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newsletter for Varnell UMC, Inc.

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## "Are YOU Intentionally Developing Your Faith?" Varnell UMC Comes To The Rescue For YOU

One of the signs of a Vital Congregation is **Intentional Faith Development**. As discussed at our Church-wide Vision Retreat, Varnell UMC continues to offer wonderful faith development opportunities. In addition to Sunday School, Worship and ALIVE, here are some other options for adults:

Did you know we have two great faith building opportunities for men and two for women at VUMC?

All men are invited to the Men's Prayer group that meets every Wednesday morning from 5:45am-7:00am in room 201. Whether you can come every week or not, you will be blessed by the sharing and prayer time.

All men are invited to the Men's Bible Study every Sunday at 5:30pm in room # 201 (off the sanctuary).

All Women are invited to attend the Thursday morning Women's Bible Study at 10:30am in room #201(off the sanctuary).

All Women are invited to attend the Women's Prayer Fellowship on Sundays at 4:00pm in room #109 (lower level).

## Calendar of Special Events During Lent

- ✚ Wednesday, February 15 – Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 to 7 p.m.  
All regular Wednesday night activities will be occurring on this night.
- ✚ Wednesday, February 22 – No Wednesday Night Activities: Whitfield County School Winter Break
- ✚ Sunday, March 11 – Daylight Saving Time begins: Move clocks forward 1 hour
- ✚ Thursday, March 22 – Safe Sanctuary Training at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary for anyone who missed the first training back in November 2011.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

- ✚ Sunday, April 1 – Palm Sunday Services at 8:40 and 10:45a **The Passion Begins**
- ✚ Wednesday, April 4 – No Wednesday Night Activities: Whitfield County School Spring Break
- ✚ Thursday, April 5 – Maundy Thursday Drop-In Communion Service 7 to 8 p.m.  
Come share the sacrament of Holy Communion in an intimate setting.

✚ Friday, April 6 – Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. **The Seven Last Words of Christ**

✚ Saturday, April 7 – Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### ✚ **RESSURECTION SUNDAY/EASTER DAY : Sunday, April 8, 2012**

✚ Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. at the Varnell Cemetery – Rev. Stephen Streett will be preaching. VUMC will join with Varnell Baptist to celebrate Jesus' Victory, which is NOW our Victory too!

✚ Sunrise Breakfast at Varnell Baptist Church immediately following the Sunrise Service.

✚ Easter Sunday Worship Services at 8:40 and 10:45a **Jesus is on the Loose!**





Attention Varnell UMC! Do you have a talent? Would you like to share it with the church?

Well here's your chance - on March 24th at 6:00 we will have the 1st ever **VARNELL'S GOT TALENT**. What this will be is an open invite to all the members and people of Varnell UMC to share their gifts and talents with the whole church. So if you love to sing, dance, do karate, or think you could be a comedian come be a part of **VARNELL'S GOT TALENT**.

There will be 3 fun judges that will give positive feedback to all contestants and be comic relief. Voting will be done by putting money in a jar with the contestants' picture on it, and the winner of the talent show will receive \$100.00. WOOO! All the money raised will be put in the Youth group account, and we'll go to West Virginia this summer.

We'll have a **VARNELL'S GOT TALENT** sign-up sheet in the sanctuary starting in February, so start working on your talent and *we'll ROCK OUT*.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 706-537-3582 or [kurt@varnellumc.org](mailto:kurt@varnellumc.org). Stay Excellent.



**CREATING AND BUILDING THE YOUTH TO BECOME MORE CHRIST-LIKE**

Well hello there everyone, it's me Kurt with some awesome news about what we've got going down in The Factory in February and March, wow can't believe it.

First off, February 1st will start our 3 week series on love called, "LOVE EXPOSED". In these three weeks we will be breaking down the Greek words of love and applying them to scripture. We are really pumped about it, so you all totally want to be here.

Second, starting in March we'll be doing a 4-week series called, WHO DEY??, which will be about getting to know the Small Group Leaders and giving them a chance to share their testimonies and love of God. I know the leaders are stoked to share with the youth, as am I to hear their stories. We've had some good times already in 2012 and we know that it's just getting started in The Factory, so come down and join us Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. (Room # 123) and Sunday nights at 5 p.m. for Sunday Funday in the gym. If you have any questions about anything please call or email me at 706.537.3582 or [kurt@varnellumc.org](mailto:kurt@varnellumc.org).

*Stay Excellent.*



The Factory (VUMC's Youth) pose outside the Wooddale Retirement Home after leading worship and visiting with the residents during the "Outsiders" Lock-In January 20 -21, 2012.

**Confirmation Retreat Coming Soon**

The 2011 - 2012 Confirmation Class and their families will be going on a retreat to Lake Junaluska March 16 -18, 2012.

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### To Start Online Giving Today!

Varnell UMC now offers online giving and many people are enjoying the ease of tithing to the church by going on the website at [www.varnellumc.org](http://www.varnellumc.org) and clicking on the icon pictured above. The instructions are simple to follow. No more worries about checks or cash.

Other giving options are available, but if you pay your bills and other expenses online, this might be the best choice for you. Need more info? Call the church office 706.694.8023 during office hours.



## Come & Get It!



### February/March Menu for Wednesday Night Supper

#### **February 1**

Chicken Casserole or Chicken Tenders, Creamed Corn, Crowder Peas, Fruit & Roll

#### **February 8**

Cube Steak & Gravy or Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Fruit & Roll

#### **February 15**

Grilled Tilapia or Chicken Tenders, Pinto Beans, Green Beans, Fruit & Roll

#### **February 22**

No Supper

#### **February 29**

Meatloaf or Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Field Peas & Snaps, Fruit & Roll

#### **March 7**

Baked Turkey or Chicken Tenders, Cornbread Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, Fruit & Roll

#### **March 14**

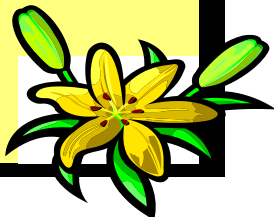
Chicken Parmesan or Chicken Tenders, Hash Brown Casserole, Garden Salad, Fruit & Garlic Roll

#### **March 21**

Smoked Pork Loin or Chicken Tenders, Carrot Soufflé, Brunswick Stew, Fruit & Roll

#### **March 28**

Hamburger Steak or Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Coleslaw Fruit & Roll



Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Sunday, March 11, 2012!  
Move your clocks forward 1  
hour on Saturday night!



Varnell UMC's Praise & Play Preschool kids celebrate favorite Sport Team Shirt Day!

### Preschool Chili & Soup Fundraiser

Praise and Play Preschool will be having a SOUP AND CHILI fundraiser for the **Katie Hammontree Whitlow Scholarship Fund**. For \$10.00 you can buy a quart of homemade vegetable soup or homemade chili, four pieces of bread and four brownies. Additional quarts of soup or chili will be available for \$5.00.

The soup and chili fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, March 4, 2012**. The soup and chili will be sold in the kitchen after the 10:45 church service. Pre-orders will be available for the TWO WEEKS before the fundraiser – order forms will be in your church bulletins. We encourage you to pre-order so we will know how much soup and chili to make.

Thank you in advance for your support of the preschool.



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