

The Methodist Messenger

Sandersville United Methodist Church

September 3, 2010

Are you a Christian Atheist?

Do you believe in God but live as if he doesn't exist? Many Christian Atheists hesitate to join a church because they don't think there's any way God would work through them and their imperfections. But the Bible says differently. When Jesus called his first followers, he recruited tax collectors, uneducated fishermen, and dangerous revolutionaries.

Notice who Jesus did *not* call: not one rabbi, scribe, or priest. When he chose friends, Jesus surrounded himself with the lonely, the broken, and the overlooked.

God is calling you to be part of his church, to *be* his church.

If you don't feel like you're good enough, then you're exactly who he's looking for. His only qualification is that you're willing to serve.

In Matthew 18:20, Jesus says that "where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am there among them" (NLT). When we meet together, God is present in that place. When God shows up, he reaches out to us in ways we can't anticipate. Being the church allows us to experience God's presence in a unique way. Our Father uses his church to minister to us, to draw us closer to him, and to equip us – these spiritual benefits aren't just for us. God is transforming his church into extraordinary ministers.

He calls us to change lives in our own community and around the world.

-- taken from *The Christian Atheist*, by Craig Groeschel

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (Lay Leadership Team) will meet in the Pastor's office on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Sunday Worship

September 5, 2010

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Communion

The Baseball Prayer
I Chronicles 29:1, 10-12

Reverend Mark Carter

Assisting in Worship

Usher Captain
Johnny McCarty

Acolytes
Wynn Andrews & Schley Moore

Lay Reader
Communion

Children's Sermon
Communion

Children's Church
Lynn Miller

Nursery
Deana Bibb

Olivers' Outreach
Leigh Ann Pullen & Bett Lord

Attendance & Stewardship

August 29, 2010

Sunday School	103
9:00 Worship	28
11:00 Worship	135
Total Worship	163

Weekly Need:
\$8,957.85

Given This Week:
\$4,580.00

Year To Date Need:
\$313,524.75

Given Year To Date:
\$310,526.25

This Week at Sandersville UMC

Sunday, September 5

10:00 a.m. Sunday School*
10:40 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service*

Note – There will be no Youth Choir, Edge or UMYF activities.

Monday, September 6

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

12:00 p.m. Friendship Fellowship
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 8

3:30 p.m. W.A.S.
5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper*
6:15 p.m. SonShine Singers*
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, September 9

7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University
(Meet in the library)*

Friday, September 10

6:30 a.m. Youth depart for Night of Joy in Orlando, FL

*Nursery Provided

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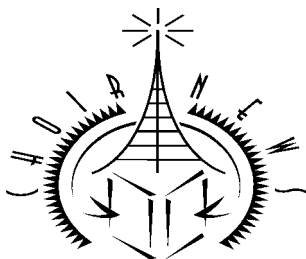
Custodian

Church Website:

www.sandersvilleumc.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper will begin this Wednesday, September 8th at 5:45 p.m. Please make plans to come join in on the fun, fellowship and good food. Our first program will be presented by the **Ladies Trio**. Please contact the church office by Tuesday noon for reservations.



Matt Turbeville, Director of Music Ministries

*Sing a new song to the Lord!
Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!
Sing to the Lord, praise his name.
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.
Psalm 96:1-2 (NLT)*

There will be NO Youth Choir this Sunday!

Children's Choirs begin Wednesday, September 8th!

SonShine Singers (K4 & K5)

6:15-6:45 p.m.

Matt Turbeville, Director

Covenant Choir (Grades 1-4)

Wednesday After-School (W.A.S.) program

Matt Turbeville, Director

W.A.S. Parents:

W.A.S. registration and medical release forms will be mailed. You should receive them Saturday, September 4th. Please mail them or drop them by the church office.



THE EDGE WILL NOT THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Please take this Sunday off to enjoy time with your families! The following Sunday, September 12, The Edge will not meet because Matt T. and Matt V. will be returning from Orlando, FL with the Youth. We'll **resume** on Sunday, September 19th at 4:30 p.m. Please call or e-mail us if you have any questions.



The Edge will be attending an **Atlanta Braves** game on **Friday, October 1**. (Braves vs. Phillies) We'll leave from the church right after school! Game-time is 7:20 p.m. Please contact Matt V. to register. Parents are welcome to join us! **Cost is only \$20**. Call if you have questions. We only have seven tickets left! Note – The cost (\$20) is **all-inclusive** and includes **unlimited** trips to the concession.

SUMC YOUTH

Matt Vos, Director of Christian Education / Youth Coordinator

UMYF will NOT meet this Sunday!

Spend some time with your families this Labor Day weekend!



Donnie Sumner in Concert

Also appearing: Kindred

Sunday, September 12, 2010

6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary

(A love offering will be taken.)

Prior to the concert, we will have a church-wide supper in the church Social Hall at 5:00 p.m. The United Methodist Men will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs.

Please contact Connie in the church office for reservations. Deadline is Friday, September 9th.

preschool registration



There are still openings in the pre-school for ages 1, 2 and 4. Please contact Patti Hitchcock in the pre-school office to register. (552-3334)

Bible Study

Rev. Mark Carter will be leading a Bible Study beginning **Sunday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall. The study is a 4-part video-driven series called, *Why Jesus?*

In these four powerful sessions of ***Why Jesus?***, David Nasser addresses the tough questions that people have about Jesus and points them back to the scriptural truths about our Savior. Please make plans to attend.

Nursery will be provided.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper will begin **this** Wednesday, September 8th at 5:45 p.m.

Please make plans to come join us!

The menu is Salad Bar, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Apples & Honey, & Ice Cream.

Our first program will be presented by the **Ladies Trio**.

Contact the church office for reservations.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids (3 year old - 5th grade).

Kids under age 3 eat free!

Bread of Life

There will be **no** Wednesday Night Supper on the **third Wednesday** of each month. Our **Bread of Life Ministry** will meet in the Social Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. We'll prepare plates and have them ready for delivery at 5:00 p.m. If you are available, please join us and help prepare these meals for those who are less fortunate in the community. Your heart will be blessed!



Wednesday After-School Program (W.A.S.)

The W.A.S Program will begin on September 8th.

If you would like for your child to participate in this program, please e-mail Matt Turbeville at mturbeville@sandersvilleumc.org to add yourself to the mailing list.

I will be e-mailing and "snail" mailing registration forms or you can pick them up in the church office.

Please e-mail or call if you have any questions.

Office (478) 552-3374



KidzQuest is a weekend retreat for 3rd - 6th graders. Come join in on all the fun! It's going to be out of this World! September 24 – 26 at Epworth by the Sea.

Cost: \$130 – Includes meals, lodging, program & T-shirt

Deadline for registration: September 10

Please e-mail or call Matt Vos for more info.

e-mail: mvos@sandersvilleumc.org



Our Church Family

John Sheppard
Isabel Snyder
Sue Andrews
JoAnn Marshall
Frances Miller
Jessalyn Thomas

Friends & Family of Church Members

Dwight Irons
Vic Sims
Judy Mercer
Hut Avant
Bob Chaffer
Dena Clay
Judy Garner
Sarah Garner (Charlene Kay's mother)

Nursing Home Residents

Heritage Inn:
Elizabeth Field
Marjorie Roughton

Tennile Assisted Living:

Pop Gilmore
Jack Carlson

ECF:

Alice Carlson
Barbara Turner
Margaret Hutcheson
Nell Roughton
Inez Thiele
Dot Tomlinson



**PRAY FOR
OUR TROOPS!**



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Newsom Rawlings by Strick & Barbara Newsom.

Upper Rooms

**September / October
Upper Rooms
are available in the
Church Office and in
the Narthex of the
Sanctuary.**

**The church office
will be closed
Monday,
September 6, 2010
in observance of
Labor Day.**

Sandersville

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September Happy Birthday

9/03 James Giles
9/06 Allie Dawson
9/06 Lillian Hood
9/06 Denise Pharis
9/07 Roy Etheridge
9/07 Mary Jean Moore
9/09 Pete Booth
9/11 Buddy Hudson
9/12 Derek Boatright
9/13 Erica Harden
9/15 Randy Branan
9/15 Daniel Moye
9/16 Ronald Jackson
9/18 Erin Register
9/19 Mare Barksdale
9/19 Jane Smith
9/19 Jessalyn Thomas
9/20 Mike Lewis
9/20 Ed Scheff
9/20 Nancy Tarbutton
9/21 Kim Farmer
9/21 Katie Grosshans
9/21 Helen Tarbutton
9/22 John Harden
9/22 Eleanor Wickersham
9/23 Joanna Alston
9/23 Sumner Holman
9/23 Ann Pittman
9/25 Ruth Dollar
9/25 Mary Katherine Harden
9/25 Rebecca Thiele
9/25 Marjorie Waller
9/26 Mark Pullen
9/26 Shannon Snow
9/27 Mary Eleanor Wickersham
9/29 Jason Alexander
9/29 Hugh Tarbutton
9/29 John Wilson
9/29 Will Wright
9/29 **Matt Turbeville**
9/30 Margaret Hutcheson
9/30 Robert Thiele

Happy Anniversary

9/02 Bob & Laurice Wilson
9/12 Lee & Bett Lord
9/13 Brian & Jennifer Wright
9/14 Tom & Carolyn Bell
9/23 Tom & Kay Rawlings
9/24 Vince & Ramona Brown
9/30 Danny & Meg Levie



September

Opportunities of the Week

Sundays

9:00 a.m. The Third Hour*
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School*
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal*
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship*

* Nursery Provided

*If you have an **Announcement, Birthday, or Anniversary** that you would like to have put in the newsletter or bulletin, please call church office, email to Connie or drop in offering plate.*

Staff Email Address

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Matt: mturbeville@sandersvilleumc.org
Matt: mvos@sandersvilleumc.org

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 5:30 p.m. Senior Adult Banquet/ Matt Turbeville providing the program	2 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace with Matt V.next 13 weeks	3	4
5 HOLY COMMUNION NO 9:00 A.M. SERVICE	6 Labor Day Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Mamie Tarbutton Circle 7:00 p.m. Newell Thompson Circle	7 Pre School Starts Back 12:00 p.m. Friendship Fellowship 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	8 3:30 p.m. Wednesday After School Program 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper* 6:15 p.m. Sonshine Singers 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice*	9 12:00 p.m. Clara Park/Wesleyan Lunch Bunch	10	11
12 5:30 p.m. Dinner in the Social Hall/Reservations have to be made by September 9 6:00 p.m. Donnie Sumner Concert with Kindred	13	14 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting 7:00 p.m. Nominatting Committee	15 4:00 p.m. Bread of Life NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER	16	17 18 Youth/Orlando	
19 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsals Youth/Orlando 6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Mark 6:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal with Matt T.	20 7:00 p.m. UMM	21 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	22 3:30 p.m. Wednesday After School Program 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper* 6:15 p.m. Sonshine Singers 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee 7:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice*	23	24	25
26 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsals 5:30 p.m. Snack Supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Mark 6:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal with Matt T.	27	28 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	29 3:30 p.m. Wednesday After School Program 5:15 p.m. Sonshine Singers 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper* 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice*	30		