

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15	6:00 p.m.	Pumpkin Patch Meeting in Fellowship Hall
16	10:30 a.m.	Family Ministries is serving lunch at Our Daily Bread
	6:00 p.m.	Finance
	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters in Library
17	5:30 p.m.	<b>Wednesday Night Live!</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
18	5:00 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	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	5:00 p.m.	Knit Wits Too in Library
26	6:00 p.m.	New Young Adult Sunday School Class Dinner at the Parsonage
28	11:10 a.m.	"Low Country Boil"
	5:00 p.m.	UMYF
30	1:00-6:00 p.m.	Red Cross in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Scrappy Quilters in Library



**Congratulations!** - Josie Pivarnik married Brad Beck on September 6<sup>th</sup> in Hudson, Ohio and they will live in Chicago, Illinois. Josie is the daughter of David and Marguerite Pivarnik.

**EVERY ISLAND TRIP** - An overnight trip is planned for Avery Island on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will leave at 8 a.m. There is limited seating and limited baggage. The hotel cost is \$92 and \$6.25 for the Jungle Tour. The visit to the Tabasco Factory is free. We will also be going to the French Quarter. Deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the hallway.

**Lay Speaking School** – The Seashore District Lay Speaking School will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Seashore Assembly in Biloxi. It can't get much closer than that. Basic and Advanced courses will be offered. Registration fee is \$50 which includes materials and lunch on Saturday and is due by October 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information and registration sheet, call Beverly Siegrist at 522-0347. (I know, I know...that's the weekend of the Fall Festival. But my job description as Lay Leader states I should let you know about these things...so consider it done.)

Christians need to: Wake up, Sing up, Preach up, Pray up, Stay up, Pay up,  
But never Give up, Let up, Back up, Shut up - Until the cause of Christ and  
the Church in the world is Built up.

## GOODNEWS LETTER

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Greetings, friends!

Last week, I shared with you a list of contrasts between "live churches" and "dead churches" and focused on the first two.

This week, let's take a look at two more.

3. **Trust between pastor and laity.** A climate of trustworthiness means that lines of communication between the pastor and laity are open and that proper channels are used in carrying ideas to fruition. The trust level between the pastor and laity must never be compromised. And the dreams we have must be shared dreams. To carry out dreams means attitudes must be changed, priorities must be redirected, and budgets may need to be redistributed. This does not happen overnight. When there is mutual trust and mutual ministry being conducted through the church, newcomers soon become aware of it and want to join.

4. **The congregation's attitude toward change.** Change does not come easily for some folks. Remember the story about a man who arrived late for a church council meeting? Someone had brought up the need for a new chandelier to provide better lighting in the sanctuary. The latecomer caught the tail end of the discussion and rose to his feet to announce his opposition to the idea. He said, "I'm against it. It costs too much. We don't have anyone who can play it. What we really need is more light." A climate of growth encourages flexibility—the willingness to try new things. The congregation must orient itself toward the future if it expects to grow spiritually (and numerically).

More next week...

James

## OUR FAITHFULNESS

September 14, 2008

Sunday School:	58	Honda for Uganda	\$ 7.00
Worship Attendance:	158	Parsonage Fund:	\$100.00
Morning Offering:	\$3098.00	Philippine Ministry:	\$ 70.00
Building Fund:	\$ 65.00	Playground Equip:	\$100.00
Sunday School:	\$ 4.10	Youth Program:	\$190.00
Estella:	\$ 23.10		

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**PUMPKIN PATCH** - There will be a meeting for all chair persons and anyone interested in helping with the Patch on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be selling the Gautier First UMC t-shirts, for the next few Sundays, for only \$5.00 - half price! We only have a few left so hurry and get yours today.

**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. We will be going on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and we will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. Please sign up in the hallway.

**IT'S COMING! WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE IS GOING TO BE GREAT!**  
**DON'T MISS IT!**

### **September 17<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Snack supper provided by Ken Arceneaux and UMM (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs)
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Workshop: "Budgeting Part I," by Denny Engle
6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Children's Friendship Choir Practice (Ages K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Tutoring Sessions I (any ages needing help)
6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	"Christian Walkers" Get Moving!
6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Tutoring Session II
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice

Supper, program(s) for adults, activities for children and youth will meet on September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. beginning with supper in the Family Life Center. We will evaluate this program after these two Wednesday nights.

**A LA CARTE!** - Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the fabulous cooks of our United Methodist Men for Wednesday Night Live on September 17<sup>th</sup>, but we need some tasty sides to complete the meal. If you are able to provide potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and/or chips, please contact Lisa McCusker at 249-4435.



A new Young Adult Sunday School Class is being formed and the first meeting will be dinner at the Parsonage on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

## PRAYER LIST

### **PRAISES FOR:**

Answered Prayers

### **ON GOING PRAYERS:**

Those awaiting medical test results, Wallace Gill, Eve Devereaux, Michelle Hardy, Care givers, 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 Rasmussen, 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, Donna Bowlin and Kenny Knapp.

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

O. D. Partain by B. Furr  
Rubye Flynt by D. Overman  
Kay Patterson Henley by S. Trott  
Kaytie VanAlstine and Family by V. Sharp  
People in the aftermath of recent hurricanes  
Mike Snuggs, Tracy Conerly and Family of Robert Proffitt by M. Scruggs  
\*Doris Applewhite by D. Welch  
John Thigpen  
Family of Pat and Patti McDonald  
\*Linda Cirlot by S. Swensen  
Brian Odell by S. Green  
\*Anders Johnson by N. Green  
Robert Smith and Family of Nick Woods by R. Norris  
Greg Simms by K. Teesdale  
Barbara Wise by J. Wise  
Sloan Suddeth by K. Pittman  
Marty Freeman and Thelma Bailey by J. McCaskey  
Jonathan Vining, Leonard Vining, and Margaret Martin by B. Koch  
Fred Abney by M. Peterson  
Jim Savage by B. Stuntz  
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 A. Breland  
Annette Breland by D. Breland  
Bettie Holland by G. Holland  
Helen's Son Matthew by J. Davis  
Scotty Branham by B. Branham  
Wanda Miller and Mitch Doze by M. Doze