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## Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your prayers for health and healing:

**Jay** Standridge, **Beverly** Crouch, **Lillian** Lemaster (Johnny's mother), **Wade** Hudson, **Luella** Sims, **Willie** Nolen, **Dutch** Uran, **Wilma** Wallis (Gary's mother), **Zach** Hopson (Kay Hyle's cousin), **Emilyn** Harris, **Ruth Mae** Parker, Joanne Gray's mother and aunt (**Bernice** and **Dana** Holt), Laura Bradley's sister (**Patti**), Rhonda Ruiz' father, Pat Heugatter, **Wanda** Ford, **Jack** Williams, **Tim** Cates, **Carolyn** Diehl, **Bill** Norris, **Tracey** Moore, **Kathy** Sloan, **Becky** Ware, **Terry** Allen, **Gail** Wallace, and for all those serving our country or working in Iraq or Afghanistan especially Aaron Smalley, Nathan Diehl (Betty Evan's grandson) and Barry King.

We also offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the improved health of both Robert Nolen's mother, Joan, and Anne Nolen's Mom, Betty, for our VBS children and volunteers, and for our Freedom. If you have prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, please call the church office, 281-484-9243.


## Finance and Church Council To Meet Together On August 16

There will be a combined Finance Committee and Administrative Council meeting on Monday, August 16, from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Members of these committees will be planning the financial future of our church. **Please place this on your prayer list. It is that important!**


## Summer Shake-up!

The Youth Group and Gary Wallis's Sunday School Class will be meeting together in the Fellowship Hall for three Sundays beginning July 25. Gary will be leading the discussion on "**What Pleases God**". Part 1 will review *The Inward Attitude*, Part 2 will consider *The Outward Life*, and Part 3 will explain *Working Out Your Salvation*. The group is extending an invitation to anyone interested in these topics to please join them. Fellowship is at 9:45 and the class starts at 10:00.

## Kids Bell Choir To Perform

 You will not want to miss church on July 25. Our Children's Choirs will treat us to special hand bell performance at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. This will be children in first through fifth grade.

## VBS Reunion

 All Galactic Blast and Vacation Bible School kids and volunteers are invited back to Cokesbury for our VBS Reunion on Friday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m. We will have refreshments, games, and drawings for door prizes. We hope to see you there!

-**Alison Meyers**, Children's Director



**July 25**-The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Robert Gentry's birthday by Thomas and Claudia Gentry.

**August 1**-The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 21st Wedding Anniversary of Rob and Laura Bradley.

## From The Pastor

A survey in 2003, found that 8 out of 10 workers were not happy in their jobs. Additionally, motivational coach, Ed Foreman reports that most heart attacks occur on Mondays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. These two findings suggest that people are not happy with their work. We have all heard a coworker say, or maybe we have said it ourselves, "I wish I didn't have to go to work today."

So, here I am on Monday morning shaking in my boots--so to speak. However, work does not have to kill us. There is a verse in Ecclesiastes that says, "I saw that there is nothing better for people than to be happy in their work. That is why we are here!" (Ecclesiastes 3:21)

Here is an insight: Solomon did not say, "There is nothing better for people than to have work that makes them happy." The emphasis is on your being happy in your work, not on your work making you happy.

I have seen people bored with great jobs--even very high paying ones.

A recent TV story reported that the CEO of Waste Management Corporation (a garbage hauling business) visited a man who was cleaning the worst portable toilets. Instead of being unhappy, this man was cheerful, ready to do his work, and doing it very well. The work did not make him happy. He went into it with an attitude of happiness.

Your job probably won't change. It is what it is. But you can take steps to change the way you approach your work, steps that help you find satisfaction in your work. Let me suggest you look for something rewarding in your job, and secondly, take the joy of the Lord with you to work. Do not leave it at the doorstep. Try it.

Blessings in Christ's Name

*Bro. Bill*



## The Power of Prayer

About one year ago, I asked you to write four prayer requests, to keep them on your "list" and to pray each day. Now it is time to report how your prayer requests have been answered. On Sunday, August 8, we will hear from some folks who have been praying for one year. If you wish to share, please get in touch with Brother Bill as soon as possible so your testimony can be incorporated into the worship service.

-**Bill Newcomb**, Pastor

## New Education Program

The action plan of Cokesbury's new Education Program is to support teachers and participants by providing them with spiritual leadership tools that will inspire them to grow in faith and live as Disciples of Jesus Christ. One place to learn these tools is in a small group Bible study class whether the class is one session, or a few sessions, or a 32 week Disciple Class. Patti Akkola, our new Education Coordinator, wants feedback from members. If you are interested in teaching a class or if you have a particular topic for the next Bible study class, please let her know. You can contact her at [p7akk@msn.com](mailto:p7akk@msn.com) or at home 281-922-

## Remember SeAM on First Sunday

August 1 is the first Sunday of the month and the traditional time for Cokesbury members to bring items for the Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM) food pantry. Items can be left in the large plastic tubs outside the narthex or in the Commons. Items in short supply are canned tomatoes, peanut butter and macaroni and cheese.

Your contributions are needed as the demand is still high due to children being home from school. Through the first six months of 2010, SeAM has provided food to 4,510 clients. These clients have received a total of 69,300 pounds of food and toiletries.

You can help others through SeAM in several ways. In addition to donating food or plastic bags, you can donate clothing, household items or furniture to the Thrift Store. Small amounts of clothing or household items can be left in the kitchen in the "soup can" by the refrigerator. For furniture pickup, call Rob Bradley at 281-992-2604. Or you can take your donations to the Thrift Store located on Highway 3 between College and Edgebrook Monday-Saturday 9:30-3 p.m.

A final way you can directly help SeAM is to volunteer along with your other Cokesbury members. Current Cokesbury volunteers are Kathy and Johnny Lemaster, Janice Shields, Claudia Gentry, Jo Ann Gray, Carole and Jim Krafka, Carolyn Lofland and Rob and Laura Bradley. Ask one of us about volunteering.

-**Laura Bradley**, Pantry Manager



Fifteen youth and five adults had a great time at Lakeview District Camp last week. We learned about God's greatest gift to us, His son, Jesus Christ. We had fun doing all kinds of cool things and experiencing fantastic worship every day. If you didn't go this year, be sure to go next year. It's amazing!

This week was District Youth Week, and we fellowshiped with our friends from all over the South District with a cookout in Lake Jackson, Incredible Pizza in Pasadena, and the Wave Pool in LaPorte.

Our next big event is Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels. We will meet at the church Wednesday, August 4, at 4:30 p.m. to load up. We will leave at 4:45 p.m. The trip will cost \$80, which includes transportation, a day at Schlitterbahn, dinner at CiCi's Pizza, and meals on the trip. Bring a sack supper with you Wednesday. We will stop on the way up and back at a rest stop, and they have food for sale at Schlitterbahn. We will take sack lunches to the park, but if you want to purchase anything extra, bring some spending money. If you have not signed up on the list on the Youth Board, be sure to do so this week or email me at [lhite143@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhite143@sbcglobal.net). We will return about 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 6.

In His Service, **Linda Hite**, Youth Director

## Cokesbury: Celebrating 50 Years of Connection and Commitment to Christ

Cokesbury's 50th birthday celebration has started. Our birthday committee has met. Plans are being made! Our birthday theme is Cokesbury--Celebrating 50 Years of Connection and Commitment to Christ. The date of the celebration will be the second or third Sunday in November, 2011. The journey to that date has already started!

A commemorative quilt is in the making. The birthday committee wants every member and past member and pastors to have their names embroidered on the quilt. The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 for a family. This money will help pay for our celebration and dinner.

Envelopes will be available during Sunday School and between church services for members to donate the money for having their names on our quilt. Quilt envelopes will be available for six months, but we would like you to have your name embroidered on our quilt sooner than later.

More details will be coming your way. Cokesbury is a true blessing. It is a holy place where we meet Christ and each other, where we grow in Christian faith and love, and where we share that faith and love with our world.

Mary Short, Birthday Chairperson



### Treasurer's Report

#### Giving-July 4-11

General.....	\$15,112
Bond Fund.....	\$230
Designated Giving.....	\$1,006
Total Giving.....	\$16,348

#### Expenses July 1- 11

Payroll.....	\$9,629
Church Overhead.....	\$5,104
Program Expenses.....	\$706
Apportionments.....	\$0
Retirement Bond Pmt/Interest.....	\$0
Total Expenses.....	\$15,439

#### Bank Balances - July 19

Operating.....	\$439
T-Mobile.....	\$11,210
Designated Savings.....	\$53,293
Total Cash Balance .....	\$64,942

Sandy Hinson, Treasurer

### By The Numbers

#### July 11

8:30 a.m. Service.....	59
11:00 a.m. Service.....	64
The Fountain.....	40
Total.....	163

#### July 18

8:30 a.m. Service.....	83
11:00 a.m. Service.....	101
The Fountain.....	49
Total.....	233

### Cokesbury's Statement of Purpose

Learning to serve God and humankind in Jesus' name.

## Help Build the Last House for Haiti

Want to help build Cokesbury's last house for Haiti? We will build it on Saturday, July 31 beginning at 7 a.m. We will work until completion or until the heat wins. Everyone is welcome to help. Bring any electric or battery-powered drills you have.

Cokesbury has built two houses for Haiti so far. The Methodist Youth Fellowship built the first one and it is the one that is free-standing in the back parking lot. It was nearly fully constructed to demonstrate what the finished product looks like. However, the walls are only partially nailed together to ease breaking it down.

The Girl Scouts constructed the second house. The walls, floor and bed platforms were built and painted and stacked. They are under the tarp next to the MYF-built house. However, the house was not erected.

The house to be built on July 31 will be done like the Girl Scout house with walls, floor and roof support completed but not assembled. After the last house components are assembled, the MYF house will be separated into its major pieces. All three of the houses will then be removed from Cokesbury property and stored with other groups' buildings, awaiting shipping to Haiti.

-Laura Bradley, Mission Chair

## Rainbows Along The Way

Growing Problems

"Did you see this?" Matilda asked her husband George that Monday morning as she glanced through the local paper. "I always thought there was some hanky panky going on over at the parsonage and now I know it!" She thrust the paper at him with her forefinger poking at a classified ad.



It read: "The Rev. A.J. Jones has one color TV set for sale. Telephone 555-1212 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Donnelley who lives with him, cheap."

"See?" Matilda gloated. "I was right!"

"I think we'd better hold off on that sort of judgment," George chided her. "Probably just a typo."

The next morning Matilda was still smug. "You were right about there being a misprint in that ad. But I still think there's something going on with him and that Mrs. Donnelley and today's notice proves it!" She pointed out the following notice in the Tuesday paper:

"We regret any embarrassment caused to Rev. Jones by a typographical error in yesterday's paper. The ad should have read: 'The Rev. A.J. Jones has one color TV set for sale, cheap. Telephone 555-1212 and ask for Mrs. Donnelley, who lives with him after 7 p.m.'"

"Aw, Matilda, don't put more into it than there is," George suggested. "I'm sure Rev. Jones wouldn't do something like that."

However, as it turned out Rev. Jones' problems weren't over. Wednesday's edition ran a correction: "The Rev. A.J. Jones informs us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of an incorrect ad in yesterday's paper. It should have read: 'The Rev. A.J. Jones has one color TV set for sale, cheap. Telephone 555-1212 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Donnelley who loves with him.'"

When Thursday's paper arrived, Matilda eagerly grabbed it. Surely this time they would get the ad right, but it wasn't to be. Matilda saw the following: "Please take notice that I, the Rev. A.J. Jones, have no color TV set for sale. I have smashed it. Don't call 555-1212 anymore. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Donnelley. She was, until yesterday, my housekeeper."

Well, that settled that. So Matilda returned to her regular routine and because she did, she didn't see the next day's ad: "Wanted: a housekeeper. Usual housekeeping duties. Good pay. Love in, Rev. A.J. Jones. Telephone - 555-1212."

Rev. Jones certainly found out how a problem can grow worse - even when he had no control over the situation. Ever had that happen to you? Perhaps you have and if it has, you doubtless remember how helpless you felt. However, as believers we can find confidence in the knowledge that no matter what the situation, God is totally in control. Though our problems seem both puzzling as well as humanly unsolvable, God's sovereignty and total provision reassure us that all results will be for our benefit and his glory.

-Anne Adams

## Re-Enroll in Kroger's Neighbor Program

Thanks to all of you who participate in Kroger's Neighbor to Neighbor program and have designated Cokesbury UMC as your receiving organization. For the 2009-2010 year ending April 30, Cokesbury received a check of \$441.61 from Kroger.

Kroger's policy is that organizations and individuals have to re-enroll every year. Cokesbury has re-enrolled. We just need you as individuals to re-enroll. To do this, take the letter from the table outside our narthex doors to Kroger. The letter has the barcode for Cokesbury that will link your Kroger Plus card to Cokesbury for the upcoming year (July 2010 to April 2011). Once the letter is scanned one time, you only have to use your Kroger plus card as you normally do. Then purchases made until April 30, 2011 will be eligible. Certain purchases such as fuel are excluded from the program. Thanks for your help.

## It's Your Turn To Help With Helping Hands

The following folks have signed up to help with Helping Hands for the next two weeks:

**4th Sunday:** Debbie Carter, Barbara Craft, Jo Felts, Nancy Hensley, Tracey Moore, Sandy Russell, Peggy Smith, Linda Trevathan, Kris Wallis, Carol & Jerry Yeany

**1st Sunday:** Karen Akkerman, Rob Bradley, Claudia Gentry, Gloria Hurley, Carole & Jim Kafka, Anne & Robert Nolen, Paige Schwartz, Cindy Simmons, Winnie Smith, Carman Wilhite.