

# The Cumberland Network

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November 2009

## Special points of interest:

- Welcome our new members
- UMC 2010 South Carolina Annual Conference, June 10 -13

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## Penned from the Pulpit

Rev. J. Jeannette Cooper

Living a day's worth of life without meaning is sheer existence. Life with meaning has an air of hope, awaiting the results of what you've done and the anticipation of what's to become. Hope and faith are dually driven by how God becomes the immovable "Mover" in our lives. 'Tis the season that personifies hope for the people of God. In this Advent Season, we await, anew, the fulfillment of God's promise, Jesus the Christ to be a renewal and refresher in this world of mortals.

I am sustained and moved by my faith in my Savior. I celebrate the Advent Season; but, more and more I anticipate Jesus the Christ, daily, rather than just this time. I await the full reign of Christ in this world. We can help the work and will of the Trinity, by how we choose to express our love for one another; how and what we worship; as well as continuing to be prayerful. If it were not

for the foundation of faith, upon which I stand, my life would be meaningless, without hope.

Be encouraged, with me, to do meaningful things, to think in meaningful ways; and to be for someone a "grace note".

Be blessed, as we await the coming of Christ, into the world. Let's celebrate Christmas by filling our stockings with faith and hope. Try singing the famous hymn: **"My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame; but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand"**

Rev. J.



*God has a plan for us.*

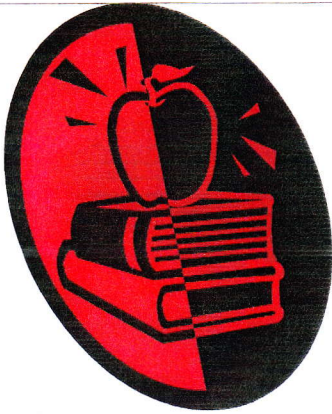
## Youth and Children at Cumberland

Cumberland has a dynamic children and youth ministry which provides numerous and diverse opportunities for Christian fellowship and service. Through worship, fellowship, study and mission, we seek to address the spiritual, social, personal and intellectual development of our

youth and children. We are blessed with a dedicated group of Sunday school teachers, youth leaders and parent volunteers who make all of our programs possible. The youth and children have been meeting regularly on Wednesdays. There are weekly choir rehearsals, Bible

study that include hands on activities and monthly outings/activities. There are meals prepared for the youth and children.

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## COLLEGE CORNER

Graduation Sunday was observed on May 31, 2009, to recognize high school, college and advanced degree graduates. Achievements and honors of individual students were highlighted. Each graduate received a gift from the church. Graduates participated in leading the worship service. Pictures commemorating the service were posted on the church bulletin board.

Jessica Frieson (USC) spent a month, during the summer

of 2009 studying at the University of Halle-Wittenberg in East Germany (about 45 minutes from Berlin). Way to go Jessica!

Richard Ellis Jr. has joined our other upper-class, Cumberland students at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Richard is pursuing a degree in biology with future plans to attend medical school and become a radiologist.

Christopher Parr entered the US Naval Academy on July 1, 2009.

Ashley Smith will begin her college career at FMU in Jan. 2010. She plans to pursue a

career in nursing or pharmacy. Recent graduate Clifford Parr began his employment with the US Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration on June 7, 2009.

**Geraldine Barr**

*Welcome to our new  
members*



## Members in the News

Thelma Pollens celebrated her 100th birthday in November. We wish her well and many more happy times.

Joretta Lynn Kelly, the daughter of James and Marilyn (Huck) Harrison and the late James Kelly was elected Teacher of the Year at Coan Middle School in Atlanta, Ga. She has gone on to become the District's Teacher of the Year. She is a

physical ed. major from SCSU. Amaron Barr-Cook-elected to the Wilson High School cheer-leading squad

New Members: Shawn Andrew Huggins, Margaret J. Huggins  
Baptisms: Dewayne Jarvis McClary, II, Hazel Goodman, Shaleah Martana Huggins, Shawn Andrew Huggins

## Revival '09: Faith Comes by Hearing

Janice Hawkins

"Faith Comes by Hearing" (Romans 10:17) was the theme of our revival which was held Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

The Reverend Donald E. McAllister, pastor of Faith U. M. Church, Cades, SC was the Revivalist.

These are the topics with references of the messages given each night:

Sunday-The Responsibility of Hearing; Matt. 13:1

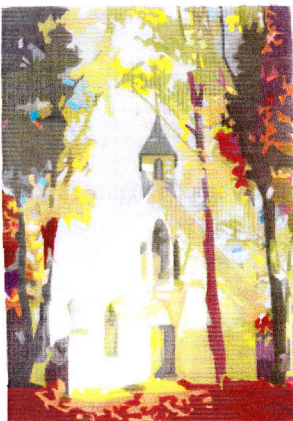
Monday: Going Through the Motion; Hosea 6:4

Tuesday: Nothing But a Name;

Acts 3:1-10

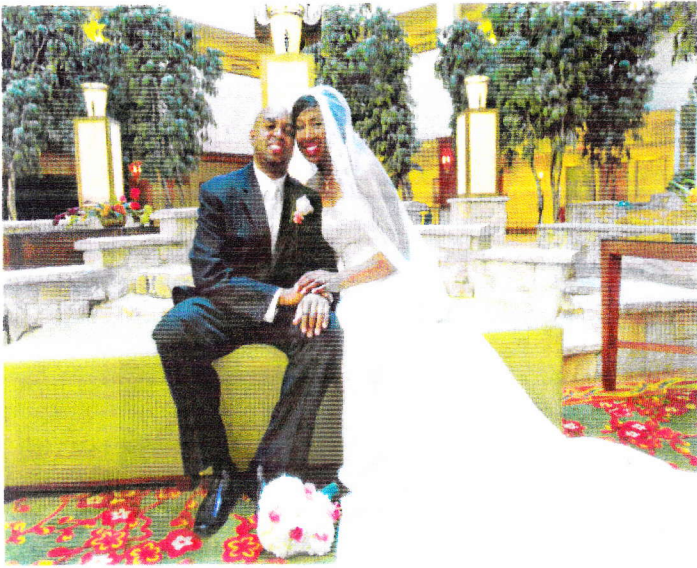
Wednesday: Beware and Don't Forget; Deut. 6:4-17

Hopefully we will study the messages given and remember "Faith without good deeds and good work is dead."





## James - Gadson Wed



Crystal Melissa James and Andrew Marcion Gadson were united in marriage by Minister Mylon Gadson, Sunday, September 6, 2009 at The Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel in Charlotte, N.C. at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. A Cocktail Hour and Reception immediately followed the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward James, Sr. of Florence, S.C. Crystal is a graduate of South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, S.C. where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Family & Consumer Sciences/Child Development. She received her Masters Degree in Business Administration/HR

from Gardener-Webb University. Crystal is employed with Wachovia Corporation, in Charlotte, N.C., as a Portfolio Analyst. The groom is the son of Mrs. Rayvon Simmons and the step-son of Mr. Lonnie Simmons of Winnsboro, S.C.. Andrew is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C. where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. He is employed with Wachovia Corporation in Charlotte, N.C. as a Business Service Officer. Andrew is also owner of G Professional Mobile Detail. **After a Honey-moon trip to Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Charlotte, N.C**

## Tory Cooper Heads Back to Europe

Tory Cooper, son of Zack and Gloria Cooper, who played football last season in France has signed a contract to play in Austria with the Swarco Raiders, the two time defending Euro Bowl Champions.

Swarco is one of the premiere teams in Europe, and have a partnership with the NFL'S Oakland Raiders. "I am really excited," Cooper said. "I had a great time playing in France and it should be a great

experience in Austria." Cooper will be one of four Americans on the squad. Getting to play with Swarco is a step up for Cooper financially and in prestige.

## Youth & Children

We are soliciting additional donations to continue the meals each week. We want to extend our appreciation to the PPRC, the congregation and our pastor for making youth ministry a priority. Though we may not always say thank you as often as

we should—your prayers, your presence at our programs and your commitment to this ministry are greatly appreciated.

Sunday School for the children and youth began on September 6, 2009.

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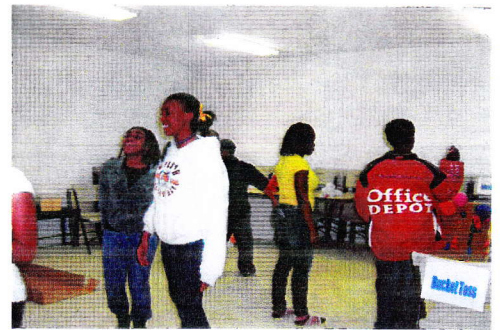
There are four classes with full time teachers and assistants. We will work to strengthen the Sunday School classes as well as develop other programs or groups which will meet the needs of the children and youth of our church and community.

Linda Gilliard-Johnson

*"..thanks for making  
youth ministry a  
priority"*



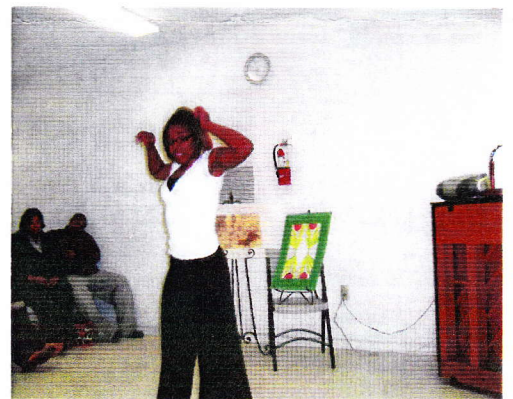




## CUMBERLAND'S GOT TALENT !

Cumberland really does have talent! On Wednesday, October 14, 2009 the youth sponsored an evening of wonderful entertainment of various acts. The acts included singing, dancing, comedic routines, poetry, art and quilt displays.

There were several family acts. Delicious refreshments were served at the end of the show. The performances for the evening were fantastic. The audience was entertained from beginning to end. Start rehearsing now for next year. This will be an annual event.





## CUMBERLAND'S GOT TALENT !



### The Black Woman

Stripped of everything including her name,  
She wasn't expected to gain any fame.  
In the fields and the kitchens were the only stations;  
Given to the Black Woman in this nation.

There she was supposed to have stayed, so she prayed,  
Working day and night and never getting paid.  
Of course she wanted out of this mess,  
It brought heartache, pain and mountains of distress.

Always thinking of others first,  
Even cared for the little ones of those who treated her  
worst.

The weight of the world seemed to be on her shoulders,  
But she envisioned hope for she was a good beholder.

Trusting in God and believing in none other,  
Became the way of life for a Black Mother.  
It strengthened her faith from day to day.  
That was the all she needed to show her the way.

She had a burning desire for knowledge but there wasn't a  
book,

So she read from the Bible when she didn't have to cook.  
Gathered family and friends together late at night,  
Sharing what she learned, and what she thought was right.

She kept seeking until she one day found,  
That she could break any barrier down.  
By learning all that she could and believing in herself,  
Unlocked doors of prominence and even wealth.

She has maintained her dignity and continues to achieve,  
Beating the odds and will always believe,  
Going beyond what each task requires,  
She's the kind of person her people admires.

Children of this millennium who are confused and dis-  
placed,

Black Women are inviting you to enter this race.  
We'll help you devise a plan that we all can understand.  
Just reach out to us and take our helping hand.

We are the backbone of this nation,  
We've fought our way into thousands of stations.  
Let's take advantage of every opportunity,  
Black Women together form strong bonds of unity.

Written in 1991 by Cornelia Louise Fulton Frierson  
for UMW Interest Area II

Revised in 2009 and presented at Cumberland's Got Talent October 14,  
2009



# Cumberland's Outreach Ministries

**Food Bank Ministry** continues to operate and serve the people of the community once monthly at the Cumberland Disciple's Service Center. It is anticipated that an average of 50-55 families will be served through December.

**Personal Touch Ministry** (Senior Services) focuses on helping people in the community who might need caretaker services. The caregiver will do chores in the home, go grocery

shopping, pick up medications, read to them or just sit with the senior. The congregation is encouraged to notify Personal Touch if there is a need for this ministry within the community.

**We Care, We Share** makes monthly visits caring for the sick and shut-in members and cheering them up. Calls are made to members who are absent from Sunday morning worship services.

**After School Ministry**

attendance is affected because we are unable to provide transportation. The committee has looked to other alternatives for providing a safe haven for children when needed (school breaks and holidays).

**Helps Ministry** provides assistance to those in need of professional services from Medicaid, Circle Park, Housing Authority, Mental Health, Social Security and Pee Dee Community Action Agency.

**We encourage you to support our projects with both your Prayers and your presence. Volunteers are needed.**

## Mission in Action

**The Mission Committee** completed the following: sent cards to church members who are in the hospital; visited nursing homes and presented worship services; collected items for families that lost their homes in fires in Myrtle Beach and Darlington; provided transportation for children to the Manor House and Faith Nursing Home; displayed hand-made quilts for Career Day at Williams Middle School; presented a quilting workshop for the Florence Public Library; joined in celebration of Pastor Appreciation.

Vera Martin.

**SOUP KITCHEN** is currently meeting the needs of our community with the soup kitchen. 50-75 clients are normally fed every third Monday and approximately 100 during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. Special thanks to The Committee on Evangelism and The Soup Kitchen Committee.

Beatrice James

## United Methodist Women and Men Annual Reports

**UMW:** The UMW of Cumberland continues to be involved in Mission Work. Contributions were made to WFLC and the Cumberland Restoration Fund. Gave donations to local missions and the five SC Mission Projects. September 2009 the women of the church were invited to a fellowship gathering, "Together at the Table." Anne Addison spoke to the group. Women who were not members were invited to join.

**UMM:** Men's Day was held June 28, 2009 with Ernest Frierson as

the guest speaker. The theme was "Be Ye Doers of the Word and not Hearers Only". Joe Hannah was named Man of the Year and presented with a plaque. The men donated the proceeds for Men's Day to the Renovation Fund. The amount was \$2700.00. The Methodist Men's Spiritual Retreat was held at Springmaid Beach and the Florence District meeting was held in Kingstree, SC. The Mr. Cumberland Program was held the third Sunday in October and George Frazier was crowned.

## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR GIFTS

**God has given us two hands - one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.**

Billy Graham

## Stewardship: Our Covenant with God

When we give our offerings to God in our worship services, we say "ALL THINGS COME OF THEE, O LORD, AND OF THINE OWN HAVE WE GIVEN THEE." In that state-

ment we acknowledge that all that we have - Time, Talent, and Treasure are gifts from God, and we are called upon to be good stewards of these gifts.

We give thanks to God by giving back a portion for the support of the spread of his kingdom. As our annual pledge service for

2010 begin on Sunday each member is asked to prayerfully make his/her pledge using the Biblical tithe (10%) as our church's standard of giving.

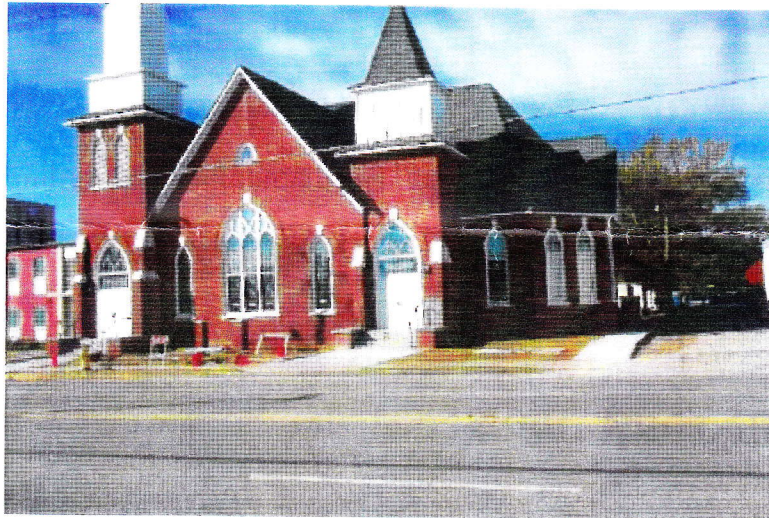
Remember, it is only through our pledges and our commitment that the ministries of the church can be successfully carried out.

## My Weekly Tithe for Church Support 10% TO GOD THRU MY CHURCH

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\$ 40.00.....	\$4.00	\$130.00.....	\$13.00
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## Pictorial Update





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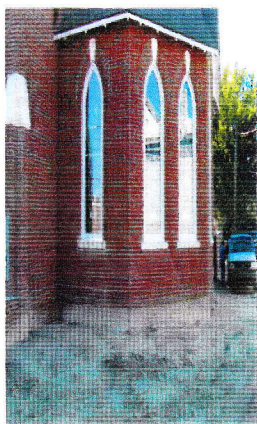
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We've opened our hands,  
our hearts and our doors.

*Cumberland United Methodist Church's vision statement is to seek,  
share, care, and equip in order that God's will be done.*

Or Current Residence

## Restoration Project Update



The restoration project continues to move forward. At this point we are looking anxiously toward holding our first service in the new sanctuary. The carpet installation moves forward, electrical work in both the sanctuary and the Educational Building is almost complete, grass has been planted and sidewalks completed. The Cumberland sign is being erected in front of the church.

The pew cushions are being altered to fit and the choir chairs have been moved to the Educational Building to be cleaned and placed into the

church at the appropriate time. Restrooms have been completed as well as the sprinkler system and we await the completion of the plumbing hookup in order to test both.

We are emptying the Hut so that it can be demolished. This will allow landscaping, parking and lighting to be completed in the rear of the church. We are also investigating alternate parking lots for use on Sunday mornings.

The Restoration Committee is preparing a list of items that members and friends may want to donate to the church and

receive recognition.

The Restoration Committee asks that you remain vigilant and in prayer for the continued success of the project. We also ask that you respond to the call from the Trustee for your help when we begin refurbishing the Educational Building.

Dr. Joseph Heyward