

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Parkinson's Support

September 5
Labor Day
Office Closed

September 13
7:00 pm
SPR Committee

September 15
10:30 - 12:30
Parkinson's Support

September 18
Communion at
Both services
Children's Council

September 25
12:15 - 1:15 pm
Church Council

September 26
5:00 - 6:00 pm
Caring Committee

September 28
7:00 pm
Church Conference

Wonderful Wednesday
Dates for September:

September 7
September 14
September 21
September 28



LET'S ROLL . . .

For many of us it is almost inconceivable to think that it has been ten years since our nation experienced the horrific acts of terrorism through the tragic events in New York City, Washington DC and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. The devastating effects of these horrible acts were not just confined to these areas or to our country . . . yes, the entire world felt the impact of this attack on freedom and the loss of innocent lives.

These ten years have passed quickly for some of us . . . it seems as if it was only yesterday! Most of us can tell you where we were and what we were doing when we first heard the news of the planes crashing into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in a Pennsylvania field. We stayed glued to the Television for days as we watched the events and prayed for the victims and their families, as we worried if another attack would occur.

For others it was a lifetime ago. Our high school seniors were only in the second grade and probably have only a vague recollection of the event. Middle school students were two to four years old in 2001 and all they know is what they have been told or have read. Our nine year olds were not even born! However, they know something of the events of September 11, 2001 due to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

What nine year old Morgan Kay Beamer and her two older brothers, David and Drew, know about that day is that they have to live life without their father, but that he died trying to save others. Todd never had the chance to hold Morgan (Todd's middle name), as she was born four months following the events of September 11, 2001. If you listened on September 20, 2001 as President George W. Bush addressed the Joint Session of Congress, you may recall President Bush saying, "We have seen it in the courage of passengers who rushed terrorists to save others on the ground. Passengers like an exceptional man named Todd Beamer. And would you please welcome his wife, Lisa Beamer, here tonight?" Todd Morgan Beamer was only one of the MANY heroes of that day and one of 2,977 victims of these attacks.

September 11 this year, the tenth anniversary of the terroristic attacks, falls on a Sunday. On this day we will celebrate God's presence with us, even in fearful times, and the pride we feel toward our country. My sermon title will be, "Faith and Hope in the Face of Fear." On Sunday, September 16, 2001, following these terroristic attacks, churches were filled across the country. Let's fill St Paul on Sunday, September 11, 2011 as we celebrate God's continued presence in our lives!

Calvin

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURE FOR September 2011

1. Daniel 10, 11, 12 and Psalm 119:49-72
2. Hosea 1, 2, 3
3. Hosea 4, 5, 6
4. Hosea 7, 8, 9
5. Hosea 10, 11, 12
6. Hosea 13, 14 and Psalm 119:73-120
7. Joel 1, 2, 3
8. Amos 1, 2, 3 and Psalm 119:121-144
9. Amos 4, 5, 6
10. Amos 7, 8, 9 and Obadiah
11. Jonah 1, 2, 3, 4
12. Micah 1, 2, 3
13. Micah 4, 5, 6
14. Micah 7 and Psalm 119:145-176, 120
15. Nahum 1, 2, 3 and Psalm 121
16. Habakkuk 1, 2, 3
17. Zephaniah 1, 2, 3
18. Haggai 1, 2 and Psalm 122
19. Zechariah 1, 2, 3 and Psalm 123
20. Zechariah 4, 5, 6
21. Zechariah 7, 8, 9, 10
22. Zechariah 11, 12, 13, 14
23. Malachi 1, 2, 3, 4
24. Matthew 1, 2 and Psalm 124
25. Matthew 3, 4 and Psalm 125
26. Matthew 5, 6, 7
27. Matthew 8, 9 and Psalm 126
28. Matthew 10, 11, 12
29. Matthew 13, 14 and Psalm 127
30. Matthew 15, 16, 17

Wonderful Wednesday



Wonderful Wednesdays during August have been a lot of fun. On our kickoff night, August 17, Bimbo Brewer was very entertaining and kept us laughing. We had movie night on August 24 and saw "Up" and had popcorn during the evening, made with our new popper.

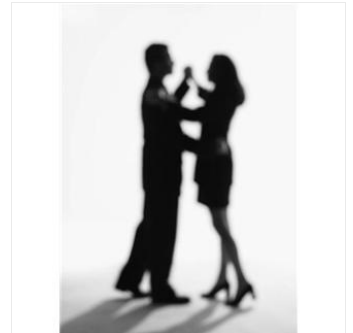
The Bible Study will resume in September as well as our usual activities. In addition, we will have financial planner Beau Henderson teach a class dealing with budgets, investments, and other financial issues. Please join us for this class; there will be no cost involved.

Come join us for an outstanding meal at 5:15 on Wonderful Wednesday evenings and be sure to stay for the activities.

LEARN TO DANCE!!!

Dave and Karen Long will be teaching a beginner Waltz class at Gainesville First United Methodist Church starting September 15. There will be 3 classes, on 9/15, 9/22, and 9/29, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. This is an easy ballroom dance to learn. Lessons in another dance will follow if there is enough interest. Call Vickie Bailey at 770-536-2341 to register.

Cost is \$35. per couple due at the first Class.



HONDURAS 2011

The team had a great time pouring floors for 9 homes, building a latrine, roofing 4 homes and building a room addition to one home. We used 60,800 lbs of concrete, 56 pieces of tin and 70 blocks. Along with this we taught VBS every afternoon for about 50 kids. Dr. Norman Peets, a local dentist, went with us and saw patients in Ciero Chele and around the ranch where we stayed. He did over 100 extractions and cleaned more teeth than we were able to count! We took with us about 50 lbs of medical supplies and lots of school supplies. We also visited 6 families for prayer and healing. It was a very moving experience for us all. On our last day, we had a party and gave out earrings and necklaces to all the ladies of the village. Our plans are to return in July 14 - 22, 2012. If you're interested, please contact the church office at 770-532-2977.

YOUTH NEWS



WOW! It's been fast, but it's been a great summer full of some amazing adventures. With all the pool parties, lock-ins and the mission trip, we really pulled together and developed a greater bond as a group. Even though school can be a bore, we are very excited to get things back to normal and to continue with our yearly routine. We still have plenty of big events planned for this fall and already have had two new members added to the youth group. Also, with our new dinner schedule we hope to be able to connect more with other members of the church. So, great things are happening with the St. Paul Youth Group and we are looking forward to the future!

Tyler Flowers

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Our children are back in school now, and Wonderful Wednesdays started back on August 17 with a recap of VBS. We had a party upstairs and watched the "Chatter" video, sang VBS songs, and just had a great time. On August 24, the movie "UP" was shown in our fellowship hall for children of all ages, complete with popcorn from our new popper.

We have a Children's Council meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 18, directly after church. For those of you who are on the Council, please put this date on your calendar.

We are very excited about the new curriculum we will be using beginning this fall in both our Wonderful Wednesday evenings and Children's Church on Sundays. Our Children's Church, both services, are having their services in the Youth Chapel upstairs. This is designed to give them an experience similar to how "big Church" is done. They really like this and enjoy putting an offering in the plate.

It is a real blessing to be here at St. Paul in the capacity of Program and Education Director. Everyone has been such an encouragement to me and a great help to answer any of the many questions I have. Thank you all for your participation and selfless sacrifices to make our programs great. I believe God has good plans for us and I am excited to be a part of those plans.

Evelyn Wells



DID YOU KNOW

That the United Methodist Children's Home has a satellite office here in Gainesville?

It's just down the street from us at 604 Washington St NW Suite A6

They have lots of services to offer such as: Parenting Skills classes, Family Counseling, Emergency Financial Assistance.

Are you interested in becoming a foster parent? That's available too!!!

Their mission is: The mission of the United Methodist Children's Home is to provide redemptive, healing services that bring meaningful change to the lives of children and families. Grounded by Scripture and the tradition of the Church, we seek to bring the wholeness of God's love to persons through Christ.

For more information, please call Sondra Rogers at 770-531-3063

The money left at the Altar rail during Septembers Communion will go to the United Methodist Children's Home



"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the LORD. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

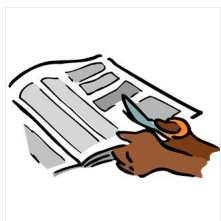
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) NEEDS YOUR HELP

For the Gainesville District Social Action Project which focuses on collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets for the Homeless. St. Paul's UMW members will be collecting the items until October 2, 2011 and we are asking our UMW members and our congregation to help us by donating items for this project. All sizes will be appreciated for this worthy cause.

Please leave your donated items in a bag or box marked UMW, by the garden cart located in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall. If you need additional information, please contact Shirley Denny at 770-536-8407 or shdenny@bellsouth.net or Ellen Glicini at 770-503-4125 or eglicini@charter.net.

COUPONS



If you get the Sunday newspapers and just toss out those coupon inserts, bring them to the church instead! Kate Castner will be collecting coupon inserts to coupon for local charities. Instead of throwing them out, bring them to the box outside the church office. Thanks!

CHARGE/CHURCH CONFERENCE

*Our new District Superintendent, The Rev. Richard Chewning, has set our Annual Charge/Church Conference for **Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** According to the DISCIPLINE, several items of business must take place: 1) Nominating Lay Leadership for 2012. 2) Approving Candidates for Ministry. 3) Approving Lay Speakers and 4) Setting the pastor's salary for 2012. There will also be a composite report on our ministries this year. Also, on this year's agenda will be pastor's housing. There has been much discussion over the past several years about the aging church parsonage that was built around 1965/66. You will receive more information on this prior to the Charge/Church Conference.*

Return Service Requested

Rev. Calvin Haney, Pastor

Church Website: www.st-paul-umc.org

DID YOU KNOW?

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORIZED A PROGRAM TO ASSIST INTERESTED MEMBERS OR FRIENDS IN NAMING THE CHURCH IN THEIR WILLS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT GREGG JOHNSON AT 678-947-6112, CHRIS MUNDY AT 770-535-7779 OR STEVE WARD AT 770-534-6000.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Deadline for ordering Angel Food boxes is September 13 before 5:00 p.m. There are some new boxes on the menu and the Signature box and Bountiful Blessing box has more protein and more veggies!! Pick up is Saturday, September 24 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to help with Angel Food, call Dave Syme at 770-965-0521 or the church office at 770-532-2977.

September 11 is Grandparents Day and we will give Baby Certificates to those families who welcomed a new baby into their families during 2010 and 2011.

A donation to missions will be given in each child's name through the United Methodist Women.

CHURCH STAFF

*Pastor - Calvin Haney
Choir Master - Tim Gale
Accompanist - Terry Sapp
Youth Director - Tyler Flowers
Administrative Secretary - Susan Page
Financial Secretary - Frances Steedley
Hospitality - Rexann Hulsey
Building/Grounds - Ralph Moore
Christian Ed Dir. - Evelyn Wells*