

UMW NEWS

July 18th 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Comm. Meeting!

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
Sun.	5:00 p.m.	UMYF

July

14-15	5:30-8 p.m.	VBS
18	10:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Committee
21	6:00 p.m.	P.P.R. Committee
22	1-6 p.m.	Red Cross FH
	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo Grouping FLC
25	5:00 p.m.	Youth FH
27		Ice Cream Social
	5:30 p.m.	UMYF
28	6:00 p.m.	Admin. Meeting
29	6:00 p.m.	District Picnic Safe Harbor

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have an urgent need for prayer, Please contact a member of the prayer chain and your request will be past on. Members of the prayer chain are Beverly Stunts, Erlyne Griffen, Janet Ramstad, Martha Peterson, Judi McCaskey, Mike Snuggs, Dennis & Annette Breland, James & Tricia Salter, Ray & Betty Koch, Walter & Helen Lindsay, Donna Reiter, Carmelita Grant, Beverly Siegrest, Frances Garrett, Jean West, Janice Davis, Ken & Margaret Taylor. Anyone wanting to join the prayer chain, please contact Beverly Stuntz at 497-5760.-Intercessory Prayer Group.

ACOLYTE TRAINING...

Acolyte training originally scheduled for August 3rd has been rescheduled for August 10th. All acolytes, including anyone entering the 3rd grade, please mark your calendars and plan to meet with us on this date. We will meet in the sanctuary.

UMW READING PROGRAM...

If you are participating in the reading program, please turn in your forms by July 18th to Linda Hyland so they can be turned in to the district. If you need a few more days, please let me know and we will work with you. Thank you for participating in this important aspect of the UMW life.



GOOD NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR:

WHY NOT?!

What does Columbus, Ohio, and Gautier, Mississippi, have in common. More than you might think! A church in Columbus, Ohio, had their first Biker Weekend several years ago. That event raised a lot of eyebrows. Rev. Bob Huffaker, more than fifty years old, personally rode one of the sixty-four motorcycles involved.

For a few church members this was too much. Some asked pointedly if praying over a motorcycle was "desecrating" God, the church, or their holiness tradition. Bro. Bob replied with the same line he's used repeatedly over his fourteen years as pastor there: "*We've got to be a church where lost people matter most.*" He wanted to create an experience that made a leather and do-rag wearing crowd feel welcome. He wanted to demonstrate the love of Christ and win a fresh hearing for the gospel message.

By 2005 Biker Weekend at the Columbus, Ohio, church, more than an established annual event. It was the talk of the entire town. The congregation has grown because of this ministry. People from the church went everywhere, from bars to motorcycle shops, to invite bikers to take part. Anticipating that the church facility couldn't handle the anticipated crowd, the church took the bold step of renting Columbus Crew Stadium.

The official buildup started on a Saturday, culminating in one of the largest-ever crowd for the church's Saturday-evening service, followed by a cookout. As early as 7:00 on Sunday morning, bikes began rolling in towards the stadium. The church body came out in mass to prepare for all the bikers that were expected to participate. At noon two parades, one to the east and one to the west, made their way around the I-27 perimeter to Crew Stadium. Everyone was excited to see a helicopter overhead taking pictures as the group made its approach down the final stretch of the highway.

First UMC Gautier has an evangelistic heart and I have seen it every day my family and I have been here. Bikers are no Strangers to this great church of Jesus Christ. And I propose that we rethink the ways that we are reaching out to people. At the 2005 Biker Weekend in Columbus, Ohio, more than 200 bikers made a first time commitment to Jesus Christ at the Saturday-Night service. Wow and Why Not!

Remember! Everything we do is evangelism!

You all remain in my prayers. Please pray for Tricia and Me.

Peace & Joy,
James

OUR FAITHFULNESS

July 13, 2008

Sunday School: 70	Camp Schol. Fund: \$ 145.00
Worship Attendance: 159	Food Pantry: \$ 27.00
Morning Offering: \$ 8,521.80	VBS: \$ 25.00
Building Fund Total: \$ 570.00	Parsonage Furn.: \$2247.00
Sunday School: \$ 10.75	

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 Rasmussen, 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

Janet Ramstad, Margaret Martin, Green Family, Ray Koch, Michael Vining, April & Brian Church & Tre, 2 unspoken by Betty K.
James & Gladys Lisanby, Dr. Grant Simmons, Dr. Paul Monsour, Dr. Anastasia V. Kelly by Mike F.
Beth Nicholson & Flo Abraham, Sherry Neal & Renee Arrington, by Cheryl H.
**Emmie Gautier, Michelle Harding by Helen L.
Phillip & Ella Newmillery, Kyle Long Teresa B.
Dot Tolbert & Mildred Scarborough by Janet S.
Bridges' Family Relocation by Donna Reiter
Mitch & Faye Doze by Michelle D.
Unspoken by E Griffin
Rod Rouse by Sandy H.
Brittany by Barbera W.
Jamison baby by Dianne B.
Verna Waltman by Cynthia W.
Penny Downs by Martha P.
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.
Paul McNally by Susan A.
Gary Hamergren
Carl Webber by Erylne G.
Aunt Heather by Kalyn K.
Rhonda Norris by Geneeva Miller
Scotty Branham by Barbara B.
Cotton Pierce by E. Griffen
James & Shanie Christian by D. Miller

Justin Trott by Suzie T.
Maddie Keith by Annette B.
Tyler Howell by Karen T.
Bro. Shows by Janet S.
Tricia Salter
Lorenzo Nettles by Karen T.
Joann Knowl by C. Grant
Shirliana Hanson by Teri R.
Chris Jones by Frances G.
*John Schrink, Barbara & Lisa
Maenell & Marie by Janet R.
Family of James Lewis by Toots W.
Hai & Collin Newton by Mike F.
Sara Anderson by Nettie P.
Carol Neblitt by Glenda B.
Ken Muller by Mike Snuggs
Russell Ryals by Helen H.
Vivian Gager by M. Taylor
Micheal Alberts
Disasters in our Nation & World

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.

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.

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.

WORDS OF WISDOM...

Great opportunities to serve god seldom come, but small opportunities surround us daily.

Following the crowd may be a good way to get lost.

Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but doesn't get you anywhere.

Life's greatest tragedy is to lose God and never miss Him.

The quickest way to get a lot of attention is to make a mistake.

The straight and narrow path has no traffic problems.

You don't have time to rock the boat if you are busy pulling the oars.

You may suffer without sinning, but you can't sin without suffering.

Many people spend more time reading about the Bible, than they spend reading the Bible.

Reminders:

Whoever borrowed the book entitled "90 Minutes of Heaven", please return it to the back table when finished. It will be greatly appreciated!

There will be a change in the Newsletter starting Aug. 1, 2008. The Newsletter will be mailed twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Please don't forget to turn information into the office by 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday before the newsletter goes out.