

Faith Calls...

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Pastor's Thoughts

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Our Message Lived Out

Birthdays

10/1, Stephanie Traxler
10/3, Joey Stovall
10/4, Travis Barrett
10/8, Beth Hirscheider
10/9, Brent Rowe
10/13, Dianna Noe
10/14, Melanie Hall
10/18, Ronnie Dyson
10/21, Jane Bristow
10/25, Everett Heerboth
10/31, Malinda Godwin

Anniversaries

10/10, Jerry & Brenda Smith
10/27, Billy & Dot English

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We frequently talk about what has happened in our churches in the recent past. We get to remember successes and occasionally what might have gone better. I want our focus to shift to the future. Careful, this is not a question for leaders, it is a question for doers.

Remember, the function of the church is to reach others. Our needs come after. Here is the primary question: What should we be doing to serve our neighborhood? Followed closely by "How will we do it?" and "Who will do it?" Here comes the thorn on the rose. All members of the church should be involved at some level, so I am forming a very purposeful plan to achieve this goal.

I ask you to become involved in a small group. A small group may form around any topic or interest, provided that it promotes personal faith development, accountability and service. Such groups might be a study group, a Sunday School class, a sewing circle or anything of similar type. If your interests are not currently served by an existing small group, we will create it. A group of this type is not restricted to the Sunday School hour, to Sundays or to the church building.

In the early formation of the Methodism, small groups were the single reason for the booming success of the movement. The

social interaction and personal accountability ethic promoted by the small groups deeply engaged people who previously only participated in worship. When we laid aside the small group, we began our decline. As proof of my point, a number of successful churches today, United Methodist and otherwise, utilize small groups as their primary engagement tools.

Just as the church asks for your annual financial pledge, I am asking for a pledge of your time. A simple way to remember your pledge is to use what we will call the "Rule of 3's and 8's."

Plan to give a minimum of 3 hours per week to your personal faith development, consisting of 1 hour of worship, 1 hour of small group and 1 hour of personal devotion and prayer. This is the easy part, as many of you are doing this right now to some extent.

For the 8's, I ask you to give 8 hours per month to serve others, either through the church or other avenue. If the church is hosting or participating in a service project or mission, please include this time as part of your 8. As in the description of small groups, if you do not see a ministry you would be involved in, we will create it with you. I also encourage mixing and matching between Faith and Geyer Springs congregations to pro-

mote opportunities for service.

Where do your interests lie? What gifts and graces do you bring to the table? If you are unsure, I have a plan for that as well. First UMC Cabot has been revitalized and shown growth in almost everything they touch. Their pastor, Rev. Steven Dickinson, uses a 6-week study called "Serving from the Heart," (Cartmill, Carol and Gentile, Yvonne; Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 2011) to help identify gifts and graces for service in the church. I would like to introduce this study in both churches. Who knows, you might discover something new about yourself!

I ask this of you to show our faith through our work. Our ability to make disciples depends on the credibility and relevance of our message. Many people will only pay attention when they see us living out our message. As Wesley said, "Light yourself on fire for Christ and others will come from miles around to watch you burn." I believe this with all my heart and passion.

I hope you don't view this message as making too many demands on you. I do this because I believe in the God who brought us together, the work we do as the church in God's name and the possibilities that exist in our churches and you.

Shalom,
Bro. David

Faith United Methodist Church,
9:45am, Sunday School;

9820 W. Markham St.,
11:00am, Worship Service

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Worship Bulletins for Children are on the table (rear of church). Be sure that you get one. Colors are available.

SAVE THE DATE

Each Monday, 10am, Prayer Watch
 Each Wed., 11am, Dominoes
 10/2, 6:30pm, Budget Meeting
 10/6, Pumpkins arrive, 8am
 Breakfast follows
 10/7, World Communion Sunday
 10/12, 6:30pm, Parent's Night Out
 10/14, CPR Class follows worship
 11:30-3pm, Fish Fry (Aldersgate)
 10/16, 6:30pm, Admin. Board meeting
 10/20, 11am-3pm, Fall Fest
 10/21, 3pm, District Charge Conf. at
 St. James UMC
 10/23, 1pm, UMW meeting

PUMPKIN PATCH

open

Oct. 6-27,

Mon.-Sat.,

11am-6pm



CPR, Basic Life Support (BLS)

Basic Life Support provides the foundation for saving lives after cardiac arrest. Updated to reflect current science, BLS teaches the concepts of high-quality CPR, improvement of chest compression fraction, and high-performing team dynamics.

Healthcare professionals and other personnel who need to know how to perform CPR and other basic cardiovascular life support skills will benefit from this course.



This course will be offered at Faith UMC, Sun. Oct. 14, following the worship service. Lunch will be served to those enrolling in the class. This class is mandatory for those working with children. Sign-up sheet available at FYI table.

Are You Ready for Fall Fest?



Plans are being made for the Fall Fest to be held on October 20th, 11am-3pm. The Pumpkin Patch will be open, Oct. 6-27, on the lawn near the playground. Begin spreading the word to your neighbors and friends. There will be many activities for the children, parents, and grandparents who attend.

Invitations will be issued to the students and staff at Brady and McDermott Elementary Schools. There will be a lot of good food, many activities, and a lot of visiting taking place on our campus. Plan to be a part of this event. We are hoping for a beautiful fall day with many folks enjoying it.

Stephanie Traxler and Jim Gosnell have already started shopping for prizes that will be enjoyed by the children. Reservations have been made to secure the bouncy stations that provide much entertainment. We are gearing up for another successful event. Be a part of the BIG DAY, Oct. 20th at Faith UMC.

News from Faith's Administrative Board

It's been almost one year since we formed our Administrative Board made up of 12 members. This is a single team leadership approach and eliminates the need for several committees to meet each month. We have seen a marked increase in completed tasks directly related to the streamlined manner of handling business. We are pleased with the success of this board. They have reviewed and revised several church policies. A new financial policy, personnel policy, and safe sanctuaries policy have been approved this year. Leaving the board as of Dec. 31, will be Jerry Brummett and Carolyn Eubanks. Newly elected to the board are Cliff Coker and Becky Lay. Harold Bristow and Ginny Ryan have been re-elected and will serve in the Class of 2021, with Cliff and Becky. Harold will serve another year as Chairman. This board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

August Stats

Date	Worship	Gen. Fund
8/5	42	\$ 5,004
8/12	57	2,375
8/19	61	1,122
8/26	47	<u>2,267</u>
Total		\$10,768
Noisy Offering		\$ 62
Renovation		\$ 3,770
Honorarium		\$ 350

Faith Friends, a new group at Faith, will meet at Eat My Catfish, Fri., Oct. 6, at 5:30pm. All are invited to attend this social outing which is held once a month, usually on the first Friday. They find a new location each month. Watch for more information and plan to join the fun!

We welcome four new members into our church family. Crystal Gastineau and Kassie Austin joined Faith UMC, Aug. 26th. We also welcome Jordan and Gabby Hoffman to Faith UMC. We are thrilled to have more Hoffmans in our family.

A lovely Memorial Service was held in our sanctuary Sept. 22, for our friend Kim Parham. She passed away Aug. 22, following a brief illness. She will be missed by all who were blessed by her smiles and laughter.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Health/Hygiene Kits

Hand towel, wash cloth, Comb, 6"+
Metal nail file or clipper
Bath size soap (no Ivory or Jergens, leave wrapped)
Tooth brush (adult)
6 Band-aids (3/4—1 inch)
Plastic zip-lock bag, 1 gal.
\$1.00 for toothpaste

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW, DO NOT WASH

BE
STRONG

AND

BRAVE.

DON'T EVER BE AFRAID
OR DISCOURAGED!
I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD
AND I WILL BE THERE
TO HELP YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.

—Joshua 1:9

IT TAKES COURAGE

It takes courage to stand up for what you believe.

It takes courage to stay when you just want to leave.

It takes courage to smile at a bully face-to-face.

It takes courage to always trust in God's grace.

It takes courage to be loving in all that you do.

It takes courage, but remember—God is with you!

—by Deborah A. Dickinson-Deacon

Administrative Board

Ben Allen
Trinette Barnes
Harold Bristow, Chairman
Jerry Brummett
Carolyn Eubanks
Gary Horton
Virginia McCastlain
Ellen McCloskey
Dianna Noe
Robert Rutt
Ginny Ryan
Brenda Smith

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 6:30 p.m., Budget Meeting	<i>3</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice	<i>4</i> <u>11:30 a.m.</u> , Alzheimer's Arkansas (Lunch & Learn) RSVP 224-0021 "Hospice 101"	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 8:00 a.m., Pumpkins arrive, Breakfast follows unloading *our church family
<i>7</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, World Communion Sunday	<i>8</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice	<i>11</i> 11:30 a.m., Sr. Networking	<i>12</i> 6:30-9:30p.m., Parents' Night Out	<i>13</i> *our neighbors
<i>14</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service CPR Class Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry, 11:30- 3pm	<i>15</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>16</i> 6:30 p.m., Administrative Board meeting	<i>17</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Fall Fest</i> 11am-3pm *those who are ill
<i>21</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service 3:00 p.m., District Charge Conf. at St. James	<i>22</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>23</i> 1:00 p.m., UMW meeting	<i>24</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice	<i>25</i> 11:00 a.m., Cure PSP	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 9:00 a.m., SWOT *those who care for the hungry
<i>28</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service	<i>29</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice			*Please pray for those listed above.

Scripture

A person's steps are made secure by the LORD when they delight in his ways.

—Psalm 37:23