



*From the
Associate Pastor's
Desk*

Define the Relationship. This was our theme for youth ministry last year. But this imperative cannot be reduced to one year of study! One should always be seeking to define one's relationship with God. We can define our relationship with God through our worshiping, growing, witnessing, serving, and giving. A very important practice of growing is studying scripture, God's word for all of God's people throughout all time.

When one approaches scripture it is often difficult to know where to start, especially if one wants to go deeper in one's understanding of the whole of scripture. Starting this fall our Sunday night youth program will be focusing on this essential aspect of defining our relationship with God. We will approach the bible as one great unfolding love story through 7 theological alliterative C's; Creation, crisis, covenant, Christ, Church, calling, coming reign of God.¹ As we study God's unfolding love story we will spend our discussion time asking some important questions like, "What do we learn about God's love in this part of scripture?" and "How can we apply this to our lives now?" Instead of approaching God's word with our own topics, we will allow the text to speak to us and guide us into application in our own lives. I am excited about the new approach to scriptural formation we will be using. The goal is to allow scripture to define our lives, instead of letting our lives define scripture for us.

Our Sunday night programs will start at 6:00 and end at 8:00 for all grades. Our nights will start with fellowship and fun followed by a snack supper. We will spend our last hour worshiping together and then break into small groups to discuss the scripture of the evening.

If you are a youth or adult who are interested in being a part of this life-changing and life-giving ministry please join us for our fall kick-off **Sunday, August 22.**

Youth parents mark your calendars! **Sunday, August 22 at 4:30** will be our Youth Parents' Meeting in the sanctuary. Please bring your calendars.

(Footnotes)

¹ Edie, Fred,

Book, Bath, Table, and Time: Christian Worship as Source and Resource for Youth Ministry
(Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2007), 50.



The week of **September 6th** will be an exciting time here at Bryant First UMC. We will be kicking off our fall activities, Disciple Classes, Financial Peace University, Small Blessings preschool and lets not forget those awesome Wednesday Night Meals. If you are interested in signing up for a class now is the time to do so, see page 3 for course descriptions and sign up information.

Financial Snapshot

Operating Budget

Received 7/25	\$ 7,936
Received 8/1	\$ 14,096
Received 8/8	\$ 13,414
Received 8/15	\$ 13,830

Our Presence

Sunday, July 25

Worship Total: 264

8:30	Traditional	130
11:00	Contemporary	126
	Nursery	8

Sunday, Aug 1

Worship Total: 301

8:30	Contemporary	134
11:00	Traditional	153
	Nursery	14

Sunday, Aug 8

Worship Total: 298

8:30	Traditional	150
11:00	Contemporary	137
	Nursery	11

Sunday, Aug 15

Worship Total: 302

8:30	Traditional	136
11:00	Contemporary	155
	Nursery	11

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Quarterly Kids Club



Kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade join us in the grassy area behind the church 2-4pm **August 29th** for an afternoon of water play. There will be a big inflatable water slide and tons of water play so bring a bathing suit and an appetite for fun. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Drop off will be 2pm and pickup will be 4pm. If your child participated before you only need to sign up. If this is the first Quarterly Kids Club event that your child is participating in we will need a medical information/ emergency contact form filled out. Forms will be available during sign up in the library on Sunday the 22nd and Sunday the 29th after both church services.

Happy Birthday Thursdays Together!!!



This is your invitation to join the celebration! Thursdays Together will be celebrating their 10th birthday on September 9th. We'll be celebrating with a day of festivities that will include fellowship, recognition of past leaders, remembering those members we have lost, entertainment by "The Gospel Spirits", and a special luncheon with birthday cake and ice cream.

This is a big milestone in the history of this group as it continues to meet the spiritual, physical, and social needs of our senior adults, both in our church and our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Once again, our church has signed up to be a part of the Apostles' Build for Habitat for Humanity and it's almost time for the build to begin. We will be working on construction in Benton the week of September 13th - 17th. Our church is sponsoring the build on Friday, September 17th, and we would like to encourage you to come and be a part of that! (If

you can't come on that day, feel free to show up any day of that week and they will put you to work!)

This is a great project for our church! Let's all get involved! Watch for the bulletin inserts to sign up or contact Jennifer Davis, at the church office or email her at jennifer@fumcbryant.org, for

Adult Bible Studies

Check out this fall's upcoming list of adult Bible studies.

Disciple I - Two classes will be offered this fall. Cost is \$35 for participant materials. Monday evenings 6:30 - 9:00 pm led by Kenny Bradshaw. Wednesday mornings 9:00 - 11:30 am led by Jennifer Davis and Rev. Taulbee.

Christian Believer - Cost is \$40 for participant materials. Tuesday Evenings 6:30 pm led by Nancy Wilson and Janie Bartel.

Here and Now, There and Then (Revelation) by Beth Moore. Beginning Monday, August 30th in the banquet room at 6:30pm SHARP. This is an eleven week study. Books can be purchased at Lifeway Christian Book Store for \$11.00 each. If you have trouble getting your book let us know. Come join us for a wonderful study on the last and victory chapter of the Bible. Led by Linda Edwards and Anne Short

Remarkable Women of the Bible - Cost is \$18 for participant materials. Monday evenings 6:30 pm led by Donna Broyles.

Financial Peace University led by Robert Bennett. Day and time to be determined.

Daytime Women's Study and Fellowship group. Day, time, leader and study TBD. Please let Jennifer know if you would be interested in leading this group.

Disciple III (Class will make if 8 or more people indicate interest). Cost is \$35 for participant materials. Day, time and leader TBD. Please let Jennifer know if you would be interested in leading this group.

Go online for full course descriptions and to sign up www.fumcbryant.org or contact Jennifer Davis at 847-0226 or jennifer@fumcbryant.org for more information.



CJCOHN Needs

- Bars of Soap
- Non-perishable foods
- New underwear in all sizes and genders
- Laundry Detergent
- Quart and gallon Zip-Lock Freezer Bags

Items may be dropped in the CJCOHN basket in the library at any time.

ENJOY THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Many well-traveled people claim that their most inspiring and meaningful trip ever was to visit the land where Jesus walked—the Holy Land of Israel. In March of 2011, Rev. Bud Reeves and Rev. Garry Teeter will be leading simultaneous groups on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Bud, Karen, Garry and Donna would like to take you! The trip is arranged through Educational Opportunities, the world's premier organizer of Holy Land trips. Departure date will be March 21, 2011, and the basic trip lasts 10 days. For more information contact Bud Reeves (brobud@fumchs.com or 501-623-6668), Garry Teeter (garry.teeter@hotmail.com or 501-847-8608) and visit the website www.eotravelwithus.com. It is a life-changing experience!



Memorial Gifts

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--to the ministry fund in memory of Janice Baker, Joann Standfill's daughter, by Charles and Joyce

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--to the ministry fund in memory of Faye Lowery by:

- Wanda Smith
- Charles and Joyce Hesselbein
- Violette Johnson SS Class
- Malinda Holiman

--to the ministry fund in memory of Faye Lowery and in honor of Bob and Phyllis Martin and family and Roxie Speir by Phil and Pat Guthrie.

Ladies, Come One , Come All!

**The United Methodist Women
are off and running with Missions
far and near.**

**Join us in the Violette Johnson Classroom
on
September 1st at 10:30
as we begin making our plans.**



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