



Good News Banner

Our mission is to be a church family that reaches out to all people, inviting them to join us in growing as deeply committed followers of Jesus Christ.

From our Pastor

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

One of the things I'm becoming more sensitive to is the ever increasing number of things people have on their "to do" lists. Between work, school, sports, civic responsibilities, and family many of us feel like we barely have time to breathe. Even those in retirement seem busier than ever!

While the last thing we want our faith to become is just another "to do," at the same time it's important to acknowledge there *are* certain things Christians "do" to mature in their faith.

Those of us who are part of the Methodist movement call these "to dos" the Means of Grace. They are:

- Daily Prayer
- Bible Study
- Public Worship (including regular Communion)
- Christian Fellowship
- Fasting
- Christian Service (especially to the poor & needy)

While these acts in no way save us, they are the basic exercises through which we stay grounded and continue to mature in our faith. Without them we will soon see how easily, as the hymnist wrote, our hearts are "prone to wander."

If, like many of us, we live our lives burning the candle at both ends this list may sound exhausting. But if we break it down, how much time are we really talking about? A half-an-hour a day for prayer, an hour a week for worship, two hours a week for fellowship and study, and perhaps an hour a week to serve others? We're talking about 6 hours a week or so, which is less time than many of us spend watching TV, going to sporting events, or playing Farmville on Facebook each week. I've learned I can easily gain back some of this time simply by waking up an hour early each day.

Believe me; I know how busy we all are. I know the time is hard to find. One strategy is to begin by committing yourself to one or two of the Means of Grace, with the intention of adding others over time.

The ultimate question is: What costs more – making the time, or NOT making the time? What is the long-term price of NOT having made time to invest in our faith?

One of the things we intentionally do as a church family is provide

opportunities to engage in the Means of Grace together.

On August 15, we will give out **Bibles** to our incoming third-graders at both worship services. This is the beginning of inviting these young readers into the practice of reading their Bibles. If you know of an incoming third-grader please contact Sandra at the church office so we can make sure to have a Bible ready for them.

Promotion Sunday will be on August 22. This is the day that our young people move up to the next grade level in Sunday school. Sunday School meets at 10 am each Sunday and is one way we engage in Christian Fellowship and Bible Study (two birds with one stone!) There is a registration table in the foyer between the West and East buildings, please take time to register your children for both nursery and Sunday school so we can plan accordingly.

We will also be starting a new **Adult Sunday School** class on August 22nd. See the white insert for more info.

The Gathering will resume on Wednesday, August 25. This is another opportunity for all ages to gather for Fellowship and Study (and this year we are also adding a Service opportunity). You can read more about the schedule and classes being offered on the insert.

On August 22, we will begin a new **Sermon Series** entitled, "Everyday Christians." Through this series we will look at the many ways we can make our faith about more than Sunday mornings, and learn to live and grow as disciples every day of the week – at work, at school, and at home.

As our summer trips and vacations come to an end, and as we enter a more routine time of the year I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to practice and deepen your faith as together we seek to grow as deeply committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Grace & Peace,

New Series Begins August 22



YOUTH

r u red or r u blk? It's a new year...r u ready for a new beginning? 2010-2011 youth will be one awesome ride, with outings, t-shirts, trips, Bible studies, team builders, and of course challenging flag rallies and amazing prizes for 7th-12th graders! Join us every Sunday night when we build relationships and get to know our Christian peers from 5:30-7:30. On 8/22 we'll kick off with youth council nominations, live music, games, and more! Plus be here to welcome our new 7th graders on their first official night of youth!

think about it! There are lots of opportunities each year for you to plug in and fill up on God's spirit, grace, forgiveness and mercy. Look out for these amazing ways for you to firm your faith:

Sun AMs & Wed PMs : Life is crazy! School, drama, home stuff...the answers r never easy. Join us 10am on Sun and 6:30pm on Wed as we break down Bro Brady's sermons and look to scripture for comfort and encouragement.

SAY YES **2** CHRIST

Celebration Service • Sunday, 8/8/10
Join us at 5:30pm to celebrate professions of faith and baptism as we remember our own commitment to Christ. A reception will follow.

Lock-In with NorthCross

Fri, 8/13 9pm - 7am at First UMC. Come for a 5th quarter movie night and lock-in with our friends from Madisonville. We'll have games, snacks, free-time, and team builders. Plus we'll watch the controversial Christian film, "To Save A Life" Join us after the game for a night you won't want to miss!

'10-'11 Kick Off Party 8/22 5:30pm-7:30pm

I AM getting to know God - Bible Study

Join us for Bible study on Wednesdays, 8/25-9/29 from 6:30-7:30 as we begin to understand how God uses situations, doubts, and questions to draw us back into Him through video, discussion, and scripture led by Jason.

Trips & Service

Awakening - Youth
Discernment: Oct 16-17

Weekend Service Project:
Nov. 19th-21st

Happening - Jan 14th-16th

Mark Your Calendars

2010-2011

Date	Acolytes	Counters	Care Team
1st Sun Aug 1	Charley Renee Cuti Brendan Cuti	William Watkins Charles Russell Cuti	Aug 2-August 8 Helen Beaver Beverly Jones
2nd Sun Aug 8th	Emily Glasgow Delany Phillips	Hoppie Jones Gwynette Dixon	August 9-August 15 Anagene Mobley Kay Simpson
3rd Sun Aug 15	Kamryn Murphy Kaylyn Murphy	Robbie van Mullem Jon Hammons	Aug 16-Aug 22 Ramona Cutrer Betty Ponsaa
4th Sun Aug 22	Suzanna Hennington Emily Glasgow	Mark Thompson Michael Christmas	Aug 23-Aug 29 Lana Hutchinson Libby Covington
5th Sun Aug 29	Sarah Katherine Neal Delany Phillips	Fred Carpenter Bruce Neal	August 30-Sept. 5 Sonya Smith Keri Blanchard



Back to School and Back to Church! All of our wonderful school year opportunities are back on Aug 22nd! This month we will drive for Sunday school and Program supplies, like crayons, markers, glue sticks, construction paper and crafting items. Look for big red boxes around the church to pick up a supply needs list or deposit your donations! For questions or more information, contact Michelle Harris.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP NEWS & EVENTS

I scream, you scream, the heat screams for ice cream!

Please join us on August 29th for an Ice Cream Social. We will have all your favorite flavors, toppings, sauces and fruit. The social will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 6:00 pm

Take a break from the heat and come enjoy ice cream and fellowship!

Kitchen Training Session:

Sunday, August 15th - 10:00 am

Sunday, August 22nd - 10:00 am

If you plan to volunteer in the kitchen and would like a quick introduction to the kitchen equipment please join Renee Carpenter in the kitchen on one of these dates!

Needed: We need you - Meal Teams for the Gathering!

Available dates and sign up sheets are in the Church Lobby.

Food and Fellowship Gathering Menus:

(As always we will have a "kid friendly" table available)

Starting August 25th.....

1st Wednesday: Salad Bar, Potato Bar & Brownie Bar

2nd Wednesday: Master Chef's Famous Lasagna, Green Beans, Italian Salad & French Bread

3rd Wednesday: Fried Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese or Potato Casserole, Salad & Rolls

4th Wednesday: Soup and Sandwiches

5th Wednesday: Fried Catfish, White Beans, Coleslaw & Hushpuppies



To Our Church Family,

Sal and I are so thankful for the prayers and concern from our church. Thanks to Rev. Brady for his uplifting visits while I was in the hospital. I still need prayers as I continue to get better each day.

God Bless you,

Mollie and Sal Porrovecchio

August Birthdays

02	Brandy Kay Andrews	22	Lindsey Joe Brumfield
	Brett Hutchinson		Grant Michael Hayden
	Emma Brabham		Leslie Dees
	Kay Clemons Hart		Anagene Mobley
	Kristi Glasgow Berner	24	Megan Bel
03	Lilith Gaines Reid		Jeff Boyd
05	Charlie New		Alma Lamarco
06	Lee Schilling	25	Beverly Jones
	Andy Currier	26	John Watkins
09	Mary Henkel Morrison	27	Marsha Beaver Nunnery
12	Kevin Cohen		Amy Kent
15	Shannon Ridgedell		Paul Gaspard
	Neil Smith	30	Sara Frances Brumfield
16	Alyce Watkins Till		Beulah Hoover
	Tamie Christmas		Libby Covington
17	Shelly Schwartz		Wilson McMichael
18	Clyde Thompson	31	Leo Hoover
	Laura Lea Reid		Kim Finch
	Lindsay LaMarca		Zoe Whitton
21	Christopher Watkins		
	Margurite Carter		

Anniversaries

06	Wallace and Millie Forshag
19	Buck and Susie Cefalu
21	Leo and Beulah Hoover
26	Pat and Denise Murphy

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary please let us know by emailing sbrown@amiteumc.org or calling the church office.

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August 2010

Amite FUMC Calendar • www.AmiteUMC.org

If you would like your event or meeting to appear on this calendar please notify the church office at (985) 748-5353



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am - Worship 10 am - Sunday School 11 am - Worship 12 noon - Youth Tubing 5:30 pm - Jr. Youth 5:30 pm - Sr. Youth	2 1 pm - Welcome potluck for Daraja at Smith's home Trustees 5:45 pm	3 7 pm - <i>Daraja Children's Choir in Concert</i>	4 5:30 pm - Say Yes 2 Christ	5	6 7 pm - Say Yes 2 Christ lock-in	7
8 9 am - Worship 10 am - Sunday School 11 am - Worship 5:30 pm - Youth Celebration Service	9 9 am - Art Group 5:30 Finance 6 pm - Church Council 6:30 pm - Boy Scout Troop 340	10 6 pm - Jr. Auxillary 6 pm - Choir	11 5 pm - Weight Watchers	12 6:30 pm - Catherine Johnson	13 9 pm - Youth lock-in "To Save a Life"	14
15 Back 2 School Sunday 9 am - Worship 10 am - Sunday School 11 am - Worship 5:30 pm - Jr. Youth 5:30 pm - Sr. Youth	16 9 am - Art Group 5:45 pm - Trustees 6:30 pm - Boy Scout Troop 340	17 6 pm - Choir	18 5 pm - Weight Watchers	19	20 6:30 pm - Alaska Potluck Dinner	21
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF AFRICA



Monday, 8/1 - 1:00pm-4:30pm Welcome Pot Luck Party at The Smith's Home

The hotdogs and hamburgers have been donated, so we just need to bring the sides and the party! Our congregation will eat, swim, play games, & fellowship with the choir giving them a warm Amite Welcome. Bring your bathing suits and towels and be ready to have a great time!

1501 N Duncan Ave. • Amite, LA

FREE CONCERT ♦ 7:00PM

Invite your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to this amazing annual event hosted at First UMC, Amite. Children have traveled across the world to share their incredible stories, beautiful voices, and joyful hearts. Doors open at 6:30pm. It's a night you don't want to miss.



Infants & Toddlers

Sundays:

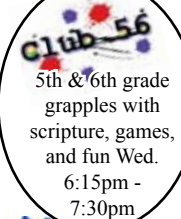
- Nursery Open 8:30am-12pm

- Tot's Landing 10am-10:50am

Sunday school with Ms. Sara Brumfield for our little ones is a great way to teach your toddlers about God through songs, prayers, games, and crafts.

Wednesdays:

- Nursery Open 5:30pm-7:30pm



5th & 6th grade grapples with scripture, games, and fun Wed. 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Pre-K - 4th Grade

Sundays:

- Spirit Wood 10am-10:50am

Children gather for games, music, and Bible stories followed by hands on activities in small groups.

Children must turn 4 by September 30th.

Wednesdays:(The Gathering)

- God's Gang 6:15pm-7:30pm

A time when Pre-K-4th grade fellowship, play games, participate in crafts and activities all inspired by the Bible. Come early and have dinner with us from 5:30pm-6:15pm.

REGISTER TODAY!

All classes begin Promotion Sunday, Aug 22nd. Come Sun, Aug 15th to meet new teachers, see your classrooms, and celebrate the new school year.

We R Methodists

A 5th & 6th grade Sunday School class (10am) for the recently confirmed or students who want to profess their faith in Christ and become a full member of the UMC. (lead by Michelle)

Confirmation is an important time in our Christian walk filled with fundamental teachings about Christianity and United Methodism. During this time, our 5th and 6th graders explore faith in Christ for themselves. They discern making a commitment to Him, promising to use their lives to serve our Lord daily as an active participant in his body here on earth, the Church. Our teachings happen on Sunday mornings at 10am. Those participating in the confirmation process also participate in homework assignments, outings, and a confirmation retreat, which help them go deeper into complex questions about the Christian life. All 5th & 6th graders are invited to participate. For more information or to register, please contact Michelle Harris.



**Alaska Mission
Pot-Luck
Fri, 8/20 • 6:30pm**

Come join the Alaska Mission team as we share our experiences in Douglas and Juneau through testimony and pictures over a great meal. Bring you favorite dish and a friend.



Adult Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes meet at 10 am on Sundays and are available for all ages - including adults.

At present we have three adult classes:

EAGER BEAVERS - room E102

Our longest running class, “the Eager Beavers” are presently studying *Parables from the Backside*. The class is comprised of mostly “more mature” adults, but is open to people of all ages.

30 MINUTE CLASS - room W111

Our newest class, “the 30 Minute Class” was designed for those adults who only have 30 minutes due to their involvement in other church activities, such as choir, but everyone is welcome.

LASTING LEGACY - room E104

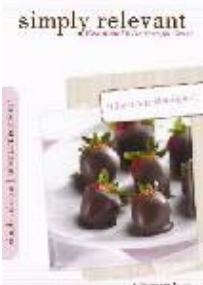
This class includes singles and couples and does topical studies designed to help you integrate your faith in practical ways.

NEW CLASS - room E106

A new class, led by Brother Brady, will **begin on August 22**. We will begin by studying the book *Sex God*, by Rob Bell. This book explores the relationship between human sexuality and our relationship with God and offers profound insight into the nature of our relationship with God and with one another. Great for those already in relationships or those wanting a better understanding of creating healthy ones.

Grab your coffee and donuts and join us on Sunday mornings at 10 am in celebrating our Lord and Savior through study and fellowship!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



A new Tuesday morning study “Chocolate Boutique” will begin at 10 am on August 3rd. This 6-week study will guide us through scriptural passages into a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s grace as it relates to our lives today.

This is a great opportunity to grow in your relationship with God in an informal setting. Please join us as we begin this journey - and bring a friend!

Fall 2010 Adult Studies

The Gathering • Wednesdays

6:15-7:30 pm beginning Aug. 25th

The Gathering

Wednesday Night Fellowship at FUMC

fellowship
together
on Wednesdays

The Book of James - \$11

led by Ramona Cutrer



Although the New Testament book of James is just five chapters long it contains a wealth of practical applications for Christian living. Join us as we dig

deeply into this "bare-knuckled" book of the Bible guided by Max Lucado's Life Lessons: The Book of James.

The Me I Want to Be - \$11

led by Ray Glasgow



Bestselling author John Ortberg guides you through the sometimes difficult but ultimately fulfilling journey towards a uniquely created spirituality. One designed just for

you ... one that will enable you to experience God more fully each day. This class includes video segments, light reading, and discussion.

Micro-Missions

led by Brady Whitton



Each week this group will leave the church to reach out in mission to our community - doing light yard work, giving out meals, visiting a nursing home, etc. The group will leave the church at 6 pm, participate in a pre-planned "micro-mission" from 6:15 - 7:15 pm, and return to the church promptly by 7:30 pm. The group is open to those grades 9 through adult and is limited to the first twelve registrants. Contact Bro. Brady for

more information: 748.5353 or bwhitton@amiteumc.org.

Tuesdays

10 - 11 am starting Aug. 3rd

Chocolate Boutique

led by Kathy Watkins



Join us for this six-week study on God's grace as it relates to our lives today.

NEW! Sundays

10 - 11 am starting Aug. 22nd

Sex God

led by Brady Whitton



Join us for as we discuss Rob Bell's book, Sex God, a look at human sexuality as an expression of our relationship with God.

Beginning August 25th

Our Weekly Rhythm at The Gathering

5:30-6:15 **eat** Food and Fellowship - a shared meal for everyone in the Multipurpose Room in the East Building
Our nursery is available beginning at 5:30

6:15-7:30 **study** Growth & Nurturing Opportunities for All Ages
Adult Studies (see reverse for class offerings)

From Christian novels to in-depth Bible studies, and from diverse topics like grief and loss to spiritual growth and formation, there is a class for everyone on Wednesday nights. We offer a variety of short-term studies and classes for adults to plug into. Because the classes are typically only 5-6 weeks long, it is easy to join in at any time of year. All are welcome!

pray Sr. High and Jr. High Bible Study (7th-12th)

This is a focused time when we talk about issues that are important to youth and how to deal with life when it gets crazy. These studies, led by Jason & Michelle Harris and some of your other favorite youth workers, include activities, small group discussion, and video presentations that dive into scripture offering hope and comfort during the drama of life.

gather Club 56 (5th-6th grade Fellowship Group)

This group is designed for 5th & 6th graders, who meet to have fun, fellowship, and explore their faith together through a web-based Christian program called MyGrapple.com.

love God's Gang (K-4th grade)

This mid-week program for K-4th graders brings children back to church during the week to learn more about God through Biblically based character-building activities, lessons, and music. Children bring home material to engage the whole family in discussions of faith.

learn

laugh

Infants to Pre-K (in age appropriate nursery)

family

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