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CONNECTING POINT

August, 2011

Dear Church Family,

In the Kingdom of Heaven there is only room for love. I've been preaching about this since arriving. There is no place in the Christian community for murmuring, backbiting, deception, power struggles, or hidden agendas. The Scriptures clearly state that if one has an issue with another you should go to that person and talk. If the person will not receive you, then you are to take another with you. As a last step, the concern should be brought before the church. In the United Methodist Church, the Staff/Parish Team serves as the receiving body for these types of situations.

The church is God's and His alone. It does not belong to any one person or group. It is for this reason that the United Methodist Church is organized as a representative system. The church nationally is governed according the Book of Discipline which is reviewed and voted on at General Conference every 4 years. The local church governance is outlined in this document. You may recognize the structure we function through the Administrative Council, Staff/Parrish Team, Finance Team, Board of Trustees and the work teams such as missions, evangelism, and worship. All persons and groups come under the authority of their requisite administrative team and ultimately under the authority of the Administrative Council and the Charge Conference of the church.

In the United Methodist church there is a "Pastor in Charge." As United Methodists, we believe that God and the Bishop anoint our pastors for this office. When we, in turn, choose to become His disciples, we, too, become His anointed. In Romans, Paul teaches that each of us has a part to play in the body of Christ, the Church. We may be anointed to prophesy, to minister, to teach, to exhort, to give, or to serve diligently through leadership. In Psalms 105:15, we are cautioned not to "touch" God's

anointed. In Ephesians 5:21, we are told "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." Consequently, it becomes critical that we respect each other in Christ and handle any differences according to His Word. From the youngest to the most mature, Christians all have gifts and graces. After all . . . if we were the same, one of us would be unnecessary. But, none of us is yet perfect and sometimes these differences can lead to conflict. When these conflicts inevitably arise, we must respect the Jesus in each person and respond accordingly. Sometimes this decision may mean humbling ourselves, our behavior, and our actions in order to demonstrate our respect for Christ. This is especially true when responding to those in leadership whether it is the pastor or a lay person who has accepted a leadership role in the church. Paul provided the ultimate example in Acts 23:2-5 when he apologized for criticizing the High Priest even though Ananias was evil and had wronged Paul.

I am sharing these things with you at the beginning of our walk together so that we may continue to grow together in His love and walk in His forgiveness as we offer better life to all who will hear. I humbly acknowledge that, at any given moment, I may well be the least perfect among you and ask that you extend His love and forgiveness toward me during these "moments." Never forget . . . they'll know we are Christians by our love.

I love you all,

Pastor Ralph



**Nashville United Methodist Church Presents SonSurf Beach Bash 2011 Vacation Bible School.**

At SonSurf Beach Bash your kids will have fun in the Son! Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, when they meet up with Jesus, they'll discover just how much God loves them. We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with the children and parents in the community. Come join us as we transform the church into the Carolina Coast!

**Sunday July 31st to Thursday August 4th**

**6:00 - 8:30 - Elementary Children**  
**6:00-8:00 - Preschool**

*You are invited!!*  
 to an  
**Emmaus Gathering**  
 in Braswell Hall,  
 Friday, August 12th  
 at 7 p.m.



Come join us this Friday night for a special Emmaus Gathering. We will have a special message from Ron Gruganus of Sandy Cross UMC, music with Russ Secrest of White Plains UMC and amazing worship.

Childcare will be available for a small fee.

*Please come and join us in this special time of worship!*




The Costa Rica team is selling RADA cutlery, candles, quick mix, stoneware, & cookbooks.

See a Costa Rica Missionary for an order form, or you can place your order at [www.helpourfundraiser.com](http://www.helpourfundraiser.com).

Be sure to use ordering # 503325 and password "costarica" so that we will get credit for all orders.

**Book Bag Buddies**



As an Outreach to our community, you can participate in the Book Bag Buddies program. Just purchase a unisex book bag and fill it with school supplies. Supply lists are available in the gathering area..

Stocked book bags should be returned by August 21st, so they can be delivered to children in need by August 25th (the first day of school). We hope many of you will choose to participate in this great outreach opportunity!

# Cottage Meetings

Pastor Ralph would like to meet with as many people in our congregation as possible in a more relaxed setting.

We have the following families who have graciously agreed to open their homes for these cottage meetings. Please select a location and time that is convenient to you, call the host family to RSVP and join them on the evening of the meeting.

Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m.  
 "Downtown" Nashville  
 Home of Michael & Lynn Pardue  
 217 E. Church Street, Nashville  
 459-8695

Thursday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.  
 Oak Level Area  
 Home of Gina & Carl Wheelless  
 2012 Meadow Court, Nashville  
 459-7082

If you would be interested in hosting a meeting in August, please call the church office at 459-7178



**Promotion Sunday**  
**August 28**  
**10:00 - 11:00.**


All children & youth will meet in their classes and proceed to Braswell Hall as a group.

After the ceremony we will have refreshments and fellowship in Cockrell Hall so those moving into a new class can meet their teachers.



**Church Council News**

Our Church Council met on July 25th. Minutes for church council meetings are available in the binder in the gathering area. Please take a look and see what activities are planned for our church and the many accomplishments we have made.







**COLLEGE STUDENTS'**  
 New Addresses

Please call the church office with e-mails of our members who are now at college. We would love to send them a newsletter to keep them updated on church functions.



We are updating our website to a new format. In the process, we would like to ensure that all information is updated and correct. We will also be adding pages for various ministries within our church. If you have a ministry that you would like featured or updates you would like included, please call the church office.

# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1 10:15 - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove	2 7:00 - Trustees - Cockrell House	3 No Choir Practice	4	5	6		
VBS ~ 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.								
7 12:00 - Stephen Ministry Luncheon	8	9 6:00 - Book Club - Cockrell Hall 7:00 - Cottage Mtg - Lynn & Michael Pardue	10 Choir Practice Resumes	11 7:00 - Heart Bible Study - Parlor 7:00 - Cottage Mtg - Gina & Carl Wheelless	12  7:00 - Emmaus Gathering Braswell Hall	13		
14 7:30am - Men's Breakfast - Cockrell Hall	15 10:15 - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove	16 6:00 - Final Book Club Night - Cockrell Hall	17 7:00 - Staff/Parish Meeting - Cockrell House	18 	19	20		
21	22 6:30 - Kairos - Men's Bible Class	23	24	25 7:00 - Heart Bible Study - Parlor 	26	27 4:00 - Cockrell Hall Reserved for Promotion Sunday Set-up		
28  2:00 - Gathering Area Reserved	29	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                     Sunday Night Children's Ministries will begin on August 28th. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information and volunteer opportunities                 </div>				
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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.