



# People of Faith



## August 2011

### “Praying for the Church”

Our congregational meeting on Sunday, July 24, was very good. A good crowd was present, and a lot of good ideas were presented for attracting people to Faith. One of our members, Desireé Jordan, suggested we should pray for the church, and her suggestion almost got lost among all the other suggestions. But Desireé is right; our first order of business ought to be prayer. Every Sunday morning during the “Time of Centering,” I invite the congregation to pray – pray for our worship service, for our church, for each member’s own individual and personal needs, and pray for the world in which we live. Sometimes, I suspect, those words get lost among the small distractions going on around us – people settling into their chairs, or the rustling of paper as we turn the pages of the hymnal, or someone leaving the sanctuary or coming in late. So we don’t hear the words, or maybe it’s that the words have become so repetitive, like saying the Lord’s Prayer every Sunday, that they lose their power to move us to pray. Nevertheless, prayer is the first order of business when we undertake anything in life or in faith. And our prayer life is not to be confined to Sunday morning worship; we are to be engaged in prayer every day wherever we are. Prayer is not only making our requests known to God, but it’s also about listening to God. I am reminded of Elijah sitting at the mouth of the cave, depressed, and fearful of the future. The author of First Kings said that it was after “a sound of sheer silence” that Elijah heard the voice. Prayer is about listening as much as it is about speaking.

There is also another dimension to our prayer life. The 16<sup>th</sup>-century Englishman, Sir Thomas Moore, in one of his prayers, said, “The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for.” That prayer is found in our hymnal on page 408. We work for that for which we pray.

It we are praying for our church to grow, then what are we doing to help the church to grow? Working for the church is about more than serving on a committee, although that is important. It’s about more than showing up for worship on Sunday morning, although worshiping is necessary. The truth is that the real work begins after we leave church on Sunday morning.

We do the real work of the church out there in the world – at the office or in the neighborhood, wherever we interact with people. And the work is evidenced in how we conduct ourselves. We are to be living signs of the difference our faith makes. Jesus said it well: “You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:14, 16). That’s the best evangelism program I know. And it’s the most effective church growth program ever.

Let us be in constant prayer for the church, and let us work for that for which we pray. Who knows what great thing God may yet accomplish through Faith United Methodist Church? May God in his mercy grant us to live long enough to see it.

*Don*

## Lectionary Readings – August

**August 7, 2011 [Green]**

**Ordinary Time/Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28; Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b (UMH 828); Romans 10:5–15; Matthew 14:22–33

**August 14, 2011 [Green]**

**Ordinary Time/Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 45:1–15; Psalm 133 (UMH 850)  
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32;  
Matthew 15: (10–20) 21–28

**August 21, 2011 [Green]**

**Ordinary Time/Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124 (UMH 846)  
Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20

**August 28, 2011 [Green]**

**Ordinary Time/Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 3:1–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c(UMH 828); Romans 12:9–21;  
Matthew 16:21–28



## Faiths Special Mission



The United Methodist Women have selected as a new mission the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne team of John Chandler. As many of you know, Johnny Chandler's son is being deployed to Afghanistan in late May. John's team consists of 12 members and is being deployed with another team. The UMW is planning to ship care packages to John's group quarterly. We will have a box located in the large Sunday school room. Everyone is invited to participate. Some of the items most requested by our troops in Afghanistan are:

Baby Wipes	Tooth Brushes	Mouthwash	Crackers
Frebreeze	Pringles	Beef Jerky	Travel Size Games
Deck of Cards	Cookies	Suntan Lotion	Hard Candy
Blue/Black Pens	Notebooks	Envelopes	Crossword Puzzles
Word Searches	Sudoku	Powdered Drinks, especially Gatorade	
Comic Books	Hand/Foot Warmers	Travel Size Packs Laundry Detergent	

You can also help, by cutting out coupons for any of these items and placing them in my folder at Church.

If you have any other questions, please contact me. Kathy Williams

**Remember Epworth Students** – Each year Faith collects school supplies for Epworth Children's Home. Donations of school supplies are helpful, but this year's letter from Epworth said, "In lieu of school supplies, we appreciate gift cards to Target, Kohl's or Wal-Mart which allow children to shop for their own clothes and school supplies. The children take great pride in learning the value of a dollar and choosing clothes and supplies that match their personality. It also provides a level of dignity for the children to be able to shop like other children shop." Whether you give school supplies, gift cards or monetary donations, any and all types of gifts are greatly appreciated.

# Church News

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## Upcoming Events at Faith

- ❖ **Faith Nursery needs** - A few items needed are Nerf/Kick Balls, DVD/VCR player and TV. New Toys are always welcome. Contact Brooke Michael at [brookem80@hotmail.com](mailto:brookem80@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **LICS** – Is still in need of food for the food pantry and in need of volunteers. Most needed items: Oatmeal, Grits, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ravioli/ Spaghetti O's, Beef Stew, Sloppy Joes, BBQ, Pork-n-Beans, Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce, Pinto/Navy Beans and Collards and Turnips. Contact Brad Levi.

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## Monthly Thought

Prayer Works.

For many of us, August is a reminder that summer is winding down. Soon those long summer days become shorter and shorter, and it is time to prepare our children for another school year. Or maybe for some, there is just enough time for that last minute vacation.

This summer, my mother, my wife and I were witness to the miracle of God and prayer. Five days after the ides of May, my father was rushed to the hospital. Twice in the emergency room, CPR was needed to revive my dad. A pacemaker was inserted. Two days later, his next challenge included respiratory arrest. After ten to fifteen minutes he was revived a third time, but the doctors were unsure if there had been any damage to his brain due to lack of oxygen. Only time will tell.

Those were days of darkness and concern for us. But, all the while there was a small light at the end of that long tunnel of recovery. We were not sure what obstacles were still in that tunnel, but we were ready to face them together as a family.

*“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death... I fear not... for thou art with me.”*

My father is scheduled to be released and will walk out of National Health Rehabilitation Center this month. There, they are calling him the “miracle man,” I will call him Dad.

Those lights were your prayers of hope and God's strength that shone at the end of that tunnel. Today those lights are as bright as bright can be. For us, our faith is stronger because of this *miracle* in August.

From my mother's heart, Sandy's and my heart, and for my father, thank you all very much, Faith, for your prayers and wishes during this difficult time.

A Special Thank You to Pastor Britt, who made it a point to visit my father and mother almost every day throughout this ordeal.

Prayer Works!

Let us pray.

If you would like to include your monthly thoughts you may contact me at [bhazard@sc.rr.com](mailto:bhazard@sc.rr.com). Or on my Facebook page. <http://facebook.com/bard.hazard>.

You may also place your reflection in my mailbox, Bard Hazzard at Faith Church.



Date	Weekday	Event	Time
8-02	Tuesday	Committee on Nominations	6:00 PM
8-03	Wednesday	Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
8-07	Sunday	Sunday School: Worship Service: [Green] Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - Food Offering for LICCS	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
8-08	Monday	Pastor-Parish Meeting	6:30 PM
8-09	Tuesday	Trustees Committee	6:30 PM
8-10	Wednesday	Nurture Committee Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM 6:30 PM
8-14	Sunday	Sunday School Worship Service: [Green]	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
8-17	Wednesday	Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
8-21	Sunday	Sunday School Worship Service: [Green]	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
8-22	Monday	Finance Committee	6:00 PM
8-24	Wednesday	Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
8-28	Sunday	Sunday School: Worship Service: [Green]	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
8-29	Monday	Church Council	6:30 PM

**Committee members, please make every effort to attend the scheduled quarterly meetings. If you cannot attend, please call the Committee Chair or the church office.**

# Volunteers at Faith - August

## Acolyte- Gable Funchess

<b>Altar Flowers</b> <b>8-07</b> Bard Hazzard <b>8-14</b> Kerry & Cheryl Fraylick <b>8-21</b> <b>8-28</b> Pat White	<b>Lay Readers</b> <b>8-07</b> Kathy Williams <b>8-14</b> Diane Hamilton <b>8-21</b> Kathy Beatty <b>8-28</b> John Chandler	<b>Offering Tellers</b> <b>8-07</b> Nancy Taylor & Diane Hamilton <b>8-14</b> Kathy Beatty & Cheryl Fralick <b>8-21</b> Bob Hamilton & Robie Robertson <b>8-28</b> Don Rozier & Wayne Richardson
<b>Teachers - Sunday School</b> <b>8-07</b> Sandra Hazzard <b>8-14</b> Pat White <b>8-21</b> Sandra Hazzard <b>8-28</b> Pat White	<b>Nursery during Worship</b> <b>8-07</b> Brooke Michael <b>8-14</b> Pat White <b>8-21</b> Abby Strange <b>8-28</b> Faye Weimer	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8-07</b> Wanda Himerlick & Trevor Michael <b>8-14</b> Kathy Williams & Evelyn Whisnant <b>8-21</b> Alex Funchess & Don Andrews <b>8-28</b> Don Rozier & Wayne Richardson
<b>Greeters - Worship</b> <b>8-07</b> Faye & Richard Weimer <b>8-14</b> Shelly & EZ Langston <b>8-21</b> Judy & Robbie Richardson <b>8-28</b> Kathy Williams & Rudie Burgess		

## Congratulations & Happy Birthday to

8-01 Susan Rutledge	8-14 Laura Paterek
8-01 Trey Whisnant	8-14 Laurie Barnhill
8-02 Connie Youngblood	8-20 Derrick Stark
8-03 Donna Rozier	8-21 Angela Funchess
8-03 Edith Mitchell	8-21 John Creech
8-03 Ellen Weimer	8-24 Nancy Taylor
8-05 Sara Adams	8-27 Bob Hamilton
8-06 Sandy Hazzard	8-28 Carol McKeown



**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to provide fresh flowers for the Sanctuary on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the Flower Calendar located on the bulletin board near the kitchen. If you would like to include an announcement in the bulletin, please call or email the church office with the information Wednesday before the Sunday you provide flowers.



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### Angels, God's Helpers; Word Search

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. This will be revealed in the September Newsletter.

Archangel, Burning Ones, Cherub  
 Cornelius, Daniel, Deliverance  
 Destruction, Fighters, Gabriel, Guardian  
 Guidance, Holy Angels, Holy One  
 Innumerable, Invisible, Isaiah, Jacob, John  
 Joshua, Mary, Messengers, Miracle  
 Morning Star, Paul, Peter, Powerful  
 Proclaimed, Protection, Seraphim, Spirit  
 Zechariah

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The Mystery answer for July:  
**Attend Services**