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CONNECTING POINT

August 2009

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Nashville UMC;

Remember what it was like when you first came to Nashville UMC? For some of you that's where you are right now. You were wondering what Sunday school class or Bible study to join for your own growth in Christ. You were silently asking where your gifts and talents are needed, so that you can go and minister.

Well, we are creating a "tool" to help you find fulfillment in your belonging to Nashville UMC. And to empower you to help new, interested visitors in finding their place. It's called "The Mentoring Ministry".

Mentoring is intended for visitors and members who are seeking a **more fulfilling** spiritual and relational experience.

The "seeker" is a person or a family who has not found the answer to these questions: "Will I fit in here?" "Does anyone like me?" "Am I needed here and if so, where?" "What are the opportunities to grow and to minister?"

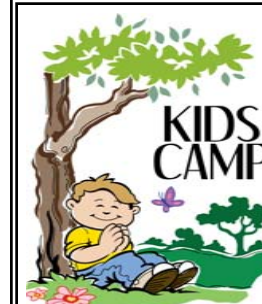
The "seeker" wants someone to come along side and walk with them into the life of the church. The "seeker" picks up a "Seeker Questionnaire" at the Welcome Center Desk in the Lobby, **or** at the Church Office, **or** from Greg Ferguson (Director of Mentoring Ministry), fills it out and returns it to either place. Then enjoys the friendship of their assigned mentor.

If you want to help people enter into the life of Nashville UMC like you have, then you are a perfect candidate for being a mentor. You can get in touch with Greg, or the Office, or the Welcome Center, and let us know that you are ready to become a mentor. Training and "A Guide for Mentors" will be given to you, so that you are not "out there on your own".

This ministry is a process whereby a "seeker" is gently guided to grow and become involved in ministries, classes and activities of church life in which they might not otherwise participate. We recognize that people are reluctant at times to do things on their own but are more comfortable in the company of a friend. That friend, a Mentor, will help them achieve and understand the benefits of spiritual growth as an active participant in the life of the church. Through mentoring, we give ownership to more people and fulfillment to all brothers and sisters in Christ, who call Nashville UMC home.

Over the next few weeks, I look forward to receiving many people who seek to grow deeper in the life of the church.

Enjoy the Journey with Jesus;
 Wayne



Camp for Kids will be having a meeting on August 12th at 6:30 in the Men's Bible Class. Anyone interested in Summer Camp (1st grade and up) for next year should attend. We will discuss 2009 Camp successes and fundraisers for this upcoming year.



Promotion Sunday will be on August 2nd from 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 so those moving into a new class can meet their teachers.



I was recently awarded the "Nashville United Methodist Church Scholarship", through Nash Community College, so I wanted to send this note of Thanks to the church for your generosity. I am a 2009 Graduate, with honors, from Nash Central High School. I worked very hard in High School to maintain good grades. I sincerely appreciate you recognizing my efforts. I am looking forward to continuing my education at Nash Community College in the fall, thanks to your help.

Sincerely,
 Randall Flowers

Alpha Bible Study is coming to Nashville UMC. on September 16th!

What is Alpha? The Alpha course was developed in response to people who wanted to investigate the claims of the Christian faith. Participants discuss deep questions of life and develop relationships in a no pressure, non judgmental atmosphere.

Who is Alpha for? Alpha is geared for everyone, especially those interested in investigating Christianity, newcomers to the church, new Christians, couples preparing for marriage, and Christians who want to brush up on the basics.

Please be in prayer as our church prepares for this new 10 week study!
 (Visit www.alphana.org for more information about the study)



Join us for
 Vacation Bible School
 at
 Nashville United Methodist Church
 August 2nd - 7th
 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Take a thrilling ride across the land down under. As kids wind their way across Australia, they'll discover the vastness of God's love, and they'll learn that no matter where they go or what they do in life, it all comes back to Jesus.

Call our office at 459-7178 for more information.



Randall Blake Flowers is the recipient of the newly established Nashville United Methodist Church Scholarship as a part of our outreach into the community. The recipient of this scholarship is selected by the Nash Community College Foundation Scholarship Committee. Randall will be attending Nash Community College in the fall and is working toward a career involving machining and welding.

New Members Dinner

All members who have joined in the last 3 years are invited to a Dinner and Celebration on September 9th from 6:30 - 7:30. Come and learn about the benefits of belonging and opportunities to serve the Lord. Nursery for infant - 2 year olds will be available.



It is time to start planning for the **NUMC Fall Festival**, scheduled for Oct. 24th. We would like to form a planning committee to meet several times before the Fall Festival and once following the event. The first meeting will be August 11th at 7:00pm. We will discuss not only the logistics, but also our vision for this year's Fall Festival, as we strive to be all God wants us to be. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please join us for this important meeting.

The nurture committee has begun plans for our **Homecoming Service** on Sept. 27th. Our guest preacher will be Don Phillips. We would like to invite former members and others who have had a special relationship with our congregation. Please contact the church office or e-mail info@nashvilleumc.net the names and addresses of those you would like to receive an invitation.

HOME COMING



Walk for Life

The Pregnancy Care Center's Walk for Life will take place on September 19th. Our coordinators are Leslie Pittman and Dana Nethercutt. If you are interested in participating in the walk, please call the office at 459-7178.

Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class will begin studying the book of Galatians on August 16. Please join us upstairs in room A205 for this time of study and fellowship.



Bookbag Buddies

We are teaming up with Nashville Elementary School to provide school supplies for children of our community in need of a good beginning for the 2009/2010 school year. Please help by taking a supply list from our Back-to-School Tree. Return the supplies in a bundle with the label attached by Sunday, August 16th. Bookbag's have been purchased and will arrive soon to be filled and sent to the school.



Thank to everyone for the prayers, cards, and food during my recent surgery. God has blessed me with a wonderful church family and a healthy heart. God Bless You All!!

Kay Jenkins



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:00am - Cockrell Hall reserved for private Luncheon. 5:30pm - Pathfinders - Basement	31		Attention Youth PAC Leaders There will be an important meeting for all Youth PAC leaders on Sunday, August 2 after Sunday School in Cockrell Hall. Please contact Sherry Powell if you can make it.			1
2 11:00pm - Youth PAC Leader Meeting - Cockrell Hall VBS Nightly thru Aug. 7 6:00pm - 9:00pm	3 10:15am - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove Manor	4	5	6	7 Final night Of VBS	8
9 7:30am - Methodist Men's Breakfast - Cockrell Hall Pathfinders Pool Party	10 7:00pm - Trustees - Parlor	11 7:00pm - Fall Festival Meeting - Cockrell Hall	12 12:00pm Pathfinders Wonderful Wed. - Basement 6:30 - Camp for Kids Meeting - Men's Bible Class	13	14 Pathfinders (11th & 12th grade) leave for Retreat	15 Cockrell Hall Reserved 6:00pm Cliff Rabil Cookout
16 <i>Bookbag Buddies Supplies due Back</i>	17 10:15am - Nursing Home Ministry - Nash Grove Manor 7:00pm - Long Range Planning - Cockrell Hall	18	19	20 7:30am - 3:30pm Back-to-School Pre-K Braswell Hall	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23 5:30pm - Pathfinders - Basement	24	25 Back to School	26	27	28	29

Attendance

Date	8:30	11:00	Totals
June 28	163	115	278
July 5	163	80	243
July 12	179	93	272
July 19	230	148	378
July 26	219	96	315
Averages	191	106	298

Recurring Church Activities

Sunday
 8:30am Worship Service (Contemporary)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service (Traditional)

Tuesday
 7:00am Prayers with the Pastor - Parlor
 9:00am Men's Bible Study - Bus Garage

Wednesday
 6:30pm Puppet Team - Cockrell Hall
 7:00pm Emmaus Reunion Group
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous
 8:00pm Nar-Anon

Kidspace

Daily
 7:30am - 6:00pm