

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5	Evening	Youth Event in Family Life Center
7	4:00 p.m.	Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) in Library
	5:00 p.m.	UMYF
8	6:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
9	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters in Library
	7:00 p.m.	Verna Balogh Circle in Fellowship Hall
10	10:00 a.m.	Otta Bond Circle in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
11	4:45 p.m.	Knit Wits Too in Library
	6:00 p.m.	Cluster Meeting at Eastlawn UMC
12-13	4:30 p.m.	Conference Lay Speaking School at Camp Wesley Pines in Gallman
12	6:30 p.m.	Game Night in Fellowship Hall
13	5:30 p.m.	UMYF Event
14	7:00 a.m.	UMM Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	Cluster Songfest at 1 st UMC Pascagoula
15	6:00 p.m.	Pumpkin Patch Meeting in Fellowship Hall
16	6:00 p.m.	Finance
	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters in Library
17	5:30 p.m.	Snack Supper and Activities
	6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
18	4:45 p.m.	Knit Wits Too in Library
	7:00 p.m.	Civitans Installation in Fellowship Hall
21	5:00 p.m.	UMYF
22	6:00 p.m.	Administrative Council Meeting
23	1:00-6:00 p.m.	Red Cross in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters in Library
	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo Grouping
24	10:00 a.m.	Otta Bond Circle in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
25	4:45 p.m.	Knit Wits Too in Library
26	5:00 p.m.	Youth Event in Fellowship Hall
28	11:10 a.m.	"Low Country Boil"
	5:00 p.m.	UMYF
30	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters in Library

UMM CALENDAR DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 7TH

If you were a customer last year, you will need to submit only your name and money for the 2009 calendar. If you are a new customer, please see Larry Teesdale for assistance. The basic calendar is \$5.00.

EVERY ISLAND TRIP

An overnight trip is planned for Avery Island on October 3rd. We will leave at 8 a.m. There is limited seating and limited baggage. The hotel cost is \$92.00 and \$6.25 for the Jungle Tour. The visit to the Tabasco Factory is free. We will also be going to the French Quarter. Please sign up in the hallway.

GOODNEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

For the next few weeks, I will be offering you some ideas that I have gleaned over the years. Some of these ideas come from churches who were experiencing some challenging times and they faced those challenges head-on and became growing and dynamic congregations. I hope you will "stay tuned" as we begin this series of articles in our GoodNewsLetter.

When John Ed Mathison was pastor of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery, Alabama (among the fastest growing churches in America), he collected a list of contrasts between "live churches" and "dead churches." Take a look at his list:

Live churches are planning for the future—

Dead churches are reliving the past.

Live churches focus on people—

Dead churches focus on programs.

Live churches present an unchanging Christ in forms of ministry that are changing—

Dead churches do things the way they have always been done.

Live churches are filled with tithers—

Dead churches are filled with tippers.

Live churches are friendly and receptive to newcomers—

Dead churches wonder why they have no visitors.

Live churches focus on what's right with the church—

Dead churches look for what's wrong with the church.

Live churches design worship in which worshipers are participants—

Dead churches have worshipers who are spectators.

Live churches have worship that celebrates—

Dead churches have worship that is endured.

Live churches support missions heavily—

Dead churches keep the money at home.

Live churches dream God's dreams—

Dead churches relive nightmares.

Live churches focus on power—

Dead churches focus on problems.

See YOU at the "LIVE" place Sunday!

James

OUR FAITHFULNESS

August 31, 2008 (Hurricane Gustav)

Sunday School:	34	Sunday School:	\$ 3.00
Worship Attendance:	75	Our Daily Bread:	\$ 6.00
Morning Offering:	\$1228.00	Katrina Fund:	\$47.00
Building Fund:	\$ 80.00		

PRAISES FOR:

Answered Prayers

ON GOING PRAYERS:

Wallace Gill, Eve Devereaux, Michelle Hardy, Caregivers, Hollie Engle, Marian Pierson, **Norris Taylor, Olene Nixon, Our elderly, Mildred and Ray Long, City and World leaders, Youth for Christ, Service members/families, Joette Patterson, Martha Lewis, **Catalina Weaver, Martha Price, Jane Perry, Ellen Wheeler, **John Hanson, Jim and Phyllis Howland, Our Youth, *Rodney Siedell, Marshall Dunn, Prisoners in Bible Study, Bernice and William Rasmussin, Pat and Patti McDonald, Rev. Otis Lewelling, Abigail Upton, Teresa and Jerry Howell, Polly Furr, Louis Ware, John Schrink, Barbara and Lisa, Chris Cursuello, **Emmie Gautier, Clara Charlesworth, Vera Parker, Ken Muller

PRAYERS FOR: * denotes hospital ** care facility/rehab

Barbara Wise* by J. Wise
Sloan Suddeth by K. Pittman
Ron Morning, Nancy Hamilton, Unspoken, Cotton Pearce, and Fanni Mae by E. Griffin
Tommie Lee McCormick, Gerry & Blackie Fluke by D. Reiter
Jim Talbot and Unspoken by T. Webb
Maddie Keith by Annette B.
Annette Breland by D. Breland
Bettie Holland by Gil H.
Helen's Son Matthew by J. Davis
Scotty Branham by Barbara B.
Wanda Miller and Mitch Doze by M. Doze
Family of James Shannon

The prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. Please resubmit prayer requests by contacting the Church Office, or Beverly Stuntz, or by adding to the list on the bulletin board.

Emmie Gautier is now in the Sunplex Subacute Center and her address is: 6520 Sunscope Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

Our Daily Bread

Groups of five people are needed to help cook at Our Daily Bread. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please sign up in the hallway.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUSTER MEETING - Thursday, September 11, 6:00 p.m. at Eastlawn UMC.

CLUSTER SONGFEST - Sunday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. at 1ST UMC Pascagoula.

DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP - A new ten-week session begins on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at First UMC in Gulfport. This workshop is a structured program helping people deal with divorce issues, as well as offering a caring support group for those going through a divorce or separation.

GRIEF RECOVERY WORKSHOP - This ten-week session also begins on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at First UMC in Gulfport. This workshop is for anyone dealing with the pain that follows the death of loved one. Participants share grief issues with the goal of putting their lives back together.

BROKEN RAINBOW - This program is for children dealing with divorce or death issues and also begins on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m., running concurrently with the Divorce and Grief Recovery Workshops. This program is suitable for ages five and up.

[These workshops meet in the Education Building of First UMC in Gulfport on 15th Street and 23rd Avenue in downtown Gulfport. Childcare is provided. The workshop fees are \$30 for ten weeks; children of Divorce Recovery and Grief Recovery participants may attend Broken Rainbow at no charge, Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information on any of these programs, call (228) 863-0047 or 229-6851.]

WEDNESDAY EVENING LIVE! Supper, program(s) for adults, activities for children and youth will meet on September 17th and October 1st at 5:30 p.m. beginning with supper in the Family Life Center. Small group studies are being organized. This is something new here at First Church Gautier! Don't miss it! This new program will be evaluated after these two Wednesday nights.

CAREGIVING SEMINAR - The Airmen and Family Readiness Center is offering this seminar about: taking care of your parents and grandparents; legal issues in aging; making your parent a dependent; coping skills; etc. This seminar will be held at 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. on September 25th at the MSU Coastal Research Lab on Popp's Ferry Road in Biloxi. Call the Center at 376-8728/8504 to register.

A "**HONDA FOR UGANDA**" - We need your help in raising funds to provide a vehicle for Rev. James Godfrey Mwoho. Rev. Mwoho is Rev. Bill McAllily's prayer partner and serves as District Superintendent for Kampala - Uganda. A used vehicle in Uganda costs about \$5,000. Please mark your gift "Honda for Uganda."

PART-TIME CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION. Those interested in applying for this position should contact Mr. John Roberts, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson as soon as possible. Applications are available in the Church Office.

PIE LADIES NEWS - In years past, "Nellie's Jellies" were big sellers and enjoyed by many. We lost our dear Nellie Kern last fall, but God provides and Audice Shelton has volunteered to take on this job. So stop by the Fellowship Hall and look at the lovely array of "Miss Audice's Jellies and Jams." There are also fig, strawberry fig, and pear preserves. Muscadine jelly will be here soon. Many thanks to all whom have shared their fruits so generously with us and to those who have purchased our wares through the years. Thanks also to Dianne Burns for the new cutting board.