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Friends,

Another summer is drawing to a close. Wonderful vacations are turning into fond memories. Students and teachers have returned to school. In many ways, we are retuning to the regular cycle of life that the fall season often brings.

The church has its own seasons. In November we will have our Charge Conference. The church leadership for the coming year will be put in place. At this time, the budget for 2015 will also be approved. In preparing for this important time, we will remember and draw upon the great history and ministries of Caswell Springs in years past. We will also prayerfully consider the future of this church. An important part of this process of discernment is creating a sound budget. Although we are far from a crisis, we have fallen behind in this year's budget. As a result, difficult decisions have been made related to those budgetary obligations.

I am now inviting you into a time of thoughtful discernment on giving through tithes and offerings for the upcoming year. Commitment Sunday will be October 26, 2014. In the days and weeks leading up to Commitment Sunday, I ask that you prayerfully reflect upon this important part of our faith journeys. As we are reminded in Paul's Second letter to the Church at Corinth, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

My prayer now and in the days ahead is that God continues to bless this church and each of you as we continue to share together in ministry at Caswell Springs.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin C. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Kevin C. Bradley



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church**

## Youth Ministries

What an awesome, busy summer! We had an amazing youth trip to Daytona, FL and hope everyone enjoyed the testimony and slide show. The youth were very excited to share their experience. Thanks to everyone that supported our youth in all of their fundraising efforts. We definitely couldn't have done it without the support of our church.

We welcomed twelve new youth into our group at the end of July. Remember, if you are in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade you may join us on Sunday

nights at 6:00pm and Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. We are very excited to be growing by leaps and bounds.

We had nine high school youth participate in The Happening at St. Paul United Methodist Church in August. They had a great time worshiping and learning more about their walk with God. The Happening is a weekend retreat for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to have a fun and spiritual experience. The next Happening will be November 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> in Meridian, MS. I have applications

available if you are interested in attending.

The next Youth-Led Service will be Sunday night, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the service will be love and servanthood.



## *Music and Worship Arts*

John Wesley once said, “Every Sunday is a little Easter.” As is true of many other Wesley quotes, there is much to think about in that short statement! Imagine if we entered the sanctuary every Sunday with the same awe and celebration that we experience each year on Easter Sunday. While it’s probably a bit contradictory to only advertise a few of the services that are being planned for this fall (because they should all be worthy of awe and celebration), we can’t help but share our excitement about the worship experiences listed below because we think a “little Easter” is destined to happen! We pray that these dates will find their way into your calendar, and that you will come with great expectations for a unique encounter with God as a community of faith.



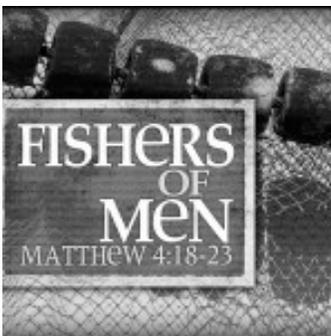
### **September 14: Youth-Led Worship**

Everyone who heard the youth speak about their recent mission trip knows that it was a meaningful time of servanthood. On the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>, our youth will build a worship experience around this theme, and they invite you to take part in a foot washing ritual as a response to God’s Word. This is typically something that is done during Holy Week in many traditions, but as they learned on their mission trip, servanthood is something that we are called to practice daily.



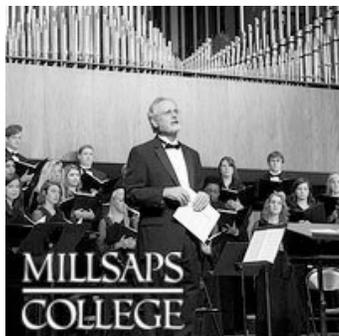
### **October 5: World Communion Sunday**

Many Christian denominations recognize a day of World Communion each October, and the United Methodist Church is one of them. Different breads, different languages, and different forms of prayer are just a few of the ways that our church can encounter the global mission of Christ’s Church.



### **October 19: Children’s Sabbath**

At the 10:50 service on October 19<sup>th</sup>, our children will once again be given the opportunity to lead us in worship. At Caswell Springs, it is our tradition to embrace the unique gifts that each of our children can offer back to God, and this service is a great time for them to creatively lead us in worship through prayer and proclamation. The children hope that this year’s service will transform you into a fisher of men!



### **November 16: Millsaps Chamber Singers**

As part of their annual fall tour, the Millsaps Chamber Singers will lead us in song at the 10:50 service on November 16<sup>th</sup>. While the choir has toured nationally and internationally in recent years, the primary mission of the ensemble continues to be taking high quality choral music to United Methodist congregations in Mississippi.

# *Missions and Evangelism*

In the August Watering Can, the question was asked “What is Evangelism?” Probably the “cart was placed before the horse” as the first question should have been, “What is God’s Church?” In reading God’s Word, the church was not called the church until the New Testament scriptures in Matthew 16:13-18 when Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” Simon Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” at which time Jesus stated that “His Father who is in heaven had revealed it to Simon Peter and upon this rock I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” The Rock is “Christ the Son of the living God.” Also, read Isaiah 28:16 and I Peter 2:4 to confirm Jesus not Peter is the Rock. Therefore, God’s Church is a group of true Believers whose foundation is built on “Christ the Son of the living God.” We are told in the Bible that, “No one comes to God the Father except through Jesus Christ, His Son.”

The Church is “body of Christ”, “bride of Christ”, and:

- A. Must have Christ as its leader and be directed by the Holy Spirit
- B. Must worship Christ
- C. Must believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God
- D. Must have correct doctrine
- E. Must work on the outside to bring His message of Salvation to the world.
- F. Must be a reflection of His Love to others
- G. Must be orderly
- H. Must be led by men/women who are spiritual and who listen to the Holy Spirit
- I. Must be led by men/women of faith who are motivated by love
- J. Must pray, pray, and pray, call on the Lord Jesus Christ and seek His Will
- K. Must be sure they are carrying out the Will of God, not the will of men
- L. Must believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
- M. Must obey His Commandments
- N. Must observe the Sacraments

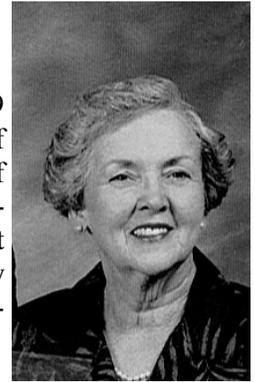
We must remember that “Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish”..... (Ephesians 5: 25-27) Also verse thirty: “For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones”.

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints (that’s us) for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:11-16)

When we work together to follow God’s standards for His church, He will bless our efforts and we will become bearers of good fruit. We will see His church and our fellowship grow. May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit lead and direct us as we strive to carry the message of Salvation to others. Remember that only God adds to His church.

## *Missions and Evangelism Feature*

September's feature member is Mrs. Mary Lou Newman Sanders who currently resides at 3779 River Pine Drive in Moss Point with her two sons, Scott and David. Mrs. Mary Lou is a native of Wade who was born on May 14, 1931, to her parents Mr. Dorman Owen Newman (Once sheriff of Jackson County, and at one time they lived in the top of the Jackson County Courthouse.) and Mildred Irene Davis Newman. (Her mother was leader of the Ladies Ministry at Caswell Springs at one time where they were active.) She has two sisters, Mildred (T-Tiny) and Emily. Mrs. Mary Lou also has one brother, Andrew (deceased). She graduated from Wade School and from Southern where she majored in Education and became a dedicated and excellent teacher.



After graduation, she taught in the Moss Point schools, primarily in second grade, although through her teaching years, she did teach other grades. As many young people do, Mrs. Mary Lou wanted to explore the world and moved to Pensacola, Florida, and taught there. That is where she met the young man she would marry. The young man was also a teacher (He later became a principal and Mrs. Mary Lou calls him "a great educator".) and on September 5, 1959, Mr. Charles O. (no middle name, only the initial) Sanders and Ms Mary Lou were married.

On September 19, 1963, their first son, Scott, was born with some problems, and then along came David on July 19, 1966. (They have been a very important part of Mrs. Mary Lou's life and continue to be. ) True to her Methodist roots and a good Christian upbringing, Mrs. Mary Lou and family found a church home in the Pensacola First Methodist Church where they were active. On June 11, 1978, after almost nineteen years of marriage, Mrs. Mary Lou lost her love to cancer and six years later in 1984, Mrs. Mary Lou retired from teaching. She returned to Mississippi in 1987, and to Caswell Springs United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Eloise Jackson recalls the great influence Mrs. Mary Lou's family had on her and the community. She feels Mrs. Mildred, Mary Lou's mother, was responsible for her involvement with the Ladies Ministry. She remembers, "What a sweet personality Mrs. Mary Lou has had through the years and how I enjoyed growing up with her as our families were close. When Mary Lou returned to CSUMC, I was so please that she joined the Roadrunners, a widows group. She was always such fun and you could always depend on Mary Lou for whatever you needed."

Mrs. Betty Tynes, Mary Lou's cousin, laughed when she recalled their times together. "Mary Lou was very sweet, but on the other hand; she could be mischievous." Betty reminisced about the time "sweet Mary Lou" decided they would fry a chicken for supper ("Experts we weren't.") to surprise Mary Lou's mom when she came home from a meeting. They chased a chicken all over the yard, but if it hadn't been for a delivery man that chicken would still be on the loose and alive. They did get it scalded, plucked, and cooked. Mrs. Betty said, "I think it probably was the best laying hen they had. Aunt Mildred was surprised! We had great times together. Thanks for the memories and I love you."

Mrs. Mary Lou has dealt with serious health problems for quite some time, and has been unable to attend church. (David recently discovered he also has some serious health issues.) She misses coming to worship with us, and is most grateful for her church family. Why don't you drop by and visit with them? They would love it! Mrs. Mary Lou, we thank you for your faithfulness to CSUMC and to the Lord. Our prayers are with all of you.

# Birthdays

1 Jeffrey Hamilton	10 Macee Rawls	18 Kent Goff	24 Chester Hutchens
1 Colby Smith	10 Betty Glamann	18 Willa Dean Triplett	25 Joyce O'Brien
1 Winona Turk	10 Hollis Hoggard	19 Alex Anderson	25 Sarah Depperschmidt
1 Jamison Goff	10 Christian Balcer	20 Mary Meghan Dickerson	26 Hayden Parker
1 Rayleigh Watts	10 Megan E. Goff	21 Pam Cumbest	26 Daniel Banke
2 Cynthia Dueitt	11 Bengie Goff	21 Ethan & Sarah Paetz	26 Rachel Pugh
3 Jamey Wachsman	12 Mattie Grace Sims	22 Jacob Buxton	26 Benny Lassitter
3 Carly Jones	12 Draven Davis	22 Steve Stewart	27 Ryan Stockman
4 Jadelynn Rudolf	13 Jason Holder	22 Burton Stewart	27 Kerri Watts
4 Kyler Paul Seymour	14 Carla Whittington	23 Zack Webb	27 Gene Almond
6 Jean Bearden	14 Kevin Bradley	23 Bowie Cupit	28 Ian Whitfield
6 Christopher Goff	15 Calvin Pierce	23 Vicki Parker	29 Ginny Gerrish
6 Caroline Bradley	15 Catherine Tidmore	23 Paula Yancey	29 Fay Sullivan
8 Brenda Cumbest	15 Brandy Hoffman	23 Abby Krebs	29 Drew Depperschmidt
8 Emily Brindza	17 Diane Trammell	24 Nell Kennedy	30 Eddie Anderson
9 Matthew Greenough	18 Brad Jones	24 Rhonda Parker	30 Ricky Brockway
9 Dion Holder	18 Mark Cumbest	24 Will Coulson	

# Anniversaries

- 8 Benny & Gail Lassitter
- 9 Frank & Lavern Balcer
- 15 Alan & Pam Sward
- 16 Mike & Renee McGhee
- 17 H.L. & Delores Porter
- 23 Guy & Ellen Griffin
- 27 Bobby & Tina Goldman
- 28 Bobby & Sandy Goff
- 28 Bobby D. & Nell Kennedy
- 30 Doug & Billie Smith

# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Labor Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> His Way	<b>3</b> Family Supper 5:30 Activities 6:30	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Church Inventory walk-through 3:00	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> His Way	<b>10</b> Family Supper 5:30 Activities 6:30	<b>11</b> Trustees Mtg. 6:00	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> SPRC 3:30 Admin. Board 4:30 Youth- led Worship 6:00	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> His Way	<b>17</b> Family Supper 5:30 Activities 6:30	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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Filling up and overflowing with Christ's Love.

## Children's Ministries

Our Wednesday night children's worship service is in full force. All children are invited to come for this time of singing, scripture, and prayer. Through our study of Joseph, we will learn how God gives us hope, special abilities, wisdom, and forgiveness.

Upcoming dates:

September 14- Acolyte training, grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (2:30)

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Children's Sabbath (10:50)

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival