

# FIRST FOCUS

January 31, 2010

Worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Driving the **Church Van** in January is **Paul Higginbotham**. Call 993-1395 if you need a ride. Van drivers are needed for 2010. Sign up sheet for 2010 is now available on the North Hallway Bulletin Board. Sign up now to be part of the important ministry to our church family.

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 7, 11:30 AM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



The youth will prepare and serve a meal of Soup, Salad and Garlic Bread followed with Super Sundaes.

**Don't forget to wear sports apparel to worship**

**All monies will go to support Marion Ministerial Alliance**

## Blood Pressure Screening

**Second and Third Sunday of each month**

Beginning in February, the blood pressure screening will take place in the Library. The Library offers a more private area in the event you have questions for the Parish Nurses.



## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Don Van Ormer • Helen Stotlar • Lou Mandekich  
Bob Hall • Kathy Blank Smith  
Middle East Conflict • Our Homebound Members

## TODAY'S GREETERS

*North:* Nick & Pauline Davis *West:* Gary Mabry *South:* Pam & Nathan Courtright

## OUR GIVING GOAL FOR 2010 IS \$352,657

Offering (Current Expense) \$3,644.75 Gifts in 2010: \$17,476.79

Worship Attendance: 138 • Sunday School: 61

## Sign up for eDevotionals & Announcements

Visit <http://www.edevotionals.com/indivregister.html> and enter our church's 5-digit code: TTCGX

## Interested in Confirmation?

### What is it?

- The Confirmation experience includes a series of classes, activities, and experiences through which a young person explores his/her Christian discipleship and the meaning of being a member of the church.

### Who is it for?

- Confirmation is geared toward those youth who are in junior high school. However, other youth — younger or older — who have not been confirmed may choose to be a part of the experience with the consent of their parents and the pastor.

### What's the point?

- At the close of the experience, youth are invited — not required — to take an important step in their faith journey by: (1) making a public commitment to Jesus Christ through a profession of faith in Him as Lord and Savior; and (2) formally joining the Church. Those who have not been previously baptized will also be invited to receive the Sacrament of Baptism as a part of their Confirmation. Confirmation is but one important step on a lifelong journey of Christian discipleship.

### What next?

- Contact either the pastor, Victor Long [993-5421 or [[victor@marionfirst.org](mailto:victor@marionfirst.org)]] or the assistant pastor, Deb Pollex [[deb@marionfirst.org](mailto:deb@marionfirst.org)] if you have an interest in being a part of a Confirmation Class this spring.

## INVITATION TO PSALMS

### 10-Week "Disciple" Bible Study begins February 25

The human emotions expressed in the Book of Psalms rise to peaks of joy and descend into valleys of despair. In the Psalms, the promise of the reign of God meets the historical experience of God's people. Confidence in God's faithfulness collides with human experiences of pain and suffering, enslavement, oppression, and exile. God's people — given voice in the Psalms — struggle to make sense of who God is and who they are, and in so doing they have composed a collection of moving testimonies of grace, glory, sorrow, and beauty unmatched in sacred literature. For students of the Psalms today, this study offers greater understanding of how these ancient texts of praise, lament, worship, and prayer can still speak to us and for us.

A brief orientation will be held on Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m. Class sessions [approximately one-and-a-half hours] will begin on Thursday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up in the North Hallway.