



Celebration Sunday is coming!

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship team has selected *Step of Faith* as our theme to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

This emphasis is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Step of Faith* will encourage people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Celebration Sunday (at 10 AM on November 21st), we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this

community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Celebration Sunday at 10AM on November 21st. We even urge people to attend who may feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship one of our church leaders will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Celebration Sunday events through the Stewardship team members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Celebration Sunday worship at 10 AM on Sunday, November 21st.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Celebration Sunday events.

Sincerely,

Rodney Waltman
Stewardship Team Leader



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Servants Wanted

Recently a group of leaders from our church attended the Catapult Conference and heard Dr. Mike Slaughter, pastor of Ginghamburg Church near Dayton, Ohio, speak. Dr. Slaughter shared with us many meaningful and challenging words. Some of his most memorable words centered around the topic of servanthood. He told us that in his church of over 5,000 members they do not have a single *volunteer*. Instead they have over 5,000 *servants*. He then asked us this question: "Do you know the difference between a volunteer and a servant?" Answering his own question he responded, "A volunteer serves at the discretion of his calendar, a servant serves at the discretion of his master."

I'm proud to say that Saraland United Methodist Church is full of servants who serve at the discretion of Christ our Lord and master. Each week countless individuals serve Christ by answering phones, making visits, watering plants, changing light bulbs, feeding the hungry, cooking meals, visiting the sick, reading to a child, counting money, singing, playing, speaking, praying, loving, and about 1,000 other things! Many pastors will tell me that they are frustrated because it seems that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. If anything our church is the opposite of that, meaning 80% of our church family is engaged in serving every month. As we've studied in the book of John, this is precisely what Jesus had in mind. The pattern he set forth for us to follow

is that we are to be foot-washers, servants of the highest order.

My friend Bill Kierce, pastor of Jubilee Shores, told me about a sermon he preached on servanthood in which he quoted another pastor named Wayne Cordeiro. Wayne once wrote, "The quickest way to the throne [of God] is through the servant's entrance." After Bill related these words to his congregation the trustees of the church quickly got together and made an important decision. Within days a company was hired and workman came to the church. The following Sunday, emblazoned on the four front doors of their church building, were these words: "Servant's Entrance." These words are a powerful reminder of what God has called us to through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As you know there are countless opportunities to serve within, and through our church along with the many ways God is calling you to serve in your neighborhood, workplace, school, and throughout the community. New opportunities to serve arise every week. I want to thank you for taking seriously your call to be more than a "volunteer," but to be a "servant." Each week we walk through the servant's entrance wherever we go and whatever we do. This is truly the way to the King!

Peace,

Rob


Celebration Sunday

November 21, 2010

Celebration Service at 10 A.M.
Celebration Lunch immediately
following the service.

Step
of
Faith

District, Conference and local news and events...



Bake Sale
Come to the **United Methodist Women Bake Sale** at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church, Thursday, November 18, from 8 a.m. until noon!



Zirlott Road United Methodist Church will have a Yard/Bake/Craft Sale on Saturday, November 6, from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The proceeds are used to support our Annual Vacation Bible School in June. We will be selling Bar-B-Q sandwich plates, corn dogs, drinks-- and lots of delicious homemade cakes and cookies. Zirlott Road UMC is located at 14891 Zirlott Road, Coden, AL. For further information please contact: Rev. Jabe Fincher 873-4721.



Mobile District Lay Speaker Training
February 4-5, 2011
Chickasaw United Methodist
180 Lee Street
Chickasaw, AL 36611

Dumas Wesley Community Center has an immediate need for the following items for its Sybil Smith Family Village, which has recently moved in five new families. If you are able to assist please call Joanne Myers or Joni Hendee at 479-0649. Items needed are:
Twin-size sheet sets, preferably white
Towel Sets, preferably white
16-piece dinnerware sets
Glassware sets
Silverware
Plastic Shower Curtains

Also, Dumas Wesley and Sybil Smith have the following needs: paper towels and toilet tissue.

Citronelle United Methodist Church requests the pleasure of your company at a **Community-Wide Blessing of the Hunt** on the eve of deer season! We will learn "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Hunting Laws and Gun Safety" from Fish and Wildlife Warden Wesley Knapp over a potluck dinner. A Devotional and Blessing of the Hunt will follow. Date: Friday, November 12. Time: 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!



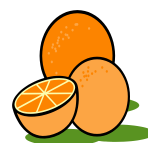
Lions Club Fruit Sale

ORDERS ARE DUE BY NOV. 16!

Did you know that the Saraland Lions Club gives thousands of dollars each year to eye research, preventing blindness, and helping children cope with their diabetes? Did you know that countless needy persons in our community have gotten eye exams and eyeglasses for free because of the generosity of the Saraland Lions Club? Did you know that needy deaf persons can even get help with hearing aids, thanks to the Saraland Lions Club? This is not to mention the thousands of dollars and hours of time they give to helping our community by building playgrounds, benches at the schools, installing fences for blind children, and assisting the Red Barn ministry. Did you know all of that?

What makes all of this possible is the generous support of community members like you who make donations to the Lions Club or support the Lions club by participating in one of their fund-raisers. This Fall you have an opportunity to be part of the Lions mission to serve our community by purchasing fruit. You may order boxes of oranges, grapefruit, mixed oranges and grapefruit, or the Holiday Trio (apples, grapefruit, and oranges) in order to support the Saraland Lions Club. 100% of the proceeds will go to support the mission of the Saraland Lions Club. See the prices below:



Box of Oranges	\$16.50	Box of Grapefruit	\$16.50
Mixed Box	\$16.50	Holiday Trio	\$25.25
(Oranges and Grapefruit)		(12 Oranges, 12 Grapefruit, 12 Apples)	



Please place your order on the order form on the bulletin board near the church office. Payment for the fruit can be made at the time of delivery. Checks can be made payable to the Saraland Lions Club.

November 2010

Saraland United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #8466	2 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 12:00 PM Lions Club Lunch 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	3 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 12:00 PM SCMA Hope Training 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 5:45 PM Wed Night Dinner 6:15 PM Wed Night Program 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	4 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 8517 6:30 PM Boy & Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study	5 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	6
7 9:00 AM Bold Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Classic Service 2:00 PM Finklea Wedding Shower 4:00 PM SPR Meeting 5:00 PM UMYF Block Party	8 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 9:00 AM UMW Circle Meeting 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Mtg	9 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	10 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 5:45 PM Wed Night Dinner 6:15 PM Wed Night Program 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	11 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Boy & Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study	12 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	13 6:40 AM St. Francis Street Breakfast
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21 NO Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Celebration Service 11:30 AM Celebration/Thanksgiving Lunch 3:00 PM Moyer/Threadgill Wedding Shower 5:00 PM Finance Committee 5:00 PM UMYF Block Party	22 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 9:00 AM Decorating the Church for Advent 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care	23 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	24 8:30 AM Early Learning Center 2:30 PM YMCA After School Care 5:45 PM Wed Night Dinner 6:15 PM Wed Night Program 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	25 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving 	26 Office Closed	27
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PLEASE NOTE:
The United Methodist Men will not have their monthly breakfast meeting during November. The next one will be December 19.

News from The Bridge Student Ministry

November events...

St. Francis Street

Youth are going to be helping at St. Francis Street on Saturday, November 13th. Be here at 6:30 a.m. and we'll be back at 10:30 a.m. Bring \$ for Krispy Kreme afterwards. Come be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Big Brother/Sis

November 21st at 4 p.m.

Roaming Gnome

It's gonna be a crazy video scavenger hunt! Bring your friends for a great time on November 28th for Block Party.



Winter Retreat Is Good!

January 15-17. Mark your calendars as we get ready to retreat and get closer to God. Please make sure you pay your WR balance before Dec 12th. More details to come!

The Bridge Student Ministry now has an official Student Leadership Team. This team consists of a group of students that have a servant's heart and lead our student ministry in service to others. The team members are:

- Stephanie Moye and Jordan EzellMissions
- Abigail Crenshaw and Madison Douville.....Middle and High School Connection Crew
- Preston Sasser.....Small Group Ministry
- Spencer ShawWorship Guru
- Jenna Billingsley.....Communications

These students meet the first Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. to discuss and implement ideas to make our student ministry the best place for students to be an irresistible influence in our community.



Trunk or Treat fun!

Children's Ministry

Children's Christmas Program Info Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 @ 4 P.M. Parents please come! We will be discussing the Christmas Program.

Check these dates...Christmas is coming!

Mark your calendars for these important activities for our children during Advent...

December 15 Live Nativity
We'll have our traditional soup and sandwich supper in the Fellowship Hall and the nativity from 6-8 p.m.

December 19 Children's Christmas Program
The program will be at 6 p.m. followed by the Church-wide Christmas Party.

NOVEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Nov. 07	Katie Leaird & Brianna Corley
Nov. 14	Wyatt Fulton & Justin Whisonant
Nov. 21	Dylan McFarland & Alex Everett
Nov. 28	Genna Myers & Elizabeth Crooker

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

TWEENAGERS!

THANKSGIVING SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, Nov. 19
6-8 p.m.

ALL 3rd, 4th & 5th graders are welcome to attend!

A MINISTRY OF TOYS

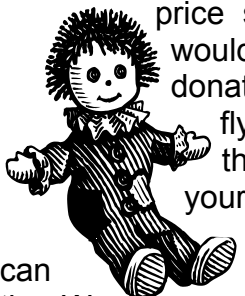
Dumas Wesley Community Center invites you to once again join us in a unique ministry to the precious children served by the Center. It's almost time for our annual "Christmas Toy Store" and by donating new toys to this event you share in a ministry which directly benefits not only children but senior citizens as well.



All donated toys are priced at a fraction of their actual retail value, and displayed in a Toy Store which is set up by volunteers in the Center's auditorium. Up to seventy-five low-income families residing in the inner-city Crichton neighborhood and homeless families from the Sybil Smith Family Village and other homeless shelters will be invited to shop at the Toy Store on **Saturday, December 4th**. Proceeds from the sale of the toys are then used to provide funds for our senior citizens' programs.

We are often asked why we just do not give the toys to the children. By providing the parents an opportunity to pay for the toys they are able to maintain their self-respect as they provide for their families. And quite often, the person buying the toys is a grandparent or even a great-grandparent who has custody of the children, and they have a very limited, fixed income. It is especially important that these loving caregivers are given this assistance.

All types of toys especially African American Dolls & Themed Toys, with the exception of toy guns and weapons, are accepted. Toys should be new and unwrapped, with the price sticker left intact. If you would like to send a monetary donation please see the attached flyer and fill out the form at the bottom and send it in with your donation. We have also made the insert so that you can print it in your church bulletin. We would like to have the toys no later than Wednesday, December 1, 2010. You may call Joni Hendee at 479-0649 for more information.



Christmas Bazaar at Irvington UMC

Need handy-dandy stocking stuffers and unique decorations for Christmas? Irvington United Methodist Church is having a Christmas Bazaar with a Silent Auction on Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. Get hungry when you're shopping? That tantalizing smell you'll notice says "spaghetti, garlic toast, and salad" to be served from 11 a.m. Irvington UMC is located at the corner of 15th Street and Home Avenue in downtown Irvington, just one block east of Irvington - Bayou la Batre Highway. For more info, call T. Nelson at 957-0888.



Managing Concerns About Falls

The Area Agency on Aging is offering a class titled *A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls* at Dumas Wesley Community Center. The class will be every Tuesday and Thursday starting January 4th from 1:30 to 3:30 for four weeks. A workbook is provided and refreshments are served. Please call 251-479-0649 to register. Class size is limited, register ASAP.

Just in time for your preparation for Thanksgiving Dinner and to help with your Christmas shopping, Citronelle United Methodist Church cordially invites everyone to its **Annual Chicken Pie and Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, November 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.! We will have delicious pies, cakes, candy, and cookies, as well as frozen casseroles so you will not have to cook Thanksgiving Dinner! Enjoy a chicken pie dinner for \$6 and purchase your favorite pickles, jams, and jellies from our summer gardens! Our magnificent handmade needlepoint items, silent auction, Christmas decorations and other crafts make unique Christmas gifts! Plus, we will have a number of booths from gift shops selling their wares as well! Come and join the fun!



PRAYER CONCERN

We express our deepest sympathy to Joyce Boshell and family on the death of her father, Kenneth Mowery.

Special Concerns: Eunice Addison, John Aikens, Helen Allen, Julie Bacon, Billy Beckman, Buddy Boyington, Jackie Sue Brown, Alan Canfield, Malaina Canfield, Todd Canfield, Virginia Canfield, Vernon Capps, Gerald Cargile, Kathy Cave, Rita Corley, Randy Daugherty, Pat Eagan, Jean Faggard, Noah Faggard, Louise Fox, Olen Gunn, Tommy Harbour, Pat Harrison, Wayne Howard, Mary Huff, Ellen Hyer, Ralph Hyer, Linda Jennings, Lillian Jepko, Wendell Kennedy, Myrtle Lewis, Dan Mason, Eunice McAleer, Dana McDonald, Cindy Messer, Helen Mitchell, Jim Moore, Stephanie Moyer, Abbie Myers, Mary Parnell, Bonnie Ramsbottom, Bill Rodgers, Gracie Rowe, Michael Salter, Joe Simison, Amy Steele, Mona Stephens, Tammy Stringfellow, Joseph Toomey, Rebecca Walker, Daryl Wallace, Jennifer Wallace, Gwen Waltman, Francis Wiggins, Kathryn Williams, Dick Wilson, Hazel Yarbarough



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

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

OCTOBER STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE	
WORSHIP	193
SUNDAY SCHOOL	118
GIVING	
2010 MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS:	
	\$ 27,154
RECEIVED IN OCTOBER:	
General Budget	\$ 34,058.00
Season of Growth	\$ 5,880.00
Helping Hands	\$ 33.00
Rent	\$ 850.00
Celebrate Recovery	\$ 659.41
UMCOR	\$ 100.00
Project Spartan	\$ 274.00

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

November Coffee Hosts/Hostesses



- 11/07 Elecia Ezell
- 11/14 Kevin & Holly Rawls
- 11/21 Celebration Sunday
- 11/28 Mitch & Sherry Caylor
Steve & Traci Smith

Please remember to clean up after the Crossing area!

Volunteer Receptionist Spaces Available!

The office is looking for volunteer receptionists to fill two open slots. We have Monday afternoons from 12-4 and Wednesday mornings from 8-12 available. If you are willing to give four hours a week to help our office run more smoothly, please contact Betty at 675-2728. Our Volunteer Receptionists answer phones, greet visitors and help with simple office tasks as needed.

Do you want to know more about the United Methodist Church?

Join us at DISCOVERY 101 on Sunday, November 14, at 4 p.m. You will learn about the history and future plans of Saraland UMC as well as Methodism, Christian beliefs and church membership.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 11/01 Maryann Dean
Gabriel Thomas
- 11/02 Daryl Floyd
Bret Crooker
- 11/03 Judy Callen
Nancy Logan
Joyce Boshell
- 11/04 Pat Eagan
- 11/06 Peggy Harbin
- 11/07 Faye Prescott
Tiffany Summersell
Jarod Billingsley
- 11/08 Dana McDonald
Nicole Fields
Brad Stevens
- 11/09 Jackson Smith
- 11/10 Dee Dyess
Jose Gruber
Harmony Gibson
- 11/11 Helen Eslava
Judy Strickland
- 11/14 Pat Bryant
Cynthia Mead
- 11/15 Dan Mason
- 11/16 Eddie Phillips
- 11/19 Lori Smith
Jordan Buckles
- 11/20 Jacob Stephens
- 11/21 Daniel Brown
Christina Brown
Willie May, Jr.
Christian Summersell
- 11/22 Mary Squires
Lauren Bramlett
- 11/23 Celia Mitchell
Hunter Trotter
- 11/24 Linda Burr
Deborah Floyd
- 11/25 Ann DuBose
- 11/28 Luvenia Spotswood
Ray Danzey
Laura Simison
- 11/29 Tonya Pritchett
Lynda Massey
Andrew Passmore
- 11/30 Kevin Dean

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.



United Methodist Women's Luncheon

Our United Methodist Women's circles will come together for their World Thank Offering observance on **Sunday, November 14**, immediately following the Classic Service. There will be special member recognitions, lunch and great fellowship! All women are invited to attend.



You are invited to a wedding shower for
Kim Laterza Finklea
 &
James Finklea
 Sunday, November 7
 2:00 p.m.
 in the Fellowship Hall.

Kim & James are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.



ATTENTION LADIES!

A new United Methodist Women's Circle has begun meeting on the second Monday of the month at 9 a.m. If you would like to know more about this circle, please contact Crystal Couch or come to the meeting on Monday, November 8.

Greeters Needed

A team of greeters is available each Sunday morning for both the Bold and Classic Services. There is space for a few more greeters! If you would like to join our team of greeters, please contact Diana Grant (679-9804). Greeters are scheduled to serve one Sunday each month. We specifically need volunteers to greet from 10:50 - 11:10 a.m.

Saraland UMC Wednesday Night Cook-off Winners



Our 2nd Annual Wednesday Night Cook-off was a great success! The Cook-off winners are as follows:

- 1st Place:** Antipasta Squares prepared by Diane Finklea
- 2nd Place:** Papa Hemmingway's Cuban Rice prepared by Diana Grant
- 3rd Place:** Shrimp Dip prepared by Bobbie Pope



At the end of the event, our cook-off had raised \$600.24 for the USA Wesley Foundation! Rob will be preparing the winning dish from the SUMC Cook-off for the USA Wesley Foundation Cook-off on

Thursday, November 4.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS ON SUNDAY



Each year we have poinsettias decorating our Lobby and Sanctuary during the Advent Season. Poinsettias to decorate our church can be purchased in memory or honor of a special person or event. Order forms are available at the church and must be turned in with payment by November 14. The cost is \$13 each. You may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Communion Service.

Come and help decorate the church! Monday, November 22, at 9 a.m.

Lots of hands are needed as we unpack all of our Christmas decorations and get our church ready for the Advent Season. See Pat Pownall for details.

You are invited to a wedding shower for Rachel Moyer & Jamie Threadgill

Sunday, November 21
 3:00 p.m.
 in the Fellowship Hall.

Rachel & Jamie are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.