



NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTING POINT

AUGUST 2008

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

What a glorious few months we have had at church! The sanctuary has been renovated inside and outside. Braswell Hall has been completed with two new video screens, 50% enlarged stage, 100 more chairs and a refurbished sound system. The church debt has been lowered by 6-figures. We have started the new ministers of "Helping Hands", "The Welcome Center", "Salvation Through Conversation", "Being A Staging Church for Kyrios Prison Ministry", 21st century new church sign, and "The Bridge". Plus, we are continuing the 40-some existing ministries that have made Nashville UMC the church to call "home".

We are where we are today, because some Christians years ago sought God for His plan. Today, we are receiving the blessings of what they did. Now let us seek God, until we discover His plan for our future!

Where does God want us **to go next**? What does God want us **to do next**, so that we can become a great church for His glory? What ministries does God want His children at Nashville UMC to get involved in? Let us form a "Visioning Team" who will pray, plan and discover God's next steps for us.

Many people have their own agendas, but is it God's agenda. Many people want to be, or want to do, but is it what God wants us to be and to do? He is the Almighty, All-Knowing God, and we want to do His work! Let us form a long-range planning team and discover God's dream for us.

"Where there is no vision (Dream from God), the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

Enjoy the Journey with Jesus,

Wayne

Ministry Opportunities To Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus' Love

- ◆ **Welcome Center Ministry** - The new visitors welcome center is now open! We are in need of people to help staff it before and after both services. This new ministry will be in addition to our wonderful greeters. We will be able to gather information and answer questions the visitors may have about our church. They will receive a welcome packet and a special gift. If you would like to help welcome new people to our church please contact Cynthia Rapp at 252-908-7656.
- ◆ **Greeter, Communion & Interaction Ministries** - We need you to greet people at the door on Sunday mornings. Call Wayne Lamm @ 478-8124 or sign up in the lobby. Also, we need you to sign up to serve Holy Communion. See Lois Beal or sign up in the lobby. We also need your help with the Interaction Program. Please see Sammy McKeel.
- ◆ **"Helping Hands"** - helping around the house and yard for our local community is our mission. Call church office 459-7178 to volunteer or if you have a need.
- ◆ **Sign Ministry** - we need volunteers to change the message on the sign every week.

Call the church office @ 459-7178 to volunteer or if you have any questions regarding these ministries..



The BIG DAY is September 7, 2008. Are you ready for Children's Church to start? This will be a "Kid's own Worship" service for children ages Kindergarten through 3rd grade during the 8:30 and 11am services. All children are welcome in this age group. The curriculum is based on and related to their Sunday school lessons and Sunday Night programming. There will also be a handout that the children will take home for you and your family to share in what they have learned. Thank you to those who have already filled out the information sheet. We are looking forward to praising the Lord in their own worship service. We are still looking for people who are interested in helping with music, snack, and aiding in teaching. If you are interested please contact Angela Wiseman at wiseangel400@hotmail.com or 703-346-1653.



The 2 & 3 year-olds Sunday School class needs another teacher beginning in September. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of the teaching rotation. If interested you may contact Tammie Whitehead (462 - 0019), Melissa Cahoon (459 - 3237) or Liz Wilson (451 - 9862).



Attention Sunday School Classes:

Please take a few minutes for the next two Sundays to write a brief description of your class for the church web page. When complete, place on the Sunday School bulletin board in the lobby.

DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY

Lynn Ward will be leading a Disciple 1 bible study this fall. Disciple 1 is a 34 week study of the bible from Genesis to Revelation involving 3 to 4 hours a week of independent study and a 2 1/2 hour group session. The group sessions will be held on Thursday nights from 7 pm until 9:30 pm beginning on September 11, 2008. An orientation session will be held on August 28th at 7 pm for all those interested in learning more about the study. If you are interested in Disciple 1 please contact Lynn Ward at 459-5679 or e-mail at lward@suddenlink.net.



Fall Festival 2008
Saturday, Oct. 18th
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Homecoming Celebration

The nurture committee has begun plans for our Homecoming and Helen Ricks Batchelor Recognition Service on September 28th. Steve McElroy, our former pastor, will be the speaker on this special day. We would like to invite to this Homecoming former members and others who have had a special relationship with our congregation. Please contact Clarice @ 459-7178 in the church office with the names and addresses of those you would like to receive an invitation.



August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center"><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Traditional) 5:30 p.m. Pathfinders (9th - 12th grade)</p>					1 Last night of VBS	2
3 6:00 p.m. Bus Garage reserved	4 Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees	5 9-12 Braswell Hall reserved	6 6:00 p.m. Worship His Majesty study	7 7-8 Women's Bible Study	8	9
10 7:30 a.m. Methodist Men Pregnancy Care Center speaker 8:30 & 11:00 1:00 - 4:00 Lobby Reserved	11	12 7:00 p.m. Cub Pack meeting Cockrell Hall	13 6:00 p.m. Worship Leadership meeting	14 7-8 Women's Bible Study	15	16
17 12:00 p.m. Cockrell Hall reserved 3:00 p.m. D.S. install. First UMC	18 Nursing Home Ministry 7:00 p.m. Nurture Committee meeting	19	20 6:00 p.m. Worship His Majesty study	21 3-8 C.H.A.R.M. Braswell & Cockrell Hall res. 7-8 Women's Bible Study	22	23
24	25 7:00 p.m. Church Council	26	27 6:00 p.m. Worship Leadership meeting	28	29	30 Braswell Hall chairs being cleaned. Reserved both days.
31 4:00 p.m. Sanctuary reserved					<p align="center"><u>Tuesday</u> 7:00 a.m. Prayers with the Pastor</p> <p align="center"><u>Wednesday</u> 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 p.m. Nar-Anon</p> <p align="center"><u>Kidspace</u> 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday</p>	

Pastor: Wayne Hicks
 Ministers: The Baptized of this congregation
 Worship Leader: Joanna Hale
 Minister of Music & Worship: Gary Rapp
 Minister of Youth: Cindy Pike
 Dir. of Children's Ministries: Angela Wiseman
 Minister of Visitation: Jim Boehm
 Rocky Mount District Supt. Mack McMillan
 Bishop of the N. C. Conference: Al Gwinn

Who to contact @ NUMC

Bookkeeper: Dot Binkley
 Administrative Assistant: Clarice Melvin
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8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mon. through Fri.

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Attendance	8:30	11:00	Totals
June 29	217	101	318
July 6	187	75	262
July 13	227	78	305
July 20	Combined Service		317
July 27	222	98	320
Average			304

