

SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Morning Worship
On the Radio Each Sunday on WDXL 1490 AM at 11:00am
Taped from a previous Sunday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

COMMUNION ATTENDANTS

Ed & Bonnie Ward and Cary & Angie Holmes

USHERS

Howard White, Brad Ray,
Bill Bobbitt, and Bobby Dyer

GREETERS

Margaret Stowe and Nancy Hinson

ACOLYTES

Molly Armstrong and Donovan Eubank

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Carole Small

WEE WORSHIP

Lisa Sullivan, Chelsea Terry, and Molly Meyer

NURSERY CAPTAIN FOR OCTOBER

Shannon Taylor and Angie Bartel

INFANT NURSERY

SS hour: Carole Small and Carolyn Holmes

Worship: Wes & Cindy Odle

TODDLER NURSERY

Joanna Small and Adam Lewis

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM

Martha Hay

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM

Edwina Bunch

OFFERING COUNTERS

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The Big Rocks

An instructor was speaking to some business students and said, "Okay, time for a quiz." He set a wide-mouthed, one-gallon, mason jar on a table and proceeded to place a dozen fist-sized rocks into the jar. When the jar was full and no more rocks would fit, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" and pulled out a bucket of gravel and poured the gravel into the jar, making the gravel work itself into the spaces between the big rocks.

Then he repeated his question. "Is the jar full?" The class responded, "Probably not." He replied, "That's right!" and he took a bucket of sand and deposited it into the jar filling the spaces left. "Is the jar full?" "No!" the class shouted.

He said, "Good!" and poured a pitcher of water into the jar until the water reached the top. "What is the truth of this illustration?" Someone said, "No matter how full your schedule is, if you try hard, you can always fit more into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "The truth is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all. If this jar is your life and the big rocks are the important things in your life, you must put them in first or you will never get them in"

Concerning your Christian faith, what are the big rocks that you need to put into the jar—those things that should be the most important in your life? Would they be attending church? Giving? Being part of Sunday School? Prayer? Mission? Ministry?

Most folks put in the Big Rocks of their families, business, leisure life, etc. and the things that make up the Christian life are considered gravel or sand and usually go in last, if there is room. With this illustration, why not start putting aspects of your Christian faith in the jar first, so your life doesn't get full of a lot of other little pieces of gravel or sand that really don't even belong in your life? Put in the big rocks of Christian faith first, because if you wait, by the time you get around to living the Christian life, there won't be any room in the jar. *If you wait, it will be too late.*

Stan

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2

- 8:00 am Leadership Council, Wanderer's Room
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Jr. High Sausage Biscuit Sale
- 10:15 am Morning Worship
- 2:45 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 3:30 pm SAUL 2 PAUL at Church Picnic
- 7:00 pm Emerging Ministries Dream Team

Monday, October 3

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- noon Blood Mobile
- 6:00 pm Staff/Parish Relations Meeting
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts Den Meetings

Tuesday, October 4

- 4:45 pm Evening Prayer, Prayer Chapel
- 7:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 5

- 5:00 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:00pm Puppet Prayer Seekers, Orio Room
- 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Upcoming Events:

- October 8 – Community Prayer Walk, LHS
- October 9 – S.A.N.D. Project Meeting
- October 11 – Facilities Team Meeting
- October 13 – Upper Room Prayer Line
- October 21 – Sr. High 5th Quarter
- October 22 – Fall Festival

Our Loyalty Report

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 116 Morning Worship: 192
U.M.Y.F.: 35

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the budget: \$ 5,840.63

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,296.22

Needed for budget to date: \$ 284,552.58

Received for budget to date: \$ 257,876.39

Difference: \$ - 26,676.19

Katrina Relief Fund (UMCOR) to date: \$ 6,627.71

Bus Fund to date: \$ 19,814.10

S.A.N.D. Project: \$ 90.00

Handicap Stair Lift Fund: \$ 13,963.75

Please remember to save your Campbell's Soup labels.

They are very valuable to the
Reelfoot and Redbird Missions.

First United Methodist Church



We had a great kick-off meeting for **S.A.N.D. Project**. There were 15 people present with many wonderful ideas and suggestions. Sign-up sheets will be popping up all over the place very soon. We need help in several areas. You can agree to help by cooking, serving, picking-up families in the church van, delivering meals, setting up, washing dishes, cleaning up, and we even have a need for designated minglers and talkers. Our main goal is to **Serve Anyone Needing Dinner** and we want to do this in such a way that everyone feels welcomed. We don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable or second rate. We plan to provide a good meal in a warm, Christian environment. And we need everyone to make this possible. Even the children are going to participate by making placemats during Sunday School. If you missed the last meeting, make plans to be at the next one on **October 9th, at 7:00 pm**.



In case you have forgotten, First United Methodist Church has a **Healthcare Lending Closet**. Are you in need of a walker, wheelchair, crutches, or other bedside item? Or do you

have any of the above-mentioned items you no longer need and have been wondering what to do with them? Contact Jan Edmonson at 967-9766 and ask her about it. These items are for short-term use or for as long as you may need them. Thanks to Caywood School, we now have available to us two hospital beds. One is an electric bed and the other is manual. This is a wonderful addition to our closet. Please remember that these items are available and give Jan a call whenever you or your family needs them.

Youth News: We had 35 present for Wacky Games Night. The overall winners received a poster with the many names for Jesus and a candle or incense. Everyone had a great time. We will **not** have a regular meeting next week because we are all going to the Church Picnic to hear **"SAUL2PAUL"**.

Don't forget! The church picnic will kick-off at 3:30pm with the Christian band – **SAUL2PAUL**. Other activities throughout the afternoon will include finger printing our children and youth, Bingo and other games, and lots of great food and fellowship with your Christian family. Bring a dish and enjoy the day.



Children's Choir will meet at 2:45 pm this Sunday, October 2nd, so that everyone will be free to enjoy the picnic for the rest of the afternoon.

A new **Disciple** class will be starting November 7th, at 7:00pm. This class is an eight week study of the Old Testament. Cost for the student manual is \$10. If you are interested call Lisa at 968-2116 as soon as possible so that she can order the manuals.



Prayer Walk at LHS

Can you help "bathe" LHS in prayer? On **Saturday, October 8th, at 10:00am**, several area churches will meet at the flag pole at Lexington High School and begin a prayer walk. Plans are to enter every classroom and pray for the students, teachers, and administrators that enter there. In light of recent events and the rumors that spawned from them, our children need all the prayers they can get. Please be a part of this event as we join others in our community to say a prayer for our school. If the response is great enough, who knows? We may be able to do this at every school in our community.



John Richard Odle was born on September 14, 2005, to Herron & Faire Odle. He is welcomed by his new big brother Lucas and proud grandparents Richard and Judy Odle.



Becky Dean
Jeremy Jones
Sharnell Woods
Sue Hughs
Warren Todd
John Stanfill
Pat Blair
Keith Kilpatrick
Cindy Loeswick
Carol Ann Stone
Richard Rushing
Carolyn Stripling
Duck Townsend
Thelma Smith
Linda Sue Fesmire
Lexington Electric System Relief Workers
Hurricane Victims
Armed service members serving here and abroad
Family & Friends of Coleman Crews
Family & Friends of Stanley White

Memorials

Edna Lee Webb

by Bob & Camille Clampitt for the Memorial Fund

Bill Smith

by Bob & Camille Clampitt for the Memorial Fund

Howard Blankenship

by Bob & Camille Clampitt for the Memorial Fund

Honorariums

Spirit Seekers Sunday School Class

by Anne Medearis for the General Budget

College Address Update:



Carrie Hinson
P.O. Box 5278
University of Mississippi
University, MS 38677

Temporary Address Update:

Mrs. Kathryn Webb
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Baton Rouge, LA 70815-4863

The Jr. High Sunday School Class will be selling sausage & biscuits this Sunday, October 2, in Wrather Hall between Sunday School and the 10:15 am worship service. All proceeds will go to Lambuth University's renovations fund. Please support them in their efforts.