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Issue I

# GRAND AVENEWS

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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 Norris Ragan on the recent death of his brother, Arden Ragan of Little Rock.

Sympathy is also extended to Alan Bardwell on the recent death of his brother, John Bardwell of Stuttgart.

The Grand Ave. Mission Team will have an organizational and informational meeting in the church library after services on Aug. 15, 2010. If you have always dreamed of participating in the field of mission work, this is your big opportunity. We will be returning to the UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, LA this winter. Even if you are not sure if you can go on the trip with us, come to the meeting and we will convince you! There is something for every individual to do at Sager Brown. It is an experience that you won't want to miss. We will be helping people in the United States as well as around the world. For more information you can contact Tom or Joyce Roth at 673-3398 or just come to the meeting.

Thank you to everyone that helped with VBS! It was a huge success! We had 57 show up the first night and a total of 75 registered! There was an average of 13 in each class! Thank you to Angie Carlock who took care of registration.

A big thank you to Jennifer Payton who was in charge of the Pre-K class! Along with Wendy Lindley and Laura Burkett they wrangled 16 3 and 4 year olds! Lisa Mooney and Linda Wyers helped in our nursery. Our other leaders included Elizabeth Hoskyn - Discovery, Melinda Hopson and Cindy Crum - Crafts, Liz Melson - Recreation, Lainie Hoskyn - Story Telling along with Peggy Gingerich, Bob Crum, and Sean Tull. Of course we couldn't have made VBS happen without our pilots, these are the leaders who lead the kids from station to station; Yolanda Tipton, LeeAnn Krisell, Hannah Hopson - K-1st, Jennifer Henley, Missy Wilson, Whitney Melson - 2nd-3rd, Tracy Teer and Robin Burkett - 4th-5th.

This year we added a new class to Grand Avenue's VBS and it work beautifully! Austin Hayes and CeCe Blackwell headed up our tween class with included 6th- 8th graders. They had 12 kids every night!!

And we couldn't have VBS without the food!! Shelley Bardwell and Amy Griffin along with Maurie Alderson (photographer too), Ruth Simpson, Fredda Voumard, Leona Fletcher, Susanne Braithwaite made and served the most delicious food!

Don't forget the decorations both upstairs and in the chapel!! Thank you to Lainie, Angie, Cindy, Linda, Yolanda, Shelley, CeCe, Robin, Jennifer, and Tracy who were there every night to hang, paint, etc.

As you can see it takes a wonderful group of people to make programs successful and I couldn't have done it without all of these wonderful people who are so committed to continually making GAUMC the best it can be!! Thank you again!! - Kristian Dabbs

## VBS Extras!!

I have 12 youth large shirts, 7 Youth Extra large shirts and 1 Adult Small leader shirt left!! Please call or email Kristian Dabbs if you would like one!! [kkrisell@yahoo.com](mailto:kkrisell@yahoo.com) or 674-4115

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Concepts	“Methodism”	1 <sup>st</sup> floor across from Library
Disciple Sunday School Class	“Crazy Love – Overwhelmed By A Relentless God”. DVD	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Challengers	“Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine”	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor across from Nursery
Pathfinders	“Faith is the Answer, But What are the Questions?”	Church Office
Crusaders	“Irresistible Invitation”	Library

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### What Does Sunday School Mean To Me....

I have always enjoyed Sunday School and especially the Pathfinders class. It means catching up with one another, exchanging ideas, discussing what is going on at Grand Avenue, as well as fellowship and learning more about the Bible and how to apply it to life. In our group discussion we feel free to express our ideas and interpretations of what we have read. Each teacher has a different perspective on the lesson each week. Our studies are varied and may be interrupted for special studies during Advent and Lent. We remark from time to time how our lesson and the sermon go hand in hand, when neither knows ahead of time what the subject will be. But, I feel that Sunday School and the Church service do go “hand and hand”.  
Agnes Jackson

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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A big thank you to all the teachers who taught this past year. Your time and efforts are much appreciated. \*\*\*Don't forget about the Grand Avenue Summer Reading Program. If you have finished a book, please return it to the library so others can also enjoy these stories.

Meridith Eagle	Rachel Eagle
Whitney Tull	John Austin Hoskyn
Kaylin Domrase	Jack Griffin
Scout Griffin	Regan Tull
Wrana Tull	

**JULY PERFECT ATTENDANCE!**

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**All children and teachers are to bring their backpacks for the Blessing of the Backpacks on August 22 during morning worship. Everyone will come to the altar for this special blessing.**

We are going to start Sunday School off this year with the following Theme September Sundays. Please post this list on your calendar.

September 5 – **God's light is so bright, we've gotta wear shades** – Wear sunglasses to SS (remove in the sanctuary when worship begins)

September 12 – **Sock it to me Jesus! Teach us how to be strong Christians!** – Wear wild and funky socks.

September 19 – **We're WILD about Grand Avenue UMC!** – Wear animal prints, animal ears or noses or t-shirts with wild animal designs.

September 26 – **Hats off to Jesus!** – Wear a hat to SS but we will want to remove them in the sanctuary to be respectful (you may carry them with you).

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In memory of Jim Gingerich  
given by  
Barbara Layher  
Dot Renner  
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Grabbe  
Dorothy D. Patterson

In memory of John Jackson  
given by  
Barbara Layher  
Dot Renner

In memory of Clarence South  
given by  
Barbara Layher  
Dot Renner  
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Grabbe

In memory of Floyd Brothers  
given by  
Mrs. Phyllis Orlicek  
Mr. & Mrs. John Grabbe

In memory of Arden Ragan  
given by  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Currie

In memory of Hazel Bennett  
as a gift to ICCM Food Bank by  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Krisell

In memory of Gloria Dickson  
as a gift to ICCM Food Bank by  
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In memory of Juanita Enderline  
as a gift to ICCM Food Bank by  
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In memory of John Bardwell  
as a gift to the Parsonage Fund by  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Clark Roth  
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In honor of Pastor George E. Rook  
given by  
Patricia Howey  
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Grabbe

In honor of Steve and Ann Currie  
as a gift to the Music Ministry Fund by  
Donna J. Davis



Hospitalizations:

If you know of anyone who needs a visit from Pastor Ed who has been admitted to a nearby hospital, please provide the Church Office with their name, room number and any other information you wish to provide.

Prayer List:

Please provide the Church Office with the names you wish to have included in our prayer list. If you see a name that should be removed, please let the Secretary know as well.

PRAYER LIST

Hollie Blake; Randy Cress; Billy Tom Fletcher; Johnny Ruff; Claudia Roebbeke; Arva Ideker; Dale Tull; Ruby Self; Louie McKissack; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Melvin Tipton; Michael Acklin; Cletus Carlock; Juanita Pierce; Joy Buerkle Rush; Tony Sherrod; Jack Coker; Myrna Peters; Holly Dabbs Whitcomb; Lindsey Neighbors Franklin; The family of Arden Ragan especially Norris; 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.

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The Sr. High Sunday School class is in need of a teacher for the upcoming year. **Full time or monthly commitments are preferred.** One of our greatest gifts to our church is our willingness to serve and our heartfelt dedication to God. Prayerfully consider your call to help build the faith journey for our children. Materials will be provided. Please contact Shelley or Austin.

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Have a family member in the military? Please send us their address and we will include it in the newsletter so that you may send cards of encouragement. Our newest member is Jonathon James, son of Eli and Martha James. We are thinking of you!

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