



Our Church Family

Smith Howell, Sr. remains confined at home under hospice care... Bob Lane is in Baptist DeSoto room 719 after suffering a small stroke. He should be moved to rehab this week... Jayleena Williams remains in Germantown Methodist Hospital following recent gall-bladder and colon surgery... Connor

Mobley is being evaluated and treated at Cancer Center of America in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the next three weeks... Cora Epperson is in Baptist DeSoto Rm. 904 undergoing heart tests... Earl Edge has been very sick at home recently and is awaiting test results... Beth Ramsey has been released from the hospital in Nashville and is staying with her daughter for a few days. Hopes to be home by the end of this week... Ken Flake continues to undergo treatment for bone cancer in Tampa, Florida... David Lipsey is continuing to suffer from kidney stones...

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Lynn Stalnaker whose brother, Wayne Coleman, passed away. Also her aunt passed away last week.

VETERAN/VETERAN'S WIDOW

In 1951, Congress enacted a wartime veterans and widows benefit program. Benefits can range from \$12,681 to as much as \$23,396 annually tax free. Certain qualifications are required; however, they are quite lenient. You need to have served during the following dates. WWII Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31,1946; Korean War June 27, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955; Vietnam War Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975; Gulf War 1990-present. For more information please provide your name, address, phone number to the church office. A 30 minute seminar will be conducted by Trent Walker at the church building in the near future. There is no cost to the veteran for this service.

VBS

VBS Kick off day is Saturday, June 12th, 3-5:00pm in the park. For more information contact Louisa Allgeier 901-734-3684 or Missy Howard 901-230-2315.

SUMMER CAMP JULY 18-24

This is going to be a great year of camp at SLCC. This year's topic will be loving out loud. Encourage your kids ages 8-17 to come and spend a week away from all of the distractions of this world, experience nature and grow closer to God.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Attention ALL MEN! Our next Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, May 15th, beginning at 7:30. We encourage all of the men of the congregation (especially our Elders and Deacons) to attend this time of prayer and fellowship. We need our men to step up and provide better participation for this program. The meal is free and the spiritual benefits are priceless.

MEN'S COFFEE AND DEVO

All men are encouraged to attend the weekly devotional Tuesday mornings at 6:30 in the foyer. Come by for a cup of coffee and a brief devotional before heading to work. We are finished by 7:00.

TLCs

This Friday, May 7, is the brownbag fellowship meal in the FLC at 6pm.

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST

All ladies are encouraged to attend our prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 22, at 8am in the FLC. For more information contact Dianne Culley or Gwen Coker.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

May 2, 2010

Sunday Bible Class	430
Sunday Morning Worship	633
Offering	\$19,704

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday: Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Worship - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Encouragement Class 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Around The Oaks

with Steve Reeves

Whew!!!! What a weekend! We had at least four tornado warnings between Friday night and Sunday morning. High winds, hail and excessive amounts of rain (over ten inches in some places) made for a weekend that will be etched in our memories for a long time. Personally, I am having a hard time getting the sound of those warning sirens out of my mind. Fortunately for us in Southaven, none of the tornados touched down and there was no serious flooding to my knowledge. We are mindful, however, of many communities near and far that have sustained damage and are investigating ways in which we might be of help to some of these individuals.

Though attendance was noticeably lower on such a stormy Sunday morning the 633 present still had an encouraging time of worship together. Sunday night's service, in which we honored our graduating seniors, was also a great occasion. Thanks to **Jeff Shocklee** for planning the service and to the parents of this year's **High School Juniors** for providing the reception.



The command to "honor your father and mother" is certainly not limited to one day of the year. I've always been thankful, however, for the tireless efforts of Anna Jarvis who worked during the

19th century to establish a national day of honor in behalf of our mothers. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation which designated the second Sunday of May as "Mother's Day."

This Sunday we will honor all of the mothers in our assembly and pay special tribute to the mother with the youngest child and the oldest mother in our midst. It will be a great day of worship and fellowship for all of us.

CHURCH POTLUCK—MAY 30TH

Our next 5th Sunday will be May 30th. On that day we will have a church-wide pot-luck following the morning service. The meal will be followed by a brief devotional after which we will be dismissed for the day. I am thankful that our Elders have chosen to use the 5th Sundays in this way. Be listening for more information in the coming weeks on how the 5th Sunday offering will be used.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Ken Joines wrote an article in this bulletin almost seven years ago about an occasion in which he was visiting a couple and paused outside to observe a beautiful Spruce tree. "That's one of the prettiest trees I've ever seen," he said. The woman of the house told this story. Years earlier the couple's marriage had been on the rocks - suffering the effects of boredom and neglect. She and her husband agreed that if the Spuce, which had just been planted, died they would divorce. If it lived they would remain together. "You know," she said, "my husband and I caught each other carrying water to that tree."

The most important ingredient to the success of any family is commitment. Without a willingness to stay together through good times and bad it is unlikely that any marriage will succeed. Both husbands and wives must be committed to "carry water" to the tree to insure that their relationship grows and flourishes.

The Lord willing, this coming Sunday we will consider a message called, "A Monument For The Future." After your life on earth has been lived your greatest monument will not be made of marble or granite. Your greatest monument will be the influence you have had upon those closest to you - particularly your family. Be sure to hear this important message as we worship God and encourage each other this Sunday . . .

~ Around The Oaks!

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

Welcoming Graduating Seniors

On Sunday night we had a great service for the Seniors who are graduating from high school. I am so proud of them for their accomplishments, and I know that they will make a huge impact on this world. I recently read an article that offered staggering research on the number of college-aged students who grew up in the church, yet are walking away from their faith after they graduate from high school. The estimate is between 70 to 80 percent. These are kids who have grown up in our churches, but they are walking away, deciding Christianity and the church is not for them after all.

I am thankful for the elders here at Goodman Oaks. I am thankful for their insight and desire to reach out to college students in our church and in this area. We are losing our young people daily, but we are trying to help college students in their faith by offering a College ministry. Natalie and I will host a cookout at our house to welcome the graduating seniors into our ministry on **Sunday night, June 6, at 6:30**. If you are a college age student or a graduating senior, please make plans to join us.

New York Fundraisers

Italian Lunch

On Sunday morning, May 16, we will have an Italian dinner after the AM service. We will have the FLC set up to eat lunch, and we will be doing to-go orders for those not able to stay and eat. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Please sign-up in the foyer and buy a ticket from **Louisa Allgeier**.

Crafts Fair/Car Wash/Bake Sale

On Saturday, May 22, we will have a Crafts Fair, Car Wash, and Bake Sale from 9-4. It is \$50 to sign up for a booth. **Chelsea Anderson** will have a gold party booth, where you can bring your gold to get cash. All the proceeds made will go directly to our trip. If you can prepare baked goods for our fundraiser please have them here by Friday, May 21. If you are buying a booth, please grab a slip from the foyer and turn it in no later than **Sunday, May 16**, so we'll know how many booths to set up.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

Book Drive

You may have heard that our youth group is working with Ride for Reading this summer. The mission of Ride for Reading is to provide books to low income children. There is approximately 1 age appropriate book for every 300 children in low income neighborhoods. Reading is foundational to a good education and for opportunities to grow.

Beginning this Wednesday, you will be able to find boxes placed around the GO building in which you can place your used school-aged books. We need books appropriate for pre-school through high school.

There is an especially urgent need at this time, however. With all the rain in Nashville, the Ride for Reading warehouse has been flooded and over 10,000 books have been destroyed. There is a book delivery scheduled for a school on Friday, May 14 and at this time there are not enough books to supply the need. If you can bring books during this next week that are focused on pre-K through 3rd grade, it would be a great help. Thanks for all you do!

Churchwide Mission Trip

Are you looking for a chance to get your hands dirty and do something to help after all the weather related disasters this past weekend? Here is an opportunity! There is going to need to be a sustained effort that will last for a long period of time. The week of July 11 I'll be organizing a trip to Nashville to help out with whatever reconstruction is needed. We have contacts with Christians in the area and will be working with them to help where needed. Anyone is welcome to be a part of the trip and whatever skill you have/don't have, you can be useful. I'll pass along more details as I get them worked out. In the meantime, I'm sure we will have opportunities closer to home. Get your tools ready!