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Issue I

GRAND AVENEWS

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9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
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10:00am
Worship

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Welcome Taylor Gauge!

Grand Avenue welcomes Taylor Gauge Reynolds, infant son of Jason and Kati Reynolds. Taylor Gauge was born Thursday, April 29 at the Baptist Health Medical Center in Stuttgart. Taylor Gauge was 19.5 inches long at birth and weighed 6lbs 15oz. He is the grandson of Bob and Gwen Reynolds and Carroll and Linda Stith.

The Fellowship Hall will be used as a voting precinct on May 18.



The Youth will be sponsoring a trip to Dickey-Stephens Park on May 16th. The entire church is invited to attend. Cost for the ticket will be \$5.00 and will include an All-You-Can-Eat hotdog buffet. We will be taking the church bus but can only take 15 passengers. Please let the church office know if you are going by Monday, April 26.

The church wide Pancake Breakfast honoring all mothers is next Sunday, May 9, beginning at 8am. The men are inviting everyone (families and singles) to attend this Mother's Day breakfast.

*Mother's Day
Breakfast*



The Administrative Council of the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church is sponsoring a fish fry from 5pm to 7pm on Thursday, May 27 with all proceeds going toward the general budget in an effort to help fund the programs of our church.

All members are being asked to help by selling tickets. Tickets to sell will be distributed to every church family. If you sell the five tickets and are able to sell more, please call the Church Office for additional tickets. We will need to have a count of sold tickets by Monday, May 24. Please call the Church Office (673-6317) or Judy Jacobs (673-2555) to report the amount of tickets you have sold.

If you do not wish to sell tickets, please return them to the Church Office or hand them to an usher on Sunday morning. Please know you are not obligated or under any pressure to sell these tickets.

Thank you for helping make this a successful project!

Meetings this month: Trustees - 5/17 @ 7pm in the Church Office; Finance - 5/18 @ 7pm in the Library; Admin Council - 5/18 @ 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Up but not away



Many Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which refers to a post-resurrection event that took place 40 days after Easter. This year it occurs on May 13.

According to Luke, Jesus led his friends to a Jerusalem suburb called Bethany. While on a small mountain, he blessed his friends and then rose into heaven while they watched.

The ascension was such a momentous occasion that after Jesus disappeared, his followers had a worship service at the spot. Then they “returned to Jerusalem with great joy” (Luke 24:52, NRSV).

Because Christ had promised to be with his followers always (Matthew 28:20), from then on they knew he would be with them as Spirit. Jesus’ body was up and away, but spiritually he was still and always would be their companion.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

The 2010 Annual Conference is June 6 - 9 (Sunday - Wednesday) at The Hot Springs Convention Center.

- Sunday, June 6: The Last Celebration of Holy Communion with Pastor George E. Rook
Sunday, June 27: The last Sunday for Pastor George E. Rook to be with us.
Tuesday, June 29: Moving Day for all clergy being reassigned in the Arkansas Annual Conference.
Sunday, July 4: The first Sunday for Pastor Edward E. Wyers to preach at Grand Avenue.

TOUR OF GRAND AVENUE BOOKLET (reprinted)

“A Tour of The Grand Avenue United Methodist Church,” an informational booklet about the symbolism and significant features found in our sanctuary, has been reprinted after the initial printing from a year ago was depleted. Copies are available free of charge from the literature rack at the side entrance of the sanctuary. The booklet is based on the “Talking Points” covered by the current pastor in his annual Confirmation Class tour of the sanctuary and contains supplementary information. The booklet was written by Pastor George E. Rook and “is dedicated to those faithful ones of past, present and future generations who have made Grand Avenue into the congregation I will always cherish.” Out of town readers may order copies from the Church Office: 803 S. Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, AR 72160.

The March/April issue of “The Upper Room” (regular and large print) is now available free of charge from the narthex, the literature rack on the back wall of the sanctuary and the literature rack at the side entrance of the sanctuary.

Thank you so much for all the prayer cards, calls, visits and love shown to my family during dad’s lengthy illness. My church family means so much to me especially during this time of loss and sorrow for our loved one.
Love you all! Wendy Lindley
“The South Family”

FROM THE PASTOR

The season of Easter remains well underway; therefore, how well are you progressing in your spiritual formation with the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus still fresh in mind? Has revisiting these crucial events in the life of Jesus made any difference in your intention of being a good disciple, as in being a good learner and follower of Jesus?

It has been said there is no advancement in athletic ability without the desire to improve. This is also true in the spiritual realm where if you don't want to learn, don't want to be a better disciple, don't want the development of a Christian character and conscience, then none of this will happen. On the other hand, if you desire and want to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, the image of Christ will certainly be etched onto your mind, character and behavior.

I am hopeful you will cultivate the desire to take your discipleship seriously so that you become the person Jesus would have you be. In time, you will even discover the fruit of the Spirit has made itself known in the person you have become: “. . . the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Galatians 5:22, 23a).

- George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

Jim Gingerich; Claudia Roebbeke; Arva Ideker; Dale Tull; Tami Shelton; Norma Mattison; Ruby Self; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Melvin Tipton; Michael Acklin; Cletus Carlock; Juanita Pierce; Denise Black; Joy Buerkle Rush; Bobbie Green; Darrell Gray; Tony Sherrod; Floyd Brothers; Maurine Smith; Rhena Phelps; Jillian Sanders and Cohen Sanders on the occasion of their recent baptism into Christ and his Church; The birth of Taylor Gauge Reynolds (son of Jason and Kati Reynolds born at Baptist Stuttgart and hospitalized at Children's Little Rock; For all those in all of the states affected by tornadoes in recent weeks; All our sick and shut-in; President Barack Obama; Congress and our Leaders; The Leaders of our Allies; Members of the US, UK and Coalition Armed Forces and their Families; The families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Spotlight Class: Challengers Sunday School Class is currently studying "Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine". This class meets on the 2nd floor across from the nursery. A few of the members of this class are: Tom and Joyce Roth, Heather Raper, Angie Carlock, Tim and Liz Melson, Alan Bardwell and Bob & Cindy Crum.

Other Classes to Choose From Are:

Young Adults 2nd floor
"Crazy Love - Overwhelmed By A Relentless God"

Pathfinders Church office
"Troublesome Bible Passages"

Crusaders Library
"Irresistible Invitation"



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rock Solid

PreK 3 – 4th Grade Building A Heart of Faith

Paul Tells the Good News

May 9 Saul's Escape

May 16 Saul and Barnabas

May 23 Pentecost

May 30 Paul and Lydia

5th – 6th Grade - Books of the Bible

Jr. High - Does God Love Me No Matter What?

Sr. High - Good God Theater – DVD Series



April Perfect Attendance

*Regan, Whitney and Wrana Tull
Ben Griffin and Kailyn Domrase*



ATTENTION VBS STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS!

We will be having a planning meeting on Sunday, May 16th! Please come with a list of all materials you will be needing for VBS. If you are interested in helping please contact Kristian Dabbs 674-4115 or email kkrisell@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-28.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend or help! Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Clarence South
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Currie
Mr. & Mrs. John Newkirk & family
Mr. & Mrs. Donald McCauley
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brothers
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Carnahan
Mildred Beverly
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Ragan
Mrs. Eunice Montgomery
Pastor George E. Rook
The Crusaders Sunday School Class
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Mr. & Mrs. Alan Bardwell
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Patterson
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Roth

In memory of Bea Ratekin
given by

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lucke
Mrs. Eunice Montgomery
Mrs. Mary Alice Acklin
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Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Patterson
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as a gift to the GAUMC Music Fund
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Swimming Lessons

June 14 - 25

Classes will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for one hour each. The first session time will be from 8-9am and the second session from 9-10am.

The instructors will be Shelby Free and Hannah Hopson, both with two years of life guarding experience and certified in CPR.

**For more information contact:
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