

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School For the whole family!
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters
Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	Knit Wits Too
Sat.	7-10 p.m.	TNT in FLC <i>Teens only!</i>
APRIL		
3	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
4	9:00 a.m.	Tote Bag/Turban Ministry
	12 noon	Gautier Civitan's Fellowship Hall
		No Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Mtg in Intercessory Prayer room
5	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
8		No Evening Service
9	10:00 a.m.	National Day of Prayer Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry Meeting in Library
10	6:00 p.m.	Family Ministries Mtg. In Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Verna Balogh Circle UMW in Parlor
11	10:00 a.m.	Otta Bond Circle UMW in Fellowship Hall
13	630 – 8:30 p.m.	Game Night in Fellowship Hall (time change)
14		Trip to Exploreum to Pompeii exhibit
15	7:00 a.m.	UMM breakfast and meeting
16	6:30 p.m.	Children's workshop at Pasc. First UMC
18	9:00 a.m.	Tote Bag/Turbans Ministry in Fellowship Hall
19	5:00 p.m.	Gautier Civitan's in Fellowship Hall
20-21		Lay Speaking School at Leggett UMC
23	6:00 p.m.	Administrative Council in Fellowship Hall
24	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Mtg. in FLC
	1-7 p.m.	American Red Cross Blood Drive in FH
25	10:00 a.m.	Otta Bond Circle UMW
27-28		Women's Conference in Pensacola

DOWN THE ROAD A BIT...

Vacation Bible School will be July 9-13 and we need lots of volunteers. There will be a meeting for those interested in serving our children at VBS on **Tuesday, April 24 at 6 p.m.** Please come.

Put Sunday, September 23rd on your calendar as our Annual Fundraiser Ball game at the College Park Field. Destiny Miller is already working on this fun afternoon.

Camp Wesley Pines is looking for campers for the summer. We already have one signed up and need to start planning our bus trip. If your child is interested remember that the church will pay ½ tuition and we have some other scholarship money available.

GOOD NEWS

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:12

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COMMUNION SERVICE

The Worship Committee invites you to come this Thursday evening, April 5th at 6 p.m. and join us for the Lords' Supper.

TRUSTEES TO HAVE CALLED MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

All Trustees are asked to make a special effort to attend this April 4th meeting at 7 p.m. in the Intercessory Prayer room to discuss plans for our new church building.

MISSION TRIP TO ENTERPRISE, AL

On Wednesday, March 28, 2007, seventeen people from our church traveled to Enterprise, AL to be of assistance to the March 1, 2007 tornado victims. We arrived shortly after lunch and were assigned to work on the home of Ms. Annie Phillips, an 89 year young lady who no longer has her husband or four children. Two of her sisters, whose homes were also damaged during the tornado, are living with her until their homes can be rebuilt or repaired. Ms. Annie's home, which needed a new roof and to be painted, is in a heavily damaged area called Baptist Hill. Ms. Annie welcomed us and told us she just wanted us to make her home pretty – white with blue trim. We had all been assigned jobs prior to arriving, so we were able to immediately go to work tearing off the old roof and scraping paint. By the end of the first day, the old roof was off and ready for repair and re-roofing and most of the house had been scrapped. Tired and dirty, we stopped for dinner before going approximately 20 miles to Coffee Baptist Vineyard, a really nice retreat center. At dinner several people thanked us for being there to help. One lady saw our bus in the parking lot and came in the restaurant to meet us and tell us about her family in Gautier. Of course, we couldn't leave town before stopping by Wal-Mart.

Denny Engle did a terrific job leading us in our devotionals each evening. And did hot showers ever feel good!!! After most of us had a good night's rest (we had some really good snorers), we dressed, ate breakfast and headed back into town. By the end of the second day, we had finished the roof

and had the house prepared for the final coat of paint. During our lunch break, our project coordinator, Coach Dean Craig, guided us around town to view the destruction. The tornado was approximately ½ mile wide and 8 miles long. While Coach shared with us about the tragedy of lost lives and property, he also shared with us how so many people have been blessed. On the third day (Friday) by noon, we had put on; the final coat of paint, cleaned Ms. Annie's yard, installed a new commode, leveled her washing machine and tried to make sure we had done all we could to make her home nice for her. We presented Ms. Annie with a prayer shawl made by the Knit Wits Too. She loved it. She thanked us again and again. This trip accomplished a lot. The first and most important thing was helping Ms. Annie, which we did to the best of our abilities. However, we all worked hard, laughed hard and had a really wonderful time getting to know some of our church family better. There were mixed emotions about leaving Enterprise. While we did accomplish what we set out to do (and more), we saw so much more that still needs to be done. God allowed us to bless Ms. Annie and in turn all of us were blessed. We all thank Bro. Ron and our church for making this trip possible. We plan to make this the first of many mission trips – some out of town and some close to home. When you hear about another trip being planned, please consider signing up. There is always a job for everyone. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to be in mission and thank all of you for making it happen. Nancy Green, team member

Many thanks to Nancy for taking pictures of our trip. They are in the church foyer for you to see.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

April 1, 2007

Sunday School: 51	Sunday School Offering	\$10.80
Worship: 151	Worship Offering	\$6,189.21
Enterprise, AL Mission Trip: \$35.00	Building Fund:	\$1,778.00
Philippine Ministries \$45.00	Lenten/Easter Offering	\$85.00
Food Pantry \$20.00		

YOUTH FOR CHRIST (YFC) GOLF MARATHON

If you picked up one of the Golf Marathon packages and plan to play in the Marathon, please call the YFC office at 497-0146 and let them know. The Marathon is scheduled for Saturday, 14 APR 2007 at Dogwood Hills Golf Course, 17476 Dogwood Hills Dr, Biloxi, MS.

UMM BREAKFAST

7 a.m. on 15 APR 2007. Note the change for this month; we will meet on the third Sunday, not on Easter morning. All men (young and old alike) of the church are invited to come and enjoy good fellowship and some great food (we may even have a 'speaker' again this month). Cooks for the 15th are - Don Swensen (head cook), Kyle Dykes, Ken Taylor, Don Trigg, and Preston Weeks. Looking forward to seeing you there... Denny

GRADUATION IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Please let us know about your high school graduate! We also want to know about any other graduates in your family from Kindergarten to Doctorate. Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 20th during the Worship Service.

LAY SPEAKING SCHOOLS...

Seashore District Lay Speaking School will be held April 20-21. Classes will be at Leggett UMC in Biloxi. First session Friday, April 20 at 6 p.m. and second session Saturday, April 21 beginning at 8 a.m. Registration will be by the Pie Ladies Call Beverly Siegrist (522- 0347) for more details/registration.

PRAISES FOR: A wonderful mission trip and to those who made it possible. Our choir for honoring God and us with their hard work on the Cantata. Maxine Thompson, Pete Norris and Tom Reynolds are home and doing well.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR: Wallace Gill, Emily Rose, Robin Jackson Ina Goff, Holly Rosen, Peter Stine, Janine & Eve Devereaux, Michelle Hardy Carol & Van Limerick, Angela Rice, Viola Nixon, Marian Pierson, Care givers Ruby Flynt, Wayne Thorton, Nerva McCaskey, Burnice Rasmussin, Chuck Neely John & Judy Cleaves, Betty Gomillion, Steve Belcher, Wayburn Smith, Cotton Pearce **Jim Marshall, Frances Collins, Clara Charlesworth, **Horace & Consuelo Davidson Cathy Hembree, Ed Duncan, Jackson Webb, Ethan Poole, Sarah Nell Ivey Debi Fippinger, *John Mowrey, Mamie Morris, Essie Cummins, City of Gautier World leaders, Service members/families

PRAYERS FOR:

Louis & Caryol Griffin, *Joe Bullock & Sherry Crenshaw (prayer quilts)
Christine & Houston Brook & Charlene Hooks by Betty F.
*Harry Ridgdell, *Robbie Bethien, Pete Norris, Maxine Thompson & Tom Reynolds
Gil Holland, Teresa Hyland, Donovan Gautier, Martha Price, Sharon Fairchild & daughter
Katie Walker, Bobby Taylor & Jay Campbell by Nellie K.
Jonathan & Shellie, Bruce Crull by Betty K. Paul Duffy & unspoken by Holly
Stephanie & baby by Patti M. Rachel Poole by Pam F.
Noah Whitt & Joe West by Jean W. Ben Harris by Kyle D.
Hugh & Tinker Reece and Paul Smith by Mike S. Bennie Holden by Janine B.
*Shelby Moore by Margaret T. Van Rosen by Mike S.
Youth for Christ and Hollie & Katie by Denny E. Renee by Emma S.
Joey Watts & Holly Grace by Erylne G. Harold Campbell by Doris O.
Thomas McKnight by Janet Shows *Don Farris by Nancy G.
Niece's house fire by Preston W. Shelia Chestnut by Willie C.
Kathleen & Helen Vargo, Juanita Rapport by Janice D. Mike Odem by Cheryl H.
Shipyard, management & workers JR Haynes by Shelia G.
Twyla Stone & Danny Jenkins by Bambi B. Ann McAllister by Don S.
Jade Perkins by Annette B. Letitia Grimsley by Edwina G.
God's leading for First UMC Gautier Dub Gammel by Emma S.
Robbie Benthien by Helen L. Peggy Peterson by Martha P
Erin Horne & Greta Adams by Susan A. Jimmy Scarborough by Lester S.
Cassie Jamison by Dianne B. Gerald Trigg by Marian T.
Naomi Garbonski by Destiny M Carol Davis by Janet R.
Melvin & Sarah Mitchell by Janice D. Tracy Conerly by Margaret T.
John Lawrence & Dave Whitman by Kyle D. Unspoken by Nadine C.
*Anthony Sifuentez by Helen L. Phyllis McElhenney by JoAnne W.
John & Margaret Mabry by Denny E. Father Hayes by Kathy A.
Rebecca by Emmett S.