

July 19, 2007

GRAND AVENEWS

Staff

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Pastor

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Director of
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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship*

*Child Care Provided

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Vernon Simpson. Vernon died Tuesday, July 17 at the Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock.



YOUTH MINISTRY AT GRAND AVENUE

Are You Called To Youth Ministry? An energetic, inspiring individual who will serve as a Christian role model and be the director of our youth program beginning this September is invited to visit with the Pastor to share his or her vision of youth ministry. Please call the Church Office to schedule an appointment: 673-6317. Perhaps you know someone you might encourage to enter this important ministry!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the UMM Hamburger Supper and also to everyone who bought or sold tickets!



Grand Avenue College Students: Please remember to provide the Church Office with your mailing addresses (also your e-mail) when your autumn enrollment has been completed. This will allow us to send you care packages and to place you on the newsletter mailing list. Thank you!

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING THE PASTOR'S VACATION

The Pastor will be on vacation July 18-31 and August 15-28 (he will be on call for emergencies). The Pathfinders Sunday School Class is preparing a very special service for July 22 while our own Clara Dobson will be preacher and worship leader on July 29. Bob Crum is planning the Gideon Service for August 19 (Grand Avenue has two members of the Gideons) and Lainie Hoskyn is planning our service for August 26 when she will be guest preacher. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these special services conducted by our own members.

A MISSION MINUTE — United Methodist Women

A Fall Luncheon will be held on August 25 from 11:00 – 1:00 in the fellowship hall. The lunch menu will feature recipes from the Grand Heritage Cookbook. Many of our Grand Avenue members (men, women and children) will be modeling fashions from Belk. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from any UMW member or the church office. A limited number of tickets are available.

The Youth River Retreat scheduled for the weekend of July 21/22 has been POSTPONED



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES

Hello Everyone,

Thank You David for singing in church this past Sunday and sharing your wonderful voice.

I am in St. Louis this week attending The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. I will be attending classes and workshops as well as performing during the week in various services and concerts. Musicians, Pastors and Laypeople from across the country will be in attendance and I am looking forward to learning and hearing about other programs and bringing my experiences back to Grand Avenue United Methodist.

During the summer while the choir is taking a break from rehearsals we will have members of the choir and guests singing. On August 5th the choir will feature the Men. I would like to invite any male in the congregation to make plans to come and sing in the choir that day. We will sing through our selected anthem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" as soon as Sunday school finishes that morning. All you have to do is come to the choir room and sing.

We will be starting back this fall with both feet running with lots of things already planned for our choir, hand bells and youth programs. The Wesley Hymn festival will be October 21st at First United Methodist Church and will involve a mass choir and orchestra in celebration. Please mark your calendars now to attend this special service.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Mr. Chuck



NEWS FROM THE WEBELO SCOUT GOD AND FAMILY SUMMER CLASS: The Webelos scouts are working on their religious emblem as the second part of the God & Country series Bible studies this summer. Last summer they recycled soda tabs for Arkansas Children's Hospital (which is still an ongoing process) and this summer they are going to be making care packages for patients at Stuttgart Regional Medical Center. The scouts are making greeting cards for the patient's food trays to help brighten their day while in the hospital. The care packages they will put together will consist of all travel size items: baby lotion, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste and a bar of soap. If you would like to help the scouts out in donating any of these items you may drop them off at the church office or in a box that will soon be in the fellowship hall. These Scouts are working very hard this summer on this Bible Study. They are devoting an hour and a half each week to learning the bible stories and how they can grow as a family from these stories. The big thing they have to learn this summer is all Ten Commandments. Coming soon in the fellowship hall will be a display of what they are learning. Thanks for supporting the scouts!

New flooring has been installed this week in the Kitchen, and in the upstairs nursery and adjoining room. Drop by and take a look!

The 2008 budget is being planned. If your work area requires funding in 2008, please file your request with the Church Office by Tuesday, September 11.

2007 Softball s c h e d u l e

**The team listed 1st
will be the home team
and use the 3rd base dugout.**

Key

- 1 St. John's Lutheran
- 2 First United Methodist
- 3 First Baptist of Almyra
- 4 Grand Avenue United Methodist**
- 5 First Baptist - White
- 6 First Baptist - Blue
- 7 First Baptist - Red (youth)

Date	Time	Field 1
July 10th	5:45	1 vs 6
	6:45	1 vs 4
	7:45	2 vs 3
July 12th	5:45	4 vs 2
	6:45	5 vs 1
	7:45	3 vs 1
July 17th	5:45	2 vs 7
	6:45	3 vs 6
	7:45	4 vs 5
July 19th	5:45	5 vs 3
	6:45	6 vs 2
	7:45	2 vs 4
July 31st	5:45	5 vs 6
	6:45	6 vs 7
	7:45	4 vs 7
Aug 2nd	5:45	7 vs 3
	6:45	6 vs 1
	7:45	1 vs 2

Date	Time	Field 1
Aug 7th	5:45	7 vs 5
	6:45	2 vs 5
	7:45	3 vs 4
Aug 9th	5:45	6 vs 4
	6:45	4 vs 3
	7:45	5 vs 2
Aug 13th	5:45	7 vs 6
	6:45	7 vs 1
	7:45	1 vs 5
Aug 14th	5:45	7 vs 2
	6:45	6 vs 3
	7:45	5 vs 4
Aug 16th	5:45	3 vs 5
	6:45	2 vs 6
	7:45	7 vs 4
Aug 17th	5:45	1 vs 3
	6:45	1 vs 7



FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 9

Friendship Sunday is September 9. This is a great day for attracting first time visitors to our congregation and long lost members back to church. It's as simple as inviting others to come join us in our discipleship with Christ.

In the next few days, please complete the FRAN Cards (as many as you like) with the names and limited information of those individuals (neighbors, co-workers, friends, classmates, and relatives) you would like our congregation to extend special invitations to for the activities planned on September 9. You will need to return these cards to the Church Office or place them in the collection plate by August 26.

Finally, we will need volunteer "FRANs" from different groups in our church to make personal visits or phone calls to invite persons to our church on Sept. 9th for Worship, Sunday School, and a Friendship Meal. Won't you volunteer to be a "FRAN" when your group is contacted?

- Remember:
- (1) Friendship Sunday is September 9.
 - (2) FRAN Cards will be distributed in July.
 - (3) Return the FRAN Cards by August 26.
 - (4) Volunteer "FRANs" are needed from classes and groups.

FRAN CARD	
Friend, Relative, Associate, and Neighbor	
I was a stranger and you invited me in. <i>Matthew 25:35</i>	
Name _____	Approx. Age _____
Address (if available) _____	
Telephone (if available) _____	
Children Living at Home _____	Approx. Age _____
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Submitted by:	
_____ Neighbor	_____ Friend
_____ Relative	_____ Co-worker

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It is time for a new member directory and we need your help! There are several options in which to provide us your current information: Call us at 673-6317 or email us at gaumc@centurytel.net or turn the provided form into the Church Office. We appreciate your help!

MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

NAME _____

CHILDREN _____

ADDRESS _____

PH# _____

EMAIL _____

Vacation time is now here for your Pastor. This allows me the opportunity of attending worship elsewhere on my Sundays off. I have always enjoyed the opportunity of worshipping with other congregations while on vacation and have discovered these worshipers are people just like us. Of course, there are differences in our worship services and some of these differences are quite meaningful. I have even learned some hymns new to me from the congregations I have visited!

One of the churches I attended in Honolulu actually has side walls that slide entirely open to what we call verandas (they call them lanais). Another church I normally attend in Honolulu has a large "friendship time" after worship. This friendship time with plenty of food is held underneath the trees at the side of the church.

When only a vacationing school student, I once attended St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Springfield, Illinois. Here, I did learn a hymn that was new to me, "Jerusalem, My Happy Home." The words of this hymn are both beautiful and meaningful. There was something very unique about worship at St. Paul's in that a large tower bell was rung during the communion liturgy at the sanctus (holy, holy, holy) on each singing of the word "holy," at the elevation of the consecrated bread and at the elevation of the consecrated wine. This practice of ringing bells during worship is actually common in some parts of the world so that individuals absent from worship because of sickness or work might hear the ringing of the bells, know the progression of the service and be in prayer with the worshipping congregation.

I have many cherished memories of many worship services I have attended on vacation. I hope your vacation time will also bless your spiritual formation with similar memories to cherish.

- George E. Rook

PRAYER LIST

Rita Cress; Katherine Thompson; Ruby Self; Elmer Grant; Phaedra Farar; Brayden Black; Tammy Wilson; Willa Lambert; Ray Holsted; Beth Ragan Adams; Clarence Thomason; Tim Walton; Fred McCuistion; Brenda Crum; John Robert Graves; Robert Lisko; Linda Fisher; Joni Thomas; Clifford Burdett; Steve Tranna; Susan Blake; Loma Essex; Sam Scales; Kelly Williams; Karen Aureli; Regina Earlywine; Amanda Bakowski; David Flynn; Bailey Simpson; Bethany Jackson; The family of Vernon Simpson; Cathie Jones; Casey Jones; Ellen Southall; Sylvia Mills; Clio Clary; All our sick and shut-in; President George Bush; 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.