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Ramblin' with Ralph

VBS, "On A Roll With God," is in full swing as I write this. I had a moment after this morning's session to reflect on why I love VBS. It is a time where our church campus is alive with activity that focuses on our children. I am grateful for all the kids who turned out this morning. We have some sweet kids visiting our church this week during VBS. We also have some wonderful adults who are leading them and helping them learn about Jesus; not only about Jesus, but also about how to work together and support one another.

Join me in prayer for our students and teachers/school personnel. JA and Clarke County schools start back 08 August 2022. Teachers start back the week before. Pray that all will have a good year free from pandemics, severe weather, and plain old distractions. In our worship service Sunday morning, 07 August, we will have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" and pray for our students specifically. I encourage you to bring your student and their backpack or whatever they take with them to school, so we can pray for them and their new year.

This Sunday, July 31st, is a perfect time to re-engage in church life. We're celebrating VBS, the end of vacation, and the start of school. It's a time of transition. I invite you to transition into regular attendance at worship and Bible study.

Come back to our ministry together. Come back to our fellowship together. Come back home.

I love you. Jesus loves you.

See you in church Sunday.

Pastor Ralph

Sunday School/Worship/Meetings

Sundays

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Online Worship

Meetings

12 noon	Thurs., Aug. 11	Hunting Men for God	Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m.	Tues., Aug. 9	Lunch Bunch	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Mon., Aug. 15	Trustees	Wesley Room
5:30 p.m.	Tues., Aug. 16	Finance	Wesley Room
5:30 p.m.	Wed., Aug. 17	Leadership Council	Wesley Room

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

8/1	Keith Bolen Bryline Dailey Bridgett Odom	8/10	Rebekah Noble Peggy Sellers Judith Wilson	8/28	Ginny Dillon Jillian Skipper
8/3	Lynne Brown Roxanne Chastain Gayle Sherman Jamie Wilkins	8/12	Emma Brooks Alicia Harrison	8/30	Cal Reeves Joe Skipper
8/5	Garrie Wheat	8/15	Veronica Etheredge Lillie Fleming Mary Caylor Mosley	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
8/6	Lois Joiner	8/16	Danny Coleman Jansen Deas Turner Harrison	8/18	Ralph & Janet Wooten
8/7	Gay DeWitt Drew Outlaw	8/19	Doug Christian	8/21	Jay & Patricia McKee
8/8	Mac McCorquodale Christie Outlaw Billie Wilkins	8/21	Mike Garrett Ann White	8/23	Frank & Julie Rogers
8/9	Daphne Boone Jerry Chastain David Pace Austin Smith	8/22	Walter Tipton	8/27	John & Melissa McKee
		8/23	Alejandra Mendez	8/30	John & Janet McCants
		8/24	Jackie Chastain	8/31	Ron & Ann Scogin
		8/25	Elissa Brown Jay McKee		

Special Prayer Needs

Tommy Adams	Melvin & Lois Joiner	Colette Chivers (HB)
Chris Bailey	Candler Reeves	Mary Lou Lancaster (HB)
Judy Johnson Carpenter	Richard Walker	
Mike Brown	Mrs. Billie Windham	
Edmund Franklin	Melvin Zbinden	
Rad Graham	Shirley Luke (HB)	
Ellie Honaker	Dick Morrison (HB)	
Abbie Johnson	John Morgan (HB)	

Servants in Worship

Church Lock-Up

Jodi Burnette
Tonya Faith

Liturgist

Kasey Fleming

Ushers

Marcus Kyzar
Jeff Savage
Kevin Wheat

Nursery Volunteers

Aug. 7 - Wanda Blount
Aug. 14 - Michele Deas
Aug. 21 - Mary Caylor Mosley
Aug. 28 - Terri Bolen

Senior Adult Ministries Update

For this month (August) Lunch Bunch will still be on the **second Tuesday**, which is **August 9**, at **11:30a.m.**



Starting in **September, Lunch Bunch** will move to the **first Tuesday (still at 11:30a.m.)** of each month because we will resume **Senior Citizen Lunch** on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 12 noon.** We will rotate every-other-month with First Baptist Church as we've done previously

So, Senior Citizen Lunch schedule will be 12 Noon:

- September 9 @ First Methodist Church
- October 11 @ First Baptist Church
- November 8 @ First Methodist Church
- December 13 @ First Baptist Church

And Lunch Bunch schedule for this Fall will be 11:30 a.m. :

August 9, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6 **here at FUMC as usual.**

Food Ministry Update

Our food ministry is **still accepting donations** of food (and money to purchase food) for those in need in our community. As you may be aware, there are more families than ever struggling to make ends meet. We are also **still accepting volunteers** to help unload, organize, pack, and distribute food donations. If you can help in any of these ways, please do. You may mail monetary donations to our P.O. address found on back of newsletter. Drop off food donations to our physical address on front of newsletter. And drop by the church on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings around 8:30 to volunteer your time. **In Matthew 25:40 Jesus says, " Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."**