



NEWS HEADLINES

- ◆ Join a Connexion Group
- ◆ WNL begins September 8th
- ◆ Sign Up for Disciple II
- ◆ Fall Festival coming in October
- ◆ UMM Mobile Medical Clinic Project
- ◆ Church Office closed for Labor Day

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September 1, 2010

From Our Pastor, Rev. Tom Stephenson

Take Time to Be Holy

One of the more familiar hymns in our church is "Take Time to Be Holy". The lyrics were written by William Longstaff, and the second verse is:

***Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.***

John Wesley took the idea of "Take Time to Be Holy" to heart, and was very disciplined in his own personal life, and felt as though the church should be too. For Wesley, there were two distinct areas of holiness that needed daily attention and practice: Personal Holiness and Social Holiness.

Personal Holiness was a practice that the early participants in the Methodist Movement or Connexion found particularly appealing. Daily prayer and scripture reading drew them closer to God. Weekly participation in worship was uplifting to them and allowed them access to God through the sacraments. Especially prevalent was the practice of the class meetings or small groups. These groups met weekly and the Methodist people discovered that the accountability of the groups was a powerful means of transformation. They supported each other in the faith. They studied scripture together, prayed together, and shared their joys and sorrows together. They found that with each other, they were strong in the faith and they needed each other to keep moving forward.

By growing a strong personal faith this way, the early Methodists were able to practice Social Holiness. They were pioneers in prison ministry, feeding those who were hungry, caring for the sick and dying, loving those that the society deemed expendable. Yet they didn't stop there. Methodists have been involved in Social Holiness through the abolition of slavery, the right of women to vote and even in the temperance movement that led to Prohibition.

The idea was and is that we should not only reform ourselves but the world around us. Stand up for those who can't defend themselves. Work to defeat those conditions that tear humanity apart like poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, exploitation of children and women. These are the ways, Wesley said, that we as Christians embody the church in the world and build up the Kingdom of God.

On Sunday, September 19, I will be sharing my vision of where I believe God is calling us to be as God's people and as the church. I hope you will come to hear how through Personal and Social Holiness, we are the church together.

Blessings,

Rev. Tom Stephenson

Our Faithfulness

Our Gifts

Giving Report Aug. 2010

Our monthly needs:
\$65,500.00

Receipts as of Aug. 31:
\$58,787.00

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	August 22
10:30 a.m.	33
8:55 a.m.	115
11:00 a.m.	105

Sunday Worship	August 29
10:30 a.m.	38
8:55 a.m.	89
11:00 a.m.	125

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work with your
tithes and offerings.

**Stewardship is what a man does after he says
"I believe".**

Members Serving in Worship

September 5, 2010

15th Sunday After Pentecost

Ushers: Team #2- 8:15 – Dr. Rollie Allen, Archie & Laqueta McLellan, Rock Rothrock

11:00 – Bill Bailey, Brown Claybar, Richard Estes, Ken Hillsten, O'Neal Waldrop, Phil Grooms, Jim Pledger

Altar Guild: Team 1

Greeters: 8:55– Mick & Nancy Weidner 11:00– Harriet & David Dubose

Youth Greeter: 8:55– Katelyn Defrates

Parking Lot Greeters: 8:55– Dina & Greg Defrates

11:00– Mike & Sandra Hoke

Lay Reader: 8:15 – Laqueta McLellan 8:55 – Julie Allensworth
11:00 – Judy Taylor

Acolytes: Emily Latley/J.T. Graham

September 12, 2010

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Ushers: Team #3- 8:15 – Jim Snider, Vernon Murray, Pie & David Bridges

11:00 – John Holm, Al Vasquez, Jerry Windham, Jim Armstrong, Arlon Fields

Altar Guild: Team 1

Greeters: 8:55– Trisha & Bobby Anderson

11:00– Judy & Gerald Taylor

Youth Greeter: 8:55– Morgan Milligan

Parking Lot Greeters: 8:55– Jeannie & Errol Waguespack

11:00– Davie Thompson

Lay Reader: 8:15 – Sue Harris 8:55 – Nancy Weidner

11:00 – Sarah Boehme

Acolytes: Not Yet Available

Memorials

In memory of Nichole Cowling by:

In memory of J.G Steffler by:
John & Beverly Hanes

In memory of Lloyd Petrie by:

In memory of Sandy Sanford by:
Harold & Betty Tiller

In memory of Vern Campbell by:
Harold & Betty Tiller

In memory of Charles Gutheridge by:

Jim & Joanne Pledger
John & Beverly Hanes
Judy & Gerald Taylor
Phil & Jackie Grooms
Frank & Theresa Beauchamp

In memory of William Flint by:
Sam & Dee Culpepper
John & Beverly Hanes
Judy & Gerald Taylor

In memory of Bill Bryant by:
Harold & Betty Tiller

In memory of Lula Skinner by:
Dardeau Family
John & Beverly Hanes

Sympathy

Our deepest love and sympathy are extended to
**Kim Moore upon the recent passing of her father
Charles Gutheridge.**

Visitors

Addie Wallace
Angela, Gloria, & Roger
Boehme
Robert Boehme
Larry Boehme
Kyle & Richard Boehme
Mary Kunst

Corbin McLellan
Alex Bingham
Mel Moreau
Amberly Wilcox
John & Connie Stafford
Lessie Spike
Elizabeth Batchelor
Rachel Landry

New Member



Michael Bennett joined the church membership
on Sunday, August 22, 2010.

Disciple II

Disciple II: Into the Word – Into the World

Disciple II will be offered this fall during WNL as Disciple I was last year. Disciple II is a more in depth study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts – eight lessons per book – a 32 week study. Disciple II encourages participants to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it. Beverly Millsap will facilitate this class with the help of Beverly Blalack. To register call Kristen in the church office (886-7466). Each participant will use a study guide - \$31.50. You may pay for this when you register or at the first class meeting. Please register early so

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Night Live classes for the fall will begin on September 8th and run through November 17th. A light supper will be served at 5:00 with classes beginning at 6:00. WNL gives the people from the three worship services a time to come together for fellowship and study. Presenters and programs for the WNL include: Bonnie Hopperton / Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ron Hopperton / Angels, Carol Allen / Healing the Past Hurt, the Grieving Process, Christy Day & Jane Dupree / Scrapbooking using the Fruit of the Spirit scriptures, Ellen Wiemers / Mission Project, and Mel Moreau / To Be Announced. Our Youth will be helping with the Mission Project while our Kindergarten through 5th graders will be learning about Heroes of the Bible with Susan Lafley and Leighia Barron. Also beginning on September 8th will be Disciple 2 taught by Beverly Millsap and Beverly Blalack. A nursery is provided for infants through preschoolers.

UMW Fall Festival Items

Mark your calendar for UMW's upcoming Fall Festival on Thursday, 10-14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Etc. section of gently used items and Jewelry items can be placed in the storage room on the first floor of the education building. Call Betty Merchant 886-3591 or Davie Thompson 882-9936 for pickup, Lynn Fields 883-9068 Jewelry. Shirley Hudson 745-2776 Bake items, Bonnie Hopperton 886-3295 and Jane Minor 670-9048 Plants. Volunteers are needed for these area as well as the Kitchen, Dining Room, Take-outs. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Thank You

The Last Blast committee appreciates the many ways our congregation helped in making Last Blast a success. You supported us in everyway—donations for the Socks/Underwear Giveaways, flyer paper, posters, door prizes, extra food, sacks for our guests, and all the hard work in volunteering to distribute flyers, set-up, take-downs, cooking, etc, you prayed. You always said "yes"! Thank you! Leighia Barron, Sarah Boehme, Tori Butler, Greg Defrates, John Hanes, Jamia Harris, Dannielle Heil, Ken Hillsten, Beverly Millsap, Davie Thompson, Codie Vasquez, Jeannie Waguespack, Ginger Williams, Amy Worsham

Join a Connexion Group

If you think you may be interested in joining a small group of your friends to grow spiritually by meeting together, supporting one another, and applying scripture to everyday life contact Carol Allen (883-5067), Jerry Pennington (883-3558), or Christy Day (882-9671 or cdaze@gt.rr.com) for more information about becoming a member of a Connexion group.

Mobile Medical Clinic

The Orange County UMM are currently working on a project to build a Mobile Medical Clinic utilizing a storage pod and plans purchased from Christian Alliance, Pearland, Texas. OCUMM includes the men at First United Methodist Church and men from the other Methodist churches in Orange County. The storage pod will be placed next to our van storage facility where the men will convert it into a clinic per Christian Alliance plans. When the clinic is completed it will be fitted with equipment and supplies by Christian Alliance and then shipped to some area of the world where there is currently no available medical facilities. Since 2005 the Christian Alliance has delivered more than 50 of these medical clinics and \$20,000,000 worth of prescription medicines. These medical clinics are complete with exam and dental stations as well as office and storage space.

Office Closed for Labor Day



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe & happy holiday!

Youth Ministry



6TH-12TH GRADE

Sundays

at 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Praise Center

Upcoming Events

Sept 5: District youth Back to School Bash. Grades 6-12 from 5-8pm St Paul's Methodist Church in Bridge City. Be at FUMC Orange Praise Center at 4:30pm.

Sept 19: Parent Meeting to plan MYF for 2010-2011. Bring Calendars and ideas for the upcoming year and enjoy being served a baked potato meal by your student. Youth be here at 4:00pm and parents arrive at 5:00pm. Lets get this year kicked off with lots of spiritual opportunities, fellowship and fun activities!

Children's Ministry

Sunday School Schedule



9/5	--Leighia / Susan	--Deborah
9/12	--Susan / Leighia	--Hannah
9/19	--Cindy / Donna	--Samuel
9/26	--Donna / Cindy	--King Saul
10/3	--Becky / Kelly	--David the Shepherd
10/10	--Kelly / Becky	--David Plays for Saul
10/17	--Angela / Pricella	--David & Jonathan
10/24	--Lauren / Dana	--David the King
10/31	--Wendy / Marcia	--Solomon's Wisdom
11/7	--Leighia / Susan	--Ruth
11/14	--Susan / Leighia	--Josiah
11/21	--Cindy / Donna	--Nehemiah
11/28	--Donna / Cindy	--The Promised Prince of Peace



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**Traditional Service
in Chapel
8:15 a.m.**

**Celebration Service
in Praise Center
8:55 a.m.**

**Sunday School
9:50 a.m.**

**Traditional Service
In the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.**

**Office Hours
M-Th 8:30-4:30
Fri 8:30-Noon**

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 5 Communion
8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel
8:55am Celebration Service
9:50am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
3:30pm Praise Team
5:00-8:00pm Youth Back to School Bash @ St. Paul's

Monday, September 6 Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 7
10:00am Intercessory Prayer
5:30pm Trustees

Wednesday, September 8
2:00pm Staff Meeting
5:00pm WNL
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, September 9
10:00-12:00pm Security Seminar
6:00pm Dance Ministry

Saturday, September 11
8:00am UMM Breakfast

Sunday, September 12 Aluminum Cans
8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel
8:55am Celebration Service
9:50am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
3:30pm Praise Team
5:00pm 3G Committee
5:00pm Youth/1st Kids

Monday, September 13
10:00am Intercessory Prayer
11:00am Caring Ministry
6:30am Evangelism

Tuesday, September 14
5:00pm Missions
6:00pm Finance

Wednesday, September 15
2:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm Choir

Wednesday, September 16
9:30-12pm MOPS
6:30pm Dance Ministry