

July 30, 2008

GRAND AVENEWS

Staff

George E. Rook
Pastor

Chuck Law
Director of
Music Ministries

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship

*Child Care Provided

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Without A Will, You Have No Say

One of the most powerful and lasting ways of furthering the Church's mission is by making a gift through your will. But it requires planning now to ensure your wishes are carried out. If you die without a will:

- State law controls the distribution of your estate;
- Settling your estate may be costly;
- A court selects the person to settle your affairs and care for your children;
- Your desire to leave gifts to your church or other favorite charities will not be carried out.

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The Pastor will be on vacation July 23—August 5 and August 20—September 3. David Relyea of Almyra will be our guest speaker and worship leader on August 3 (no Holy Communion). Gideon Sunday will be August 24 with Bob Crum serving as worship leader. Agnes Jackson will be our guest speaker and worship leader on August 31.

HAVE YOU READ YOUR "UPPER ROOM" TODAY?

Youth and adults are invited to make "The Upper Room" a part of each day. The daily scripture readings, devotional, prayer and "Thought For The Day" are a convenient way to increase your spiritual formation. Each edition of "The Upper Room" also includes a prayer workshop section located in the middle of the publication. A format for weekly small group Bible study is found at the back of the booklet. Perhaps you would like to have a small group Bible study in your home or as part of a group meeting or as a new Sunday School class at Grand Avenue. This section would be an excellent fit! If you as a youth or as an adult are not currently reading "The Upper Room," you are invited to take home a free copy located in the narthex, in the literature rack at the side entrance of the sanctuary and in various classrooms around the church. Take home a copy today!

NURSERY ATTENDANTS NEEDED

We are in need of substitute nursery attendants. Applications may be made through the Church Office. A background check is required. If a former nursery attendant cannot return on a regular basis, we will also need an additional full time attendant.

Sunday School News

Please join us this year for our back to school kick off on September 7. We are planning something special for Promotion Sunday. All of our church kids are invited to attend. We will have more details coming soon.

This year we will be learning about Bible heroes. We will be learning about Daniel & the Lion, David the Boy, Esther, Jonah, Paul, as well as Signs of Faith, Christmas and Easter.

We would like to thank all of those who helped with Rotation Sunday School last year. The rotation is three Sundays out of the month. We would encourage everyone to participate. We have a great group of kids and this is a fun way to get to know them.

We also offer a Junior/Senior High Class. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us.

Music News



Wednesday Youth Handbell Group

The new group that was just recently started is doing great! Grand Avenue youth are learning how to ring bells and are being introduced to the wonderful world of handbells. Handbell choirs are a rich tradition for any church to have and we are fortunate to already have a magnificent adult group and now a new youth group. Thank you very much for your attendance and effort that everyone is putting out. Plans are being made to perform in a few weeks in church and your continued attendance at rehearsals is greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is quickly coming and I want to encourage everyone to participate. The music this year is very fun to sing and we will have a lot of fellowship and fun putting it together.

Hands for Him

New and exciting plans have been made for the 2008/09 children's music program at Grand Avenue including a name change for our weekly Wednesday program. After this spring, our program will be officially renamed "Hands for Him" and will include a new class that will be led by Charlotte Eagle for Pre-K 3 and 4 year olds that will be started as well as changing the actual times that the program meets on Wednesdays. **Classes for children in grades K through 2nd will meet at 4:30pm and students in 3rd through 6th will meet at 5:00pm.** Our new class will start at 5:00pm to allow parents to bring their children to the church. Elizabeth Hoskyn will work with the children providing them with Christian activities and lesson plans that will coordinate with the music. Our program is a success because of the volunteers, parents and participants! **All programs will start the week after Labor Day, September 10th.** Please contact Mr. Chuck at the church office (673-6317) if you have any questions.



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USHERS FOR AUGUST

Tommy Hoskyn—Cpt.
Rhett Oliphant
Tony Carlock
Pat Mayfield

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
NO MEETINGS FOR TRUSTEES, FINANCE & ADMIN COUNCIL						
3	4 UMW Sack Luncheon 11:30 FH	5 Exercise 9:30am	6	7 Exercise 10am UMM 7pm FH	8	9
10	11 Circle 2 10:30am FH Circle 3 7:30pm	12 Exercise 9:30am	13 Circle 1 5:30p FH	14 Exercise 10am	15	16 FH—Reserved
17 Singles Luncheon	18	19 Exercise 9:30am	20	21 Exercise 10am	22	23 UMW Fall Luncheon
<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div> Pastor's Vacation Aug 20—Sept. 3						
24	25	26 Exercise 9:30am	27	28 Exercise 10am	29	30
						<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div> ICCM 31

FRAN CARD

Friend, Relative, Associate, and Neighbor
I was a stranger and you invited me in. *Matthew 25:35*

Name _____ Approx. Age _____

Address (if available) _____

Telephone (if available) _____

Children Living at Home _____ Approx. Age _____

Submitted by:

_____ Neighbor

_____ Friend

_____ Relative

_____ Co-worker

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 7

Friendship Sunday is September 7. 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 7. You will need to return these cards to the Church Office or place them in the collection plate by August 31.

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. 7th 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 7.
 - (2) FRAN Cards will be distributed in July.
 - (3) Return the FRAN Cards by August 31.
 - (4) Volunteer "FRANs" are needed from classes and groups.

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Church Softball Schedule 2008



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

- 1 First Baptist Stuttgart Red
- 2 First Baptist Stuttgart White
- 3 First Baptist Stuttgart Blue
- 4 St. Johns Lutheran
- 5 First United Methodist
- 6 First Baptist Almyra
- 7 **Grand Avenue UMC**
- 8 Harmony Baptist

DATE	TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 2
Tuesday 7/15	6:00	3 vs 8	
	7:00	4 vs 7	
	8:00	2 vs 1	
Thursday 7/17	6:00	1 vs 7	
	7:00	8 vs 6	
	8:00	5 vs 6	
Tuesday 7/22	6:00	2 vs 5	
	7:00	5 vs 3	
	8:00	4 vs 1	
Thursday 7/24	6:00	7 vs 8	2 vs 1
	7:00	6 vs 2	7 vs 4
	8:00	6 vs 1	3 vs 4
Tuesday 7/29	6:00	3 vs 5	
	7:00	6 vs 7	
	8:00	6 vs 4	
Thursday 7/31	6:00	8 vs 1	
	7:00	3 vs 6	
	8:00	2 vs 6	
Monday 8/4	6:00	7 vs 5	8 vs 3
	7:00	2 vs 3	4 vs 5
	8:00	8 vs 4	2 vs 7
Tuesday 8/5	6:00	7 vs 1	
	7:00	6 vs 5	
	8:00	6 vs 8	
Thursday 8/7	6:00	1 vs 3	
	7:00	4 vs 2	
	8:00	5 vs 8	
Monday 8/11	6:00	8 vs 2	
	7:00	7 vs 3	
	8:00	1 vs 5	
Tuesday 8/12	6:00	1 vs 4	8 vs 7
	7:00	5 vs 2	
	8:00	4 vs 3	