

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 6 | 6:00 p.m. | Trustees Meeting |
| 7 | 5:30 p.m. | PPRC Meeting |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Scrappy Quilters in Library |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Worship Committee |
| 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Otta Bond Circle in Fellowship Hall |
| | 5:30 p.m. | <u>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!</u> |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| 9 | 5:00 p.m. | Knit Wits Too in Library |
| 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Game Night |
| 12 | 7:30 a.m. | UMM Breakfast |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Children's Sabbath |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | UMYF |
| 14 | 6:00 p.m. | Scrappy Quilters in Library |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Verna Balogh Circle in Fellowship Hall |
| 15 | 4:00 p.m. | <i>Pumpkin Unloading</i> |
| | 5:30 p.m. | <u>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!</u> |
| | | Chili and Salad Dinner |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| 16 | 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. | <i>First Day of Pumpkin Patch</i> |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Knit Wits Too in Library |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Civitan Meeting in Fellowship Hall |
| 18 | 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | UMW to Perkinston |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Youth – Destination Unknown |
| 19 | 5:00 p.m. | UMYF |
| 21 | 6:00 p.m. | Finance Meeting |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Scrappy Quilters in Library |
| 22 | 10:00 a.m. | Otta Bond Circle in Fellowship Hall |
| | 5:30 p.m. | <u>WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!</u> |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Intercessory Prayer |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| 23 | 5:00 p.m. | Knit Wits Too in Library |
| 24-25 | | Lay Speaking School in Biloxi |
| 25 | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | <i>Pumpkin Festival</i> |
| 26 | 5:00 p.m. | UMYF |
| 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Administrative Council in Fellowship Hall |
| 28 | 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | Red Cross in Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Cursillo Grouping |
| 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Charge Conference in Fellowship Hall |
| 30 | 5:00 p.m. | Knit Wits Too in Library |
| 31 | 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. | <i>Last Day of Pumpkin Patch</i> |

THANK YOU – As you know, we are in the process of building a new Seashore Mission and we greatly appreciate your gifts. It is wonderful to know that you support our endeavor and the process that we are in.

GOODNEWS LETTER

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It's all going on every Wednesday! A light supper is served at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Come! Join the fellowship! Beginning at 6:00 p.m. there are various small groups that are meeting:

- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Bible Study (Gospel of Mark)
- Children's Choir
- Children's Activities
- Youth Activities
- Tutoring & Help with Homework
- Pumpkin Carving Workshop 10/15
- Christian Walkers
- Pumpkin Carving Contest 10/22

It's a great time for everyone! Hope to see YOU here!



CHILDREN'S SABBATH, THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." –Mark 10:14

October 12th has been designated "CHILDREN'S SABBATH" here at First Church Gautier. During the morning worship service, the children of our congregation will help lead worship. It will be a special time in each of their lives as well as in the life of our church. This past week, the 80th observance of National Child Health Day in the United States was observed. Part of this emphasis is on (1) helping kids stay active, (2) encouraging healthy eating habits, and (3) promoting healthy choices. What can we do? Well, I am asking that we all take a look at the proposed playground display located in the narthex. We are about half way toward meeting the projected cost of just over \$11,000. What is the number one resource of the church in the world today? Children and youth. This Sunday, let us covenant together to do something more to help make our playground a reality. If we all make a financial commitment to bring an extra \$3 a week until the end of the year, guess what? We would be within a few dollars of reaching our goal and our playground could become a reality! Think about it. Pray about it. Are our kids worth it! You betcha!

See YOU Sunday,
James

PRAYER LIST

OUR FAITHFULNESS

October 5, 2008

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|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Sunday School: | 84 | | |
| Worship Attendance: | 138 | Food Pantry: | \$ 25.00 |
| Morning Offering: | \$6419.80 | Hurricane Relief: | \$ 125.00 |
| Building Fund: | \$ 540.00 | Our Daily Bread: | \$ 25.00 |
| Communion Fund: | \$ 156.00 | Philippine Ministry: | \$ 61.00 |
| Sunday School: | \$ 6.35 | Pumpkin Patch: | \$ 121.00 |
| Apple Sale: | \$ 20.00 | T-Shirt Sale: | \$ 255.00 |
| Gas for Avery Island Trip: | \$ 91.00 | Youth Ministries: | \$ 30.00 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! – OCTOBER 8th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

We're having finger foods at 5:30 p.m. and volunteers are needed to help prepare food. **A "How to Carve a Pumpkin" Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th and volunteer(s) are needed to lead this workshop.** We will have a Pumpkin Carving Contest on Wednesday, October 22nd. Please contact Lisa McCusker if you can lead or help lead the workshop on the 15th.

IKE RELIEF SUPPLIES – On October 8th, during Wednesday Night Live, the Wesleyan Friendship Class will again sort and package hurricane supplies for Ike victims. Please collect cleaning supplies or items for the UMCOR School Kit (\$11/kit.) Kit information is available in the narthex. Monetary donations would also be appreciated.

UMM BREAKFAST – The United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting is this Sunday, October 12th at 7:30 a.m. Dennis Breland and his crew have a great breakfast planned. The cost is only \$5/man and everyone over 75 is free. Hope to see you there.



We need your help! Please sign up to help during the Pumpkin Patch, October 16th – 31st, and our Fall Festival on October 25th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Booths for this event will be free to all church members – please contact Barbara Smith or Dianne Burns. Many people and much attention is brought to our church through this festival. Your support is necessary if we are to be successful. Thanks for your help and support.

CHARGE CONFERENCE- Please remember Charge Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Committee chairpersons must submit their reports to the Church Office ASAP.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES – This is an opportunity for anyone and everyone to get \$65 worth of food for \$30, each and every month. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with a list of food that is in the October box.

PRAISES FOR:

Answered Prayers, Carmelita's good eye test results and Scotty Branham's successful procedure.

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, Clara Charlesworth, Vera Parker, Ken Muller, Kenny Napp, Deborah Rucker, Cotton Pearce, Fannie Mae and Jim Savage.

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

John and Linda Hyland by T. Bankston

*Anders Johnson by N. Green

Barbara Wise by J. Wise

Jonathan and Leonard Vining, Margaret Martin, Ray Koch, Doreen Cook and Cyndy Barton by B. Koch

Maddie Keith, Emma Evans and her family, and Carl Nulta by A. Breland

Scotty Branham by B. Branham

Cathy and Kimberly Napp by M. Snuggs

Hai, Beth and Collin Newton and Billy Ray, Micah and Luke Fawns by M. Fritz

Anna Brooks by E. Griffin

Allison Hudson by J. Frierson

Melody Hoobler by B. and J. Hoobler

Billy Ainsworth and Carol Evans by B. Furr

Leia Baker by J. West

John Peace and Joey Hagwood by H. Hancock

Joy Fulton by T. Reahard

Michelle Harding by E. Devereaux

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

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.