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SAGINAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

**Making Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World . . .
One Person at a Time**

Our Presence



Sunday, August 1

Total Worship...235

Budget...\$14,093.23

Required weekly for 2010 budget:\$10,153.00

Sunday, August 8

Total Worship...220

Budget...\$8,235.27

August 15

Promotion Sunday

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Teacher Appreciation Day

5:00 P.M.

Back To School Bash

Blessing of the Backpacks

Food and Entertainment



Coming September 8th

Fall 2010

Around the Table

Wednesday Evening Meal and Study

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ISSUES OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

for Kids - Mission Possible

M*el's
oments~*

John Ortberg in his book, *God is Closer Than You Think*, recounts the story of John Nash--a genius

who won a Nobel Prize--but at the height of his career suffered a mental breakdown. The movie, *A Beautiful Mind*, is based on his story. John Nash became unconnected to reality, but over time he was able to learn discernment. He learned to test the voices to find out which ones were true and which ones were false. At one point in the film, Nash says to a friend, "I'm no different from you. We all hear voices. We just have to decide which ones we are going to listen to." John Ortberg puts it this way, "Whatever repeatedly enters the mind occupies the mind, eventually shapes the mind, and will ultimately express itself in what you do and who you become".

Mel's Moments (continued) In Romans 12:1 the apostle Paul said, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." We live in a culture full of lies and myths that distract from the truth about God and about ourselves. Here are some of the lies that permeate our culture and society today:

1. "The more you have, the more you are worth." Our worth does not come from what we accumulate, rather it comes from God's estimation of us. The Bible says that we are created in the image of God. God gave the best for each one of us, His Son Jesus Christ.

2. "You earn what you have." This means we deserve what we have. This is a very deceptive concept. Our spiritual journey is a way of grace, a grace that is freely given. It is a grace which costs us nothing, but demands everything from us. We do not do anything to deserve it. It is a gift from God to us.

3. "What matters the most in the world is taking care of #1." This is a very dangerous lie and myth. We live in the "me generation." Even technology speaks to this idea of "I": iPhone, iPod, and iPad. Jesus' ministry was not self-serving, but serving others. The commandment that Jesus left us with is "to love God and love others as you love yourself." We are our brother's and sister's keepers. Others depend on us for survival. We depend on others for work, for affirmation, for support, for guidance, and for love.

4. "You secure the future with your wealth." Billy Graham once said, "When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost." Our security is not found in wealth nor in health, but in the Lord Jesus Christ. The hymn, *My Hope Is Built*, reminds us that "on Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

There are more lies which you can expand on, but what I want you to focus on are the following truths: God Loves you. You are a person of worth and are valued. You are born for a purpose. You have inner strength. God will not abandon you. God gifted you with special abilities. You belong.

In Christ's Love,

Mel

WORSHIP WITH US!

“TWEAKING” WORSHIP

In order to help worship have a better flow and honor the time of worship, we are going to make a slight adjustment. We will begin the “fellowship time” at 5 minutes before the start of worship, i.e., 8:25 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. The congregation will be gathered back to the start of worship with a “gathering song,” followed by announcements and the usual order of worship. One other addition will be a musical “Call to Prayer,” prior to the Pastoral Prayer, to aid us in focusing on our time of prayer.

These small adjustments are intended to assist with the flow of worship and to have each element of worship be more intentional in your time with God. We do want to remind you that Sunday school does need to begin and end on time. Please honor the time of your teacher, class members, and visitors.

Charge Conference

Tuesday, September 21
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary



Central Texas Conference Centennial Celebration

Will Rogers Memorial Center
Saturday, October 23
8:30 a.m.

Event tickets are \$20 (adults), \$10 (students), and \$5 (age 7 and under) and cover the entire day’s activities, including a delicious Risky’s Barbecue lunch for the adults and a Hotdog lunch (including drink and dessert) for the children ages seven and under. Lunch will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Willie Nelson and his sister Bobbie will provide the headline entertainment and will be complemented by numerous other talent groups, fun events, and historical displays. No tickets will be sold at the door, so mark your money “CTC Centennial Celebration” and the number of tickets you need and put in the offering plate or turn into the church office by Sunday, September 26. The office will order and distribute the tickets.



to Justin and Amanda on the death of their daughter, Kynadi Jo’Ann Buzbee on July 29.



Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume

Wednesday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.

Saginaw Ringers Rehearsals Resume

Wednesday, September 1



This fall we will have openings for three handbell players in the Saginaw Ringers. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Childcare is provided during rehearsals. If you are interested in serving in this fun music ministry, please see Jemma or contact her at home at 817-267-6459.

Children’s Choirs Radical Disciples

Begins Sunday, September 12



Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Aubrey Faith Sipes was born to Gary and Jaime on August 4.

An invitation to John and Barbara Mackey’s 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 14, is posted on the bulletin board.



UMM Breakfast

Saturday, August 14
8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

the *Sisterhood* will NOT meet this month.

Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 18
3:30 p.m., Conference Room

Memorial Garden Committee Meeting

Friday, August 20
6:00 p.m., Memorial Garden



Leadership Think Tank

Sunday, August 29
7:00 p.m.

GOD SQUAD YOUTH NEWS

Youth Fall Kick-Off



Friday, August 20

The youth would like to thank ALL of the adults who attended the Junior and Senior High CYCYM trips with us this year. Your willingness to sacrifice your time and energy to work and worship with us truly reflects the love of Christ. We would also like to thank all of those who contributed, and who continue to contribute, of their gifts financially and physically--both talents--both a n d -to support the youth ministry of Saginaw United Methodist Church. We are blessed to have adults in our church who invest so fully in us as we walk this journey of faith together. Thank you. It means more than you know. *Saginaw UMC Youth*



S U M C O U T R E A C H

- **Weight Watchers** - Fellowship Hall: Mondays at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- **Daisy Girl Scouts** - C20: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (August - May); **Girl Scout Troop 2702** - C20; 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (August - May) <http://gstroop2702.webs.com>
- **Boy Scouts** - Scout Building; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
- **Cub Scouts: Webelos I**, Scout Building, Mondays at 6:00 p.m.; **Bear Den**, Scout Building, 1st/3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.; 2nd/4th Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.;
- **Webelos II**, Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.; **Wolf Den**, Scout Building, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.; **Tiger Dens**, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; www.cubscoutpack151.org
- **Little Blessings** - Children's Wing: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (August - May)
- **Community Link Mission (CLM)**: Hours of operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; CLM Board Meeting is held the second Monday of each month.
- **Habitat for Humanity** - For more information, visit www.trinityhabitat.org
- **Water Wells** - funding the building of three wells and one church in the Congo over the next few years.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Justin Magnanti's grandmother

Given by Adrian and Jennifer Cardenas

In Memory of Milad Bishara,

Rev. Mel Bishara's brother

Given by Tom and Karen Jumes

Love Offering

In Memory of Milad Bishara

Given by Jemma Jones, Clarence and Susan Hidy,

Terry Timms, Bill Anderson, Joyce Spindor,

Ron and Gail Attaway, Jay and Millie Beavers,

Carl Blount, Don and Sandra Browning,

Kay Carroll, Lawrie and Tommy Ekron,

Russell and Melanie Estes, Bill and Lois Horton,

Linda Johnson, Margie Keeter,

John and Barbara Mackey, Gary and Penny Matthes,

Rita Roberts, Bobbie Roberts, Nellie Talbert,

Kevin and Teresa Weaver,

James and Jocelyn Perkerson, Tom and Karen Jumes,

Kathryn Blackmore, Jon Ed and Frankie Robbins,

and the Women of Spirit Sunday School Class

Fellowship Hall Flooring Fund

In Memory of Milad Bishara

Given by Dale and Londa Pontius

Memorial Garden

In Memory of Loretta Pierce

Given by Kathy Blackmore

Little Blessings

In Memory of Kynadi Buzbee,

Justin and Amanda Buzbee's daughter

Given by Adrian and Jennifer Cardenas,

Jerry and Terry Timms, Jim and Brandy Manning,

Rodger and Paula Corfield

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Barbara Mackey

Maria Hofmann

Velma Bertelmann

Ruth Dahlin

Catharine Wakefield

Susan Bishara

Email Terry Timms, tstimms@att.net,
to add people to the email prayer list.



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YOU

8:25 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages



August 15

Liturgists: Don Browning and Barbara Henley

Sound System Operators: David Wilson and
Doug Denton

Ushers: Ron and Gail Attaway; David Collins,
Ed and Pam Reedy, Jerry Avery

Doorstep Visitation: Ed and Pam Reedy

Acolytes: Hannah Hudgens and Taylor Weaver

Greeters: Jean James, Debbie McDonald, Rita
Roberts, Dee Griffith; Evelyn Hudgens, Kristin

Warthen, JoAnn Avery

Presbyterian Night Shelter: New Visions

August 22

Liturgist: Shelley Collins and Mark Schlichenmeyer

Sound System Operators: Ralph Fockler and Kallie
Weaver

Ushers: Jim Cox; Frankie Robbins, Barbara Henley,
Ted Matthews, Larry Sullivan

Doorstep Visitation: Ken and Robin Hamilton

Acolytes: Parker Matthews and Brandon Wilkening

Greeters: Dale and Londa Pontius, John Mackey, Cyd
Baumgardner; Charles and Shirley Stephens, Tammy

Line



to Londa Pontius, Mary Ann Hauerwas, Rita Roberts, and Russell, Joe, Josh, and Faith Estes for preparing the last edition of the *FOCUS* for mailing, Jean King and Debbie Hughes for working in the office, and Claire Watson for acknowledging memorials and honorariums.