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CONNECTING POINT

March 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus;

Most churches realize that God put them on earth to Engage in Community, to Equip the Saints, and to Send the Disciples so, that we can all walk like Jesus walked. Last month I shared with you how we at Nashville UMC are Engaging our community with the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This month I want to share "How we are Equipping the Saints, so we are authentic in our spirituality." Do we have a process? Do we have "stepping stones" to mark our journey with Jesus onto maturity in the Lord? Yes we do!

First - regularly attend one of our Sunday morning services (8:30 Contemporary, 10:00 Youth, and 11:00 Traditional), and complete the Monday through Friday Bible study on the back of the sermon outline. Start telling your friends and co-workers what Jesus has done in your life at Nashville UMC.

Second - complete the ten week Alpha Bible Session on Wednesday nights, be a regular participant in a Sunday School class, see a need and volunteer in one of the ministries.

Third - participant in two "Membership Classes" on the first and second Sunday nights from 6:00 to 7:15. Begin a good relationship with your "Mentor/Sponsor" by stopping by the welcome center desk in the lobby and filling out a "Mentor Survey". Then contact the church office about a Sunday morning you want to join yourself to the ministry here at Nashville UMC.

Fourth - go on the Walk to Emmaus and come back to live a better Christian life, be a better spouse and parent, and be a servant leader for God's glory. Spend the rest of your life growing in Christ-likeness and going to bring Jesus to a world that is hurting!

Live A Transformed Life With Jesus;

Wayne



I just wanted to say thank you for having the opportunity to have been the director of children's ministries here at NUMC. It has been a huge blessing in my life. The children have taught me so much about God, love and commitment. I hope that I have been able to teach them something that will stay with them. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with all the different programs that go on here with the children and please keep up the good work. To the youth that have helped with all the parties as well as children's church on Sundays, **Thank You**. Your commitment has not gone unnoticed by God. I could not have done it all without each of you. I know that the next person will be who God puts here for a reason and will be a blessing to us all here at NUMC.

Your sister in Christ, *Melodie Strickland*



Worship TGIF will be held on Friday March 5th at 7:00 p.m. Featuring Worship Leaders PSALM 33:3

And

on Friday March 19th at 7:00 p.m. Featuring the Youth Band from Christ UMC, Chapel Hill.

Nursery will be available for infants and toddlers.

Spring Fling

Our Spring Fling is scheduled for March 27th from 11:00 - 3:00. It will be very similar to our Fall Festival. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for our community, so please invite friends and family. There is no charge, but we will have a silent auction and sell food & crafts.

We need lots of help. Watch for volunteer sign-up sheets in March bulletins.



Church Council plans and carries out programs that fulfill our congregation's nurturing, outreaching, and witnessing ministries. We thank our chairs and those serving on committees for the excellent job they are doing to keep our church active and organized. A detailed listing of our church charge and the ministries under each committee is posted in the gathering area.

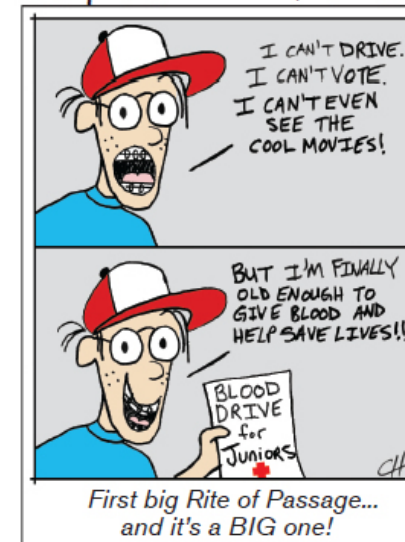
Current Chairs:

- Outreach Work Area - Denise & Kay Coggins
- Staff-Parish Relations: Marianne Matthews
- Committee on Finance: Kevin Calloway
- Parsonage Committee: Donna Cook
- Church Council: Sherrill Braswell
- Trustees: Chris White
- Nurture Work Area - TBD
- Weekday School & Kidspace Board: Gina Wheelless
- Leadership Development & Resource Ministry - Wayne Hicks
- Witness Work Area - Denise Calloway & Melissa Lumpp



Compassion Café is a weekday outreach, providing lunch and a devotion for those in need in our community. Although, it is a community outreach with many area churches participating, it will take place in our Bus Garage from 11:00 - 1:00, Mon. - Fri. Please be in prayer for this ministry that will begin on March 1st. We have several people in our church who have volunteered to bring meals and lead devotion. We are still in need of 2 coordinators to help organize our volunteers once per month. Please pray about helping out in this area and call the church office at 459-7178 if you are able to help.

a drop of humor by Charlie Hatfield



First big Rite of Passage... and it's a BIG one!



The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our Church on Monday, March 8th from 3:00 - 7:30. Our numbers have been down, so we are asking for your support -- especially from our active youth group. Parental Consent Packets for youths and more information is located in the gathering area.

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood.



Maundy Thursday Service, observed in remembrance of the Last Supper of Jesus, will be on April 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



On Easter morning, Apr. 4th, a Community Sunrise Service will be held at the Forest Hills Cemetery at 7:00, followed by a Community Breakfast in Cockrell Hall.



Cub Scout Pack 76 will be having the annual **Pinewood Derby** during the month of March. They will have their AKELA or "Open Race" on Friday night March 12, 2010 beginning at 6:30. This race is open to **any and everyone**, for a simple \$5.00 entry fee per car. They will have hotdogs, chips, drinks and baked goods available during this event. The actual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will be on Saturday March 13 beginning at 3:00 in the basement. If you are interested in purchasing a Pinewood Derby Kit to build a race car or have questions about this event or any other Cub Scout questions, please contact Lewis Smith at 252-459-7178.



Lent is a season of preparation for Easter and a time for penance by all Christians. Lent is 40 days (not counting Sunday's) beginning Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter). The 1st Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan and the 6th Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday) is Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Maundy Thursday through Easter is the climax of Lent. During these days, we remember Jesus' journey from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb and to the garden.

During the Lenten Season, the Lenten Cross in the lobby will be adorned each Sunday with symbols representing Christ's teaching and suffering. A note in the bulletin will explain the symbolism of the adornments.

Please be in prayer during this time as we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and strive to remove sin from our lives.



Camp 4 Kids will be hosting a Golf Tournament at Birchwood Country Club on April 30th. This tournament will help offset camp cost for 32 children from NUMC who will be attending Christian Camps this summer. They are looking for teams and sponsors. Contact anyone in Camp-4-Kids for more information or pick up a Brochure located in the lobby.



Special People will meet on March 16th at 12:00 in Cockrell Hall. Speaker, Jeff Spainhour, will be talking about wells in Africa. A Spaghetti Lunch with beverages and dessert will be served for \$4 per person. Money will be collected at the luncheon. Everyone is welcome.



We will be selling Easter Lilies in March to be placed in Honor or Memory of Loved Ones. Watch for bulletin inserts in March with more information, or call the church office at 459-7178.

Extreme Connection

Our Extreme Connection Youth Service has had a great start and we have several new youth attending this service. Our connectors for March are:

Mar. 7th - Sherell Hooker and Praise Team
 Mar. 14th - Steven Wright
 Mar. 21st - Coach Matt Taylor
 March 27th - Blake McKeel

Please continue to support this Wonderful Service for our youth.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:15am - Nursing Home Ministry 7:00pm - Trustees, Parlor	2 7:00 - Staff Parrish-Cockrell House	3	4	5 7:00 Worship TGIF	6
7 4:00pm - Laity Rally - 1st UMC - RCMT 4:30pm - ASP Mtg - Cockrell Hall 6:00 - New Member's Class - Men's Bible Class	8 2:00 - 4:00 4-H BLOOD DRIVE 3:00pm Blood Drive Cockrell Hall	9	10 5:30 - Children's Choir - Choir Room	11 Pinewood Derby	12 Pinewood Derby	13 Pinewood Derby
14 7:30am - Men's Breakfast Cockrell Hall 6:00 - New Member's Class - Men's Bible Class	15 10:15am - Nursing Home Ministry	16 12:00pm - Special People, Cockrell Hall	17	18	19 7:00 Worship TGIF	20
21	22 6:30pm - Kairos - Men's Bible Class	23	24 5:30 - Children's Choir - Choir Room	25 Braswell Kitchen Reserved - Sam Collier Eagle Scout Fundraiser	26 Braswell Hall & Kitchen Reserved - Sam Collier Eagle Scout Fundraiser	27 Spring Fling 11:00 - 3:00
28	29 7:00pm - Church Council - Parlor	30	31			

Recurring Church Activities

Scouting Schedule

Wolf Den
1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00pm - Cockrell Hall

Pack
2nd Tuesday 7:00pm - Cockrell Hall

Webloes!
1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday - 7:00pm - Cockrell Hall

Sunday

8:30am Worship Service (Contemporary)
 10:00am Sunday School
 10:00am Extreme Connection (Youth)
 11:00am Worship Service (Traditional)
 4:30pm Confirmation Class - Cockrell Hall
 5:30pm Pathfinders & Youth PAC
 5:30pm Crown - Fellowship Class
 6:00pm King's & Covenant Kids

Tuesday

7:00am Prayers with the Pastor
 9:00am Men's Bible Study - B. Garage
 7:00pm DivorceCare - Chapel

Wednesday

6:30am Pathfinders @ Bojangles
 6:00pm Fellowship Meal
 6:00pm Alpha - Men's Bible Class
 6:30pm Youth Bible Study - Basement
 6:30pm Puppet Team
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous
 8:00pm Nar-Anon

Thursday

7:00pm Disciple II - Fellowship Class
 7:00pm Women's Bible Study - Cockrell
 7:00pm Faith Lessons - Men's Bible Class

Weekday School
9:00am - 12:00pm

Kidspace
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Date	8:30	10:00	11:00	Totals
Feb. 7	269	130	93	492
Feb. 14	200	87	85	372
Feb. 21	191	94	90	375
Averages	220	104	89	413

If your birthday or anniversary is this month and is not listed, we do not have it in our system. Please call the church office and we will update our records.