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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## Words from Pastor Rodney

I love this story which came from the July 10, 1989 issue of Sports Illustrated:

*The game was played in Wellington, Florida. In it, a seven-year-old first baseman, Tanner Munsey, fielded a ground ball and tried to tag a runner going from first to second base.*

*The umpire, Laura Benson, called the runner out, but young Tanner immediately ran to her side and said, "Ma'am, I didn't tag the runner." Umpire Benson reversed herself, sent the runner to second base, and Tanner's coach gave him the game ball for his honesty.*

*Two weeks later, Laura Benson was again the umpire and Tanner was playing shortstop when a similar play occurred. This time Benson ruled that Tanner had missed the tag on a runner going to third base, and she called the runner safe. Tanner looked at Benson and without saying a word, tossed the ball to the catcher and returned to his position.*

*Benson sensed something was wrong. "Did you tag the runner?" She asked Tanner.*

*His reply: "Yes."*

*Benson then called the runner out. The opposing coaches protested until she explained what had happened two weeks earlier. "If a kid is that honest," she said, "I have to give it to him."*

Christian blogger Chris Long declares that there may be no Christian characteristic has suffered more in our society than honesty. It's lacking in the workplace, it's lacking in many of our marriages, it's lacking in our government, and sometimes it's even lacking in our churches! Like Diogenes of ancient Greece, we sometimes feel the urge to take our lantern and begin searching for an honest man.

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## Chili Cook-Off

Start planning your favorite chili recipes. The Chili Cook-off is coming to EFUMC on Sunday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. If you don't want to cook, come and sample all the various offerings and vote on your favorite. It promises to be a hot time in the ol' town. Don't miss it!



To keep our buildings on campus are secure, please make sure doors are locked when you are the last one to exit a building. Also make sure lights are turned off.

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Our Gifts as of February 19

Year to Date

Needed	96,736
Received	97,743

Designated Giving YTD
 6,021

Please keep **Joe Bandy, Alta Kingman** and **Krista Hillyer** in your prayers.

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But there is something about Christians that should stand out like a neon sign on a dark night. Jesus wants his people to be known as a people of truth. We should establish a reputation, like young Tanner, for speaking the truth even when it would benefit us to do otherwise. Then, and only then, will those around us trust what we say without hesitation, without wondering whether we really mean what we say or not.

Paul admonished: "Therefore, putting away lying, each one must speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one body." (Ephesians 4:25).

May God help us to be the people of truth Diogenes was looking for --and God still is!!!

See you in church!
Pastor Rodney

United Methodist Women

Attention All Church Ladies!! Make your plans to join us for the March 8th meeting of the United Methodist Women. Our program will be presented by The Parenting Place. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with lunch to follow, served by Circle #3. Hope to see you all there.



It's time to start thinking about Salkehatchie Summer Service. Registration will be performed on-line again this year and has already opened. Our church will attend Camp Pee Dee in Bennettsville, SC (June 30th – July

9th). The youth participating must be 14 years old by the beginning of the camp. We also need adults, especially women, to provide guidance and meet Safe Sanctuary requirements. We will have two meetings for those interested in attending this year on Sunday, March 5th and March 19th. Both meetings will start at 4:00 pm. We will meet in the Youth Meeting Room. If you plan to participate in Salkehatchie this year, you must attend one of these two meetings. A parent must attend the meeting with each youth. If you have questions, please contact Lynne Clem (770-843-4204) or David McFadden (864-363-2933).



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01	Ellen Giffin	03/12	Jerry Roth
03/02	Bo Barnes III	03/13	David McFadden
03/02	Charlie Byars	03/13	Andrew Meredith
03/03	Vaughn Mitchell	03/14	Sally Goodwin
03/04	Jane Jones	03/14	Tabby Weston
03/04	Sharon Moon	03/16	Kevin Buchanan
03/05	Harrison Daley	03/16	Lowell Smith
03/05	Melissa McDow	03/17	Stephen Bolinger Byas
03/06	Jane Mayson	03/17	Frances Parrish
03/07	Shaun Dickson	03/17	Rilla Stewart
03/08	Bradley Bomar	03/18	Kathie Cannon
03/08	Maddi Brantley	03/18	Claire Daniel
03/08	Jordan Dalton	03/18	Corey Mitchell
03/08	Kevin Dove	03/19	Amy Bomar
03/08	Ross Newstead	03/19	Traci Boyles
03/08	Troy Respass	03/19	Mary Caroline Adams
03/08	Julie Waters	03/20	Theresa WynDham
03/09	Matt Moore	03/21	Lunita Bagwell
03/09	Mollie Respass	03/21	Caiden Black
03/10	John Armistead	03/22	Curt Brewer
03/10	Robin Lynn	03/22	Ben Hidde
03/11	Matt Barrington	03/22	Matt Hidde
03/11	Bill Jameson	03/22	Macy Martin
03/11	David Loggins	03/22	Matt Salley
03/12	Patrick Lane	03/23	Susan Foster
		03/23	Mary Sue Lantz
		03/24	Bob Dean
		03/25	Dawn Clark
		03/25	Daniel Correll
		03/26	Bo Byars III
		03/26	Angela Powell
		03/27	Michael Arnold
		03/27	Jacob Eppler
		03/27	Jessica Hemphill
		03/28	April Lane
		03/29	Dan Dailey
		03/29	Kara Boyles
		03/29	Lisa Hope
		03/30	Ethan Boyles
		03/30	Kathy Duncan
		03/30	Meredith Hope
		03/30	J. Watt Stewart, Jr.
		03/31	Linda Galloway
		03/31	Carolyn Kobel

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Return Service Requested



He will cover you
with his feathers,
and under his wings
you will find refuge.
Psalm 91:4

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In Memory

In memory of Mary Bagwell given by: Gary & Carol Ann Hoxit.

In memory of Broadus Hopkins given by: George & Yvonne Bryant.

In memory of John Martin given by: Anonymous, Steve & Ophelia Brewer; Judy Brown; George & Yvonne Bryant; Ken & Joan Buffington; Bob Burns; Bill & Theresa Caldwell; Chancel Choir; Theron Cochran; Judy Daughtridge; Bob & Carol Dean; Frances Downie; Carolyn Drew; Bill & Peggy Edwards; Jeff & Cindi Fogle; Jim & Beverly Fogle; Bruce & Mary Rose Gathman; Diane Greer; Cliff & Marilyn Haislip; Gary & Carol Ann Hoxit; Jan Jackson; Jimmy & Tamah Jones; Riley King; Lee & Sharon Lemere; Ina & Lanier Livingston; Ann Lyons; Mike & Kay Mason; Dale & Jane Mayson; Larry & JoLynn McFadden; Mt. Olivet Sunday School Class; Glenn & Faye Nasworthy; Judy Rozelle; Betty Rozier; Carolyn Smith; Fran Smith; Joyce Snyder; Rilla Stewart; Mike & Julie Thompson; Alice Sue Thornton; Alice Vander Linden; Joyce Wiles; Jean Wilson.

In memory of Dane Simpson given by: George & Yvonne Bryant; Gary & Carol Ann Hoxit.

In memory of George Smith's birthday given by: Fran Smith.

In memory of Marcy Waters given by: Judy Daughtridge.

In memory of members of Mt. Olivet class who have gone before given by: Lowell & Gloria Smith.

In honor of the Chancel Choir given by: Pat Martin.

In honor of Ann Fowler, Fran Smith and Joyce Wiles given by Joyce Snyder.