

## Billy's Blog

Right now I am looking out my window and watching steel going up for our new children's building. I have to admit that I can get caught up watching those guys working from my office. I do probably have the best view of the site in the whole church. As I sit here and watch in amazement at how much they've done I can't help but to reflect on how long it took them to do the site prep work. As I recall they took more time on the foundation as I would have expected. At the same time it makes perfect sense as well. Jesus shares with us how important a foundation is in Matthew 7:24-26. My hope and my prayer for every person that this ministry comes into contact with would be for them to get connected in a way that they can be encouraged to seek wisdom and a solid foundation. We all well know that life can throw us some pretty interesting challenges. If we hear God's Word and put it into practice we would be like the wise man who built his house on the rock, a sure foundation that can withstand the "storms" of life. I don't know about you but I have to remind myself of this as I prepare for Thanksgiving, I need to remind myself that I need to be thankful. Most importantly, I need to be thankful for Jesus Christ and the word of God that helps me to build my life on solid rock

### Did You Know.....

**We have 23 students completing Confirmation this month.**

**We have 80 students at our Oct. Java Hut Coffee House after the NHS football game!!**

**We had many new families and around 1200 pre-school and kindergarten students visit our Pumpkin Patch!! Thanks to all who visited, worked, and prayed for the patch.**

**See You At The Pole and our community-wide celebration were awesome!! So Spirit-filled!!**

### Prayer Corner

**Thank you to all our prayer warriors who pray specifically for our students, staff and volunteers! Please praise God for the success and blessings at the Pumpkin Patch. Continue keeping all students and youth families in your prayers as the busyness and needed adjustments of the holidays hit us all. Pray for all the new covenant groups and their leaders as they begin to form.**

# November Birthdays!

Joe Blythe	1	Portia Rodgers	10	Andrew Rushakoff	18	Amber Wall	25
Josh Collins	1	Plum Sexton	10	Gabriela Griffin	19	Kellie Wendel	25
James Houghaboom	1	Sam Varian	10	Ben Kennedy	19	Hannah Peters	26
Megan Humphrey	1	Adrian Bernard	11	Emily Parsons	19	Hope Peters	26
Olivia Tuttle	1	Colby Fanto	12	Mallory Parsons	19	Amber Fling	27
Nicholas Feran	2	Sarah O'Hair	12	Brittani Phillips	19	Cameron King	27
Phillip Boyce	3	Jack Snyder	12	Kelsey White	19	Garrett Loftic	27
Mackenzie Hall	3	Julie Staton	12	Alex Dye	20	Paige Demara	28
Lindsay Schwab	4	John Jordan	13	Jessica Hensley	20	Jake Dearmon	29
Elaine Sholar	4	Sean Payne	13	Margaret Jacobs	20	Kristi King	29
Linsdey Harrison	5	Spencer VanDecar	13	Hannah Schroeder	20	Michael Milum	29
Bethany Hickman	5	Stella Kim	14	Richard Sesma	20	Tennyson Strano	29
Lauren Welton	6	Janet Sanders	14	Melissa Whitworth	20	Alisha Ward	29
Drew Frederic	7	Derek Anderson	15	William Fox	21	Austin Phillips	30
Nathan Hartley	7	Alexis Delong	15	Bethany Harris	21	Jeremy Ross	30
Jonathan Pearson	7	Zachary Dixon	15	Blayne Thomas	21	Jeremy White	30
Halieh Phillips	7	Adrian Kemp	15	Joseph Ramirez	22		
Shaine Engelkens	8	Chapman Martin	16	Ciarra Garza	23		
Stephanie Knight	8	Chelsea Tansey	16	Matthew Perry	23		
Robert Price	8	Jeffrey Hart	17	Katrina Rothrock	23		
Ryan Little	9	Rachel Sheffield	17	Kittie Greer	24		
Jessie Saris	9	Amie Sprague	17	Hanna Holley	24		
Jenna Sasser	9	Jordan Stein	17	Luke Cowart	25		
Mina Yu	9	Hunter Steick	17	Seth Hawk	25		
Jenny Herndon	10	Joshua Mason	18				
Alyssa Lande	10	Matthew Newton	18				



## Java Hut Coffee House (Grades 9-12)

**Friday, November 14**  
**CLC Youth Theater**

**After the NHS football game until  
midnight.**

Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Music.

Bring lots of your high school friends.

## Confirmation Celebration/Reception

**Sunday, November 16**

Confirmands need to report to the Marler Chapel at 5 pm for prayer and preparation.

Celebration begins at 6 pm in the Community Life Center Youth Center. Reception will follow.

Come on out and celebrate this special time with the confirmands and their families.

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**\*NEW\* Covenant Groups (Grades 9-12)** - Covenant Groups are 4-6 students meeting on a weekly basis with an adult facilitator. The primary focus is accountability and discipleship. The goal is to spend focused time on becoming fully devoted followers of Christ by encouraging one another to grow in Christlikeness—also plan, pray, and play! Each group decides when is the best time to meet. It could be the same day and time every week or it can change. Groups can meet at the church if they reserve a room through our office or they can meet in a host home. We already have some groups that are meeting. Others are forming. We need students and adult shepherds. **Interested? Either call or come by our office for more information.**

**Java Hut Coffee House (Grades 9-12), Nov 14, meet in the Community Life Center Youth café and theater after the NHS football game until midnight.** Worship, fellowship, food and activities. Bring lots of friends!

**New Years Eve Celebration, Grades 9-12, Dec 31, 9:30 pm—12:30 am, Community Life Center.** Time of fun and fellowship. Bring lots of friends. Cost is \$5.

**Sabbath, Grades 9-12, Jan 16-18, Blue Lake Methodist Camp, Andalusia, AL.** Winter retreat. Early bird registration is \$120 Nov 1—Dec 10. Registration is \$140 Dec. 11 to Jan. 5.

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**Confirmation Celebration, Sunday, Nov. 16.** Confirmands need to meet in the Marler Chapel at 5 pm for prayer and preparation. Ceremony and celebration begin at 6 pm in the Youth Theater. A reception will follow. Confirmands, their families and anyone desiring to celebrate the accomplishments of these students are invited.

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# Weekly Youth Events

**Sunday Morning D-Groups—Community Life Center (CLC), Grades 7-12.** At 9:40, groups for 6-8 grade boys, 6-8 grade girls, 9th grade, 10th grade, 11th grade and 12th grade. At 11:00, groups for 6-8 grade boys, 6-8 grade girls, high school 9-12th grade, and generations (high school teens and parents).

**Youth Hang Time—Wednesdays, 2-6 pm, Grades 9-12, CLC, Youth Café.** Students sign in at Youth Café and must remain in the youth area unless signed out with our adult café monitor. Students hang out, play games, do homework, etc. Snacks/drinks are available for purchase. Enter through the CLC deck doors.

**FUSION—Wednesdays, 6-8 pm, Grades 9-12, CLC Youth Center.** Fellowship, testimonies, big group challenges, praise band, small group discussions, etc. Lots of excitement here!

**NEXUS—Wednesdays, 6-8 pm, Grades 6-8, Fellowship Hall.** Fellowship, testimonies, big group challenges, praise, small group discussions, games, etc. The place to be for Middle School students!

**Center Stage – Wednesdays, 4:30-5:15 pm, Grades 6-8, Music Suite.** An arts group specifically designed for Middle School students. This group will explore drama, music, and everything in between. They will be performing at Nexus, Kids Worship 2 and special occasions.

## New Years Eve Celebration

**Grades 9-12  
Wednesday, Dec 31  
9:30 pm to 12:30 am**

Food, Fun, Fellowship

**Bring lots of your high school  
friends! Cost is \$5 at the  
door.**

## Sabbath Grades 9-12 Winter Retreat

**January 16—18, 2009**

Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly  
Andalusia, AL

Time of fellowship, teaching, fun,  
reflection, worship, and games.

Early Bird Registration \$120  
until Dec. 10.

Registration \$140 Dec. 11 until Jan. 5.  
Reg. forms in Student Ministry brochure rack and  
online at [www.fumcniceville.org/youth](http://www.fumcniceville.org/youth)