

AUGUST 6, 2006

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Morning Worship
On the radio each Sunday on WZLT 99.3 FM at 10:45 am

COMMUNION ATTENDANTS

Ruth Hurtt, Betty Dill, and Tommy & Carolyn Holmes

USHERS

Bobby Dyer, Tony Holmes, Don Lindsey, and John Mobley

GREETERS

Ruth Hurtt & Betty Dill

ACOLYTES

Brandon McBay & Alex Odle

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given by Becky Graves to the glory of God and in loving honor of members of our church family with birthdays in the month of August.

SOUND/LIGHTING TECHNICIAN

Wes Odle

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR AUGUST

Joanna Small and Laurie Sanders

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: Carole Small and Carolyn Holmes

Worship: Lois Isaac and Chris & Angie Bartel

TODDLER NURSERY

Shelia & Hanna Henderson and Becky Helms

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Martha Hay

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Jan Thomas

OFFERING COUNTERS

Barbara Clement & Kay Henderson

Our Loyalty Report

Sunday, July 30, 2006

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 108 Morning Worship: 230

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the budget: \$ 7,093.09

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,245.00

Needed for budget to date: \$ 224,595.00

Received for budget to date: \$ 207,784.91

Difference: \$ - 16,810.09

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REMEMBER TO PRAY

Not a snazzy title, is it? Doesn't make you want to stop and read, eh? In fact, I'm surprised you're reading this because people think that prayer is so easy, that no great effort should be given to it. **OR** people think prayer is a weakened power force in the first place. **OR** people are already so busy that they aren't willing to interject something else into their agendas that will require much work or time. A pastor once asked a couple of successful, talented, energetic church members why they didn't share more of their wisdom and experience at a committee meeting. *"To be honest, Preacher, I don't really come here to church or these meetings to think or work. I don't need something at church that will require a lot of effort"*

That's why the call to prayer must be made again and again; to pray about the direction of our church in this community as the Lord is directing us to use our gifts and graces, talents and resources. This isn't to suggest that we are drifting aimlessly (*and some will read this and assume that?*) We're not. In fact, we have a tradition of church leaders listening to the congregation concerning our faithfulness to our vision statement and goals for the previous year. We also listen to the congregation share their views about our mission and ministries.

This year, I have asked the congregation to begin to pray in preparation for this sharing session; to seek the Lord's guidance as to what the Lord wants us to do next (*in addition to the ministries and mission already being done*). The Lord has the big picture in mind concerning the Lexington community. How does our church fit in that picture? What does the Lord need for us to do; what does the Lord call us to do? What's the next adventure the Lord has in store for us if we are going to be faithful in our Christian faith journey?

I asked the congregation to do this after some thought and prayer and Christian dialogue with a trusted friend. It seemed that if we are going to listen to each other, then the least we can do is listen to God first. So, ministers of Lexington 1st United Methodist Church, are you praying and listening to God?

Stan

Wednesday, August 2

5:00 pm Fellowship Meal

5:45 pm Emerging Ministries Dream Team

6:30 pm Pearlington Picture Share Time

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 6

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Morning Worship

Commissioning of Red Bird Mission Team

4:00 pm Fall Festival Team Meeting

6:00 pm Red Bird Team Cook – out

6:00 pm Gifts Discovery Team Meeting, Spirit Seekers

Monday, August 7

9:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Lifeline Bloodmobile

Tuesday, August 8

4:45 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Thursday, August 10

7:00 pm Upper Room Prayer Line

Upcoming Events:

August 13: Sunday School Promotion

August 13: Third Grade Bible Presentations

August 13: Choir Retreat

August 13- 19: Red Bird Mission Trip



PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday school promotion will be Sunday, August 13th at 9:00 am. All children and youth should meet in the sanctuary for fun and music. Teachers will have roll call and everyone will end up in Wrather Hall for refreshments. Mark your calendars for **Promotion Sunday on the 13th.**

WHAT A GREAT NIGHT!



The Back to School Prayer Celebration was huge. We really got our students and teachers off to a great start with all the prayers and support they were shown Sunday night. You will notice some new "additions" to the sanctuary this Sunday. The "chain" that is draped across the pulpit and altar table was made at one of the prayer stations during the Prayer Celebration. Each link has the name of a student, a teacher, administrator, or support staff person. The chain will remain in our sanctuary throughout the month of August to remind us to continue to pray for everyone that is back in school this month.

In the hallway outside the office area, you will see the "house" from the "No Place Like Home" prayer station. Everyone was asked to color in a section of the house. As they colored, they were to pray for students that may not have a safe, loving home, and they were to be thankful that we do have safe, loving homes.

The food was good, the ice cream was good, but the prayers and support for "Back to School" were truly great!!!!

COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED



Please make sure that the church office has your college students' address for the upcoming school year. Our College Ministry Team does a great job of ministering to our young members when they are away at school, but they must have complete addresses to do so. The team would also like to be sure that they have all students' correct birthdays and email, too. The College Ministry Team will see to it that all college students receive postcards and small gifts each month. The church office will keep them connected by mailing them THE INTERPRETER each week. Life away at college has many challenges; let's make sure that our college members know that we care about them by remembering them in our thoughts and prayers, daily.

KATRINA CHURCH RECOVERY



The youth are selling bracelets to support the efforts to rebuild churches that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Each bracelet is \$2.00. All proceeds go straight to the recovery efforts. Get your bracelet today. They are in the Lisa's office at church.



PLANNING MEETING

The Fall Festival Team will meet on Sunday, August 6th, at 4:00 pm, in the Spirit Seekers classroom. All past team members are encouraged to attend and we are asking that you invite folks to come that you think would like to help. Also, if you think YOU would like to be on the team please come to this meeting. The more the merrier.



BLOODMOBILE HERE

The Lifeline Bloodmobile will be at our church on Monday, August 7th, from noon to 6:00 pm.



PUPPETEER NEWS

The Puppet Prayer Keepers will not resume their regular weekly meetings until September. Please keep an eye out for start up dates.

STORY BOOKS NEEDED



The 2 and 3 year old Sunday School Class is in need of new or slightly used, age appropriate Bible storybooks. If you can help, bring them to the ministries office or give them to Joanna Small on Sunday. Thanks in advance for your donations.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Jeremy Martin	Football Players
Kay Simpson	Patricia Holmes
Our church	Students of all ages
Betty Cunningham	Karen Coffman
Jean Clampitt	David Dunham
Max Harwell	Dianne Ward
J.W. Bryant	Robert Earl Russell
Robin Harris	Abe Fayling
Tara Gilbert	Annoy Scott
Danny Scates	John Ozment
Janice Patterson	Otto Britt

Family & Friends of Hazel Reyer McBay
Family & Friends of Jerry Don Webb
Friends & Family of Fred Meese
Family & Friends of Gerald Lloyd Montgomery
Family & Friends of Sherry Geddes
Family & Friends of Dale Loftin
Family & Friends of Dean Reed
Family & Friends of Ray & Camilla Bartholomew
Family & Friends of Laura Scott



Gerald Lloyd Montgomery
 by *Roy Anderson* for the Choir Fund
 by *Nita Hart* for the Bell Tower Fund
 by *Mary Smith* for the Bell Tower Fund
 by *Lottie Lee Hay* for the Choir Fund
Laura Scott
 by *Mary Smith* for the Bell Tower Fund
Dean Reed
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