

**Church Council Meeting
May 6, 2009
AGENDA**

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| I. | Welcome & Prayer | Kit Thomas |
| II. | Approval of Minutes | Kit Thomas |
| III. | Written Reports – Q&A | Kit Thomas |
| IV. | Finance Report | Dave Harrill |
| V. | Trustees Report | Mike Wilson |
| VI. | Closing & Prayer | Bruce Jones |

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Written Reports

Pastor's Report

Submitted by Bruce Jones

This past week we received notice that Southside UMC is in the top 10 percent of all Florida United Methodist congregations in terms of having Professions of Faith. This is significant for several reasons:

1. In 2008 we set out to become better at "Needs Based Evangelism" in our Natural Church Development work. Apparently that work has paid off handsomely. I want to thank everyone who has participated in the NCD process, especially David Harrill. I also want to thank Ed and Ginger Preston and members of our Hospitality group for making our contact with visitors warm and personable.
2. I believe that this achievement reflects very highly on the ministry of Dale Tedder and Angie Coper. Both of them have – for many years – worked very hard to reach out to the parents and families of our community. Last year's parenting emphasis (with the seminar by John Rosemond) was a great way to meet a vital need of our neighborhood.
3. I also believe that this achievement reflects very highly the leadership that Dr. Wayne Wiatt has given to Southside over the years. The increasing attendance and membership of families with children reflects a trend that began with his pastorate over a decade ago.
4. But . . . even though we have captured the attention of the Annual Conference, it is vital that we continue to improve and perfect our ministry of evangelism and hospitality. It is – after all – the main point of the church.

Let me also share with you that our two newest staff persons are proving to be quite a blessing to our church's ministry. Amy Franks and Sarah Troup are doing wonderful work in their respective areas. Our church is blessed with a great staff and it is a pleasure to work with all of them!

Discipleship Report

Submitted by Dale Tedder

What a blessing it has been to see how the ministry of discipleship has grown during this past fall, winter, and spring. People are growing spiritually and classes are growing numerically. The ministry of the Word is alive and well at Southside.

Some of our studies are finishing up in the next few weeks. This summer will give us an opportunity to plot and plan for the fall schedule.

This summer I will be teaching a class entitled, "Passing the Baton," to the parents of our youth (and any other parents who would like to attend). The emphasis will be on how we as parents (and as a church) can help our children make a way in this world as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Here's a description of the course...

"Every church knows that it lives or dies by how its members invest in the next generation. Yet many adults are busy, unequipped or afraid. The Passing the Baton Training Course is a mobilizing tool that shows Christian adults how to mentor, coach and disciple the next generation in a fun, natural and stress-free way."

I'm looking forward to getting to know these parents better and learning along with them how I can prepare my own children for the future.

As always, I thank God for the blessing and privilege it is to serve you here at Southside. - Dale

Children's Ministry Report **Submitted by Angie Cosper**

- Cake Auction was a great success raising \$2850 towards our need of \$4600 for camp scholarship requests. We have scheduled a picnic hosted by Discovery SS Class on Sun 5/17th 4-6pm at Granada Park featuring pulled pork sandwiches by George Richardson. We will pass the hat to help raise additional funds.
- We are asking VBS Signups and have about 100 children and 69 volunteers so far. Expecting about 300 children and need more adult volunteers June 22-26.
- Eighty-six 4th-12th graders scheduled for Warren W Willis Camp at Leesburg July 20-25th!
- Sunday School Teacher Recognition Sunday is May 17th at both services.
- Planning Sunday Nights in the Summer at Southside starting June 14th to coincide with Dale Teders "Passing the Baton." Fun activities, field trips, games and movies for kids every Sun Night this summer.

YOUTH REPORT

Submitted by Amy Franks

Wahoo! The youth department has been going gang busters with events such as the Ecumenical Gathering at Southside with area churches, the Pure Excitement program on love and dating, a great Sunrise Easter Service, awesome Sunday nights, Fasting for World Vision, Sign-ups for camp Leesburg, Small Group Bible Studies and more.

This Summer the youth will take on 2 major events involving outreach.

- The first is Youth Week June 7th-13th. This week will be fun outings for the youth, however, at night, we will have visiting speakers and bands to rock the FLC. We hope you will encourage every youth you know to come. Parents too! This is a week we want to be "Salty" to the neighborhood (Matthew 5:13) and reach out to nearby friends who may have been away from church for a while.
- The second event is the youth mission trip August 2nd-9th to Charleston, SC. This will be a great trip where youth will be stretched out of their comfort zones to help others.

Would you please dedicate some time to pray for these 2 major events. Pray that these two events will be covered both with financial and spiritual blessings.

Thanks for your support this spring. It's been a great ride! - Amy

United Methodist Women's Report for Church Council – April 29, 2009

Submitted by Katie Woodbury

United Methodist Women have certainly been busy since January's Church Council. The following are just some of the activities.

-Unit Meeting speakers for February were Aaron and Amanda Welchel Krug who spoke on their missionary work in Western Germany.

-In March, several members attended the District UMW Spiritual Enrichment Experience Weekend at Epworth-by-the-Sea on St. Simons Island. The theme was "Called to Believe".

-Southside UMW hosted the April meeting of Church Women United. CWU is an ecumenical Christian Women's Organization working for world peace and justice. The speaker was Ju'Coby Pittman-Peele of Clara White Mission.

-Circles have supported the following Local Missions: UCOM, Mercy Bags, Family Promise, Ronald McDonald House, sending cards to Veterans and delivering Easter Baskets to shut-ins.

UMW Upcoming Events include:

-Annual **Spring Dinner Meeting** on May 4th at 6pm. Cost is \$5.00 and reservations can be made through the Circles or church office. Theme will be: **"Celebrating Mothers and Mentors"**.

-**Spring Fling**, May 9th, Fashion Show and Luncheon Fund Raiser. Theme: **"All Dressed Up and Somewhere to Go"**, with door prizes & entertainment. Adults \$8, Children \$4, Families -\$20.

Reservations and ticket sales from members or on-line at the church website. Deadline 4/30.

For further information contact Sissy Moore, chairperson.

UMW will not be meeting during the summer months, but will resume in September. Thank you for supporting United Methodist Women in their Mission Work both locally, nationally and internationally.

****Cookbook Fundraiser!** Just a few left. Contact church office. \$20.00 each. Great Mother's Day gifts!

Preschool Report

Submitted by Candi Kirby

Present Enrollment-167

Registration for 2009-10-(168 spaces filled)29 spaces available

- Wee Ones(1yr. olds)-21/28
- Two Yr. Olds-2 day-30/36, 3day-(17/24)
- Three Yr.olds-2 day(15/15) 3day-(30/30)Full
- Four Yr. olds-4 day VPK(32/32) full, 5day(VPK+1)23/32-9 openings

All classrooms including A100 will be needed to house classes for 2009-10.

We are looking forward to having the Voluntary Pre-kindergarten program at Southside next year.

Our weekly **Summer Fun** program will begin Monday, June 8 and continue through July 9 for 2 yr. olds through completed first grade. There are some spaces still available.

May 1, we concluded our **Spring Programs**, "The Unicorn" based on the poem by Shel Silverstein adapted for our Preschool by Jenny Medure, our music teacher. Our children sang songs with a Noah's Ark theme. Thanks to Ms. Jenny, the Preschool staff, Debbie Johnson, Joe, John and Mary for a wonderful program, beautiful backdrop, and set-up.

Two Year Old Class Upcoming Events:

- Mother's Day Teas-Thursday, May 7 and 8 for Moms of children in the two year old classes.
- Parent/ teacher conferences for students in Ms. Wendie's 3day 2's class May 11-12 and for students in Ms. Janelle's 2 day/2's and 3 day/2's May 18-21 by appointment.

Three Year Old Class Upcoming Events:

- Ice Cream Social-May 27 and May 28 for parents and children

Four Yr. Old Events Upcoming Events:

- Graduation for our rising kindergarten students is Friday, May 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary followed by refreshments in the garden.
- End of the Year Cook-Out/Picnic-May 27

Last Day of Preschool-Friday, May 29

Summer Fun begins on Monday, June 8

Aug. 25-First day of Preschool