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## CONNECTING POINT

October 2011

Dear Church Family,

We are entering into a time to consider our walk with God regarding stewardship. Your finance and stewardship teams are sponsoring the "New Consecration Sunday" stewardship campaign. The whole premise of stewardship has to do with giving and receiving. We don't give in order to receive, but out of our relationship with God and in response to what God has already done for us and has given to us. It is amazing that the Lord allows us such an opportunity since as we learn in Psalms 50:10-12, "He owns the cattle on a thousand hills." He desires to share in the ministry He has called us to and will provide the resources for us to carry out His plan.

In John 21, Jesus had died and risen. The disciples have been out all night fishing, but their net had remained empty. Jesus calls to them from the shore and tells them to cast the net on the other side of the boat. When they obeyed the Word (Jesus), they brought up a net bursting with fish. They could hardly move it! Of course, they were amazed by this miracle of God. Then another tremendous blessing befell the disciples. Miraculously, even though Jesus already had fish cooking over a fire, he asked the disciples to bring some of the fish they had caught and to add their fish to His.

God wants to add His resources and strength to ours. God, who owns everything, invites us to partner with Him in order that we might participate in eternal blessing. The disciples risked all even though they were tired and their strength and resources were depleted. They obeyed and look at the increase! There were 153 fish. More than they needed. I wonder how many others were blessed as a result of their obedience. The disciples had a relationship with Christ. They trusted Him and believed Him. We must trust God when He says in Malachi 3 that we should give into His house. This is not just a financial consideration. We must give into God's house with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service. Sound familiar? These are part of the membership vows we acknowledge and pledge to uphold as United Methodists. God promises to pour out blessing in a great way when we honor His commands in Malachi 3:10-12. Pray with me that we would be able to "step up" to the commitment before us when called upon on "New Consecration Sunday."

Grace and His peace,

Ralph



The foundation of faith is built at home (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) and it is my prayer and hope that you will guide and direct your child to the faith. Here are some great steps to make a *Faith at Home* night an enjoyable experience.

- 1) Soak the evening in prayer. If we accept the excuse that teens don't want to hang out with parents, before we even pray about it...then we must ask ourselves... are we putting faith in the past or in the future, eager to see what God can do?
- 2) Be relaxed. If a disagreement between you and your children cranks up, take a step back and remember this night is to build relationships, not determine who is right and wrong.

- 3) Think about your children. What is something that they love to do that would be fun for them...Ex. if they love to cook, cook a meal together...if they love to play Wii or PS3, then try that, be flexible.
- 4) Trying asking, instead of telling. If you are concerned your child will not want to participate, ASK them in a nice way, if they would stay home and for the evening.
- 5) Drop perfection. It isn't going to happen, just go with the flow.
- 6) Soak the evening in prayer. This cannot be emphasized enough!

I assure you if we all faithfully soak our *Faith at Home* evenings in prayer; walls will start tumbling between parents and children. I make that assurance on nothing but the goodness of God and his promise to hear our prayers.

Now, more than ever, we should have a sense of urgency not just to send our youth to church and its programs, but an urgency to embrace them at home where they know and trust that the home they are living, is a home where goodness grows and a home where they are loved right where they are in life.

Choose Joy, *Luke*



### Appalachian State University Gospel Choir

We are excited to announce that the ASU Gospel choir will be performing at NUMC on October 8th at 6:00 p.m. The choir is one of the most dynamic musical groups in the Southeastern United States. This group, comprised of ASU students, is both a popular class and an active ministry. Performing for prisons, churches, and schools, ASU Gospel

Choir takes every opportunity to spread the "Good News". They have toured in several major cities including Atlanta G.A., Nashville T.N., and Washington, D.C. This past spring the choir toured in the Sunshine State, rendering performances in Port St. Lucie and Orlando. It is the love of God, ministry, and music that inspires these singers. The choir has one-hundred ten singers (including our own Megan Beal) and a band consisting of drums, bass guitar, lead guitar, piano, saxophones, trumpet, and trombone. The ASU Gospel Choir performs a variety of sacred music including Negro Spirituals, Black Gospel, and Contemporary Praise and Worship. Please mark your calendars to attend.



We are excited to announce a Sign Language class that will be offered beginning Oct. 5th at 6:30 in the basement for all middle and high school aged youth. We are blessed that Amanda Alston, who has shared her signing with the 8:30 service, will be teaching our youth. All those that would like to attend need only to come to the class on Wed. nights. Please note that the Pathfinders' Bible study will be moved back to 7:15 so they can attend both classes.



Drop off will be  
Thurs & Fri. (10/6 & 10/7)  
from 6:00 - 8:00.  
If you can help, please  
sign-up in the gathering area.

We will be having our  
Church Yard Sale on  
Saturday Oct. 8 from  
7:00am - Noon

Please  
notify the church  
office if you have a  
high ticket item, so  
we can include it in  
our newspaper  
ad.



Making Homes  
Safer,  
Warmer,  
and Drier

It's time to beginning planning for our 2012 ASP mission trip. On October 9th at 4:30 in the basement, we will have an informational meeting for all those wishing to participate in ASP this summer. All Youth 14 - 18 are eligible to attend. Parents are asked to attend the meeting with their children. All those that went on the 2011 trip are also asked to attend.

# Trunk or Treat



## YOUTH PAC Trunk or Treat is Coming!

NUMC's middle school youth group is once again sponsoring a Trunk or Treat for all Elementary age kids and younger. There will be candy, games, an inflatable, and hot dogs for the kids to enjoy some fun and fellowship in the safety of our own church parking lot. It will be Saturday, October 29th from 4 - 6 pm. We need candy donations and for people to bring their cars, decorate the trunks, and pass out candy (in costume hopefully). There will be a sign up in the lobby and a box for all candy donations! Thank you for your support!



The Methodist Women will be hosting a **Chrismon Crafting Class** on Saturday, Oct. 15th and Oct. 29th from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

The word "CHRISMON" is an amalgam of words: Christ and monogram. A Chrismon is just that, a monogram of Christ. We use Chrismons to decorate our Christmas trees in Braswell Hall and the sanctuary.

We have all the supplies you will need and there is no cost for this class. This is the same class that was planned for last month. It was decided that due to the complexity of the patterns, two weekends may be needed to complete an ornament. Please call the church office or e-mail [info@nashvilleumc.net](mailto:info@nashvilleumc.net) to register.



Amy Danforth will begin working on the 2012 8:30 nursery and toddler schedules soon. If you have a child that uses the nursery, or if you just enjoy spending time with our children, please notify Amy or call the church office.

*Special People* will meet on October 11th at 12:00 in Cockrell Hall. Missionary, John Johnson, will be our speaker. Bring a Sandwich and a friend. Dessert & tea will be provided.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Bear Den</u> 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 - Cockrell Hall</p> <p><u>Tigers Den</u> 1st &amp; 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 - Bus Garage</p> <p><u>Wolf Den</u> 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays 2:30 - Bus Garage</p>		<p><b>Scouting Schedule</b></p> <p><u>Webelos 1</u> 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays 2:00 - Bus Garage</p> <p><u>Pack Meeting</u> 2nd Tuesday 6:00 - Cockrell Hall</p>		<p><u>Girl Scouts - Troop 1</u> October 2nd - 2:00pm Parlor &amp; Men's Bible Class</p> <p><u>Girl Scouts - Troop 2</u> 7:00 - Friday Nights Cockrell Hall</p>		1
2 <i>Faith at Home</i> No Youth or Children's Ministries tonight	3 10:15 - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove	4 7:00 - Trustees-Parlor 7:00 - Spiritual Gifts Men's Bible Class 9:00 - Co/ed Soft-	5 5:30 - Day School Meeting Parlor 5:30 - Cook-off Mtg - Chapel 6:00 - Lay Leadership - Office 7:00 - SPRT - Office 7:30 - Men's Softball	6 9:30 - Spiritual Gifts - Men's Bible Class 6:00 - Yard Sale Drop-off - Cockrell HI 7:00 - Spiritual Gifts Men's Bible Class 8:00 - Co/ed Softball	7 6:00 - Yard Sale Drop-off - Cockrell Hall	8 Yard Sale 7:00am - Noon ASU Choir 6:00
9 7:30am - Methodist Men's Breakfast - Cockrell Hall 4:30pm - ASP Meeting - Basement	10 7:00 - Administrative Council Dinner - Cockrell Hall 7:00 - Men's Softball	11 12:00 Special People Cockrell Hall 7:00 - Finance - Parlor 7:00 - Spiritual Gifts Men's Bible Class 9:00 - Co/ed Softball	12	13 9:30 - Spiritual Gifts Men's Bible Class 6:30 - Kairos - Cockrell Hall 7:00 - Co/ed Softball 7:00 - Spiritual Gifts Men's Bible Class	14	15 Chrismons Class 9:00am - Noon Cockrell Hall
16 10:30 - Combined Service - New Consecration Sunday Youth Worship Night	17 10:15 - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove	18 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Girl Scouts Halloween Party	29 Chrismons Class 9:00am - Noon Cockrell Hall Trunk-or-Treat 4:00pm
30 No Youth or Children's Activities	31	<p><b>Recurring Church Activities</b></p> <p><u>Sunday</u> 8:30am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Traditional) 5:15pm Youth &amp; Children's Activities 6:00pm Spiritual Gifts - Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> 7:00am Prayers with the Pastor 8:30am Men's Bible Study - B. Garage 7:00pm DivorceCare - Chapel</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> 6:30am Youth Shine On! - Bojangles 5:00pm Emmaus Reunion Grp - Library 6:30pm Choir Practice - Choir Room 6:30pm Signing Class - Basement 7:15pm Youth Bible Study - Basement 7:00pm Rockfish Practice - Braswell Hall 8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous - upstairs 8:00pm Nar-Anon - Cockrell Hall</p>		<p><b>Weekday School</b> 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. <b>Kidspace</b> 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p>		

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.