



September 9, 2009

GRAND AVENEWS

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am
Sunday School*

9:45am
Fellowship

10:00am
Worship

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

Friendship Sunday is also this Sunday and will include a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. Please return your FRAN cards. You are encouraged to invite friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to join us on this special Sunday. They will, of course, be our guests at the luncheon. Thank you for your help!

GIDEON SUNDAY - A Gideon's representative will deliver a brief report following the announcements on Sunday, September 20 in what will be our usual Sunday format, including a sermon by the Pastor. There will be an opportunity to make contributions to the work of Gideon's International.



The 2010 budget is now being planned. If your work area requires funding in 2010, please file your request with the Church Office by Monday, September 21.

The Grand Avenue Tweens (Grades 5-6) will be changing their meeting dates to Wednesdays at 6-7pm. We will kickoff our new year on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. We can't wait to get started with a new year!



"Invitation To The Old Testament"

Wednesday Bible Study: "Invitation To The Old Testament," which is a short-term Disciple Bible Study of eight sessions (approximately 1.5 hours each), will be led by the Pastor beginning Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall (continuing Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18). You will need to begin class preparation one week before Session 1. You may register at the Church Office and pick up a copy of the Participant Book. The suggested donation for the book (not required) is \$9. The registration deadline is September 28.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GA Sunday School Classes are currently studying:

Young Adults – TBA

(meets on 2nd floor across from Nursery)

Challengers Class - “What Do Other Faiths Believe?”

(meets on the 2nd floor)

Pathfinders Class - “When You’re A Christian The Whole World Is From Missouri!”

(meets at the church office)

Crusaders Class - “Rich In The Things That Mean The Most”

(meets in the library)

What Sunday School Means To Me

We, the Crusaders class, are so close that we support each other in so many ways. Sometimes those sweet members of the class listen to me rant and rave about “stuff” in my life and then talk me through it.

We all share our thoughts about the lesson being taught. I think we learn a lot from each other. I respect every one of them and what they have been through so they can help me and hopefully I can pass it on to the next generation.

We have so much fun together. I am their party coordinator and everyone says they look forward to the Christmas Party at Wendy’s every year.

I thank God for Mrs. Dickie Burnett for bringing me to class.

Wendy Lindley

-Bill and I became members of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church just before our second child was born-Missy Brothers Wilson-almost 40 years ago. We joined the Pathfinders Sunday School shortly after this, and have enjoyed our weekly classes starting in the library, moving to the 2nd floor, and now meeting in the church office. During these 40 years, we have made so many life-long friends, not only in our Sunday school class, but also Grand Avenue United Methodist Church. Attending our Pathfinders class is an important part of my life as I think you could say it ends the week up right and starts it out again with a refreshing feeling of not only growing spiritually, but at the same time enjoying one another as a church family.

Martha Brothers

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Tom & Joyce Roth will be teaching a 6 week study by Andy Stanley. It is called “Twisting the Truth” and is about some common ways God’s truth gets twisted. Each one of the sessions discusses how deadly deceptions can impact us every day by destroying relationships, clouding our decisions, and distorting our perception of God. The study will begin on Sunday night, September 13. Anyone who wants to take the study can contact us at 673-3398 so we will be sure and have a study book for each participant.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS CHANGING

The Children's Sunday School Program will be changing starting in September from Rotation Sunday School to individual classroom study. The classes are as follow:

Age 3-Kindergarten	Amy Griffin	Classroom beside nursery
1 st – 2 nd grade	TBD	Art Room
3 rd -4 th grade	Shelley Bardwell	Story Room
5 th -6 th grade	CeCe Blackwell	3 rd Floor

AUGUST PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Regan Tull

Whitney Tull

Wrana Harriman

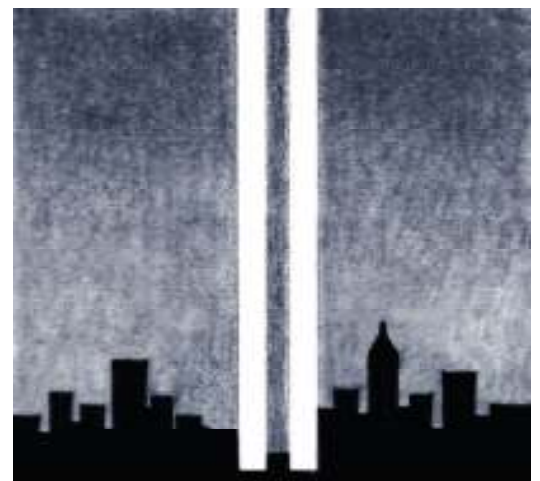
GREAT JOB!!!

Congratulations to Emla Caroline Holsted and Regan Tull for participating in the GAUMC Summer Reading Program. They both received a ribbon for their participation.

SEPTEMBER'S ACOLYTES ARE BETHANY CRUM AND WHITNEY TULL

*Thank you so much for
all the prayers, calls,
cards and food. Our
Grand Avenue Family
is so special!*

*Love you,
Madeline Lucke*



IN REMEMBRANCE OF

SEPTEMBER 11

Hands for HIM

During the weekday ministry program “Hands for HIM” we are going to be learning about the Amazing Amazon. The curriculum is designed to answer the key questions that cause so many young people to question the truth of the Bible and walk away from the Lord. Kids take an Amazon Expedition that explores the “7 C’s of History” while teaching them that the Bible is true! The 5-day, 7 C’s Amazon Expedition includes:

- Day 1 - Creation–Destination Creation
- Day 2 - Corruption–The Fall of All
- Day 3 - Catastrophe–Water, Water Everywhere
- Day 4 - Confusion–The Babel Rabble
- Day 5 - Christ, Cross, Consummation–Sad Turns to Glad

I am very excited about this curriculum and know that it will help me to answer difficult questions that children have understanding the Bible. Please continue to pray for all of the leaders that we may guide these children in the path God directs.



3rd Wednesday

Back by popular demand is the 3rd Wednesday program. If you did not attend last year.....You missed out and we missed you. Please consider joining the fellowship with your church family on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Again this year we need volunteers to donate their time and culinary talents to the program. Possible meals could be but are not limited to: spaghetti and lasagna, gumbo, pot roast, chili, chicken spaghetti, breakfast, grill cheese and soups, red beans and rice, turkey and dressing, and tacos and enchiladas. Please let Elizabeth Hoskyn (cemi999@centurytel.net or 673-0079) know as soon as possible to get you down for a month. The programs are going to be hard to beat from last year, but we are going to try. Mr. Bill has already volunteered the “Do Wap” crew one evening. Also please let CeCe Blackwell or Elizabeth Hoskyn know which month your group would be interested in the program. Please reserve these dates on your calendar.....September 23rd, October 21st, November 18th, January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, and May 19th. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and seniors with a \$10 maximum for larger families). Please come join the fellowship even if you are going to be late. We will serve until around 6:45pm and take outs will be available until the food runs out for the same prices.

FROM THE PASTOR

Students have returned to school to face new academic challenges that will help them stretch and grow. This means teachers play a pivotal role in the academic progress of their students provided, of course, the students want to learn. A person once told a college professor he knew one of his former students. Upon learning the student's name, the professor responded, "He attended my lectures but was not one of my students." This is the heartbreak of being a conscientious teacher or even a conscientious pastor. I can personally identify with that college professor!

As God's son and the Jewish messiah, Jesus was an exceptional teacher. But then, each of us is something of a teacher with parents being the primary teachers of their children from learning how to ride a bicycle to learning how to conduct one's self in public to learning the important lessons of our Christian faith. Children learn through the words and examples of their parents; therefore, be careful what you say and what you do!

What are other people in your family and community learning from you? Are they learning the values and beliefs of our Christian faith or is your life a living denial of the truths we as Christians hold dear? For good or for bad, you are a teacher; therefore, be careful what you say and what you do. Others are listening and watching.

- George E. Rook

Door-opener

When the book of Acts (see 16:25-26) reports that Paul and Silas sang in the Philippian jail at midnight, it doesn't record whether they were basses or tenors. It doesn't even report if they sang on key. It simply says they sang. And as they sang, there was an earthquake and the prison doors were opened. Many of life's doors open more easily when we sing. So why not open some doors by joining the choir?

PRAYER LIST

Clarence South; Dot Renner; Louie McKissack; Vivian Howie; Hazel Riley; John Jackson; Ray Holsted; Harriet Boyd; Janita Hoskyn; Ralph Ligon; Terry Newton; Carolyn Larkin; Charles King; Jim Kyne; Lisa Holcombe; Suzanne Stroh; Melvin Tipton; Scarlett-Marie Acklin; Brenda Shaw; Trevor Gress; Michael Acklin; Jessie Cheek; Elizabeth Richardson; Cletus Carlock; 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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GROUPS & GATHERINGS

- YOUTH:** The United Methodist Junior High Youth (grades 7-8) meets each Sunday at 6pm to 7:30pm in the second floor Youth Wing, the Senior High Youth (grades 9-12) meets each Sunday at 6:45pm to 8:15pm. (contact Austin Hayes 673-6317).
- TWEENS:** The "Tweens" group (grades 5-6) meets in the Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday 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-5 meet at 3:30pm and Pre-K will meet at 5pm. Contact Chuck Law (673-6317) or Lainie Hoskyn (659-0089).
- THE 3rd WEDNESDAY:** Adults \$3 - Children \$2 - Seniors \$2 - Fun, food & fellowship every third
Seasonal Meeting Times 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 10am in the FH; and every Thursday at 10am in the FH.

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