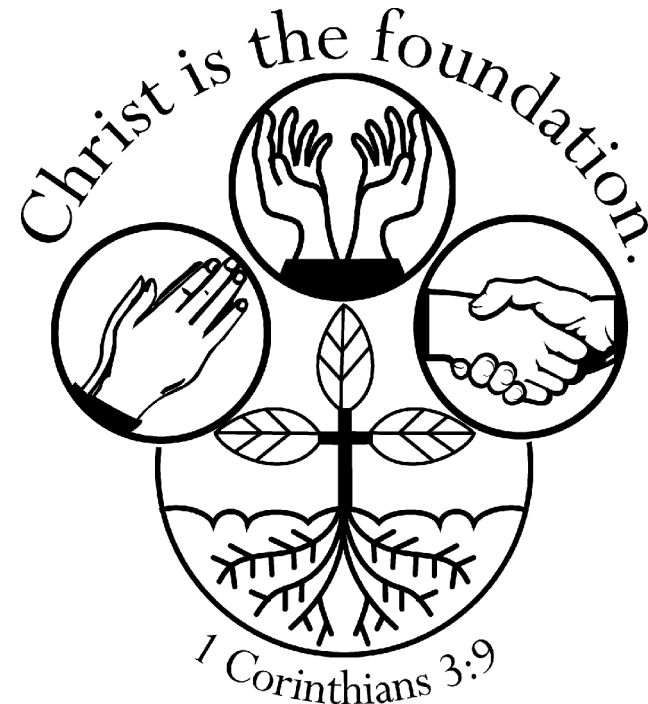


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*"For we are God's  
 fellow workers;  
 you are God's  
 field, God's  
 building."  
 1 Corinthians 3:9*

**ASHEVILLE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College  
 340 Victoria Road - Ferguson & Elm Buildings

*"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth . . . : Psalm 86:11*

**SCHEDULE:**

9:00 a.m. Worship Ferguson Auditorium  
 Ferguson Building

9:30 a.m. Visit Displays/Refreshments  
 10:00 a.m. - Noon Classes

Cost: \$5/adults: Pay in the classroom. *Children attend free.*

**THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH!**

District Leadership Conference classes will offer basic methods and ideas for accomplishing your job responsibilities, inspiration for improving or offering new ministries and opportunities for spiritual growth and enrichment.

**Pre-registration required. Call Katie Warren 254-8564 by Monday, January 5, 2008.**

Pamphlets available across from the church office.

**FREE CHILDCARE: BIRTH-PRESCHOOL Elm 232**

**CHILDREN: K-5TH GRADES:** Attend worship with parents then join Rev. Marjory Kiess for "Truth Treasures". Elm 234. Pre-registration required. Call 254-8564 by Jan. 5.



**IN MINISTRY**

- |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Minister       | Fred Carpenter       |
| Music Director | Randy Cox            |
| Accompanist    | Jamie Bryson         |
| Admin. Asst.   | Danya Sellers        |
| Custodian      | Glenda Shook         |
| Nursery        | Sharon Lutz          |
|                | Jenny Shook          |
|                | Amy Dayton           |
| Ushers         | Matthew Carpenter    |
|                | Charlie Milroy       |
|                | Bob Owenby           |
|                | Broughton Wallin     |
| Acolyte        | Jacob Scott          |
| Greeters       | Robert & Beth McCain |
- District Super.— Dr. John S. Boggs  
 Resident Bishop— Dr. Larry M. Goodpaster

**The New FAB Cookbooks  
 are here!**

Over 250  
 great  
 recipes.

Only \$12.  
 Supply is  
 limited.



Pick up your copy in the  
 Lloyd Penley Room or see  
 any FAB Girl today.



## “TRANSMEMBERFIED”

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **“It is finished”**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. *John 19:30*

I enjoy playing the game of golf! It is not very likely that I will ever play golf to support my family, but none the less it is a fantastic game. I also like computers so I get great enjoyment playing Tiger Woods 2008 Golf whenever it's convenient. While playing the game, I noticed on occasion after a nice long tee shot, the commentator would say “that is just *transmemberfied*”. So in curiosity about this word I had never heard before, went to the internet and found an article about Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. Here is the paragraph using and explaining the word, “transmemberfied”, from that article:

On the 12th hole, Woods' radius must have stayed consistent, but Mickelson must have altered the angle of his spine. Woods' tee shot flew long and true down the fairway, but Mickelson's landed on the cart path. Woods' drive was hit so hard and so far that David Feherty said the ball had been **“transmemberfied.”** *I don't think that's a word, but I suspect that Feherty meant that Woods had done something extraordinary.*

*Transmemberfied* is as good of a word as I've ever heard, that can be used to try and explain what Jesus has done for all of us! Jesus said **“It is finished.”** All our sins are taken away. All our guilt that should have been imputed to us but was imputed to Him was taken care of. And Jesus announced that here. Our salvation is won, our sins are forgiven! How do I know that? How do I know that with certainty? Because the Lord Jesus Christ announced it so that all could hear, and the beloved disciple could record it: **“It is finished.”** Jesus did it all! It is all accomplished. It has all been done for you. The Lord Jesus Christ is a complete Savior. He is a sovereign Savior. We hear that from this word: **“It is finished.”** And we can shout, with all of the saints down through the ages, **“Hallelujah, it is finished!”**

So we understand by this word that Jesus is saying here, **“It is finished.”** With a shout of victorious confidence, the Lord Jesus Christ is saying to us, and to God in our hearing, “The work that Thou gavest Me to do, the mission that Thou didst send Me to accomplish, is finished. **It is finished!**” It is a shout of victory. It is a cry of obedience, God-centered obedience. And it is a word that you and I appropriate by a living faith that God gives us as a gift. Receive him freely today for doing for us what is just **TRANSMEMBERFIED!**

Brenning

Thank you for your tremendous response for Hominy Valley ABCCM. We delivered over 3300 pounds of food in 5 truckloads.

**HOMINY VALLEY ABCCM Needs: cooking oil, dry milk, self-rising flour, jelly, canned fruit, saltines, cookie mix, cereal, deodorant and bath soap.** These items are needed on a continual basis.



Every 4th Sunday is ABCCM Sunday at FAUMC. Please leave donations in the large basket in the Narthex.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS

- 1/4: Bat & Mel Hudson
- 1/11: Beth & Travis Arrowood
- 1/18: Lynn & Cindy Crook
- 1/25: Pam Hall & Danya Sellers



In honor of...

**FRED & HEATHER HUDSON**

*Hominy Valley ABCCM*  
by James & Melanie Hudson

**Blood DRIVE**

**FRANCIS ASBURY UMC**

**Thursday, Feb. 5th  
2 - 6:30 PM**

Call 667.3950 to schedule an Appt.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER GRADUATES!

**Matthew Carpenter** from Western Carolina University.

**Clint Moore** from Appalachian State University.

**Whitney Tedder** from Appalachian State University.

**Kelly Sikes** from Western Carolina University with her Masters.

## FROG Youth



Upcoming FROG Activities

**Wednesdays, Jan. 7 & 21: 3:30PM-5:30PM**  
FROG Activities

**Sunday, Jan. 25: 5PM**  
Mystery Supper & Souper Bowl Plans

**Sunday, Feb. 1: 11AM**  
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

**Friday, Feb. 13:**  
Winter Jam 2009 at Bi-Lo Center

**FROG Sunday School:**  
Every Sunday @ 9:45 AM. Breakfast Served.

**Mondays @ Mosaic: 7AM**  
Weekly Devotions at Mosaic Café.

**FROG Youth is open to ALL High School Students.**

Thanks to everyone for supporting “FROG Christmas Card Delivery”. We raised \$325.

*Snip-it from Sandy:*

The Snuggie, The Ped Egg, Hairagami and ShamWow...You've seen them all and most of them are \$19.95! It's funny, even Wyatt noticed the price. "Mom come here, you gotta see this! I bet it's only \$19.95!" All these neat innovations are seen on TV. Sometimes you will notice if the item seems cheaply made, they will offer a 2nd for FREE only if you Order Now!!! Time is running out...operators are standing by! How many of these things have you ordered? Hahaha, I have ordered my fair share. Some were good and some were just "too good to be true."

Well, can you tell where I am headed? Being a Christian is not "too good to be true." Going to Heaven is not "too good to be true." Really knowing Jesus is not "too good to be true!"

I have always believed in God but I was 25 years old before I really accepted Jesus. I have never felt the same. I truly believe he is in my heart. He promised me everlasting life, unconditional love and FORGIVENESS! It's all there, all included in the purchase price, nothing extra to pay. Jesus paid the full price for me and for you.



If you don't truly know him, if you don't truly have the feeling that you will be sitting with him one day...then I urge you to speak to a Christian friend, a Pastor or God and let them fill in the gaps. Because Jesus Christ is the

way, the truth and the life. He is definitely not too good to be TRUE! AMEN!

In 2009, I pray that Jesus is with you and your family! :) *Sandy*

**She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21**

**Our last meeting** was our FAB Christmas party at Veronica's House. It was a great time and the ornament exchange was especially exciting. Check out the pics at [faumc.com](http://faumc.com).

Shout outs go to Mary Conner, Rosie Kooles, Ingrid Sanders & Sharla Turner. So glad you joined us ladies! God has truly blessed us this year. He gives us all we need and then some. Thank you, God!



*It's a Girl!*



All the ladies of the church are invited to join us for a **Baby Shower** for Mrs. Cindy Crook on **Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30 PM** at the home of **Shirley White**.

Cindy is registered at Babies 'R Us and likes Target brand diapers, lotions & soaps.

*We will be electing new FAB officers after the shower.*



I don't know about you, but I can't hardly get my fingers to even type the word "New Year," much less say it out loud. Nevertheless, it is here.

This has been quite a year in the history of Francis Asbury. The long-range plans for building have been realized in the completion of the Howard Building. We have said goodbye to faithful members who have entered the church triumphant. We have welcomed new members and made new friends. We have reached out to the community and those in need in new ways and with unprecedented generosity.

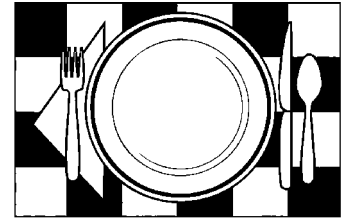
With all these accomplishments in 2008 we should be able to sit back and cruise, right? Wrong! The church is a living organism. If living organisms don't grow and reproduce they will cease to exist. This is not the time to slow down in our efforts to grow closer to God and in reaching others with the good news of Jesus.

The end of a year and the beginning of a new year is a time for evaluating what has taken place and establishing goals to meet future needs. If Francis Asbury is to maintain growth it is going to need more from each of us this year. This year a "Maximum Effort" from every person at Francis Asbury is needed ("Maximum Effort" is the title of the sermon on Sunday, be sure to come to hear more).

Each of you has something to offer to the ministry taking place at FAUMC. Each of you is needed in the ministry taking place at FAUMC. This year we will need people volunteering to do everything from teaching Sunday School to helping in the kitchen to taking off the trash. There is a place for you and your gifts. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you may use your gifts to serve Jesus this year. *"If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. The Father will honor and reward anyone who serves me."* (John 12:26, The Message)

May you have a Happy and Blessed New Year!  
Love, Fred

*"Loving families and strengthening our community through Christian outreach and fellowship"*



**Hominy Valley Welcome Table**

**Wednesdays 11:30-1:00**  
**Beginning February 11th**

**Francis Asbury UMC Fellowship Hall**

**725 Asbury Road, Candler**  
**828.667.3950**

We are an ecumenical outreach ministry excited to share a hot nutritious meal, fellowship, informative programs and fun with the Hominy Valley community.

Donations to our program are greatly appreciated.

We need lots of volunteers and prayers for this program to be vital & effective. The whole community is invited to participate and get involved in this new ministry in Hominy Valley. Help us spread the word. Please call the church office at 667.3950.



# JANUARY

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- 1/3 Todd Cathcart
- 1/5 Calvin Dixon
- 1/5 James Hudson
- 1/5 Joretta Wallin
- 1/7 Don Penley
- 1/14 Virginia Harrell
- 1/14 Melanie Hudson
- 1/15 Karen Parsons
- 1/16 Miranda Cathcart
- 1/19 Rose Case
- 1/21 Meredith Buckner
- 1/21 Amy Dayton
- 1/21 Robby Scott
- 1/22 Sterling Trull
- 1/23 Carolyn Ledford
- 1/24 Jaime Taylor
- 1/31 Bob Purcell
- 1/31 Mike Roberts

**Happy Anniversary to..**  
1/10 Jim & Nellie Trull

The "Confronting the Controversies" Series will conclude on Feb. 8th & 15th.