



NEWSLETTER

Issue 1, February 8, 2015

Key Campaign Dates

Sunday, February 8th:

Kick off Sunday
3:00 PM Gathering #1 At church

Monday, February 9th

Noon — Gathering #2 Derr home
7:00 PM — Gathering #3
Morris Home

Tuesday, February 10th

10:30 AM — Gathering #4
Bradford home

Friday, February 20th

7:00 PM — Gathering #5
Parker home

Sunday, February 22nd

5:30 PM — Advanced Commitment
Dinner

Saturday, March 7th

7:00 AM—7:00 PM— Prayer Vigil

Sunday, March 8th

Great day of Commitment and
Celebration

Thank you to all who participated in the prayer walk yesterday. It was a blessing to have so many people praying for our building and ministries. The prayer maps will be available until March 8th if you would like to join us in prayer.



What I love about my church is that *“the people are warm and inviting. Praise band lifts my heart and spirit on Sundays. Amy’s sermons are thought-provoking and right on. It’s a great church and getting better all the time.”*

- Anonymous

A Note From Rev. Amy R. Probst, Lead Pastor — First Farragut UMC:

This was not the first time the people had been told, “It’s time.” They were encouraged to be strong and courageous, trusting the Lord wherever they went. Uncertainty and fear held them back on many occasions. Then, Joshua reminded the people of God’s provision for them, and how favor had always shown up in their time of need. Joshua then asked a soul-searching question of the hesitant people: “How long will you wait before you begin. . .?” (Joshua 18:3).

It was time for them to take possession of the land God had already given them. They just did not know that ownership provision had already been made. Unsure and uncertain, the people pulled themselves together and began anew. They stepped out as a sign of their devotion and commitment to God, and as a statement of their hope for the future.

Today we also will begin anew. This is the day we launch our **“FORWARD TO FREEDOM”** Capital Campaign to pay down remaining debt on our church facilities. The church facilities we enjoy today are gifts from God, made possible by God through our loving gifts. The building, however, is only a tool for ministry. You and I are the church. The steps we take now will allow us to make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors and each other and to serve others in Jesus’ name.

Trusting God and walking by faith are seldom easy, especially in these stressful personal and economic times. This project reminds us of our dependence upon God for strength, courage, and provision. *“Let us not get tired of doing what is right for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessings if we don’t get discouraged and give up.”* Galatians 6:9 (NLT).

Watching the majestic eagle in flight reminds us of God’s provision. It is not the eagle’s ability to fly that takes it higher and higher with seemingly little effort. It is the eagle’s seven-foot wingspan and more than 7,000 lightweight feathers which enables it to capture the rising thermal updrafts under its outstretched wings. The prophet Isaiah must have watched the eagles soar over Israel since he used them as an illustration of what happens when we place our hope in the Lord. *“Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.”* (Isaiah 40:31 NIV).

Today is Kick-Off Sunday. The leadership team will be commissioned in worship. Our hope for the future is in the Lord. We trust God to take us where we could never go alone. May we be united in prayer as we prepare for the days ahead.



Meet your Leadership Team

Please RSVP For a Reception!

Our thanks to Alvin and Marjorie Jenkins for serving as the coordinators of our Advance Phase Team, and to our hosts for welcoming us into their homes.

Please select which date and place you prefer, and RSVP online or contact Jen Braun at braunj1@gmail.com or 330.348.3697.

Sunday, February 8, 3:00-4:30 PM

Alvin and Marjorie Jenkins
12733 Kingston Pike, 37934

Monday, February 9, 12:00-1:30 PM

Tom and Laura Derr
394 Cove View Lane, 37772

Monday, February 9, 7:00-8:30 PM

John and Renni Morris
12731 Buttonwood Ln, 37934

Tuesday, February 10, 10:30 AM-Noon

Joe and Brenda Bradford
2526 Silverstone Lane, 37932

Friday, February 20, 7:00-8:30 PM

Patti Parker and Regina Ferrell
14935 Old Stage Rd, 37772

*"I love the people in my church!
Without the people, it is just
an empty building. In my small
group activities, such as Sunday
School, Bible study and choir, I've
made so many wonderful friends.
I've seen what great things
FFUMC can accomplish through
missions, prayer, witness, service,
and extravagant generosity."*

- Anonymous

Campaign Co-Chairpersons	John and Connie Griffith Mark and Molly Veness
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Delivery Team	Jimmy Taylor
Assembly Team	Patti Parker
Media Team	Tom Derr
Youth	Chuck Powell Perian Reese Brenni Matson
Children	Hannah Yarbrough Aiden Yarbrough
Follow-Up Team	Jimmy Taylor & John Morris
Advance Phase Team	Alvin & Marjorie Jenkins
Advance Home Gathering Hosts:	Tom & Laura Derr Joe & Brenda Bradford John & Renni Morris Alvin & Marjorie Jenkins Patti Parker & Regina Ferrell
Consultant	Jennifer Tyler
Pastor	Rev. Amy Probst

Many other persons are already assisting as well, including other laity, your church staff, and more. We thank God for the sharing of time and talents from these faithful and committed souls. Please uphold these persons, and the church, with your prayers as we move forward with a Vision of Hope in Christ's name!