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Our Mission

*Making disciples
of Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.*

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**A Foundation is
Laid!**

Maybe you've noticed that we've been moving a lot of dirt around here. That's because we needed a solid foundation on which to build. We discovered that about the first three feet of soil was actually a sandy soil mixture that would not compact. So, all that had to be removed and shale brought in. Now we are ready for the next steps.

On that foundation we will lace rebar, form up and pour concrete. Before the concrete is poured electrical and plumbing service will be run underground.

When the slab is sufficiently cured we will start erecting steel. As we begin that process we will have a beam signing to allow everyone to sign their name to a major support beam. Your name will always be there. Look for it in early November!

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NEWSLETTER



How Pastoral Transitions Are Made

In the United Methodist Church we have what is called an appointment system for deploying pastors to churches. Any pastor can be appointed to any church at any time. When someone becomes a United Methodist Pastor they willingly become part of that process. It is usually a very effective process because it means that no United Methodist Church is without a pastor for very long. Here's briefly how the process works.

When a pastoral change is needed (in this case my retirement), the District Superintendent meets with the SPRC (Personnel Committee) to discuss the state of the church and the needs of the church related to pastoral leadership. (That meeting has already happened.) The District Superintendent then takes that information back to a meeting with the Bishop and Cabinet (the seven other District Superintendents) and shares the concerns and needs of the church. The Cabinet will consider from several hundred pastors which one might be a good match for that particular church. What can complicate the system is that when one pastor is moved, it's like a domino effect that usually results in several other moves among the churches as well. The needs of the pastors also have to be considered. Such things as a spouse's occupation, needs of children, and gifts and experience of the pastor are also taken into consideration.

The District Superintendent will then bring the recommendation of the Bishop and Cabinet back to the SPRC for further discussion. If they feel this is a good match, an interview with the pastor under consideration will be arranged. It will be a time for the SPRC members and recommended pastor to have a frank discussion about any other issues that may or may not make this a good match. This is a closed meeting.

When there is agreement on the proposed pastoral appointment, the Bishop will "seat" the incoming pastor, making the appointment official. The District Superintendent will then coordinate the transition with the pastors and the church. So, what is your part in this? PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! For God's will to be done in your church and in the lives of the pastors.

Rev. Al Potts

United Methodist Men's Ministry



Men in Mission!

Our own Jason Blalock is headed to Guatemala this month to be a witness there of Christ's love through his service to the people. As part of a group of linemen and electrical engineers they will be bringing electrical power to a remote village. That will mean running about three miles of electrical lines and setting poles to support them. There are no bucket trucks where they will be working. It's all setting poles, climbing poles, and pulling wire the old fashioned way. It's hot, hard, dangerous work. Keep Jason and his team in your prayers!

One of Jason's goals is to train and equip one of the men in the village to continue on with the work. To do that he is taking professional pole climbing equipment that he will leave with the trainee. The equipment cost about \$1000. The United Methodist Men have bought the equipment he is to take and others in the church have given another \$240 for other supplies. Jason will be sharing with us in one of our UMM meetings after he returns.

UMM's will also continue their ministry to first responders, providing a meal, a word of appreciation and encouragement, and a pocket size devotional to carry with them. The next group of first responders will be local volunteer fire departments. All men and their sons are encouraged to attend our monthly meeting on the fourth Sunday morning in each month at 7:45 am. We keep it simple with coffee and donuts so that we save our time for devotional, testimonies, and planning our mission.

Fred Mos, Presi-

Movie Night

Sunday October 8 6:00 pm

The Case for Christ

Investigative Reporter, Lee Strobel, is forced to examine the basis of the Christian faith when he sees the change in the life of his wife.

Free Movie, Refreshments and Nursery



S.M.I.L.E. News Senior Ministry Is Life Enhancing

Our S.M.I.L.E. group for senior citizens will be meeting for a potluck lunch on Thursday, October 12 at noon at the church. Please bring your favorite dish and come and SMILE with us!

Janie Hensley

Free Community Breakfast

Come and help with our Free Community Breakfast on Saturday, October 28. Cooks arrive at 8:00 a.m. The Breakfast is served from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Prayer List

New & Short Term Requests*

- Jordan Miller
- Tracy Lowder
- Bill London
- Delores Carter
- Cindy Lattimore
- Trad Lattimore
- Mike Henson
- The Family of E. B. Sanders
- Julio Hernandez
- The Family of Shelby Cramb
- Colton Loyd

On-Going Needs

Jo Cristel	Corey Byford
Bea Anderson	Leon Long
Faye Norlander	Erleen Long
Jaime Wright	Don Bickel
Dr. Bert Corley	Max Nimmo
Yvonne Green	Joy Vann
Ruthann Gacey	Rev. Al Potts
Joyce Brant	

Our Service People

Jeremy Rogers, MD	Caleb Ganster, OK
Nathan Ganster, TX	Richard Lopez, FL
Earl Plumlee, Philippines	Greg Luttrell, NC
Jonathan Ganster, AZ	Canaan Harrison, Germany
Tim Hintz, MO	Jessica McMillian, MD
Pearce Linker, AK	Jennifer Rogers-Cooper, Germany
Brett Sandum, Italy	Tanner Ely, Italy
Matt Walkingstick, WA	Conner Bryan, TX
Hobbs Stroud, GA	Dalan Legg, GA

*Names on this list will remain for three weeks.

Call Anne Bottorff, (918) 775-2072, to start the Prayer Chain.

If you want to add a name to this list, please call the church office at 918-775-2538.

Ministry Calendar

Sundays

Connect Band Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
 Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Mondays

Covenant Group at 1:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.
 Wesleyan Way Share Group at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Wesleyan Way Share Group in the Parlor
 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Snack Supper from 5:00—5:30 p.m.
 Kids' Construction Zone from 5:30—6:30
 p.m.
 Youth meet from 5:30—6:30 p.m.
 Wesleyan Way Share Group from 6:00 to
 7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00
 p.m.

Thursdays

Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays

Alcoholics Anonymous at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 8

Movie Night at 6:00 p.m., "The Case for
 Christ"

Thursday, October 12

SMILE potluck lunch at noon.

Sunday, October 22

UM Men's Breakfast at 7:45 a.m.

Friday, October 27

UM Women's meeting at 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 28

Free Community Breakfast from 9—10:30

October Birthdays

- 1 Judith Fitzsimmons
- Fred Mos
- 3 Ann Davidson
- 4 Dow Duke
- Cindy Sanders
- 5 Bob Walden
- 15 E. B. Sanders
- 16 Clara Clark
- 19 Michael Trimble
- Geneva Compton
- 20 Cherie Sanders
- 25 Gearl Luttrell
- 28 Nate Asbill
- 30 Lea Lessley

October Anniversaries

- 11 Wayne & Earlene Ford
- Leon & Judith Fitzsimmons
- 20 Bryan & Maco Warner
- 26 Leon & Erleen Long
- 29 Fred & Mary Sue Mos

**Visit our website to get
 more information about
 upcoming events:
www.sallisawfumc.org**



Wednesdays

For Kids 5 yrs—5th grade

Snack Supper: 5:00pm—5:30pm \$2.00

(Adults invited too: \$3.00)

Construction Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Stories

Games

Music Crafts

Drama



Dinner Menu for October

October 4: Hot Dogs, chips with all
 the extras

October 11: Spaghetti, salad, dessert

October 18: Fall Break

October 25: Casserole, vegetable,
 salad, dessert

Great Food! Great Price!

Seconds are usually available.

Thank You for Making

Construction Zone a Success!

Special thanks to Pat Heflebower and
 Debbie Bartel who organized this great
 ministry.

Also "Thank You" to our teachers,
 support team, start up team, clean up
 team, and helpers. You are a blessing to
 all of us here!



The Wesleyan Way Group Meetings

Sundays @ 9 am Mondays @ 10 pm
 Tuesdays @ 2 pm Wednesdays @ 6pm

In our groups we'll share together what we've been learning from our weekly readings and praying for each other and our church. Pick a group that works for your time schedule. Child care is available on Wednesdays and Sunday School classes for children and youth on Sundays.



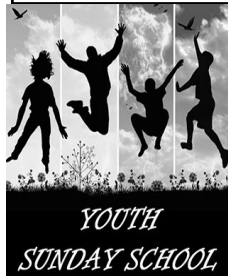
Happy fall!!!! Now if the weather would just feel fall-ish..

Our youth group is now known as JAM (Jesus And Me). Wednesday evening JAM has been a success!!! The kids have been helping serve the meal from 5:00-5:30. We then meet up in our youth room for our JAM session which includes games, videos, and a lesson. They continue to stump me with great questions every Wednesday, which I enjoy because it

shows me they are involved and interested in learning about His Word!! Researching these questions are teaching us awesome Bible research skills!!

On October 11th, the Campbells have graciously offered to host a hayride at their house. More details to come.

If you know of any youth grades 6-12 that would love to join us, we meet Sundays at 9:00 am and Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 we serve food then 5:30-6:30 is our JAM session.



9:00 am in the
 Youth Room
 Jr and Sr Highs



Wednesdays at
 5:00 pm



Music Ministry

Greetings Church.

Fall is in the air. That crisp 95 degree afternoon breeze makes one long for a tall glass of sweet iced tea in the shade!!! Wow! I hope by the time you read this, it really is fall.

I enjoy knowing the origins of some of the songs and hymns we sing. In years past, like today, some musicians make their living by writing music. Song writers, like Fanny Crosby would write hundreds of songs, some good, some just average, mostly forgotten. Some songs resonate with the church and some don't. Some songs are based on life events and some are just based on meditation of God's truths, reading of scripture, a sermon or other inspiration.

The song "Revive Us Again" was written in 1863 by W.P. Mackay. It was probably one of those hymns that was published and used occasionally, especially during revivals. But Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association latched on to it and made it more commonplace in the modern church. He writes:

"Revive Us Again" is a gospel song that we have used in almost every evangelistic crusade since 1946. When we sing it, we often revert to the ancient practice of antiphony which was common in the performance of the Hebrew psalms.

In the refrain, the audience on one side of the auditorium or stadium will sing "Hallelujah!" and those on the other side will echo "Thine the glory, and so on until the final phrase "revive us again," which we sing in unison.

Sometimes we have sung the hymn responsively over long distances. In our final meeting in Sydney, Australia, in 1959, the first phrase was sung by 80,000 people in the Royal Agriculture Society's **Showground**. They were answered by 70,000 people in the Cricket Ground, almost two blocks away. In 1955, by use of a telephone in relay, the folk in Bangor, North Wales responded to the audience in Glasgow, Scotland.

Wouldn't it be neat in a few months to sing "Revive Us Again" antiphonally between our old and new worship centers?? Just a thought.

Bro. Don

Psalm 149

1 Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.