



VBS AMAZON EXPEDITION
The Ultimate Trek Through Time

July 14-18 5:30 to 8p.m.

We have a very detailed donations list for VBS that is too big for the newsletter. It has been posted on the bulletin board . We need everything form Shoeboxes to refreshment items. Please check the list and put your name beside what you are bringing.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p.m.	UMYF
	6:00 p.m.	Discipline's Bible Study
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters in Library
Wed	6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs.	4:45 p.m.	Knit Wits Too in Library

July

1	8:00 a.m.	Clergy Breakfast at La Font Inn Pascagoula
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
7	6:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
9	5-7 p.m.	VBS Decorating
11	6:30 p.m.	Game Night
12	8-10 a.m.	VBS Decorating
	5:30 p.m.	UMYF Destination Unknown
13	7:30 a.m.	UMM Breakfast
	3:30 p.m.	Children's Council
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Council
14-15	5:30-8 p.m.	VBS

Dear Gautier Church Family,

Words just don't seem adequate to express our appreciation for eleven years of acceptance, love and supprt. Thank You!
 We have ben blessed by each of you. Many thanks for the elegant farewell reception and smiles onall those who worked so hard to make it delicious and beautiful. We love you and carry each of you in our hearts. Family in Christ- Ron and Marcia.

Society of St Andrew (SoSA) news –

Between January and June of this year, during 1,095 events involving 10,196 volunteers, a total of 10,005,201 pounds of fresh produce was 'saved' and distributed to the hungry. And we were involved with about 3,000 pounds of that total amount. What a blessing it is to be a part of this ministry! If you are interested in being added to the call list for one of the next gleaning events, let Denny Engle or the church office know.



GOOD NEWS

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From the Pastor:

There are no words that can adequately say what Tricia, Phillip, and I want to say to you all. Your overwhelming welcome to us is something we will always remember. Thank you for all you have done and are doing to make our stay here at Gautier First UMC a truly wonderful experience! And a resounding thanks to Nadine Carmichael, Judi McCaskey, Rosemary Weeks, and their small army of volunteers who helped ready the parsonage for our arrival. It's great! By the way, in the event that you see me wearing one navy blue sock and one black sock, try and overlook it until we finish unpacking our belongings. We have moved in, and we are making progress at getting organized, but it will take just a bit longer to find everything. I know you will understand.

We are almost in the middle of July and school will be starting before we know it. During my first Sunday with you, I reminded us all of something that is so basic we have a tendency to overlook it. Here it is again: EVERYTHING WE DO IS EVANGELISM! Whether it's making coffee on Sunday mornings, knocking on the door of an inactive member, or taking one of the "Pie Ladies" delicious pies to a prospective member, EVERYTHIN WE DO IS EVANGELISM! I challenge YOU to give earnest and prayerful thought about what You are doing to help build up Christ's Church we call First United Methodist Church Gautier. What areas of ministry do YOU see that need attention? What can YOU do to make this great church of Jesus Christ more loving, more caring, and more daring? I challenge us ALL to INVITE, INVITE, INVITE! We are the people of The United Methodist Church. Our mission in the world (and right here in Gautier, Mississippi!) is TO MAKE DESCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD. There are people al around us who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Let's focus our attention on what really matters most. See you on Sunday! Grace & Joy, James.

From the Finance Committee:

The committee on church finances met recently. Although, our overall picture is strong, we are experiencing a shortfall with our budget. This is caused by two factors. Giving is down a little and our insurance has increased about 3Xs. Too fix this situation, we need people that are tithing to keep on (great job!), those that are "striving to tithe" please increase your pace if you can, and those of you that are not in either category, please start "striving".

We also discussed that people could help in the future, by donating cars, boats, RVs, etc. This could help the church and can be a tax deduction for you. Or you could sale the unwanted item and donate the proceeds to the church. Call Mike Snuggs at 497-1563 or Ken Arceneaux at 497-9142 for help or more information on this.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

July 07, 2008

Sunday School: 54	Philippine Ministries: \$28.00
Worship Attendance: 142	Communion: \$24.00
Morning Offering: \$ 7,204.35	VBS: \$130.00
Building Fund Total: \$ 576.00	Fuel for Bus: \$200.00
Sunday School: \$ 6.23	Youth Fund: \$140.00
Communion: \$104.00	Piano Fund: \$ 70.00

In Memory Of Sallie H. Guillotte by Hermes & Theresa Hague

ON GOING PRAYERS:

Wallace Gill, Eve Devereaux, Michelle Hardy, Care givers, Hollie Engle, Marian Pierson, **Norris Taylor, Olene Nixon, Our elderly, Mildred & Ray Long, **Vadna Webb, City & World leaders, Youth for Christ, Service members/families, Joette Patterson, Martha Lewis, **Catalina Weaver, Martha Price, Jane Perry, Ellen Wheeler, **John Hanson, Jim & Phyllis Howland, Our Youth, *Rodney Siedell, Marshall Dunn, Prisoners in Bible Study, Bernice & William Rasmussin, Pat & Patti McDonald, Rev. Otis Lewelling, James Shannon, Abigail Upton, Teresa and Jerry Howell, Polly Furr, Louis Ware

PRAYERS FOR:

* denotes hospital

** care facility/rehab

Beth Nicholson & Flo Abraham, Sherry Neal & Renee Arrington, by Cheryl H.

Michael Vining, April & Brian Church & Tre by Betty K

James & Gladys Lisanby, Dr. Grant Simmons, Dr. Paul Monsour,

Dr. Anastasia V. Kelly by Mike F.

Jim Williams, Joann Knowl, Personal Unspoken by C. Grant

**Emmie Gautier, Michelle Harding by H. Lindsay

Dot Tolbert & Mildred Scarborough by Janet S.

Phillip & Ella Newmillery, Kyle Long Teresa B.

*Julie by Maxine T.

Mitch & Faye Doze by Michelle D.

Justin Trott by Suzie T.

Maddie Keith by Annette B.

Rod Rouse by Sandy H.

Bro. Shows by Janet S.

Verna Waltman by Cynthia W.

Benny Benthien by Robbie B.

Rev. Tom McAllister by Don S.

Kim Bedsoe by Larry B.

Bill Feidt by Janet S.

Diana by Fran A.

Audice Shelton by Janice D.

Hai & Collin Newton by Mike F.

Disasters in our Nation & World

Carl Webber by Erlyne G.

Aunt Heather by Kalyn K.

Rhonda Norris by Geneeva Miller

Scotty Branham by Barbara B.

Janet Ramstad, Margaret Martin by Betty K.

James & Shanie Christian by D. Miller

Vivian Gager, Ken Muller by M. Taylor

Family of James Lewis by Toots W.

Bridges Family Relocation by Donna R.

V. Kelly by Mike F.

Unspoken by E Griffin

People to start reading their Bible

Brittany by Barbera W.

Jamison baby by Dianne B.

Lorenzo Nettles by Karen T.

Penny Downs by Martha P.

Shirliana Hanson by Teri R.

Chris Jones by Frances G.

*John Schrink, Barbara & Lisa

Maenell & Marie by Janet R.

Paul McNally by Susan A.

Gary Hamergren

Sara Anderson by Nettie P.

Carol Neblitt by Glenda B.

Green Family by Betty K.

Ken Muller By Mike Snuggs

Tyler Howell by Karen Teesdale

Ray Koch by Betty Koch

Preacher and Family by Denny E.

Russell Ryals by Hellen H.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast...

United Methodist Men's Breakfast Sunday July 13th. 7:30.

All men are invited, hope to see you there.

Red Beans & Rice, Ice Cream Social...

Red Beans & Rice Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 27th immediately following the church service. If anyone is willing to make up their special mix and has ice cream makers let us know get in touch with either Dianne Burns or Fran Arceneaux.

Pie Ladies...

Pie Ladies have Strawberry Fig Preserves for \$2.50 for half-pint or \$5.00 a pint.

Lunch & A Movie...

Lunch & a Movie at the Grand in D'Iberville August 15th. There are 18 shows to choose from. Anyone interested can sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

August- Camp Meeting Month

The Worship Committee is starting to make plans for Camp Meeting during August. On July 13th and 20th, you will have the opportunity to fill out a form indicating your favorite hymns. Our Choir Director, Barbara Wise, will do her best to include as many as possible in the order of worship for the Sundays in August. We're looking forward to Camp Meeting Month and hope you are, too.

Bible For Third Graders

If you have a child (or children) entering the third grade this school year, our church would like to present them with a Bible. The Bibles will be presented on Promotion Sunday, August 3rd, during the morning worship service. We need you to call the church office (497-1698) and give their name(s) to Rebecca, no later than July 18th, so the Bibles can be ordered and ready for presentation to the children.

Sign up Sheet ...

There will be a sign up sheet in the nursery for volunteers to work every Sunday until another person can be found to replace Mui Pham who will be moving this week.

PHILIPPINE MINISTRIES ...

Carmelita Grant, Chairperson would like to purchase Bibles to be given out on her visit to the Philippines in mid November. The Bibles would be in three different dialects and the cost per Bible is approximately \$8.00. If you would like to help supply Bibles to those in the Philippines, please memo your check or offering envelope Philippine Bibles. Thank you.