

# FIRST FOCUS

February 21, 2010

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

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.



*The Altar Flowers are given for the Worship of God  
by Bob & Marlene Campbell in  
celebration of Luke's birthday.*

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- † We extend our Sympathy to Kay Hall and her family upon the death of her husband, **Bob Hall**, who died Sunday, February 14. Services were Thursday, February 18, with Reverend Victor Long officiating.
- † Our Sympathy is extended to Betty Hudgins, Lori Olson, and their families upon the death of Betty's brother, **Johnny Young**, Wednesday, February 17. Services were held in Nashville, IL.

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Driving the **Church Van** in February 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.



*Sunday, March 7,*

**THERE ARE NO FUNDS TO BE RAISED**

**NO LOVE OFFERING TO BE GIVEN**

Just come for lunch after the 10:30 service.

Good food, good fun, good fellowship

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## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Don Van Ormer • Helen Stotlar • Ann Dzengolewski • Sandra Beggs  
Middle East Conflict • Our Homebound Members

## TODAY'S GREETERS

North: Pam Mabry West: Gary Mabry South: Betty Hudgins

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

Offering (Current Expense) \$3,772.74 Gifts in 2010: \$34,073.69

Worship Attendance: 151 • Sunday School: 66

**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.



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## DESTINATION- UNKNOWN

**A mystery trip for all Jr. High/Sr. High on February 28th. Meet at 3:00 at the church. Wear comfortable shoes and "play" clothes. We'll return around 7:00 P.M. Destination Hint: a ubiquitous chemical substance composed of hydrogen and oxygen and vital for all forms of life.**



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## SOUP-SIP-SODA-SLURP

**On February 21 all Jr. High/Sr. High are invited to be a part of a unique, fun, eating experience. Each person brings one can or bottle of soda and one can of their favorite condensed soup, we gather in the kitchen and then the fun begins....it all begins at 6:00 and ends at 7:30.**