed to help make this outreach a success. There are many opportunities available to assist with the shopping, packing and delivering of food to Ensley Elementary school.

Shoppers are needed on Thurs., Nov. 17 and help is needed Fri., Nov. 18 to pack the boxes. MEN are needed to unload the groceries Thurs., Nov. 17 and again Monday, Nov. 21. MEN are needed again the 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. to load the vehicles and to put the boxes in the cars at Ensley Elementary School. Bring your hand trucks. Help will also be needed to tape boxes. If you are available to help, please contact Bob or Peggy Woodard, Ensley Business Partner Coordinators, at 477-1475.



# Words of Thanks

*Dear My Wonderful Friends at St. Luke, Thank you for the beautiful cards and notes. They mean so much during these difficult times. My therapist tells me I am making progress though it seems slow to me and is painful but I am trying very hard. I look forward to coming back to church soon as I am able to be there with all of you. Love to you, **Jean Jones***

*Thank you very much for the underwear and socks that were donated for WATERFRONT RESCUE MISSION and PUMCM, aka Joe's Place. The donations have been delivered and both missions were very appreciative. Thank you for helping those less fortunate. Please keep the clients of these two organizations in your prayers as well as the staffs as they help the needy. This outreach reaches many people. Thank you and may God bless you for helping those who are less fortunate. **Bob and Peggy Woodard***

*Thank you Preschool Families! A big thank you to the preschool families at St. Luke. They provided children's clothes and shoes, hangers, plastic zip lock bags, food for the food pantry and food for the meals that are served, hygiene items, etc. to Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries, PUMCM, aka Joe's Place in October. In November they will be providing food for a family at Ensley Elementary for our Feed-A-Family. **Bob & Peggy Woodard***

# Upcoming Events



## UMM Red, White & Blue Luncheon

Thursday, November 17

11:00 a.m. at Fat Boys Bar-B-Que

Anyone interested in military history is welcome! No reservation is required. For more information call: Dave Timberlake at 476-7468.

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## UMW Plant & Bake Sale

Sunday, November 20

9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

All proceeds will go to support UMW Missions. Donations of baked goods are requested and appreciated.

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## Celebrating 95 Years!!

Sunday, November 20

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The family of Ivan Taylor cordially invites you to share in the celebration of:  
*Ivan's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

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## UMM Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, November 27

7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

State Rep., Doug Broxson, will be the guest speaker. UMM will not meet in December.

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## Chili Supper/Hanging of the Greens Service

Sunday, November 27

5:00 p.m. - Chili Supper

6:30 p.m. - Hanging of the Green Service

Prior to the start of our service at 6:30 p.m., the youth ministry of St. Luke will host our annual chili supper beginning at 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a variety of 30-40 pots of chili, soups, salads, cheese trays, breads, and a beverage. Also, our Youth Choir will sing some songs of the season for our edification. There is no cost for this glorious, culinary excursion into chili heaven!

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## A Baby Shower – It's a Boy!

**For:** Traci Williamson & baby Finley Scott Williamson

**Date:** December 3, 2011

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Luke Fellowship Hall

You are invited to celebrate this new blessing (baby Finley) with Traci, Shane and big brother, Liam. Traci is registered at Target.

# Announcements

## Margie Bowne Circle Update

The Margie Bowne Circle has changed their meeting time to 1:00 p.m. The group will meet on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

## A Gift of "Treasures"

Pat Jernigan is once again selling her CD's this holiday season in a set of 2 for \$10.00. The 2 CD set includes "Piano Treasures From My Heart" and "Christmas Treasures" packaged and ready for gift giving! All proceeds will go to St. Luke. Look for Pat in the Gathering Area each Sunday through the end of the year. Pat's CD's make gift giving easy! Support Pat and St. Luke! Purchase a CD set (or several) beginning this Sunday!

## Ecuador Greeting Card Fundraiser

The Ecuador Mission Team will be taking orders for *All Occasion 50 Greeting Cards with Scriptures!* Samples will be available to look at and a sign-up sheet to place your orders will be in the fellowship gathering area on Sunday. The cost is \$15.00! Deadline for orders will be December 11. Support Ecuador Missions by ordering a box today! With heartfelt thanks for your continued support from the St. Luke Ecuador Mission Team. If you would be interested in participating in the 2012 Ecuador Mission trip, contact Jay Crittenden, Team Coordinator, at 477-2662.

## 2012/2013 Calendars Available

The St. Luke UMW has 2-year calendars for sale \$2.50 . Buy one for yourself and one for a friend! They make great gifts! All proceeds will go to support local missions. Look for your UMW calendar hostess in the fellowship gathering area on Sunday!

## Candy Needed for Christmas Parade

While Halloween candy is a clearance item, please consider buying some for our children to throw from the float in the Pensacola Christmas Parade. A collection container is already in place outside Room 12 in the Education Building. Thank you.

## October Memorials

### Ree Jones

#### Designated Fund:

General  
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General

#### Given By:

Bob & Gloria Baggett  
Mike & Kaye Angus  
Caring & Sharing SS Class  
Ken & Janice Taylor  
Tom & Linda Sherry  
Ann & Marvin Baransy  
Bill & Nancy May  
Bob & Polly Jones

### Mary E. Roberts

#### Designated Fund:

General  
General  
General

#### Given By:

Bob & Gloria Baggett  
Bob & Polly Jones  
Dr. & Mrs. Herb Sadler

### Lois Taylor

#### Designated Fund:

General  
General  
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General

#### Given By:

Caring & Sharing SS Class  
Bob & Polly Jones  
Bob & Gloria Baggett  
Bobbie Sue Frazier & Family

### Evelyn Wallace

#### Designated Fund:

General

#### Given By:

Robert Wallace

### Anita Radcliff

#### Designated Fund:

General

#### Given By:

Wesley Memorial SS Class

### Sharon Momenthy

#### Designated Fund:

General

#### Given By:

Albert Momenthy

### Lucille Hennen

#### Designated Fund:

General

#### Given By:

Bob & Gloria Baggett

# Children's Ministry

Director of Children Ministries, Esther Felt

## Elementary Children's Choir to present "The Present is the Future" Wed., Dec. 7, 6:00 p.m.

Inspired by the classic board game Clue®, *The Present Is the Future* follows a group of kids as they navigate a house of mysteries to find the answer to a Christmas riddle presented to them by a mysterious host. Filled with outlandish characters, clever wordplays, campy satire, and fun songs, *The Present Is the Future* helps kids learn that their fears, desires, and insecurities are similar to those from Biblical times. They also begin to understand that by accepting the "present" of Jesus Christ they receive the gift of a hopeful future.

### Important Dates for Children's Choir Members:

#### Nov. 27 - Hanging of the Greens

Children's Choir will sing "Big Night in a Small Town"

#### Dec. 4, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal

#### Dec. 7, 6:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Performance

#### Dec. 18, 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Children's Choir will sing "Christmas Shines"

#### Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.

New this year, we are having a special Family Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. The children's choir will sing "Hope of the Future."



## The Christmas Parade is Coming!

Darlene Henderson will serve as coordinator for the St. Luke float in this year's Christmas Parade, which will be held on Sat., Dec. 10, 5:15 p.m. EVERYONE is invited to participate! In 2010, St. Luke won "Best in Parade" in the church division. Watch for more information soon! Please contact Darlene Henderson at 607-7616 or DandWH@aol.com if you'd like to help.

## Save the Date! *A Night in Bethlehem* Friday, Dec. 9

Preparations are underway.....  
please contact Sandra Jesse at 292-1539 for details.

## SPLASH! Important Dates for November

SPLASH is our exciting Wednesday night children's ministry for age 3 – fifth grade. We are having a wonderful time learning about Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, which is a great follow up to Pastor Mike's sermon series on the same topic. The kids have been learning how God gives us directions by making homemade compasses, compass necklaces, compass cookies, and much more!

We have a great group of volunteers and would love to have you join us! For more information, contact Erika Burkett at 382-1104.

### November 16

K/1<sup>st</sup> – Crafts  
2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – Recreation  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – Bible Story

### November 23

Fall Break - No SPLASH!

### November 30

K/1<sup>st</sup> – Recreation  
2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – Bible Story  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – Chadder



## Elementary Winter Camp News

The dates for our 2011 Winter Camp are Feb. 10 - 12. This camp is for all 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We will be at Camp Baldwin in Elberta, AL, and this is a great "trial run" to see if your child will like summer camp. Cost is \$100 for kids and \$80 for chaperones. Registration will begin in December and money will be due on January 11.

## Summer? Really?

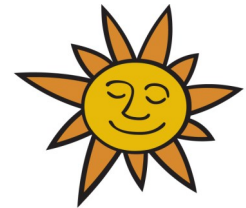
Yes, dates are already being set for Summer 2012.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan around these events that you won't want to miss!!!

**June 25 - 29:** Vacation Bible School: "SKY VBS"

**July 16 - 20:** Elementary Summer Camp at Camp Baldwin for Grades 4 - 6

**Aug. 6 - 10:** End of Summer Splash Elementary Field Trips



## Upcoming Youth Activities and Events

### November

27 - First Sunday in Advent/Hanging of the Greens Service with Chili Supper hosted by the Youth Ministry.

### December

11 - Sacred Dancers perform in the morning. Youth Drama team performs at 6:30 p.m.

16 - Progressive Dinner Christmas Party (Last day of school for Esc. & Santa Rosa counties)

18 - No Youth Fellowship.

23 - No Bible Study

25 - Christmas day

28 - No Bible Study

### January, 2012

2 - Back to School, Esc. & Santa Rosa counties.

4 - Youth Activities resumes

15 - Order forms for Super Bowl Subs fundraiser will be distributed.

18 - Final payment for Meltdown Retreat due.

27, 28, & 29 - Meltdown Retreat on Panama City Beach. Cost is \$120.00. A deposit of \$35.00 is due by Wednesday, November 9. Remainder of payment will be due by January 18. Complete itinerary will be available at a later time. This year's speaker is Mark Oestreicher, worship leader is Daniel Bashta.





# "One Pony at a Time"



Irene A. Patti, November 2011  
Daring Daughters Ministry • [iapwords@bellsouth.net](mailto:iapwords@bellsouth.net)

There's a story about a young girl who received a pony for her birthday. At first she was thrilled with the pony, riding him, brushing him, showing him off to her friends but as the days went by the pony began to spend more time in his stable and less and less time with the little girl. Eventually, the little girl became bored with the beautiful pony and her father eventually sold it.

Now, that's a simple little story and one we might easily overlook if it were not that the pony in the story represents more than just a small horse. The pony may be a new car, a 52" LCD television, a diamond ring, a new Smart-phone, a cruise, or even a custom-built 4,000 square foot home. The item itself is irrelevant. What matters is our short attention span of gratitude.

You see, what you don't know about the pony in the story is that the father sold his prized bull to buy the little girl the pony. He was not rich but loved his daughter and she had been asking, begging for the pony for a long time. Wanting to give his daughter what her heart desired, he gave up something he dearly valued -- the bull that was vital to his farm operation. Doesn't that little bit of knowledge change your perspective on the pony story? It does for me. It helps me to see that often I don't fully appreciate the true cost of a gift, whether it's a birthday gift, Christmas gift or the gift God gave us through Jesus.

Whenever we receive something it may often appear that the giver just ran out to Target, picked out something and then wrapped it in green and pink paper with a big colored bow. What we don't see is the sacrifice of time the person took when they spent their precious lunch time shopping instead of relaxing, the money they spent on us rather than a much-needed visit to the dentist. And the gift wrapping? What appears as simply pretty paper is actually the paper that once wrapped the precious gift they received from their mother just weeks before her passed away.

No gift -- no matter its size or monetary value -- is simply just a gift. We've become so attuned to receiving, unwrapping and then putting away stuff that we've lost the divine and delightful gift of deep appreciation. How appropriate the subject of gift giving as we walk into the holiday season. As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, maybe we need to begin contemplating the true value of the gifts we receive, making an effort to understand and appreciate the giver's time, sacrifice and thoughtfulness.

The Israelites were like us. You remember the story of God pouring out the manna from heaven after His kids grumbled about something to eat? What's remarkable about this story is that we've all heard it a hundred times yet the most noteworthy part of the story is the most often overlooked part of the story. In Exodus 16:32 God tells Moses to tell the people to *"take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt."* Did you get that? God knows His children have exceedingly short attention spans so He has them save some manna in a gold jar (Hebrews 9:4) which was stored in the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place. WOW! The manna was kept in the Ark? Obviously God thought it was really important for them (and us) to remember the value of the gift.

The morale? Every gift we receive should be accepted not with a mechanical, unthinking and obligatory thank you but with a deep, reflective, heart-felt sense of appreciation. If God commanded that a gift of bread be stored in a gold jar, maybe we need to begin storing up a bigger spirit of gratitude for the abundance He pours down from heaven into our lives.



A WORKSHOP ON  
**BIBLICAL SEXUALITY**  
PRESENTED BY DR. & MRS. BILL URY

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**



**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon**

Dear St. Luke Family and Friends,

Creation and Incarnation tell us that God has made our bodies for His glory. Sin has taken its toll in every part of our lives and one of the areas of most concern and confusion is that of our sexuality. This vital topic needs to be addressed with scriptural, historical and philosophical boldness in our day. Young and old alike are yearning for the gospel to be truly 'good news' in the area of our sexuality. We must confront the lies of our culture with the redeeming truth of God in Christ. And we must, as a church, be able to offer by instruction and modeling a holy sexuality that bears the integrity of Spirit-filled lives.

On November 18 and 19 at St. Luke UMC, a workshop on Biblical Sexuality will be offered in four different sessions with instruction and feedback time. Laity, clergy and high school youth are encouraged to attend. We will be led by Dr. and Mrs. Bill Ury (Diane). Bill received his education at Asbury College, The Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, Asbury Theological Seminary and Drew University. He has taught Systematic and Historical theology at Wesley Biblical Seminary for twenty two years. Beyond writing various articles on biblical and theological themes, he has published two books, Trinitarian Personhood and In His Image with co-author, Dr. Allan Coppedge. Diane holds a Masters of Theology from Wesley Biblical Seminary. She loves being a mother, discipling young Christians, and teaching. Along with Bill, she has taught Sunday School, preached and led seminars at their home church (Christ UM Church of Jackson, MS) where they have been members for over 20 years. The Urys have been married for 27 years and have 3 children, Maighdlin, Meredith and Seth.

**Registration:**

- To register, reply to this e-mail or contact the St. Luke UMC office at 477-3145.
- Deadline to register is November 17 at 12 Noon.**
- Cost of the seminar is \$5, which will cover a soup and sandwich lunch on Saturday, Nov. 19.
- Please submit your payment in advance to the church office.

**Childcare:**

- Childcare for infants through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is available upon request.
- To request childcare, please contact Sheena Taylor at 477-9299 or sheena@stluke-umc.org with the number and ages of children.
- A soup & sandwich meal for your child may be purchased for \$2.00 or they may bring a lunch.

**Seminar Schedule:**

**Friday, November 18**

- 6:30 p.m.: Check-in and Refreshments
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Seminar with Dr. and Mrs. Ury

**Saturday, November 19**

- 8:30 a.m.: Check-in and Refreshments
- 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon: Seminar with Dr. and Mrs. Ury
- 12 Noon: Lunch

*A time of reflection and questions with Dr. and Mrs. Ury will follow lunch.*





# November Birthdays

*Happy Birthday! May your day be filled with joy and happiness that will follow you the whole year through!*

## November 1

Mary Carmichael  
Tyler Dorsett

## November 2

Olive Wise  
Dot Avasso

## November 3

Diane Carskadden  
Kenneth Winchester  
Joey Leonard  
Kyle Piner  
Nichole McLeod  
Parker Green

## November 4

Sandra Kirby  
Vicki Hinson  
Holly Strickland  
Jeff Ingram  
Annie Hirschman  
Jamison Burchfield

## November 5

Timothy McCombs  
Deborah Bratton  
Steve Bedford  
Morgan Helton  
Hylton Davis

## November 6

Carmen Edwards  
Edna Resedean  
Keith Sheets  
Mary Lee Pement  
Julie Taylor  
Adrianna Moore

## November 7

Phyllis Wiseman  
Patsy Manning  
Rebecca Cassady  
MaLeigha Taylor

## November 8

Pat Wentz  
Elaine Tolomeo

## November 10

Chris Jones  
Carolyn Fitzpatrick  
Grace Williams  
Zara Cook

## November 11

Kathy Spahr  
Joni Ray  
Brandy Hendrix  
Bella Mayor  
Bryson Adams

## November 12

Barbara Isiminger  
Nancy May  
Alex Ratcliff

## November 13

Steve Foster  
Glenda Mayo  
Steven White

## November 14

Doug Carlisle

## November 15

Barbara Griffin-Kellett

## November 16

Joyce Olsen  
Virginia Winchester  
Debbie Everhart  
Joy Cook  
Joshua Hendricks  
Hannah Rogers

## November 17

Sharon Roberts  
Candy Thomas  
Earl Ware

## November 17 cont.

Tara Raulston  
Samantha Kelleher  
Chaise Waller

## November 18

Lauren Ramsey

## November 19

Marty Marini  
Jeanine Melvin

## November 20

Bill Lawing  
Ivan Taylor  
Elizabeth Sansom  
Jamie Byers  
McKenna Young  
Samantha Jones

## November 21

Marie Haynes  
DeVann Cook  
Dawn Hall  
Austin Young  
Kelliann Jones

## November 22

Larry Walker  
Richard Williams  
Karli Frantz  
Ford Smiley

## November 23

David Mathis  
Vance Mitter, Jr.  
Dorothy Gabbert  
Martin Calhoun  
Travis Sapp

## November 24

Jackie Saxon  
Keith Waters  
Donna Scott  
Stephen Dickerson  
Tori Tucker

## November 25

Roland Barker  
Dale Strasser  
Bob Woodard, Sr.  
Opal Edgar  
Scott Hale  
Bob Shirer  
Owen Smiley

## November 26

Kay Roberts  
Donny Cobb

## November 27

Steve Evers  
Kim Stanford  
Ethan Millet  
Nathan Lyons, III  
Lyle Barbee

## November 28

June Dempsey  
Wes Greeson  
Whit Davis  
Laiken Schroll

## November 29

Russell Maxwell  
Gwinn Corley  
Carol Williams  
Sterling Johnson  
Melissa Wilks  
Jordyn Dickens

## November 30

Connie Stone  
Robin Wiscombe



*Happy Birthday*

If you are a St. Luke member and do not see your (or a member of your family) November birthday listed, please contact the church office so that we can update our records with your birthday information.



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 Jeff Pement.....Youth Ministry Director  
 Esther Felt.....Children’s Ministry Director  
 Sheena Taylor.....Preschool Director  
 Sheena Taylor.....Nursery Coordinator  
 Robert Bryan.....AV Coordinator  
 David Frantz.....Music Director  
 Pat Jernigan.....Pianist  
 Ted Thomas, Jr.....Maintenance Technician  
 Don Williams.....Custodian  
 Diane Fitzpatrick....Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Coordinator

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**  
 Traditional Service (Sanctuary)  
**9:00 a.m.**  
 Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)  
**9:30 a.m.**  
 Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**9:30 a.m. & 10: 45 a.m.**  
 (Education Building/Youth Center)

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