

June 17, 2009

# GRAND AVENEWS

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## Sunday Schedule

9:00am  
Sunday School\*

9:45am  
Fellowship

10:00am  
Worship

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## **WIDOW OF FORMER PASTOR DIES**

Mary Ella Fair, widow of Pastor Cagle E. Fair, died May 9 at the Independence Care Center of Perry County, Missouri. Her husband served the Grand Avenue Church from 1979 to 1983. She was 84.

Mary Ella's funeral was May 13 at Fairview United Methodist Church in Texarkana, Arkansas with burial at East Memorial Gardens Cemetery in that city.

The sympathy of the Grand Avenue Church is extended to Mary Ella's family.

**Sympathy is also extended to Misti Garrison on the death of her stepfather, Stan Wilson. Stan died June 7 in Oklahoma.**

## **Community Campaign "ENSURING NUTRITION FOR SENIORS"**

From the Resource Center for the Aging - RCA is collecting the Ensure diet supplement for their clients who are on dialysis, are diabetic and who have cancer. Some clients have been recommended by their physician to utilize this supplement

which is why this fundraiser is so important. The shelves at RCA have been empty since September 2008. Their goal is to collect 1,000 cans or 1,000 six-packs of Ensure.

Grand Avenue will be collecting cans of Ensure and you may bring the cans or packs to the Church office. For more information you may call

Arlexia A. Thornton, Director of Resource Center for the Aging at 672-4771.

Thank you for your support!



## **FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 21**

*I  Dad*



Church Softball will be played in July, make your plans to play. Full details have not been released yet.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY, JULY 31 ~ 5:30 to 8:00PM and SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 ~ 9:00am-3:00pm**



The UMM Hamburger Supper is Thursday July 9, from 5 to 7pm. Tickets are only \$8.00 each. Proceeds go to fund Tanako Camp Scholarships, The Valentine Banquet, The Mothers Day Breakfast and other projects with special emphasis on the Youth. Please call the church office and let them know how many tickets have been sold. Please call on or before Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup>. **CAKES ARE NEEDED.** Please call Kay White [673-2027] and let her know you will furnish a cake. With your help, we will have a successful Supper. Thank you.

**Pastor George E. Rook was reappointed by Bishop Charles Crutchfield at last week's session of The Arkansas Annual Conference meeting in Hot Springs to serve the Grand Avenue Church, which marks the beginning of his sixteenth year at this appointment.**



## Father's Day

A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is most inspiring.

A few comments:

- Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.
- When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."
- My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."
- My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us regularly to church.

### HOW TO PRAY

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.

Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.



## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

School is out and you will soon be hearing "I'm bored".

So...have the kids check out some books in the children's library on the 2nd floor and be a part of the summer reading program at GAUMC. Books may be checked out during Sunday morning or anytime the church is open. Children may select any book on their reading level. Parents are then to initial on the reading log when the child has completed the book. The child returns the log to any children's Sunday School teacher and the book to the children's library. Reading logs can be picked up at the church office or in the children's library. At the end of the summer prizes will be awarded.

### A FEW OF THE BOOKS ARE:

A View from Under the Pew

Pennies from Heaven

American Girl Collection

How Big is God?

Heartland Series

Psalms for Children

Princess Dairies

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION

The month of May brought the 10 Commandments to life for Rotation Sunday School. We learned the meaning of each commandment and the children were encouraged to learn all ten. Can you name all 10?

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy GOD in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness.

Thou shalt not covet.

June will Teach Us How To Pray. We will be learning the Lord's Prayer and it's meaning, what to say when we pray, who to pray for and where to pray. The children will learn that prayer is talking with God.

One of his disciples said to him (Jesus), "Lord, teach us to pray."

Luke 11:1

## FROM THE PASTOR

The Pastor is attending the Arkansas Annual Conference therefore, a Pastor's article is not available for this issue of the newsletter.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, TWEEN AND YOUTH

Summer has officially begun!! Well it will have on Sunday, but it feels like it outside. The Youth have been busy this past weekend. As most everyone knows we had our Bike and Build group stay with us this past Monday night and it was a huge success! There were 32 riders from all over the United States that spent the night and had supper and breakfast with us. They were very appreciative and the Youth represented Grand Avenue extremely well.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Avenue Float Trip is July 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>. We will leave on Friday and come back on Sunday. All of the youth who participated in our service project will be able to go on the trip. Others who were not able to participate will still be able to go but must pay their way.

The Youth also have a fundraiser upcoming. This will be to help cover expenses with the float trip and go to a Youth Room fund. The fundraiser is the 2009 Flamingo Migration. We will have more details on bulletin boards across the church by the end of the week, but right now we can say that Insurance is available for \$25.00 to make sure no flamingos find their way into your yard. For more info call Austin at the office or on his cell at 870-830-2682.

The Tweens will be having their pool party this Friday, all Tweens are invited to come to John Cain Pool at 6:00 until 8:00 and have a great time. Call Lainie or Austin for more information.

Children's Church will also be starting next Sunday and will be the third Sunday the next two months. All children in Rotation Sunday school are invited to come. Tweens will not be allowed in Childrens Church.

~Austin Hayes

## PRAYER LIST

Clarence South; Ruth Simpson; Amanda Cress; Ruby Self; Madeline Lucke; Donald Painter; Johnny Ruff; Dot Renner; Velma Patterson; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Hazel Riley; John Jackson; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Sherley Black; Hollie Blake; Ralph Ligon; Terry Newton; Carolyn Larkin; Charles King; Jim Kyne; Lisa Holcombe; Suzanne Stroh; Melvin Tipton; the family of Stan Wilson (especially for Misti Garrison); 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.



# 2009

**USHERS FOR JULY**  
 Derek Bohanan—Cpt.  
 Ryan Eagle  
 Brian Roth  
 Bob Crum

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Exercise 10:30am  UMM 7pm FH	3  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4  Independence Day
5	6  UMW Sack Luncheon 11:30 FH	7  Exercise 9:30am	8	9  Exercise 10:30am	10	11
12	13  Circle 2 10:30am FH  Circle 3 7:30pm	14  Exercise 9:30am	15	16  Exercise 10:30am	17 <b>YOUTH FLOAT TRIP</b>	18
<b>Pastor's Vacation</b>						←
19  Singles Luncheon	20  Trustees 7pm Church Office	21  Exercise 9:30am  Finance 7pm Library  Admin Co. 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	22	23  Exercise 10:30am	24	25
26  ICCM	27	28  Exercise 9:30am	29	30  Exercise 10:30am	31  Vacation Church School starts 5:30pm to 8pm	
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#### GROUPS & GATHERINGS

**YOUTH:** The United Methodist Youth (grades 7-12) meets each Sunday at 6pm to 7pm in the second floor Youth Wing. (contact Austin Hayes 673-6317).

**TWEENS:** The "Tweens" group (grades 5-6) meets in their room on the 3rd floor, every Sunday at 6pm . (contact Lainie Hoskyn at 659-0089).

**CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS:** Grades 5-7 meet in the choir room every Sunday at 5pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317)

**HANDS FOR HIM:** Wednesday Music Program for Children: Grades K-6 meet at 4:30pm and Pre-K will meet at 5pm. Contact Chuck Law (673-6317) or Elizabeth Hoskyn (673-0079).

**THE 3rd WEDNESDAY:** Adults \$3 - Children \$2 - Seniors \$2 - Fun, food & fellowship every third Wednesday. Program starts at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP - 673-6317

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Meets every Wednesday at 6pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317).

**ADULT CHOIR:** Meets every Wednesday at 7pm. (Chuck Law 673-6317).

**EXERSICE:** Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the FH; and every Thursday at 10:30am in the FH.

**Other groups meet weekly and/or monthly. Please check the calendar for meeting times and dates.**