

OUR MISSION: Our mission is to share the gift of Jesus Christ to move hearts
and employ hands for the kingdom of God.

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Moving Hearts, Employing Hands

The mission of Decatur First UMC is to share the gift of Jesus Christ to move hearts and employ hands for the kingdom of God. We offer a variety of events and programs throughout the year to accomplish that mission. But it seems we "step up our game" in June. During the month of June, we employ more hands than any other time of year. There is a different mission opportunity each week: Youth Music Mission, Vacation Bible School, Appalachian Service Project, and Children's Music Camp. In addition, hard work continues in the Heavenly Harvest Garden, and this year our Kids Rock program will offer a mission opportunity as well. These efforts represent a great many hands employed!

But our missions are far more than busywork for our hands. We hope and pray that our effort moves the hearts of those we serve, whether singing in a children's home, teaching the Bible to children, or building homes for those in need. And any participant will tell you that the work of our hands moves at the very least our own heart as we share the gift of Jesus Christ, building the kingdom of God.

Heavenly Harvest Garden

Join us for our next workday June 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you are ready to come play in the dirt, a couple of things need to be done: thinning the okra plants, weeding the onion and small tomato beds, and cutting down the lettuce. Come see everyone in the garden.

The lettuce was continuously harvested earlier this year to deliver four large plastic bags of fresh lettuce to the United Methodist Children's Home.

For more information on the garden, contact Karmon Clay at 404-664-8268.

Youth Music Mission Departs June 5

You are invited to pray for us during our weeklong Music in Mission trip to Chicago. Follow the Youth Choir's music mission to Chicago! Find a link to the blog on the church's homepage (www.decaturfirfirst.org). The blog is updated nightly with stories and pictures from the day. It will be almost (but not quite) as good as being there!

Kids' Rock! Mission in June

Memorial Day Sunday kicked off our "Month of Missions" summer Sundays sponsored by Kids' Rock! We used 35 loaves of bread, 15 packages of bologna, 10 packs of American cheese, 10 jars of peanut butter and 12 jars of jelly to make 30 dozen sandwiches for precious children who usually get subsidized school lunches! That's nearly 400 sandwiches in one hour!!! More mission moments every Sunday in June.

Vacation Bible School

June 6 - 10 our church will be filled to the brim with happy children and joy-filled volunteers learning about God and having a grand time singing, making crafts and playing games. Many of these children are from the Decatur community and not members of our congregation. Please pray for the 165 children and over 150 adult volunteers that will be together for a busy week of Vacation Bible School at Decatur First.

Appalachia Service Project

June 19 - 25 there will be 10 fifteen passenger rental vans, 130 gloves (matched or not), 65 pairs of safety glasses, 500 sandwiches to be made & eaten by our crew, and homes made warmer, safer and drier by the efforts of more than 60 kids and adults from Decatur First.



**Recap on Decatur First's Production
of
*Driving Miss Daisy***

Last month the Drama Action Team presented the first spring production in over five years. Those in attendance said that it was one of the best productions we have ever had at Decatur First! Financially, the Drama Action Team was able to provide the Music Mission Fund with \$3,000 to help the youth go on their Music Mission Trip in a couple of weeks.

Keep an eye on church publications in the next month for information on our Dessert Theater presentation for October 2011. Auditions for that show will be Tuesday, June 14, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Free Music Camp for Kids

The Music Ministry is pleased to offer a music camp for children again this year! Children in grades one through five are invited to experience four days of music enrichment led by our director of children's music, Lori McMahan.

The camp will be held at the church June 27-30. For more information and a registration form, see the NOW edition of the InChoirer.

**Come Shop the Yard Sale
Benefiting Hagar's House**

The sale will be 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at North Decatur United Methodist Church, 1523 Church Street, Decatur. Hagar's House is a shelter for women and children in Decatur and is a part of the ministries of Decatur Cooperative Ministry.

Gifts Given to Decatur First

Endowment Trust Fund

In Memory of Mary and Bill Fox
Elizabeth M. Fox

Virginia Grimaud St. John Music Fund

In Memory of Sherman Coan
William A. St. John, Jr.

Music Ministry

In Honor of Steve Duncan on his 60th birthday
Susan and David Roberts

Save the Date

- June 5-11 Youth Music Mission
- June 6 Ministry Leadership Council Meeting
- June 13-17 Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- June 14 & 18 Drama Auditions
- June 19 Father's Day
- June 19-25 Appalachia Service Project
- June 26 Reception for Phyllis Conard
- June 27-30 Children's Summer Music Camp
- July 3 Patriotic Concert
- July 4 Independence Day - Church Office Closed
- July 6 American Red Cross Blood Drive
- August 1 Ministry Leadership Council Meeting
- August 14 Promotion Sunday
- August 14 Choir Rehearsals Resume
- August 14-20 Decatur First Serves at Hagar's House
- August 21 Joining Jubilee

**July Summer Sundays
Sponsored by Kids' Rock!**

On Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, bring your parents or another grown-up for admission to a family worship experience July 10, 17, 24, & 31. We will not meet on July 3.

Graduates Honored

On Sunday, May 15 Graduating High School Seniors were honored during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Nine graduates were recognized in the bulletin: Corinne Anderson, James Burrell, Michelle Gillig, Margaret Ann Hudson, Phoebe Kellar, Austin Lonsway, Emma Quillen, Laura Slappey, and Joseph Spearman.

Additional Decatur First graduates this year include, Lori Clayton from seminary, Jill Hauserman from college, and Laura Perry from medical school.

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<http://www.decaturfirfirst.org/youth>



Meet Patrick Littlefield, Our Summer Interim Youth Minister



Hello Church,

Many of you may have seen me around on Sunday mornings or at special events, but I would like to more formally introduce myself as I begin to transition into being the interim youth minister this summer. I am currently a Master of Divinity student at Candler School of Theology. Originally from Dallas, Texas, where I grew up and attended Southern Methodist University, I'm no stranger to the South, but fairly new to Atlanta. I began attending Decatur First United Methodist Church in October, worshipping primarily in the CAYA service, and I have also been involved down the street as a religious life intern at the United Methodist Children's Home since August.

I am an avid fan of the (no longer airing) TV show *Avatar: The Last Airbender* as well as *Arrested Development* and *The Office*. I enjoy a thrilling game of Sonic the Hedgehog and rocking out on Guitar Hero/Rock Band. My favorite Ninja Turtle is Donatello. Music has been a huge part of my life and I grew up playing guitar and percussion. I spent 8 years in marching band (high school and college) and performed in several ensembles throughout that time. As far as sports go, I am an award winning (intramural) ultimate frisbee player and enjoy recreational bowling, tennis, and golf. I also take delight in a hot mug of many varieties of black, green, and herbal teas as well as hot chocolate, and am easily bribed with warm cookies (or brownies or cake) and ice cream.

I believe in the importance and life changing power of intimate, honest prayer, authentic, vulnerable relationships, and wholehearted, passionate worship and service in all areas of life, and look forward to finding ways to cultivate these elements of Christian living in myself alongside the youth and wider congregation of Decatur First United Methodist church. I look forward to getting to meet you all.

As Patrick says hello, I say goodbye to our church family. I'm surprised that my raw emotion while I prepare to depart is a sense of burden, not wanting to leave all of you who have become the pulse of my life for the past three years. There is also the shepherd side coming out—worrying about what will happen to each one of our youth. But I am reminded of how warmly our church received Susan and me, adopting us into the family here, and I know the people of Decatur First, with GOD's help, will nurture our youth no matter who is serving as youth minister. So the burden is discarded because Christ is alive among you, and I eagerly anticipate coming back to visit to hear the new and unanticipated ways GOD has been working among our young people. Thank you, church, for blessing us so richly during our time in Decatur! --Danny

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The InChoirer

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John Cowden, Director of Music

Mitch Weisiger, Associate Director of Music

Important Dates

- January 26
Decatur First has Talent ASP Fundraiser Dinner
- February 4-6
Youth Choir Retreat
- March 5
Jubilate! Mini-mission
- March 8
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper / Waffle-Off
- April 10
Final HoneyBaked Ham Order Deadline
- April 17
Chancel Choir Concert: Palms to Passion
- April 22
Taize Service of Remembrance
- April 24
Easter Sunday
- April 26
Children's Choir End of Year Concert
- May 4
Staff Skit dinner and FUNdraiser
- June 5-10
Youth Music Mission
- June 13-17
Vacation Bible School
- June 27-30
Children's Music Camp
- July 3
Patriotic Concert with First Baptist (at DFUMC!)

Children's Music Camp

Last year the music ministry offered its first annual music camp. Campers enjoyed singing, playing instruments, and learning about the hymnody of the church. It was such a smashing success that we've decided to offer the camp again this year.

The camp will once again be run by Lori McMahan, director of children's music. Each of the four days begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

Patriotic Concert and BBQ

It's time for the annual patriotic concert and BBQ lunch! This year's celebration will be on Sunday, July 3.

The event begins with a special service of worship at 11:00 a.m. During the service, we will pray together for our country by exploring the prayers offered in the hymn "America the Beautiful." The service will be slightly shorter than usual.

Immediately following worship, BBQ will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Members of Decatur First Baptist will join us to celebrate. Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the food. You are invited to enjoy your BBQ inside or, weather permitting, outside

Snacks will be provided, but children are asked to bring a sack lunch each day. Best of all, *there is no cost to attend music camp!!!* To register, simply fill out the form on the back of this page and return it to the church office.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact John Cowden at 404.378.4541 or via email (jcowden@decaturfirst.org). I hope to see your children at our camp this summer!

on the lawn.

Finally, the combined choirs of Decatur First United Methodist and Baptist will present a concert of patriotic music in the Sanctuary with brass. Selections will include many old friends: Battle Hymn of the Republic; Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor; America the Beautiful; God Bless America; and others, as well as a singalong of some of your favorite songs of Americana.

I hope you'll plan to bring your family and join us for this wonderful annual celebration of our country's birth. If you'd like to sing with the choir, you are welcome to join us during the month of June!

Music in Mission: An Update

About this time last year the music ministry unveiled a new concept: Music in Mission. It began with the Youth Music Mission, an annual trip on which the youth choir moves the hearts of young and old as they sing in children's homes and children's hospitals. Then the children's choir began touring as well.

Recently, the Spirits of Joy (senior adult choir) and Rejoice (women's ensemble) have also begun touring locally, and we plan to begin touring some of our handbell ensembles in the next season. While the destinations vary, the goal is the same: offer our gifts to those outside the walls of the church who seldom experience what so many of us take for granted.

That's why I like to call Music in Mission the outreach arm of the music ministry. It has added a new dimension to our work here, and one that sets us apart from most ministries of music. Enter almost any church on a Sunday morning and you'll see people sharing their gifts with people who appreciate them, but Jesus calls us to more.

The response of participants and members of the congregation alike has been overwhelmingly positive.

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Participants enjoy the opportunity to share their gifts with audiences outside the church as well as enjoying the fellowship and esprit de corps that goes with serving together in ministry. Church members regularly talk with me about the program and its effect. And, of course, members of the congregation support Music in Mission financially, both in direct donation and in supporting our fundraisers throughout the year.

And so now, a year after its creation, Music in Mission is thriving, helping the church accomplish its mission of moving hearts and employing hands for the Kingdom of God, sharing the gift of Jesus Christ in the world as well as continuing to support the worship of those who call Decatur First home.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to serve in mission, either as a musical participant or in a support role, please don't hesitate to contact John Cowden through the church office at 404-378-4541 or via email at jcowden@decaturfirfirst.org. There are many ways you can be involved, and we welcome you to join us.



The Chapel Corner

Campaign Update:

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| Received to date: | \$ 141,328.35 |
| Pledged by not received: | \$ 47,666.69 |
| Total to date: | \$ 188,995.04 |

Renovation News from the Trustees

To support the Decatur First Chapel renovation project the Trustees have voted to retain the services of the Atlanta-based architecture firm of Lord-Aeck-Sargent to provide us with a detailed condition assessment of the Chapel before we commit any funds to renovation work. We believe this is due diligence to insure the monies you have so lovingly donated are used on the most appropriate projects.

Lord-Aeck-Sargent is an experienced historic preservation architecture firm with over 3,000 projects to their credit including the renovation of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta and the First Presbyterian Church of Marietta.

While we have estimated the type and number of projects we think necessary, we also felt a professional assessment of the condition of the entire building and systems – roof, structure, foundation, walls, floors, all windows, doors, electrical, mechanical and plumbing – is critical before we embark on any improvement effort. Along with the condition assessment, Lord-Aeck-Sargent will provide us with recommendations for historically appropriate improvements and the scope of work for the rehabilitation, updating and maintenance and sustainability of this iconic symbol of our heritage and faith.

The assessment, which will be funded out of Trustee funds, will commence in June. We should have the report in our hands by the end of the summer and a project plan to start work. The Trustees will report to the congregation the results of the condition assessment and project recommendations when received.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please don't hesitate to contact Bill Hauserman, Chair, Decatur First Trustee Committee at 404-272-7626 or hausermanw@bellsouth.net.

NOW Edition

Children's Music Camp Registration

June 27-30

Children's Name(s): _____

Children's Age(s): _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

President's corner

by Suzy Jennings

Editor's note: We are saddened to report that the subject of Suzy's column, Mildred Heffelfinger, died shortly after the newsletter went to press.



Greetings,

A sadness has come over me lately. When I go to church, I miss seeing a special friend. Mildred Heffelfinger has moved to an assisted living home in Marietta to be closer to her wonderful son. She rarely comes to UMW meetings or church now. Our Circle 11 isn't the same without her. She taught our lesson for more years than anyone can remember. As I am moaning and groaning at my loss, she is taking the opposite attitude. She knows that the move was necessary, and she is not about to feel sorry for herself. She is making every effort to make friends, mingle, and be a contributing part of her new community. At almost ninety-eight, she is still using her talents to serve her Lord. She is playing the piano at services, starting a class of knitting and crocheting, and attending programs that the volunteers provide. She is not staying in her room, feeling lonely, but being a participant in life as long as she is able.

Church Women United is one of the organizations that UMW supports. Mildred has been an active member of the DeKalb unit of this group for many years. In May, Mildred received their Valiant Woman Award. How appropriate, for she truly is a valiant woman! I believe that she has always followed

President's corner, continued

the advice given by Paul in Philippians 4:4-8:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

My favorite Mildred story happened many years ago. When she graduated from high school in 1931, she had been accepted at both Smith College and Mount Holyoke, two of the nation's leading women's colleges. However the stock market crash of 1929 and the depression which followed made attending either of these schools far away from home too costly. She and her family decided on Marywood College, a Catholic school, run by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and located in her hometown of Scranton. She loved Marywood, and got a superb education. At graduation, because she was president of the senior class, she was to receive her diploma first. The custom was to kiss the

Attention!!

Please note the change of date & time

**Evening Meeting
covered dish supper
with all Circles**

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

June 21, 2011



**Special entertainment
provided by John Cowden**

Circle 12 Hosting

ring on the Bishop's hand as you accepted your diploma. Not Mildred Von Bergen! This went against her principles. Therefore, she simply took her diploma and shook hands with the Bishop. Her example gave all the other Protestant girls permission to do the same. This was 1935! That spunk and independence have served her well. She followed her convictions then, and she has continued to do so all of her life.

Peace be with you,

Suzy



Mildred Heffelfinger

Circle 11

May 18, 2011



The Purpose of United Methodist Women: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



JUNE UMW Birthdays

- 14 Paula Heard
- 17 Lucille Traylor
- 22 Angie Holcombe
- 23 Rhoda Joyner
- 25 Marilen Watkins
- 27 Virginia Proctor
- 27 Pamela Pryor
- 28 Dorothy Zumwalt

CANCER SEWING

Tuesday, June 28
10:00 am - 12:00 pm, FH

Decatur First UMW Local Mission Projects

- Aldersgate
- Atlanta Hospital
- Hospitality House
- Breakthru House
- Cancer Sewing
- Church Women United
- Decatur–Area Emergency Assistance Ministry (D.E.A.M.)
- Food Pantry (D.E.A.M.)
- Global Health Action
- Lost Boys Foundation
- Marta Tokens (DCM)
- Mountain View Home
- Murphy-Harpst
- Northside Shepherd Center
- Our House
- United Methodist Children’s Home
- Villa International
- Wesley Community Centers
- Women’s Resource Center

News of our members

Welcome this new member . . .

Circle 5

Elizabeth “Liz” Randall 404-402-1828
107 Swanton Hill CT
Decatur, GA 30030

Holy Week Report

Thanks to Gwen Blanz and her kitchen cabinet Angie Holcombe, Ann Edwards, and Nannelle Bond. Also, thanks to all the dozens of UMW members and others who made dozens of sandwiches. We served over 500 people during Holy Week!

June Mission Opportunity:

Breakthru House

Breakthru House is an agency that provides temporary lodging and rehabilitation services for women who have completed a drug and alcohol abuse treatment program.

Here is a list of items that Breakthru House would welcome:

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| soap | dental floss |
| trash bags | Neosporin |
| umbrellas | toilet paper |
| bath towels | paper towels |
| lotion, razors | peroxide |
| Q tips | Band-Aids |

Please bring items to the covered dish supper on June 21st.

Rev. Eric Powell to lead Spiritual Growth Study beginning in July

“For the Love of God: John’s Epistles”

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Eric Powell will lead our study of John’s Epistles over the course of four months—July through October. Eric is a retired US Army master sergeant and is an Alcohol & Drug Control Officer with the 335th Signal Command (T). He also currently serves as pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Elberton, GA and is a popular teacher in the NGUMC Mission Education Events. We look forward to having Eric lead us in this study.

“The Epistles of John were written to encourage deeper, more meaningful faith, and therefore they speak to us just as much as they spoke to congregations 20 centuries ago. In fact, Methodism founder John Wesley believed that 1 John was truly the heart of the Gospel message. He even wrote that it should be the model for all young preachers because its message was simple and direct, and contained the essence of the Christian message. Its intent was to increase the spirituality of believers.”

-Authors Catherine Gunsalus González and Justo L. González

Dates to Remember

FH = Fellowship Hall L = Adult Library GR = Gathering Room

JUNE 2011

- 21 Tuesday** -UMW Evening Meeting, 6:30 pm, FH. Covered dish supper with special program.
- 21 Tuesday** -NO UMW Reading Group until October
- 27 Monday** -Cancer Pad Sewing setup, 1:30-3:30 pm, FH
- 28 Tuesday** -Cancer Pad Sewing, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, FH

JULY 2011

- 11 Monday** -UMW Circle 12, 7:00 pm, at home of Julie Childs
- 12 Tuesday** -UMW Circles 4 & 10, 5, 7, 11, 10:30 am, in their rooms
- 12 Tuesday** -UMW General Meeting, 11:00 am-12:15 pm, GR
- 12 Tuesday** -UMW Luncheon, 12:15 pm, FH
- 25 Monday** -Cancer Pad Sewing setup, 1:30-3:30 pm, FH
- 26 Tuesday** -Cancer Pad Sewing, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, FH

Shower Head Fundraiser Brought to You by the Creation Care Action Team

You have one more Sunday, June 5, to order your new shower head and benefit energy conservation at the church. You can order your shower head for \$10 after all worship services in the Church Office Reception Area and in the Chapel Welcome Area. Proceeds from this event will fund the purchase of motion sensor lighting for the bathrooms at Decatur First.

Showers account for 22% of individual water use in North America. Inexpensive and simple to install, low-flow shower heads can reduce your home water consumption by as much as 50%, and reduce your energy cost to heat water by as much as 50%. This conservation of water and energy is not only good for the environment, but also for your energy and water bills!

Features of the White Shower Pro Massage Deluxe Water Saver, Efficient Low Flow, Quality Shower Head

- On/Off Button
- 2.0 gpm, flow rate
- 3 spray patterns: gentle rain, massage combo, soap up/off spray
- Pressure Compensating
- Water & Energy Saving Shower head
- 1/2" IPS connection
- Fixed mount showerhead
- White ABS designer shell
- Brass swivel ball assembly

Cash and checks accepted.

(Make checks out to Decatur First UMC and write "creation care - shower head" in the memo line.)

Welcome Summer Youth Minister

Please welcome our new summer youth minister, Patrick Littlefield. He has been a faithful member of our church since moving to Atlanta for seminary at Candler School of Theology. Turn to the youth page to read his own, personal introduction so you can strike up a conversation next time you see him.

Sunday Worship News June 2011

Traditional Worship

June 5 - Communion/Ascension Sunday/Youth Choir Tour
Acts 1: 6 - 11 "Agape or Engaged?"
Dr. Naglee Preaching

June 12 - Pentecost/ASP Commissioning/VBS Launch
Katy Hinman Preaching

June 19 - Father's Day/Trinity Sunday
2 Corinthians 13 : 11 - 13 "From One Dad to Another"
Dr. Naglee Preaching

June 26 - Matthew 10 : 40 - 42
"Plastic, Paper, or Styrofoam?"
Dr. Naglee Preaching

CAYA (Come As You Are) Worship

June 5 - Communion - Dr. Hinman Preaching

June 12 - Dr. Naglee Preaching

June 19 - Robin Harp Preaching

June 26 - Dr. Hinman Preaching

Fourth Sunday Fellowship Following Worship

CAYA (Come As You Are) Update

It's been a wonderful May in our Come As You Are Worship service (CAYA)! This month, we had a great *Wizard of Oz*-inspired series - "We're Not In Kansas Anymore... What happens when black & white faith meets a Technicolor world?" Each week, we focused on one of the travelers in Oz, as we joined the Scarecrow in his quest for a brain, the Tin Man in his longing for a heart, the Cowardly Lion as he sought courage, and Dorothy as she discovered that there's no place like home. We continue to welcome new visitors to the worship service and have also had several outstanding guest musicians. This summer we'll be having a great variety of preachers and musicians, as well as adding a special fellowship hour after worship on the Fourth Sunday of the month. Come and check us out at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning in the chapel!

Patriotic Concert and BBQ Picnic July 3

The music ministry is pleased to announce Decatur First UMC will once again host the annual patriotic concert and picnic this year. This annual event is a joint venture with Decatur First Baptist Church. The event begins with a special service of worship built around the hymn "America the Beautiful." After the service, folks from First Baptist will join us for a BBQ lunch in the Fellowship Hall (and/or on the grounds--donations gladly accepted). Shortly after 1:00pm, the combined choirs will offer a program of inspiring patriotic music with brass including a joyous sing-along. Bring your friends and family and join us for this celebration of our country's birth!

Children's Ministry



VBS Bible Stories

Follow along with our VBS kids and read Jesus' parables - great life lessons for both children and adults! Our VBS story titles are listed below.....

Day 1 - Monday, June 13

The Parable of the Whiny Workers
(Matthew 20:1-16) *Gratitude*

Day 2 - Tuesday, June 14

The Parable of the Roadside Rescue
(Luke 10:25-37) *Compassion*

Day 3 - Wednesday, June 15

The Parable of the Shocking Servant
(Matthew 18:21-35) *Forgiveness*

Day 4 - Thursday, June 16

The Parable of Warmest Welcome
(Luke 15:11-32) *Grace*

Day 5 - Friday, June 17

The Parable of Master's Money
(Luke 19:12-26) *Faithfulness*

kids' rock!

June Summer Sundays A Month of Missions

Start the summer with some "Soul Food" - How we can reach others by sharing what we have. K-5th grade ministry will be exploring food for our bodies and for our souls. Join us Sundays in the Fellowship Hall for a new, hands-on experience each week!

June

- 5 - Genesis 47 - Joseph - Hunger in Atlanta
- 12 - Passover - My own mission to follow Jesus
- 19 - Give me S'more! John 10 : 27
- 26 - Spice it up!! Matthew 5 :13

Kids' Rock! is where K-5th grade children join together in Song, Scripture and directed, grade-level learning on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! The best hour of your child's week! Be There!



LEAPIN' LIZARDS SUMMER OUTING!

Wednesday, July 6
10:00 a.m.

Families with young children are invited to beat the heat at Leapin' Lizards in Decatur!

Sponsored by the Young Children's Action Team



VBS Parent Reminders

VBS Check-In—Day 1
Monday, June 13
between 8:30 & 9:00 a.m.

VBS starts promptly at 9 a.m. each day!

VBS color of the day:
Wear A T-Shirt This Color!

Monday - Purple

Tuesday - Black or Brown

Wednesday - Red

Thursday - Yellow

Friday - Green

Save the Date this summer

VBS TRAINING FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Choose ONE meeting to attend:

Sunday, June 5
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Room 209

-or-

Wednesday, June 8
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 209

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 13 - June 17
(Monday - Friday)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. VBS Program
12:15-5:30 p.m. VBS After-Care

FAMILY CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 16
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

COFFEE & DESSERT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Room 209

Want to know more about teaching children's Sunday School?

JOIN US!

New Volunteers are Needed!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP JUNE 27 - 30

(see Music Dept. Inchoirer page for more information)

NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OR KIDS' ROCK!

Sunday, July 3
(only nursery care during worship & adult Sunday School)

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Maintenance Demario Holman
Maintenance Oscar Cruz
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Nursery Supervisor Lora Biccum
Office Manager Lexie Parker
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Summer Youth Minister Patrick Littlefield
Weekend Pastor On Call..... 404-863-1043

2011 Senior Adult Recognition Night

Over 162 members and guests attended the Senior Adult Recognition Banquet on May 18, 2011 in our Fellowship Hall. Twenty-five of our 50 members who are 90 years of age (or will be this year) were present and honored.

The Senior Action Team would like to thank Sally Winter for all she did in preparation for the event, especially the sending of invitations, compilation of the biographies for the wonderful booklets and for the programs. Dr. Katy Hinman blessed a very delicious dinner prepared by Warren Winter and his volunteer kitchen crew. Many thanks to the volunteers coordinated by Bob Vosburgh who served and cleaned up. They received many compliments for their prompt and courteous service. Dr. David Naglee warmed our hearts with his praises for our Seniors. The musical entertainment was coordinated by John Cowden and Mitch Weisiger and included the talents of Dr. Katy Hinman, David Guy, John Cowden, Lea Parker, Don Slaton, Mitch Weisiger, and Danny Yang. What talent we have at Decatur First! A very special thank you goes to emcee Phil "Great" Guy who kept the evening running smoothly and prompted us to laugh at ourselves and his jokes. Bishop L. Bevel Jones concluded the evening with his wit, wisdom, and a wonderful benediction.

The many door prizes were contributed by each member of the Senior Action Team and the grand prize by Cheryl and Lewis Mann of Atlanta Home Care Partners, Inc. Anne Kelleher of the Senior Adult Action Team coordinated the corsages and boutonnieres for the honorees.

The Fellowship Class won the \$100 prize for having the highest percentage of active members present. This event raised over \$250 for the Mountain View Personal Care Home through the sale of the table decorations. Thanks to everyone who made the event possible by attending, and thus making it a wonderful and memorable evening.

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