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SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

TALKING TO OUR KIDS

As our children start back to school, it is vital to have some conversations with our children. The Bible says (Proverbs 22:6) to “train up a child” and so we want to become intentional on things that will be like “arrows in their quiver” for strength and peace. We desire to put a hedge of resources around them so that they will become the inspired children of God they are intended to be. Along with our children maybe we adults can be encouraged with these messages as well. Starting this **Sunday, August 29**, we begin with “Don’t let anyone steal your IDENTITY.” In an age of “Identity Theft” we need to remember what Colossians 1:10-20 says about **WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST JESUS!**

September 5 Forming Healthy Friendships (Proverbs 12:26)

September 12 Listening and Speaking (Mark 10:21)

September 19 Being a Disciple in a Digital Age (Ephesians 5:15)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Every Wednesday night at 5:15 pm, we are going to have a delicious CATERED meal (\$7.00) and a great time of fellowship. Also, we will have a series by Louie Giglio on the New Testament book of Acts (Right Now Media Resource).

PUMPKINS ARE COMING

DON'T FORGET: **Our Pumpkin Sale** (October 2-30) is COMING SOON! We are going to be doing things a little bit different with how the financial resources of the sale will go. Every group in the church from Sunday school classes to choir groups to mission teams can “make money” on the times you volunteer! This can be a great fundraiser for your “pet projects” within the congregation. This coming Sunday, Mrs. Sunny Weathers, will be soliciting volunteers for help each day. We are required by the Pumpkin Company to be open 8 hours a day during the whole 30 days of the Fund-raising Event. We need everyone's help. Especially, on **Saturday, October 2**, when the pumpkins arrive for unloading! Thanks in advance for your help.

In Christ Alive Together!

Pastor Doug Walker



“Joy of Giving” Stewardship Campaign 2021

There were **73 families** who pledged **\$431,868.00** on Consecration Sunday for **2022**. The words of the special music “Thank You” sung by Russell Grosse was so appropriate for our focus on **Stewardship (Step Up One Program)**. Many of you have already joined the team with your financial commitment. All of us have to **prayerfully** consider what God is calling us to do with the financial resources He has entrusted to our care. Lynn and I have decided to increase our commitment because of what God has revealed through this amazing congregation. Of the 73 pledges received so far, 31 increased their giving for 2022, To God be the Glory! **You still have time to make your commitment.**

Pastor Doug Walker

YOUTH NEWS by Cara Robinson



Middle and High School Students:

Please join us for **Youth Sunday School!** Sundays at 9:45am.

Come spend time with us reading and discussing the Bible to learn more about our amazing God!

Youth will be making sandwiches for the **Inner City Night Shelter** on **September 26**, during Sunday School.

We ❤️ our students! The church is praying for you!



School is back in session!

Please pray for all our students as they return to classes. Last year was difficult for many and all students need to be lifted in prayer.

Growing Together

Sunday School Growth Campaign

The **Adult Sunday School** classes are starting a growth campaign with a goal of **increasing** Sunday School attendance by **20%**! This is an exciting time as classes **reach out** and **encourage** participation in this vital ministry of the church.

If you are **not** currently part of a **Sunday School** group, please consider attending a class – **you will be blessed!**



New Young Adult Sunday School Class

We will be starting a **new class for young adults** – for those between ages **20** and **30-something!** Our first class will be on **September 12** at **9:45** in the 5th classroom on the right in the education wing. We'd love to see you there! Contact **Diane Reeder** or **Cara Robinson** for more information.



FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is scheduled for **September 19 -26**. We will have the same procedures as we did in February and May of this year. Our support will primarily include providing meals. We will need members to sign up for **lunch and evening meal preparation, meal deliveries, and for extra items**. Sign up sheets will be placed in the Connection Center starting **Sunday, September 5th**. In addition, Family Promise has extra expenses for staff to stay with families at night. As you know, families no longer stay at churches but remain at one facility. So, we are asking for an offering to help with expenses. The Missions Committee has set a goal of **\$500**. However, we have exceeded that during the past year.

Your prayerful consideration to help with this cause is appreciated. Check with **Marshall Acree** if you have questions.

LAY LEADER MESSAGE

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters.....It is the Lord Christ you are serving Colossians 3:23

How has the Lord called you to serve? Until the love of God changes our perspective, most of us are slaves to ourselves as we make decisions for our day, Psalm 119:147 ***I rise before dawn and cry for help. I wait for Your words. His words which are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path promise guidance making His way plain. What a way to face each day with confidence knowing that we have sought and are obedient in doing Gods will. Anything less is sloppy living. He deserves our very best and promised to equip us, His saints, for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ.***

The preacher, Charles Spurgeon, was once talking to a cleaner who had recently become a Christian. He asked her what difference Jesus had made. Rather timidly she replied, “Well sir, I now sweep under the doormats.”. She knew that in her job now she was ultimately serving and worshipping Jesus. No sloppy living.

Diane Reeder
Lay Leader



Thank you all so very much for the wonderful breakfast you provided to our staff at Andrea B. Williams Elementary. We are so blessed to have you as part of our community of support for our children & staff. Keep the prayers & good thoughts coming! We love & appreciate you all!

Susan Ambrose, Principal



MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT

As music director, my primary goal is to provide worship at WIUMC that continues to draw us closer to and strengthen our relationship with God. To do this, I think it is extremely important that WIUMC members feel like they can share ideas with me on what connects them to the Lord. Favorite song, arrangements, set-ups, all ideas are welcome. This is how I discovered my new favorite song to sing with the praise band - Days of Elijah.

Days of Elijah was a song suggested in praise band rehearsal when we were kicking around new ideas. Even though I was unfamiliar with this song and had some slight reservations, I added it to my running list of song ideas as I do with all the suggestions I receive. Later as I was on YouTube researching these new songs, I began finding all of these great YouTube videos of Days of Elijah. There were services, conferences, military groups, and all kinds of examples of how truly moving this song could be through its message and energy! Wow, such great energy!! These examples sealed the deal for me and were a much-needed reminder that we are blessed with an incredible wealth of praise and worship music out there, much more than just what I am familiar with.

When we sang this song with the congregation for the first time, I already knew it would be momentous, but I think that puts it lightly. What a blessing to see the enthusiasm and joy from the congregation as we sang, and the minute we stopped, I was ready to sing it again! God was working in those words, reminding us that we are his servants and to find joy in doing His great work. There is NO God like Jehovah, and what a glorious message to fill the sanctuary.

I truly appreciate all of those who share their song ideas, their stories and connections with songs, and any ideas you have to for the music ministry to continue to bring us closer to God. I do NOT know it all, and we grow best when we grow together in God's presence. Please feel free to catch me after a service, email, call/text, write, however you want to reach out, please do so!

I love and appreciate all of you, and I can't wait to hear your ideas!

Blessings,

Caitlin

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PRESCHOOL NEWS by Wendy Amerson



Back to school kicked off with Open House on August 19th and the first day of school was on August 23rd for preschool classes and August 24th for our 2s/2day class and Mother's Morning Out. The preschool staff was so excited to start a new school year and see all the sweet children that fill the classrooms. We have 75 students currently registered for preschool and MMO classes. It's going to be an exciting school year.

Before school began, the preschool put in a new 5ft playground fence to replace the existing one. We ask that anyone using the playground after-hours to help pick up toys, take your trash with you, and close the gates behind them.

This school year Mrs. Lynn Walker will be leading our preschoolers in music each Monday from 10:00-10:30 and Pastor Doug will be doing Chapel for our students on Wednesdays at 10:30.

The preschool is looking for help this year with story time readers each Friday 10:00 AM-10:30 and substitute teachers. If you are interested, please email Wendy Amerson, Preschool Director, at preschool@islandmethodist.com or call 912-999-6470.

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Monday - Friday

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE



WIUMC will be the host church for **Family Promise** the week of **September 19**. **Katrina Bostik, director, of Family Promise** will be our guest speaker at **Wednesday night supper** on **September 15**.

The mission committee continues to support **Mission on the Move, People helping People (park ministry)** the **inner city night shelter** and provides ongoing **financial assistance** to our **local residents** as needed.

The Mission Committee had the privilege of providing **back to school breakfast** to the staff and teachers at **Andrea B. Williams Elementary School** in **August**.

We have chosen to **partner** with the school and **provide assistance** as needed. Their current needs are **size 6-12 uniforms and underwear for the children**. Uniforms are **khaki shorts/pants and gold or white polo shirts**. **Donations are welcome**. Please bring to the church and place in box marked **uniforms for missions (monetary gifts are also welcomed)**.

The **yard sale** will be held on **October 9** and the container will be here around September 20. Donations and volunteers needed!

Pam Anderson

Chair, Missions and Outreach