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Issue I

GRAND AVENEWS

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship

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Christian sympathy and love is extended to Lynette and Roland Endres on the death of Lynette's mother, Mrs. Nell Rogers Robbins of Fordyce.

Christian sympathy and love is also extended to Joe and Amy Griffin on the death of Joe's brother, Tony Sherrod.

Friendship Sunday

Sunday, September 12, 2010 is our annual Friendship Sunday Potluck. This day kicks off a new season of worship at Grand Avenue UMC as we celebrate the beginning of our new Church School year, National Grandparents Day, and the beginning of Harvest Time on the Grand Prairie. We would like everyone to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us in Christian fellowship on this day. There will be special moments during the worship service and lots of good food and fellowship at the luncheon afterwards. Maybe you know someone who is looking for a church home or just needs to renew their ties to their old one. This is a great opportunity to extend an invitation to them to join us. Since September 12 is Grandparents Day, we are extending a special invitation to all Grandparents. If you are a GAUMC Grandparent this is a great day to invite your Grandchildren and share this special day with them.



Opening of Church School is Sunday, September 12. Bibles will be presented during Morning Worship to those children entering third grade.



The 2011 budget is now being planned. If your work area requires funding in 2011, please file your request with the Church Office.



It is that time of year when the nomination of officers begins. If you want to change your position or be considered for a particular position in 2011, please let the Church Office know.



The 2011 Member Directory will be coming in a few months. If you have recently made any changes to your address, phone numbers, etc., please contact the church office with your updated information.

Please remember to turn off the lights, lock the doors and adjust the thermostats when you leave the church. Thank you!

Youth Music Programs Start Back Sunday September 19th

4:15 - 5:00 Pre K Program

4:00-4:30 K, 1st and 2nd Grade Students Music

4:30 -5:00 Activity Time

4:30 - 5:15 Handbell/Choir Youth Group One Grades 3 & 4

5:15 - 6:00 Handbell/Choir Youth Group Two Grades 5 thru 8

Calling all parents and youth participating in music this year.....

There will be a meeting right after church September 19th to pass out information for our youth music program. Please make every effort to attend this short meeting.
(If you can not attend please call Mr. Chuck at 870 672 2019)

Thank you
Mr. Chuck

Adult Handbells and Choir have started back and it is a very exciting time on Wednesday evening. If you would like to join either the adult handbell group and or the Chancel Choir please come to rehearsal. Everyone is welcome.

Grand Avenue Youth will begin Fall meetings this Sunday September 12th. Jr. High will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 and Sr. High will meet from 6:45 to 8:15. There will be a light meal from 6:45 to 7:30. All youth are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

Austin Hayes
Director of Children, Tweens, and Youth
Grand Avenue UMC
Stuttgart, AR

Lions, and Tigers, and Bears, OH MY!

To help children and their families locate their Sunday School Classes easier, we have added a welcome sign outside each room. The sign includes the age group, the name of the teacher(s), and a picture of an animal.

Here are the animal assignments:

Nursery: Lamb

Pre-K/K: Lion

1st/2nd: Tiger

3rd/4th: Bear

5th/6th: Giraffe

7th/8th: Monkeys

Sr. High: Ricebirds

Thank you!

The GAUMC Junior High School Sunday class would like to thank Mr. Nelson, Ms. Kay, Ms. Diane, and Ms. Melinda for helping us paint our Sunday School room. We appreciate the crosses that were given to us by Mr. Nelson, Ms. Kay, Ms. Diane, and Ms. Janna Townsend for the wall of crosses in our classroom. THANKS SO MUCH!



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Promotion Sunday – September 12, 2010

The Grand Avenue Methodist Church
Children and Youth Sunday School Teaching Staff

Lisa Mooney and Andrea Domrase-Nursery
Amy Griffin and Charlotte Eagle-Pre-K and K
Melinda Hopson-1st and 2nd grades
Shelley Bardwell-3rd and 4th grades
Paul and CeCe Blackwell-5th and 6th grades
Jane Ferguson-7th and 8th grades
Various – 9th – 12th grades

AUGUST PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Regan Tull
Whitney Tull
Wrana Tull
Matthew Linn
Jess Crum
Kaylin Domrase

3rd GRADE BIBLES

The following children entering into the 3rd Grade will receive their bibles during morning worship on Promotion Sunday, September 12.

Emla Caroline Holsted
Regan Makena Tull

Nicolas George James
Connor Ennis White

SUPER SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 (will want to remove them in the sanctuary to be respectful, but you may carry them with you).

MEMORIALS

In memory of Jim Gingerich
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Ragan
The Supreme Court of Arkansas
Mr. & Mrs. James D. Roth

In memory of Arden Ragan
given by
Ms. Patricia Jane Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Mayfield

In memory of Janita Hoskyn
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Mayfield

In memory of Mildred Henderson
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Mayfield

In memory of Floyd Brothers
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Donald McCauley

In memory of Tony Sherrod
given by
Mrs. Eugene Acklin

In memory of Jeffie Fletcher
given by
Mrs. Eugene Acklin

In memory of Nell Rogers Robbins
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Roth
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Roth

In memory of Tony Sherrod
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Roth

In memory of Jim Gingerich
as a gift to the Music Department
given by
Jimmy Smith
Mary Gene Smith & Family
Ms. Avon Howell

In memory of Arden Ragan
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn
Mrs. Eunice Montgomery
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Roth
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brothers

In memory of Jeffie Fletcher
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mrs. Fredda Voumard
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Roth
Mrs. Peggy Gingerich
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Roth
Mrs. Agnes Jackson
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brothers

In memory of Clara Simpson
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of James Borchert
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of Jerry Black
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
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In memory of Doris Saul Beck
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
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In memory of George R. Holcombe
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
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Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of Anna Blohm Dilday
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
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Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of Leslie Thomas Brittain
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
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Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of Virginia Perkins
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
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Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of Clarence South
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
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Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of John Jackson
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
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In memory of Janita Hoskyn
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In memory of Billy Lou Pazdera
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of Betty Oliphant
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

In memory of John Bardwell
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mrs. Eunice Montgomery
Ms. Patricia Jane Ferguson
Mrs. Fredda Voumard
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn
Mrs. Agnes Jackson
Mrs. Peggy Gingerich
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Mayfield
Mr. & Mrs. Donald McCauley
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Brothers

In memory of John Bardwell
as a gift to the Youth Fund
given by
Ms. Ann Inman

In memory of Jim Gingerich
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Ragan

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hoskyn
given by
Mrs. Fredda Voumard

In honor of Jane Ferguson
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Norris Ragan
Mrs. Fredda Voumard
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Erwin

In memory of Floyd Brothers
as a gift to the Parsonage Renovation Fund
given by
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hoskyn

FROM THE PASTOR

Reflectionson 9/11

This is another anniversary of the 9/11/2001 attacks on this nation. Two airliners were crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York. Another was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A fourth crashed in a Pennsylvania field when the passengers fought back against the terrorists who had taken over the aircraft. Do you remember where you were when you heard that the attacks were under way? Of course, you do. We all remember. We also remember the days of uncertainty which followed those attacks. My unsettled grief over the attacks comes from the unsettled world situation that continues. Our nation is still at war in Afghanistan; the ground war in Iraq is just closed, though 50,000 U.S. troops remain in that country. The terrorism which inflicted that wound on this nation has not been stopped. I would say that the world has not re-established peace; instead it has established a "new normal" which assumes the threat of terrorism everywhere, everyday. (Have you traveled by commercial airliner lately?) It was once the situation that only nations could wage war against other nations. Now, anyone can wage war against nations, cities or peoples from the privacy of their own kitchen. This is a time of yearning. We yearn for peace for ourselves and our children. We yearn for a world where people can meet and work together. All this yearning is caught up in the vision in Revelation 21: 1-2, 23-24

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband
And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.
The nations will walk by its light,
and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.*

Pray, work, speak out for the earth's peace. Let a just and lasting peace all across this world be the gift we leave our children and their children.

Prayerfully,
Bro Ed



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; Billy Tom Fletcher; Johnny Ruff; Claudia Roebbeke; Arva Ideker; Ruby Self; Louie McKissack; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Melvin Tipton; Michael Acklin; Cletus Carlock; Juanita Pierce; Joy Buerkle Rush; Jack Coker; Myrna Peters; Holly Dabbs Whitcomb; Rebecca Lawrence & family; Jessie Cheek; Charlotte Scales; The family of Tony Sherrod especially Joe Griffin; The family of Nell Rogers Robbins especially Roland Endres; 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.