



# The Messenger



LATHAM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

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## SERMON FOCUS

God invites all to His Table where there is abundant food bought without price to us but at a great cost to Him. That food is the everlasting covenant of God who calls us to seek Him while He may be found, to call on Him while He is near.

## Hughey Reynolds, Senior Pastor

### How's Your God Confidence?

A church member reminded me last week that stewardship is the visible evidence of our confidence in God. I tried to argue my way around that conclusion but could not. God is surely self-sufficient. Yet, the only God revealed in Scripture chooses to be in relationship with humans. The Bible scholar Karl Barth wrote, "Even if there are human beings without God (i.e., atheists), there is, from the Christian viewpoint, no God without human beings... God has been with us; He is with us: Emmanuel" (*Prayer*, p. 27).

Our confidence in God is only visible when we invest ourselves and our money in His cause. If I believe the Good News that Jesus conquered evil and ushered in God's Kingdom, I will align my life with that Good News. I can no more align my life with Jesus without making a significant investment of my finances in His cause than I can marry a wife without bringing my money into the marriage.

When I first met Sandy during a ball-game at her high school, she paid her way into the game and bought her food and drinks at the concession stand. After I gained permission from her mother to drive her home—on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> attempt—I was in with my wallet. I didn't have much then, but what I had I invested in spending time with Sandy and getting to know her. The more confident I was that our relationship had a future the more I invested in it. Sandy has matched my investment. When she kept our children at home or was in college full time, she stretched every dollar for the sake of the family. If either of us withheld our financial investment in the marriage, there is no way either could convince the other that he or she wanted a relationship.

And yet, Jesus hears a lot of that from those of us who say we love Him and want to live eternally with Him. If you believe you can be in a relationship with Jesus without giving proportionally to His cause, go now and tell your wife, your husband, your children or your doctor that you want to continue your relationship but are keeping your money out of it. Tell me if they agree. Stewardship is the visible sign of our confidence in God. Stewardship comes with the relationship. – Pastor Hughey

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## Latham Praises \*\* Worship Happenings

\*\*A nursery will be provided for ALL Morning Services.

**Morning Watch—8:30 AM**  
 Rev. Hughey Reynolds  
 "Give Us This Day  
 Our Daily Bread"  
 Matthew 6:9-13

**SpiritLink—9:00 AM**  
 Rev. Sam Lasseter  
 "HC"  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Traditional—11:05 AM**  
 Rev. Hughey Reynolds  
 "The Extravagant Table  
 Of the Lord"  
 Isaiah 55:1-9

**Evening Worship—5:00 PM — Rev. Sam Lasseter**  
 Different, Yet the Same—1 Corinthians 12:1-11

### Vision Statement

Latham exists to hear Christ, to proclaim Christ and to become like Christ to the world.

### Mission Statement

Through the grace of God, Latham focuses our ministries and our worship to reach the un-reached and to grow and empower disciples of Jesus Christ.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Latham UMC Child Development Center

has openings in our full day infant class ages six weeks through one year old and 1/2 day 2 year olds & 4 year olds. For more information call 883-0769 or go to [lathamumc.org](http://lathamumc.org).



### The Congregation of Latham UMC is invited to:

The North Alabama Conference Historical Society will meet Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Latham UMC, Farley Hall from 9:30 - 1:00. Highlights will be a display and talk on the History of Latham presented by Mary Virginia (Ginny) Buchanan Green of Latham's Church History Ministry Team.

Sandy West will present "Before the North Alabama Conference." Steve West will share "The Past, Present, and Future of Methodist Hymnody".

Registration begins at 9:00. Cost \$10.00 per person which covers the cost of lunch and \$1.00 for Historical Society expenses.

Reservations are made by mailing in the registration form. We have forms in the church office & at the Photography sign up table.



**\*\*DEADLINE FOR THE MESSENGER IS FRIDAY BY NOON.**

### RECYCLE AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!



The UMW has an on-going project to collect extra and used Christian literature to donate to a Christian ministry that ships to churches in need all over the world. Plastic containers will be placed in the Welcome Center and in the main hallway outside the church office for collections of Bibles, devotional booklets (Upper Rooms, etc.), and reference books. Sunday School and VBS, literature, pictures and kits may be left in the Sunday School Office next to Farley Hall. Hymnals, sheet music and cassette and video tapes will also be accepted. Please help us be good stewards in recycling and in becoming a successful outreach ministry to our fellow Christians around the world. If you have questions, please call Judy Moore, 881-9570.

### THANK YOU

I wish to thank all our Latham family for their prayers, kind words and cards in the recent death of my brother, Steven Cook. Through God's grace he is now at peace. With grateful heart, Sharon Windham



### Help Break the Cycle!

You're invited to Latham UMC's first ever Bag Packing Party, Tuesday evening March 9, 2010 at 6:00pm in the Kid's Korner. We'll arrange a couple of "assembly lines" and pack bags for a month's worth of weekend food packs for local needy kids. So, come help break the cycle of under education and multigenerational poverty in one Title 1 School here in Huntsville. Questions? Contact Doug at 883-7108 or [dougseay@comcast.net](mailto:dougseay@comcast.net). See you there.



### United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The Latham UMM breakfast will be Sunday, March 7th at 7:00 a.m. in Farley Hall. Our speaker will be Roger Woodward. Roger will be sharing his miraculous story with us. Come join us for great food, great fellowship, and a great program. Hope to see you there!

# CALENDAR



## YOUTH EVENTS

### This Week at Latham

#### Sunday, March 7th

7:00a - UMM Breakfast  
 8:30a - Morning Watch  
 9:00a - SpiritLink Service  
 10:00a - Sunday School  
 11:05a - Traditional Service  
 3:30p - Nicaragua Interest Mtg.  
 5:00p - Cross Roads Snacks  
 5:00p - Youth Snack Supper  
 5:00p - Evening Worship  
 5:30p - Confirmation  
 5:30p - Children's Choir  
 5:30p - Youth Program  
 6:15p - Cross Roads  
 7:00p - Youth Praise Band

#### Monday, March 8th

6:30a-5:30p-Mon.- Fri.— LUMCCCD  
 7:00a - Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 8:30a - Bend & Stretch  
 10:00a - Bible Study/Loveman  
 2:00p - Jo Walton Literary Society  
 6:00p - Renew Praise Band  
 7:00p - F.R.O.G.S

#### Tuesday, March 9th

9:30a - Circle 3 Meeting  
 10:00a - Staff Meeting  
 11:00a - 24 Hrs/ the World  
 5:00p - Cub Scouts Meeting  
 6:30p - Doering Guard Practice  
 7:00p - Circle 1 Meeting  
 7:00p - Covenant Prayer Group  
 7:00p - Coast Guard Scouts

#### Wednesday, March 10th

7:30a - Homeless Med. Mission  
 10:00a - Beth Moore Bible Study  
 1:30p - Wesley Singers  
 2:30p - Lillie Latham Scholarship Committee Meeting

3:00p - Youth/Coffee Tree  
 6:00p - Handbells  
 6:00p - Boy Scouts #364  
 6:00p - Youth Bible Study  
 7:00p - Girls Fusion  
 7:00p - Guys Fusion  
 7:00p - Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, March 11th

8:30a - Bend & Stretch  
 10:00a - Circle 5 Meeting  
 10:00a - In Stitches  
 4:00p - Webelos  
 6:30p - Board of Stewards  
 6:30p - Doering Guard Practice  
 7:00p - Beth Moore Bible Study  
 7:00p - Tutoring

#### Friday, March 12th

#### Saturday, March 13th

8:00a - North AL Historical Society  
 5:00p - SpiritLink Setup

**Nicaragua Interest Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 7th**  
**3:30 PM**  
**Room 151**



### Youth Activities this week

**Sunday** - The Youth will have Snack Supper from 5:00 - 5:30 pm in the Youth Room.

- Confirmation will meet this Sunday from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in Room 151.

- Youth Program this Sunday from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Youth Room.

- Youth Praise Band will practice this Sunday from 7:00 - 8 pm in the choir room.

**Monday** - Prayer Breakfast from 7:00 - 7:20 am at the Chick-fil-A on Whitesburg Drive near Airport Road.

**Wednesday** - Chillin at The Coffee Tree from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

- Youth Bible Study from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the Nesman's house.

- Girls Fusion from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the church.

- Guys Fusion from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the church.

#### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Sun	5:00p	Snacks
Sun	5:30p	Children's Choirs
Sun	6:30p	Cross Roads

#### Guest Children's Choir to Perform this Sunday!

We are pleased and excited to host the Bartlett UMC Children's Choir from Bartlett, TN this Sunday, March 7!

The choir will be performing at both services! Please plan to attend!



### WEEKLY GIVING & ATTENDANCE AT LATHAM

#### Operating Budget 2/28/10

Received this week	\$ 19,741.47
Received year to date	\$ 143,979.31
Needed year to date	\$

#### Capital Fund Status 2/28/10

Received this week	\$ 3,137.50
Needed each week	\$ 7,022.50
Received month to date	\$ 31,323.00
Needed each month	\$ 28,676.00



#### Attendance for 2/28/10

Adult Sunday school	156
Leaders	40
Youth Sunday school	18
Children's Sunday school	23
<b>Total Sunday school</b>	<b>237</b>
Visitors	13
Morning Watch Service	36
Contemporary Worship	154
Traditional Worship	132
Evening Worship	25
<b>Total for Sunday</b>	<b>347</b>

#### Olan Mills Make-up Photography

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from 3:00 - 9:30 p.m. Sign-ups in the Welcome Center Feb. 21st, 28th, & Mar. 7th

#### Olan Mills Make-up Photography

Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 3:00 - 9:30 p.m. Sign-ups in the Welcome Center March 7th, 14th, & 21st.



#### New and Inquiring Member Class

Sunday, March 28, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner and childcare will be provided. We cordially invite those who are new members, regular attendees, or just thinking about joining and would like to know more about the ministries, activities, and history of Latham UMC. **Please register by the 15th of March** by calling the church office @ 881-4069 or Rev. Vicki Tonini @ 468-7362 Email:

[vickitonini@comcast.net](mailto:vickitonini@comcast.net) We will also be doing sign-ups in the Welcome Center on Feb. 28th, Mar. 7th, & 14th.



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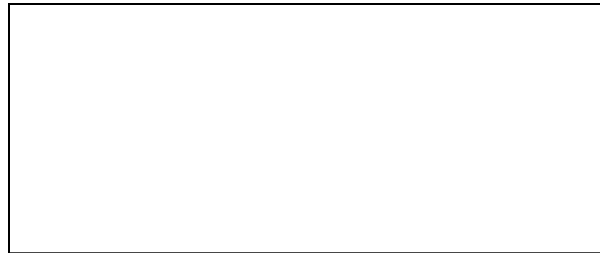
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### STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Hughey Reynolds  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Sam Lasseter  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Traci Loveman  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Vicki Tonini  
Admin. Assist.: Marvene Grooms  
Business Manager: Anita Banks  
Director of Youth: Steve Elliott  
Director of Music: Chris Klaus  
Director of Adults & Children: Susan Terry  
Director of Child Dev. Ctr.: Jill Hill  
Organist: Cherry Hovik  
Pianist: Joey Evans



DEAR RECIPIENT: When you have a change of address, a new telephone number or when someone in your family moves or goes off to school, please make the church office aware of this change. Thank you.

# CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



**Hand Piecing & Quilting Class**  
If you are interested in learning to make quilts by hand, please join us on the first Thursday of each month. **The March class has been cancelled.** The next class will be Thursday, April 1st at 10:00 AM—Noon.

**"March for Missions"**  
"March for Missions" fashion show tickets on sale in the Welcome Center on Sunday at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 on a first come, cash and carry basis. Help support local missions by attending the fashion show on March 27th. Purchase your tickets now!

**Buchanan Scholarship Applications**  
The Buchanan Scholarship Committee invites high school seniors, as well as college students, who are members of Latham UMC to make an application for the Buchanan Scholarship. Applications are available through the church website. Look for the link on the left side of the home page.

