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# PAINT PARTY

Sunday, May 15  
3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 / adult and \$15 / child

It will be an afternoon of fun with friends and family as we gather in the Fellowship Hall to paint the picture of our choice! You must register for this event...Please see Traci Smith or call the church office to secure a place.

## Shake It Up Cafe

Vacation Bible School 2011

June 13 - 17 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Registration will begin May 15.



### ALL MEN ARE INVITED!

The United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast will be on Sunday, May 15, at 7:30 a.m.

Come for a great breakfast and fellowship!

## Community-wide Worship Service

Sunday, May 22, at 6 p.m.  
Saraland High School Auditorium  
(Youth Service in the Gym)

Rev. Robert Lutz will be preaching and Dr. Rob Couch will be doing the offering.

# The Cornerstone

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## Missional Movement

Dear Church Family,

Last Fall, several members of our church family attended a conference called *Cata-pult*. During this conference we got to hear the Rev. Dr. Brian Russell speak about something known as "The Missional Church." Recently I read an article by Dr. Russell that sums what this movement is all about. This is what the mission of our church is: to be an irresistible influence in our church and community for Christ! Please enjoy the article.

Peace,

Rob

"Over the last decade or so, Christian leaders in Western world have become acutely aware of the decline of the Christian faith in its former centers of power and influence. The numbers show a loss of roughly 5,000 Christians every single day. Alex McManus has summed up the irony of this retreat aptly: "The Western world has lost its faith in the shadows of church steeples." In response to this reality, scholars, writers, and activists such as Lesslie Newbigin, Alan and Debra Hirsch, Michael Frost, Neil Cole, Donald Guder, and Reggie McNeil have helped to inspire and describe a paradigm shift in ecclesiology.

Missional church refers to a broad and loosely unified movement committed to recapturing the apostolic ethos of the New Testament era Church. The essence of missional is the recognition of the need of the Christ following movement to reengage the world with the Gospel by embodying a "go" and "sent" mentality. Missional churches come in all shapes and expressions: liturgical, organic, house church, multi-site, traditional, etc. But they share a commitment to incarnate the Gospel among those currently outside of the Christ following movement instead of waiting for such persons to be attracted to existing communities. The launching of new faith communities is at the forefront of the missional movement. Here are five emphases common to those self-identified with missional:

### Church as the sent people of God

Missional churches seek to cultivate an apostolic DNA of "go" rather than "come." The focus of discipleship is on the mission of God. Christ followers see themselves as ambassadors of the Gospel to the world. Discipleship is not separated from mission. In fact, evangelism and mission are construed as the shared values of the entire community of faith rather than the spiritual gifts of a select few.

### The world as the locus of ministry

Missional churches consciously embody an "outside of the four walls of the church" posture. Ministry is practiced in the neighborhood rather than in a church building. Missional churches adopt local schools, feed the hungry, hold bible studies in public places, and other practices that present a visible witness to a watching world.

### Churches as mission outposts

Missional churches see themselves as outposts on the frontier between heaven and hell rather than as safe refuges from the world. Communities of faith exist as training and equipping bodies that gather for worship in preparation for doing God's work in the world. Missional churches avoid a siege or bunker mentality. Communities of faith exist in and for the sake of the world.

### Pastor as resident missiologist

In missional churches, pastors see themselves primarily as resident missiologists. They eschew older understandings of the pastor as chaplain, resident theologian, or CEO. Such identities represent artifacts from the past. Instead, missional pastors focus on equipping all Christ followers to engage fully in God's mission in the world. They empower the people of God for service in the world by taking seriously the priesthood of all believers and unleashing the fivefold ministries of Ephesians 4:11-13.

### New measures for evaluating success

In the past, communities of faith judged vibrancy and health by means of maintaining membership rolls, tracking average attendance in worship services and Sunday school, and counting baptisms and confessions of faith. In the emerging missional

# District, Conference and local news and events...

*A message on District Superintendent, Tonya Elmore, about tornado relief efforts:*

Dear Friends,

I know that we in the Mobile District are anxious to do all we can to assist our brothers and sisters who have been devastated by the tornadoes that struck the southeast on April 15 and April 27. The damage is catastrophic in some areas and the clean up and recovery process will be ongoing for many, many months.

The easiest and most significant way in which we can help immediately is through our monetary donations. Bishop Leeland has asked that each church in our conference take up a special offering this coming Sunday, May 8 (checks may be written to your local church or to the Alabama-West Florida Conference, with the designation "Tornado Disaster Response"). These gifts can then be forwarded from your local church to the Alabama-West Florida Conference and will be used to help with the recovery efforts in Washington, Sumter, Marengo, Choctaw and Hale counties. (Chatom UMC in Washington County already collected \$1,350 in the offering left at the Communion Rail this past Sunday!!!)

The Mobile District has also partnered with the Pleasant Hill UMC in Birmingham and we are collecting specific items which they have requested. Once we deliver these supplies, folks at Pleasant Hill UMC will distribute them to specific sites in Birmingham & Tuscaloosa. These items are: bottled water, work gloves, construction strength garbage bags & tarps. These items may be dropped off at the St. Mark UMC by Monday, May 9 and will be delivered to Birmingham next week.

Other ways in which we are seeking to help are through the collection of items for Health Kits (see specifics below), and Cleaning Buckets (see specifics below) as well as adult and children's diapers and Rubbermaid storage containers. The diapers, Rubbermaid storage containers, and assembled kits may be dropped off at St. Mark UMC by Monday, May 9 and will be delivered to the nearest distribution site next week. If you miss the May 9 deadline, St. Mark will continue to receive Assembled Health Kits & Cleaning Buckets through 1:00pm Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. These kits will be transported to Annual Conference at Frazer UMC in Montgomery.

If you are not able to purchase all of the items to assemble a full Health or Cleaning Kit, but would like to contribute toward one, loose items may be delivered to Government St. UMC. An "Assembling Gathering" will take place at Government St. UMC this Thursday, May 5, 5-8pm.

Monetary gifts may also be made to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) (designated "US Spring Storms 2011," UMCOR Emergency Advance #3021326). Every dollar of these funds will be used to assist the disaster victims (all across the southeast); our gifts in support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering cover the administrative costs for the work of this agency of the UMC. Each time there is a disaster of this magnitude an immediate grant for assistance of up to \$10,000 may be forwarded to the effected conference upon request of the presiding Bishop. In the case of the disasters taking place in just the past three months, requests have been made from approximately 12 different annual conferences which have depleted the disaster response funds available through UMCOR. The Alabama-West Florida Conference has already asked for and has been granted \$10,000 in UMCOR funds to assist with the needs in our annual conference.

Thank you for your willingness to be the hands and feet of Christ for those who are suffering. If you have specific questions regarding details of how to get involved in a work team in our district or elsewhere in the conference or jurisdiction, please contact our District Disaster Coordinator, Rev. Rob Gulledege ([thebeekeeper@thebeehive.us](mailto:thebeekeeper@thebeehive.us) or 251-423-7835)


Sincerely,

Tonya

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- The lists of items to put in the Health Kit and Cleaning Kit is available at the Welcome Center at the church and on our church website ([www.saralandumc.org](http://www.saralandumc.org)).
- Monetary donations can be made payable to SUMC with "Tornado Disaster Relief" on the memo line of the check or written on the offering envelope.

# MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Classic Service <b>5:00 PM</b> UMYF Block Party	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>4:30 PM</b> Girl Scout #8466 <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 8577 <b>6:00 PM</b> Zumba	<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>12:00 PM</b> Lions Club Lunch <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>5:45 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Praise Band Practice	<b>5</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>10:00 AM</b> Evelyn Joy Circle <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>5:00 PM</b> Girl Scout #8191 <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout #8517 <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy & Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Spanish Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Red Hat Event
<b>8</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Classic Service <b>5:00 PM</b> NO UMYF Block Party	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Leaders Mtg <b>6:00 PM</b> Zumba	<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>5:45 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Praise Band Practice	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>6:00 PM</b> Grace Circle <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy & Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Spanish Bible Study	<b>13</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>6:00 PM</b> Truth Seekers Party	<b>14</b> <b>6:40 AM</b> St. Francis Street Breakfast
<b>15</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> United Methodist Men's Breakfast <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Classic Service <b>12:00 PM</b> Discovery Luncheon <b>3:00 PM</b> Paint Party <b>5:00 PM</b> UMYF Block Party <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Practice <b>6:30 PM</b> Trustee Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>4:30 PM</b> Girl Scout #8466 <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 8577 <b>6:00 PM</b> Zumba <b>6:30 PM</b> Hope Circle	<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>12:00 PM</b> Lions Club Lunch <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>5:45 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Praise Band Practice	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Learning Center <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>5:00 PM</b> Girl Scout #8191 <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout #8517 <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy & Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Spanish Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>6:00 PM</b> Tween-agers	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Piano Recital Rehearsal <b>3:00 PM</b> Piano Recital & Reception
<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Classic Service <b>2:00 PM</b> Andrews Baby Shower <b>3:00 PM</b> Safe Sanctuary Training <b>5:00 PM</b> UMYF Block Party <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Practice <b>6:00 PM</b> Community-wide Worship Service	<b>23</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>6:00 PM</b> Church Council <b>6:00 PM</b> Zumba	<b>24</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> YMCA After School Care <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth End of School Party <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>25</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> End of Year Celebration <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice <b>7:15 PM</b> Praise Band Practice	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy & Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Spanish Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Mission Team to Guatemala Leaves
<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bold Service <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Classic Service <b>5:00 PM</b> UMYF Block Party <b>5:30 PM</b> Handbell Practice	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed <b>6:00 PM</b> Zumba	<b>31</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers <b>6:30 PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	<p align="center"><b>Guatemala Mission Team leaves May 28!</b></p> <p align="center">Our Guatemala Mission Team will leave Mobile on Saturday, May 28. Team members are: Cece Beaman, Judy Callen, Liz Ezell, Amanda Kelley, Amy Messer, Cindy Messer, Jeremy Messer, Jody Messer, Phil Messer, and Christian Moore. They will be returning on June 4. Please pray for our team members!</p>			

# News from The Bridge Student Ministry

## Meet our new Director of Youth and College Ministries!

William Murray will begin working at Saraland UMC on June 1 as the Director of Youth and College Ministries. William and his family are coming to Saraland from Columbiana. Welcome William, Jennifer & kids!



### What's happening in May...

**Sunday, May 08**  
There will be no UMYF Block Party this day...It's Mother's Day!

**Sunday, May 15**  
There is a Paint Party from 3-5 p.m. The cost is \$25 to attend. See Traci Smith for details. THERE WILL BE UMYF Block Party after beginning at 5 p.m.

**Sunday, May 22**  
Community-wide Worship Service at Saraland High School will begin at 6 p.m. There will be a service in the auditorium and a youth service in the gym.

**Tuesday, May 24**  
END OF SCHOOL POOL PARTY! We will meet at the home of Dick & Judy Callen at 6 p.m. More details to come...

#### Block Party Meal Schedule:

- May 15 Lorre Mitchell
- May 22 Betty Moye
- Elizabeth Simison
- May 29 Elecia Ezell

If you cannot provide the meal on the day scheduled, please contact Elecia Ezell. Thanks for you help!!

#### ATTENTION YOUTH!

You are needed to help with Vacation Bible School! The dates are June 13-17. To be a VBS leader, you need to be trained in Safe Sanctuaries. If you have not attended that training yet, please attend the training on May 22 at 3 p.m.

### Summer is coming!

Each summer we try to give our Children's Sunday School teachers some much deserved time off from their teaching duties. We need parents to fill in as teachers during the months of June & July. Please check the bulletin board near the children's classrooms for class sign up sheets and sign up for two or three Sundays. Curriculum will be provided. See Betty if you have questions.

#### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- May 01 Genna Myers & Elizabeth Crooker
- May 08 Dylan McFarland & Justin Whisonant
- May 15 Wyatt Fulton & Alex Everett
- May 22 Katie Leaird & Brianna Corley
- May 29

Please let Ms. Betty know if you cannot be here when scheduled.

#### Director of ELC (Early Learning Center) Position Available

Applicants should have experience in child care and/or early childhood development. Management experience a plus. Needs to be computer literate and be comfortable using Microsoft Office programs. Send resume to P. O. Box 415, Saraland, or [betty@saralandumc.org](mailto:betty@saralandumc.org)

## Children's Ministry

#### VBS WORKERS NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School is June 13-17. A variety of adults and youth are needed to have a fun, successful VBS! If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board near the children's classrooms.

### Wonderful Wednesdays

Every Wednesday during June & July we will be having Wonderful Wednesdays for children age 2 years through 5th grade. The program hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. This year we will be learning about a different country each week! Children MUST BE registered to attend Wonderful Wednesdays. Brochures (with registration forms) are available at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$15 per child per day with a \$25 family maximum.

## Tweenagers End of School Party

Friday, May 20  
6 - 8 p.m.  
COST: \$5 each



You'll need to wear a swimsuit and bring a towel and change of clothes. We'll meet at the church and travel to our party site. Call Ms. Betty to let her know you are coming and to get more details.

On May 31st, the 2011 3.0 Missional Interns will begin their work here in the Port City!

We still need help with the following:

- two door metal standing pantry/utility shelf or something equivalent for food storage
- pantry items (see list below for items needed)
- prayer partners for the interns
- meals for the weeknights

#### PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

##### Food and Beverage Items

- Pop Tarts
- Granola Bars
- Other Snack Bars
- Snack Crackers
- Individual bag chips for lunches
- Cereal -all types
- Gatorade Mix
- Kool-Aid Mix
- Coffee

- Sugar
- Creamer

##### Paper Goods

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Napkins

##### Cleaning Supplies

- Bathroom cleaner

- Floor cleaner for Mopping
- Laundry Detergent
- Windex
- Lysol spray

##### Treats are nice!

- Candy
- Jerky Sticks
- Sodas
- Bottled Water

To donate these items or to volunteer please call Jean Tippit at 251-656-6857 or email her at [jtippit@gmail.com](mailto:jtippit@gmail.com)



## 2011 Annual Conference

### Living the Mission

June 5-8, 2011  
Frazer Memorial UMC  
Montgomery, Alabama

Special Guests include:  
Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr.  
Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr.  
Dr. P. Alice Rogers

Several families who have successfully completed the program at Sybil H. Smith Family Village will be moving into their own apartment in the next couple of weeks. These families are in need of some of the items listed below for their new apartments. Two residents have children, one mother has a 1 1/2 year old boy and the other has a 6 year old boy and a 12 year old girl. If you have questions please call the Village at 251-473-5526.

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

- 2 a/c window units; furniture (apt. size); twin size beds; dressers; dinette sets w/at least 3 chairs; one queen size bed; one toddler bed

#### Irvington United Methodist Church's Ladies Conference

Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 11:30 a.m.

This year's theme is "How Well Do You Sparkle?" The Reverend Tonya Elmore, Mobile District Superintendent, will be our honored speaker. Demaskus, a dynamic Christian group based in Mobile, will share their talents with us. A delightful, delicious luncheon will follow the service. Please contact 957-0888 (Tina Nelson) or 957-6138 (Esther Breneman) to make reservations by Saturday, May 14.

## MISSION STUDY "FOR THE LOVE OF GOD: THE EPISTLES OF JOHN"



Study Leader Rev. Misty Roberts

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### Fellowship Hall

Salad and Dessert Luncheon

(Everyone brings a salad or dessert to share)

Brief business meeting following the study.



For additional information contact Debbie Bell UMW President 251-649-4772 [mawbel36575@yahoo.com](mailto:mawbel36575@yahoo.com)

PRAYER CONCERN

We express our deepest sympathy to Judy Callen, Elaine Moore and family on the death of their brother, Willie Hartley; to the family and friends of Tee Calder; and to Joe Eagan & family on the death of his brother, Wayne Eagan.

Special Concerns: Eunice Addison, John Aikens, Helen Allen, Julie Bacon, Billy Beckman, Buddy Boyington, Philip Brown, Bruce Calder, Tee Calder, The Canfield Family, Vernon Capps, Gerald Cargile, Kathy Cave, Randy Daugherty, Bobby Epperson, Sr., Bobby Epperson, Jr., Jean Faggard, Noah Faggard, Louise Fox, Diana Grant, Janie Gilbert, Olen Gunn, Carol Hannibal, Tommy Harbour, Pat Harrison, Wayne Howard, Mary Huff, Linda Jennings, Lillian Jepko, Hazel Jones, Wendell Kennedy, Myrtle Lewis, Dan Mason, Eunice McAleer, Abbie Myers, Joel Myers, Bonnie Ramsbottom, Bill Rodgers, Gracie Rowe, Doug Seymour, Vanessa Smith, Mona Stephens, Tammy Stringfellow, Marie Tisdale, Joseph Toomey, Rebecca Walker, Virginia Walker, Daryl Wallace, Jennifer Wallace, Francis Whigham, Kathryn Williams, Dick Wilson, Hazel Yarbarough



Shut-ins: Cogburn Nursing Home: Janie Gilbert
Veteran's Home in Bay Minette: Bill Rodgers
Westminster Village: Dan Mason

Continue to pray for all of our men and women in the military.

APRIL STATISTICS

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Attendance (Worship 249, Sunday School 116), Giving (2011 Monthly Requirements \$32,675), and Received in March (General Budget \$31,786.18, etc.).

PLEASE NOTE: Reimbursements and pass through funds are not shown.

You're invite to a baby shower for



Tara Childers Andrews

Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Registered at Babies 'R' Us.



Given by the Hope Circle. Tara is the daughter of Ray & Cindy Childers.

A word of thanks...

We can not find appropriate words to express our gratitude and thanks to all our church family for the many prayers, acts of love and kind support that were given to us through the long illness and the death of our loving husband, father and grandfather. This is what the Saraland United Methodist Church is all about and the reason we choose it many years ago as our church family. May God's blessings be on all of you.

Love to all of you, Juanita Simison, Cheryl Brown, Joey Simison, Lauren Atkinson and Lindsey Hopson.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



- 05/03 Dylan Copeland
05/04 Cece Beaman, Brett Davis, Justin Ladnier
05/05 Allie Jacobs
05/06 Matthew Sellers
05/07 Bruce Calder, Wyatt Fulton
05/08 Billy Beckman
05/10 Janie Gilbert, Ray Childers
05/11 Jean Schwetz, Hollis Goldman, Robbie Murphy, Ashleigh Kelley
05/12 Lori Outlaw, Christy Parmer, Sam Jacobs
05/13 Bobby Epperson, Sr.
05/15 Christopher Newburn
05/16 Jay Stephens, Meagan Epperson
05/17 Betty Moye
05/19 Donald Ramer, Christy Goldman, Johnathan Childers, Trent Givens, Megan Thomas
05/20 Kristin Jennings, Preston Sasser
05/21 Christopher Holley
05/24 Kelli Caylor Salter
05/25 Donna Head, Karen Hennis
05/27 Teddie Copeland, Tim Morgan
05/28 Erik Douville
05/29 Don Furr
05/31 Courtney Pope

Best wishes to each of you!

Is your birthday missing from the list? If so, please call the church office so we can update our records.

Church Council Meeting

Monday, May 23 6:00 p.m.

This is the regular monthly meeting. All Church council members should attend.

Remembering Joe Simison

By Dr. Henry Sikes

Saraland Methodist Church started in 1953 or 1954 with a Sunday School Class taught by Mrs. Maddox. We had great help from Prichard Methodist Church members. We met in the Women's Club on Highway 43.

We bought a lot, I think on Station Street, off Highway 43. The building was very small, made of brick creek rock, had a nursery, 3 or 4 classrooms and a fairly large Sanctuary. We soon needed a larger space after we were chartered. The train schedule was annoying.

We purchased the 7 acres where we are now from Mr. & Mrs. Gravette. We used their residence for Sunday School rooms and built a Sanctuary to the rear of the building. From this site we got a loan for \$65,000 to construct the present Sanctuary. Mr. Alfred McKeough and myself had several meetings with an attorney and contractor. The old residence was torn down. Brett & Robinson Contractors built the foyer, fellowship hall, and office space plus the right wing as it is today. The front cross was donated by Aluminum Ore Company with the arrangement of Uncle Nealy Englebert.

Mr. Joe Simison, that has recently passed away to the Good Lord, he was down for a lengthy time. I sure wish that some of our newer members could have known him! He checked construction of the church building by the contractors for the church. He was a very smart man and a very good friend of mine. We each had Gulf boats. When our children left home, he sold his boat first. We fished from Pensacola and Pascagoula. He was a good fisherman. I would get lots of tangles, he would get his knife and go to cutting saying we came out here to fish not untie knots! He would get his rope wrench and his pocket knife. Mine was usually lost. One day in church he gave me a fairly large hand box with instructions to open at home only. It was a pocket knife so large there was a guarantee. If you lost it, it would be replaced free!

We have lost a great man. Please pray for his wife and family.

God bless you! Henry Sikes

P.S. I sure enjoyed part of my 92 years with him and his family!

Thank You for Donating to McKimmie Place!

Thanks to your help, the Hope Circle was able to collect the following items for McKimmie Place:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Quantity. Includes Shower Shoes (71 pair), Underwear (110 pair), Deodorant (77 pkgs.), Soap Dishes (13), Toothbrush Holders (25), 22" Rolling Suitcases (10).

They were also able to take a variety of lotions & powders plus some curling irons. Upon delivery of these items the Circle found that the monetary value of the donations would be matched by a grant. What a blessing!

The following items are now being collected: Plastic soap dishes (travel size); Plastic Toothbrush holders or toothbrush covers; Small umbrellas (collapsible for storage); Sugar to make the tea at supper times; Large trash bags 45 to 50 gallon size; 22" roller suitcases. A collection box is in the Lobby of the church.



These items were taken to McKimmie Place in April.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Sunday, May 22 3:00 p.m.

ALL adults and youth that would like to help with children and youth activities need to attend this training.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have already attended Safe Sanctuary training, you do not have to attend this event. However, there will be an opportunity for you to re-train early in June.

Discovery Luncheon Planned for May 15

All newcomers and persons wishing to join the church are encouraged to attend one of our quarterly Discovery Luncheons. The Luncheon will be held at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and is a time for you to come and meet others in the church, connect with other newcomers and learn more about our church. You will also learn more about the United Methodist Church, what it means to be a member, and have an opportunity to ask questions. Contact the church office if you would like to attend the next Discovery Luncheon.

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context, an additional marker of success is the impact that a community of faith has on the world around it—e.g., how well have we eradicated hunger among children in the local elementary school, how much of our budget is spent on the community, how many members do we lose to new church plants and other missional projects?

To what extent has your community of faith been impacted by the missional movement?"