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MAY 19, 2010

The Messenger

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 7th-June 11th

Please register by filling out a form in the Fellowship Hall
or online at middlebrookpike.com

We will be painting t-shirts this year; **register early so that we
can order the correct t-shirt sizes.**

We need volunteers to make VBS a success! Please contact
Marielle Kusch at kuschfamily5@aol.com if you are interested in
helping. We also need volunteers to help with decorating on
Sunday June 6th.

You may also help by donating some much needed items: (drop
them in the box labeled "VBS donations" in the Fellowship Hall)

- Lids from anything (peanut butter jars, yogurt, milk,
water bottles, etc.)
- Old CDs
- Strings of Christmas lights that blink (please label with
your name)
- Tripods (please label with your name)

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 23 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Traditional Service ~ John Tate, Holston Conference Treasurer
Contemporary Service ~ Eric Rieger

May 30, Trinity Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend

Traditional Service ~ Al Henry, Certified Lay Speaker,
Retired Navy Captain

Contemporary Service ~ Martha Scott, Ministerial Candidate,
Seminary Student

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, MAY 23

- 8:30 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45 Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FLC/FH)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 4:00 Health Ministry Team Meeting (Room 30)
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Room 31)
- 5:30 Revelation Choir
- 5:30 Youth Snack Supper "Fish Food" (FH)
- 6:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, MAY 24

- 6:00 Visioning Team Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, MAY 25

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
- 10:30 Prayer Around the Altar
- 6:00 Stephen's Ministry (Room 31)
- 6:30 Good & Beautiful God Class (Library)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

- 6:15 Early Risers Choir
- 6:45 "Ignition" Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 30)
- 7:45 Youth Games

THURSDAY, MAY 27

- 10:00 Knox Porcelain Artist (Room 31)
- 5:00 CWS Praise Team
- 6:00 Disciple III (LCR)
- 6:00 STEPS Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)
- 7:00 FISH Board Meeting (Room 40)

FRIDAY, MAY 28

- 9:00 FISH

SATURDAY, MAY 29

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)

(See other enclosed calendars within this publication for additional activities.)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MAY 16, 2010

Sunday School—223 Worship—461

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MAY 16, 2010

BUDGET	\$16,960.28
PAVING THE WAY	\$1,825.00
MEMORIALS~ Opal Jarvis	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS: FISH	\$300.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$4,204.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$23,289.83



May 26	Karen Collins, David York
May 27	Reid Davis, Todd Wilkinson, Paul Long, Karen Katcham, Christina Kosier
May 28	Michael Jenkins
May 29	Jerry Earl
May 30	Keith Mobley, Bill Elmore, Susan Brown
May 31	Trevor Higgins
May 31	Alex Giles

(If we missed your birthday, we are sorry. Please notify the church office so your birthday can be added to our records.)



SUNDAY, MAY 23
Breakfast will be served
by the
Selah Circle

please join us!

2010 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project:

Food Buckets for Zimbabwe

During the month of May we will be collecting food buckets for the Holston Annual Conference's 2010 Hands-On Mission Project. Below is a list of items needed for each bucket. Please pack all items in a provided 5 gallon bucket OR any bag and we will pack the bucket for you (buckets can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall throughout May). A \$5 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each bucket. **DO NOT PUT \$ IN THE BUCKET** - tape to lid, please. Or, place the money in the collection plate marked "Food Buckets for Zimbabwe". Buckets can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall May 16-30.

List:

- 1- 5lb bag of Corn Meal
- 1- box of tea bags (take out of the box)
- 1- 2lb bag of Rice
- 1- box of powdered milk (9oz or less)
- 1- bottle of cooking oil (48oz or less)
- 1- 5lb bag of sugar
- 1- 5lb bag of SELF-RISING flour
- 1- 2lb bag of dried beans
- 1- 2lb canned ham or 2- 1lb canned hams
- 1- small box of Splenda

Questions? Contact

Kristin Lighter @ Kristin.Lighter@gmail.com or 865-705-1141. Or Liz Kennedy @ lizzy_bat@yahoo.com or 865-531-7763.

HOPE FOR SUDAN

2010 Holston Annual Conference Mission Offering

Holston's partnership with East Africa Annual Conference and the UMC in Sudan continues to provide resources and mission teams to address the needs identified on the Covenant Agreement. The generosity of Holston has provided educational facilities, medical assistance, pastor training, leadership in the church and education and clean water.

Your offering will provide:

- ◆ School construction—complete with desks.
- ◆ Rev. Boo and Phyllis Hankins serving as the District Superintendent and teaching English to the pastors.
- ◆ Clergy training for the pastors and leaders of the 17 local churches.
- ◆ Medical professionals from Holston working with local clinics and UMCOR.
- ◆ Holston has a goal of 19 wells to provide the much needed clean water.

Please give generously to the "SUDAN MISSION OFFERING" on Sunday, May 23.

Congratulations to our 2010 High School Graduates!

Erika Baker
Dylan Baylosis
Emily Boles
Katelyn Christian
Amanda Cofer
Patrick Daniels
Emily Harenza
Michael Jenkins
Zach Niblick
Amber Shillings
Brooke Snyder
Amy Thompson
Paige Troutman
Matt Wilson
Zach Witherspoon

Children's Corner

Dates to Remember ~

June 7 – June 11 – Vacation Bible School
June 13– Eric teaches 5th graders.
June 27– Summer Rotation begins
July 16– Parents Night Out
July 25 – Eric Bronkala meets with rising 6th graders and their parents at 9:45 (Theater).
August 22– Bible presented to rising 3rd graders. Information will follow.

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Ann Cover - Director of Children's Ministries
acover@middlebrookpike.com



VBS ~ 2010

June 7 - June 11

6:00 – 8:30pm

(light dinner provided)

During Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School , cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Please contact Marielle Kusch (692-3899) or kuschfamily5@aol.com if you would like to volunteer.



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

Sunday, May 23

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship
9:45 - Youth Sunday School

5:00 - **Daytona, FL & Birmingham, AL Mission Trip**

Team Meeting - pizza & drinks provided!

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Summer Youth Group -

Theme: THE BIGGEST LOSER! Luke 17:33

No Wednesday Night Youth on May 26!

Sunday, May 30

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship
9:45 - Youth Sunday School

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Summer Youth Group

Theme: Our Annual "TRIPLE SOFTBALL GAME"

We will form three teams...two teams in the field, while one team is up to bat! Meet in the gym & bring your glove!

Wednesday Night Youth on June 2!

Miniature golfing at Putt-Putt Golf & Games in Farragut

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participants needing a ride should be dropped off at the church at 6:00 p.m. and picked up at 9:00 p.m.

Youth may also be dropped off and picked up at Putt Putt Golf & Games.

The cost depends on you! Recreational activities include: driving range, batting cages, miniature golf courses, and an arcade. Don't forget to bring extra money for snacks!

Friday, June 4

Summer Lunch Bunch - 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come join us for food and fellowship at the Salsarita's at Turkey Creek .

After lunch, those youth who can stay will go see a movie at the Pinnacle 18 cinemas. Youth are responsible for their own expenses.

Thanks...

- ◆ To everyone who came to the "Heart for Haiti" rally on May 8th. We raised \$1045.00, not including \$1000.00 more in donations from local businesses.
- ◆ To everyone who supported our Slingshot Worship Service. 44 people attended our last service of the school year - May 15th. We plan on starting up again in September.
- ◆ To all the adults who served as counselors, teachers, chaperones, drivers and directors for various youth activities and events during the past year. We couldn't have done it without you!

"L.U.N.C.H for LOSERS" OUR SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH STARTS UP JUNE 4 11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

On several summer Fridays, we will be meeting for lunch followed by a fellowship activity. You may stay for lunch only, or continue on with the group to a movie, miniature golf, bowling, etc. In each case, youth will be asked to cover their own expenses. This group will meet on the following days: **June 4, 18, July 2, 16, & 30**

Attention: Rising Sixth Graders & Parents

Don't forget, CURRENT FIFTH GRADERS may begin attending all youth activities beginning **Sunday night, July 25**. Eric will teach the fifth grade Sunday school class on June 13, and will meet with all new youth and their parents during the 9:45 a.m. Sunday school hour on Sunday, July 25. **Location: Old Building Theater**

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

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Works, Faith, and Taming the Tongue.
Interested? Intrigued?

Come join the Genesis Sunday School Class for an in-depth study of the book of *James*.

May 23rd we will have an Introduction to James and then on May 30th we will start on Chapter 1.

You are welcome to join us!!

This Sunday in our Traditional Worship service, John Tate, Holston Conference Treasurer, will be our special guest. John is the son of Bob and Ann Tate, Rita Tate’s stepson. It is a homecoming for John. It is also Pentecost.

While Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments, the children of Israel made and worshipped a golden calf. God said he was not going to continue with the people of Israel: “Go up to this land that flows with milk and honey. But I will not travel among you...”. Moses said to the Lord: “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place. How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don’t go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.” Exodus 33

The Holy Spirit was given to all people who believe at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the personal presence of God in us and among us. God’s presence among his people changes everything—it did for the people of Israel, the early disciples, and it will for us. Jesus told his followers to wait until they had received the Holy Spirit. Moses thought God’s Spirit among them was important enough to seek and wait for. May we all seek a fresh infilling of God’s Spirit and may we as a church not push ahead “toward the promised land” unless we know God is indeed with us. Here’s the story again in a modern rendering:

¹⁻⁴ When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. ⁵⁻¹¹ There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn’t for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, “Aren’t these all Galileans? How come we’re hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?”

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

Huey Long (Dania Leatherman’s father)
Jennifer McDonald
Margaret Pedt (Ruth Ford’s sister)

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"
¹²Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"
¹³Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."
¹⁴⁻²¹That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,
"I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy,
also your daughters;
Your young men will see visions,
your old men dream dreams.
When the time comes,
I'll pour out my Spirit
On those who serve me, men and women both,
and they'll prophesy.

(from Acts 2, *The Message*)

May you and I know the gift of His presence in us and among us and then we can say, like David: “You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.”

Pastor Fric

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