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## DAN'S DOODLES

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone that comes to Him must believe that he exists and that He rewards those that earnestly seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6).

My favorite of the Bishop’s “5 Practices” for vital, healthy churches is “Intentional faith development”. I think it is great to be “seeker friendly” and offer “racial hospitality” to our guests, but once a person does visit our church family, we better have something of Christ to offer them, or all that hospitality is a waste of time! (Let me tell you what I REALLY think of that—Ha!).

I am REALLY excited about the way this year has gone so far in terms of “IFD”. We have offered many opportunities to intentionally “grow in our faith”. Just review some of these with me:

January & February—nine week study on “Intimacy with God”  
—initiation of a new Young Adult SS class—the  
“Overflowers”

—Upper Room devotional guide fellowship groups (2)

March—“Monday Nite March Madness”

—Beth Moore DVD Bible Study at the parsonage  
—A special Ash Wednesday service of worship

April—Holy Week activities included a Maundy Thursday  
Communion service

Summer activities—a wonderful Vacation Bible School ministry  
for our children

—A Beth Moore DVD Bible Study at the church, drawing  
several from the community

—“Early Bird” Sunday School class at 8:30 a.m. on “the  
7 letters of Revelation”.

—“3X3X30” Prayer teams meeting once a week with 7  
Teams involved

AND our worship team has given their approval to the start of SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP TIME beginning on September 12th, with the emphasis on “praise, proclamation, and prayer”. (Please see last month’s newsletter on the details of that, or just follow the weekly worship bulletin). The specific times for this service are still being worked out and somewhat dependent on the direction our youth ministry goes this fall. (Please be in prayer for that! We are looking at about 3 options at this time).

Anyway, I just believe that it is an EXCITING time to be involved in the ministry of the Charleston UMC! God “rewards those that earnestly seek Him” with a greater sense of His presence and that is EXCITING! I see evidences of “faith development” all around us and I certainly feel that God is working on that in my own life! God bless you, and I’ll see you in worship on Sunday!

Pastor Dan

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## AUGUST GREETERS

*September 5 - Annette Robertson*

*September 12 - Marty Williams &  
Bob Hearnese*

*September 19 - Taylor & Julie Burke*

*September 26 - Jane Jackson*

## COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wed., September 8, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

## CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE

The Chancel Choir will begin practice on Wednesday, September 1 at Suellen Fenton’s house at 7:00 p.m. They will start on the Christmas Cantata. If you are interested, please come.

### **16th ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH BARBEQUE**

Our 16th Annual All-Church Barbeque will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults & \$4.00 for children. This fundraiser has been helpful toward meeting our church's financial needs. Please make every effort to help when asked. Stephen & Carol Jane Burke & Lee Ann Cullison will serve as chairpersons this year.

### **OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE**

Our Outreach Team is responsible for the Administration of the Outreach budget each year, as approved by our Ad Council. We wanted to take this opportunity to apprise you of how these funds have been spent in 2010 to this point and our intentions for the remainder of the year.

We have made the following investments in ministry on behalf of our church family.

- Local Missions                      \$3,000

This includes: Hope Seeds, Susanna Wesley, Charleston Ministerial Alliance & Shining Light Ministries.

By the end of the year we will have included the local Nutrition Center in our giving as well. I have an additional \$1,200 in a Discretionary Fund to serve our own families in an emergency situation, and we have designated \$600 to be used for any local "Work Day" opportunities.

- State Wide Missions                \$1,200

This includes: Festival of Sharing, Habitat for Humanity and Central Methodist University. These funds will be distributed in October & November.

- Global Mission Investments        \$2,600

This list includes: "Nothing but Nets" (an anti-Malaria program in Africa), "Mozambique Coordinator" (support for our conference coordinator, Mrs. Carol Kreamer), The "Mexico Mission" ( supporting the ministry of Roland & Carolyn Ashby) and "Mission Aviation Fellowship" (supporting the David Burton family in their ministry in Africa).

So, the total amount allotted our Outreach Team (with \$400 designated for Administrative needs) is \$9,000. We are making every effort to be Good Stewards of this money. And an "FYI", this \$9,000 represents only less than 3% of our total budget! God Bless you and thank you for your on-going support to "go into our community and beyond" with the Good News of Christ's Love for the World.

Pastor Dan

On behalf of our Outreach Team

### **THANK YOU!!!**

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for the beautiful blue prayer shawl. It means so much to have been remembered by the prayer shawl ministry. I'm very happy to say it was a short recovery period and I'm doing very well. Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Donna Fox

**THANK YOU!!!**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for sending me to Horses and Halos church camp. It was a lot of fun! I learned all about a horse and actually got to have my own for the week. I made some new friends and got to get together with my friend, Ace, from a church camp in the past. It was so fun to see her again. I'm very much looking forward to going to church camp again. Once again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
Courtney Jones

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for paying for this camp. It was a lot of fun and I want to go back next year. I loved going on hikes and swimming in the lake. I had never swam in a lake before. One more time, I am going to thank you for letting me go to this camp.

Emma Jones

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful blanket you gave me. Every time I use it at school (which will be often), I will think of you. Also, thank you for sending me to church camp for the past 5 years. My times at Blue Mountain were truly some of the most enriching and memorable of my life so far, and I owe those memories all to you. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,  
Wilson McNeary

Dearest Church family,

God has blest me with a wonderful church family. I am thankful for the prayers, thoughtfulness and concerns from you. I also want to thank you for the pray shawl. This ministry is powerful and comforting.

Thank you,  
Sherry Austin

Dear Ladies,

How wonderful of you all to fix that delicious lunch for us. Not only did you all feed us well but I got to visit with you also.

Our best wishes to Pastor Faust and hope he knows how much we appreciate his service.

Best Regards,  
Ted & Daysie Cornwall Beckett

Dear Charleston UMC,

I received the Charleston United Methodist Church Scholarship, thanks for supporting my college education. It means a lot to me that you decided to choose me for the scholarship. I promise I will not let the scholarship go to waste in any shape or form. This scholarship allows me to fulfill my dream not only to achieve my major but attend the university of my dreams, Central Methodist University.

Central Methodist University has a lot of new things in store for me. My major of choice is Elementary Education, possibly a double major in theatre as well.

Once again, thank you for making my dreams into a reality.

Amy Meyers

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Minds, Open Doors*

*MAKING  
DISCIPLES*

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A DIFFERENCE*

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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Jack Moxley
- 3 - Jim Thurmond
- 4 - Ed Marshall
- 5 - Jettie Kate Brink
- 6 - Emmett Burke & Janet DeField
- 8 - Lee Fraley
- 9 - Ed Smith, Deb Williams, Edward McClain & Andrea Story
- 10 - Shawn McClain
- 11 - Linda Ault & Emily Ryan
- 12 - Jane Ellen Brink & Catie Dovin
- 13 - Cory Adkisson
- 14 - Jeff Shelby, Jim French & Randy Brown
- 15 - Sally Burke, Elana Bryant, Jacqueline Willoughy, Lynda Wiley,  
Natalie Benvenuto & Boyd French
- 16 - Herb Marshall & Trent Hurley
- 17 - Andy French, Hazel Culp, Janie Young, John Keener & Richard Logan
- 18 - Laura Jones
- 19 - Bonnie Story & Warren Hearnes, II
- 20 - Nathan Ault
- 21 - Ann McCuiston, Charles Brink, Emily McDowell & Leslie Hingle
- 22 - Chase Wiley
- 23 - Lee Ann Cullison, Robert Michael & Scott French
- 24 - Barbara Moxley
- 25 - Ryan Moxley & William McNeary
- 26 - John Barrett & John W.L. Goodin
- 27 - Ronnie Michael
- 28 - Bill McNeary

**MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

The planning for the "Mexico Mission" trip is well underway, but it is not too late to sign up if God would lay that on your heart. All you need to do is contact Jim or Eleanor Moreton and they can fill you in on all the details, including the estimated cost of the event per person. For the past several years our church family has sent persons to Mexico to minister alongside the staff of the Strategic Alliance (founded by Roland & Carolyn Ashby) the last week of December. This year's dates are December 26th through the 31st. We are excited to announce that we have the possibility of sending 13 or 14 persons on this trip this year! Jim and Eleanor take the lead in the planning and participation in this event and we are very grateful for their commitment to this ministry! You can view a "mission minute" concerning this mission by getting on the web at:

<http://MOMissionCast.com>.

This "spot" features our very own Jim Moreton!!! And you will have special opportunities this fall to help support the Mexico Mission trip financially. These contributions are always welcome and always appreciated!!!

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST, SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11 AT 7:30 A.M. IN THE  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER.**

## **FESTIVAL OF SHARING FOR 2010**

Each year we gather kits and money to take to the Festival of Sharing, which is an interfaith effort of churches in Missouri. Past years have proven that we want to be generous participants in this program.

This year the Southeast/Bootheel ingathering will be Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the United Methodist Church in Dexter, MO starting at 8:00 a.m. We will want our kits and money to be taken there. They will then be taken to the Statewide Festival of Sharing October 16, 2010 in Sedalia, MO. From Sedalia, kits and supplies will be distributed to people in need both in Missouri and around the world.

Kits we are going to concentrate on are "Personal Hygiene Kits, Student Dental Kits & Paper Products Kits". Bring kits or items to the church office by Thursday, September 23.

### **Personal Hygiene Kit**

1 fluoride toothpaste, 6oz. or more  
1 toothbrush in original, unopened pkg.  
1 bottle skin lotion  
1 deodorant  
2 disposable razors  
1 bath-size bar of soap  
1 bottle shampoo (full size)  
1 washcloth  
1 hand towel  
1 comb or brush  
Tighten lids and place all items in a large zip lock bag (2 gal. size works best).

### **Student Dental Kit**

4 - 6 soft toothbrushes (include 2 child size)  
\*unopened pkgs. Only; extra brushes are for family members  
1 dental floss - any size  
1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz. or more  
Place items inside a 1 gal. zip lock bag.

### **Paper Products Kit**

6 double rolls of toilet tissue  
3 rolls of good quality paper towels  
2 large rectangular boxes of facial tissue  
Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag.

## **UMW NEWS**

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, September 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Becky Story's house.

United Methodist Women's annual meeting on September 25, 2010 in Jefferson City, MO.

United Methodist Women's Fall District meeting on October 16, 2010 at the Poplar Bluff, MO United Methodist Church.

For more information on these events, call Annette Robertson.