

September

2011

**PISGAH
PRESS**

Dear Pisgah Saints,

Back in June, I was pleased to say that a Vision and Planning Group had begun a series of meetings to put together for the church a 5 to 10 year plan. The group hoped to be able to present their ideas to the Pisgah Church Council by the August 2011 meeting.

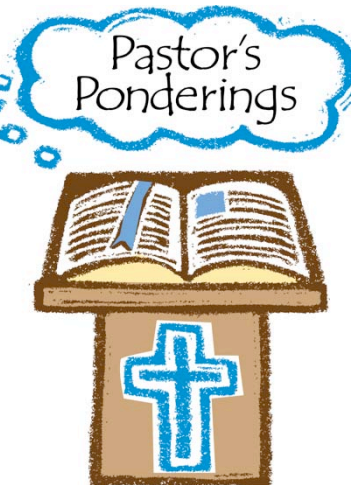
Today, I'm glad to report that the group was able to put together a plan that they believe is God's hope and vision for the future of Pisgah UMC. It was presented to the Church Council on August 14, and after much sincere discussion, the Council adopted the plan as a starting point for study and implementation.

The plan details the goals for 10 distinct areas of ministry:

- **Community Connections and Outreach**
- **Technology and Communications**
- **Facilities**
- **Worship**
- **Hands-on Mission**
- **Young Adult Ministries**
- **Biblical Teaching**
- **Senior's Ministries**
- **Children's Ministries**
- **Youth Ministries.**

These areas of ministry were considered both separately and as they overlap. As ideas were generated, discussed, and developed, the group attempted to consider both the membership of the church and also those whom we hope to reach.

As a guide to our planning, the group aimed to tie their ideas to our mission and vision statement adopted on June 12 of this year. For example, when looking at Pisgah's Worship ministry area, the group considered as a guide the piece of Pisgah's vision about attracting "people who are currently



disconnected from church...through dynamic and engaging worship."

The 5 to 10 year plan is comprehensive, and is adopted as a starting point for study and implementation. As we go into the new year, new group leaders have been nominated to consider each ministry area. These "Feasibility and Implementation Groups" will be developed and will begin the process of study and implementation.

Each group's chairperson will be gathering individuals with an interest and expertise in the particular ministry area on which they will work. Currently these groups will be temporary work groups, and will stay intact for one year or longer depending on the work to be done. In some instances, these groups may be folded into our permanent leadership structure.

I encourage each of you to get a copy of the plan from the web: www.pisgah-umc.org. (We will also have print copies available in the church office.) Read over it. My prayer is that God will fill your heart with as much excitement as I have about where God is leading us. I hope that you will also be listening for God's direction as to what church ministry YOU are supposed to be part of. I believe that all of us are called by God to step out of complacency and step in to service.

I also encourage us to stay together and stay focused on God as we go forward. We may have differences of opinion over the details of the plans and goals that have been adopted. That is natural, but God would have us talk those differences through, and remember that we can always change our minds, change our plans, and through God's Holy Spirit change our hearts.

*May God continue to bless us as we move forward into the future together to **Connect People to Christ!** That is our mission!*

Grace and peace,

Pastor Judy



Regular Choir Schedules Resume

Carl & Loretta Whitesides
Carl & Gladys Rumfelt
Roscoe & Brenda Murray
Dean & Claudette Crawley
Johnny & Janice Peeler
Jewell Reinhardt
Anna Ross
David Ross, Sr.
Libby Baker
Steve & Nancy Hoyle
Rick Smith

Larry & Hazeline Link
Bea & Ern Carpenter
Juanita Seagle
Mary Mozeley
Ann Goforth
Naomi Ramsey
Jackie Reep
James Hoyle
Roy Pearson
Johnny Wilkerson
Brooke Routhier

Anonymous prayer request for a cancer patient

September 15

Gastonia District
Laity Rally 2011



Speaker: The Reverend Dr. W. Lyn Sorrells

Tickets are provided to you free of charge. Contact Richard Beeker asap if you'd like to go. Transportation will be arranged after we know our final head count for attendance.

Handbell Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 7 at 7 p.m.

Praise Team Rehearsals resume on Sunday, September 12 at 4 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals resume on Sunday, September 12, at 6 p.m.



In
Our
Thoughts &
Prayers

A Message From Our Lay Leader



If you let the dinosaur not extinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing.

Jonathan

Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year. Peter

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with MY brother. Larry

Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. Lisa

I would like to live 900 years like the guy in the Bible. Love, Chris

If you give me a genie lamp like Aladdin, I will give you anything you want except my money or my chess set. Raphael

We read Thomas Edison made light, but in Sunday School they said you did it, so I bet he stole your idea. Donna

We are told that God wants us to be in fellowship with Him, yet we tend to repeat the same things in our prayers and say the things that we think we should say instead of letting it come from our hearts. Maybe we should approach God more like children, who have no problem speaking what is on their hearts.

These are actual letters (complete with their spelling and grammar) written by children and addressed to God.

Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce

I went to a wedding and they kissed right there in church. Is that OK? Neil

Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now? Jane

I bet it is hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.

Nan

I am an American, what are you? Robert

I think about you sometimes, even when I'm not praying. Elliott

If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes. Mickey

If we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton. I hate her. Denise

Don't you think God gets a chuckle out of some of the things kids say and ask? I believe it is called "conversational prayer" when you talk with God as if he was a wonderful, giving friend who is sitting next to you. If that could be the essence of your relationship to God you would have some give and take, and not just ask for all the things you need or want.

Try it and remember, "practice makes perfect." Think of some of the things these children said and ask yourself this question. "When was the last time God may have gotten a laugh out of something you told Him?"

Think about it, and keep praying Pisgah friends!

Holiday Schedule Changes

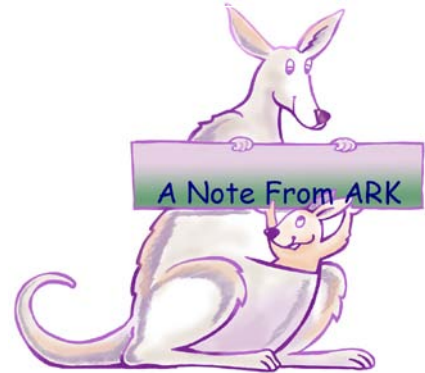
Because of the Labor Holiday on September 5, the UMW meeting has been moved to September 19 at 6:30 p.m. We will be creating a UMW banner for our sanctuary and all the ladies are invited to join us.

Because of the change in the UMW schedule, the Beth Moore Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Bible Study will not meet on the 19th but will resume on the 26th. This study is entitled "David—Seeking a Heart Like His." If you'd like a study guide, contact Cathy Thornburg. Cost is \$15 each.

The ARK is about to begin a new fall session on September 11 and most of our supplies have been depleted. We can make use of just about anything that you see on the school supply lists at WalMart—glue, glue sticks, markers, pencils, crayons, pens, rulers, construction paper, notebook paper, blunt-tip and pointed-tip scissors, zip lock bags, Kleenex, etc.

So if you're picking up supplies for your children or grandchildren, why not drop a few extras in your cart to share with the kids at church. We'll have a collection box out front for the entire month of September.

Also, if you'd rather give a monetary donation, the ARK leaders will gladly pick up the supplies. Envelopes will be available at the collection box and if you'd like credit for your donation on your church donation statement this year, just put your name on the outside of the envelope and we'll see that it is properly recorded.



We Need Your Help!

Thanks for all you do!



We're trying to utilize our church "post office boxes" to improve communication among our church family and we'd like to remind everyone—including our youth and children—to periodically check for mail. Communications may include info from the pastor, committee chairs, Sunday School classes, ARK & Youth Leaders, etc.

Everything will be sorted alphabetically by your last name and placed in the appropriate box. Please try to make it a point to drop by the Post Office every Sunday. You might just be surprised what you might find waiting for you there!

Check Your Mailbox



September 2011

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

*Check the online calendar often
for updates and program
changes.
www.pisgah-umc.org*

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9:30a SS / 10:30a
Worship

Caitlin Barger
Eddie & Janet
Flowers (A)

Kaylah Loftin
Tim & Angie
Warner (A)

Rick Smith
Marty & Tammy
Shrum (A)
Jane & Walter
Shrum (A)

6:30 Worship
Committee

7p Handbell
Choir

**UMM
BBQ
11a - 7 p**

6:30 - 7 p.m.
**PRAYER
TIME**

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9:30a SS / 10:30a
Worship

6:30p Beth
Moore Bible
Study

Amy Crawley
Michael & Jessica
Barber (A)

Bill & Kim
Fortenberry (A)

Linda Hosier
Windle
Pearson

Pat Stevens

Kelvin Ross

Roderick Cronland

6:30 - 7 p.m.
PRAYER TIME

4p Praise Team

7p Handbell
Choir

**District
Laity
Rally**

5p ARK/YOUTH

Budget & Audit
Info Due

6p Choir
Practice

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9:30a SS / 10:30a
Worship

6:30p UMW

Matthew
Carpenter

Cecil Flowers

Betty Jo
Barger

4p Praise Team

6:30 - 7 p.m.
**PRAYER
TIME**

5p ARK/YOUTH

7p Handbell
Choir

6p Choir
Practice

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9:30a SS / 10:30a
Worship

Roscoe
Murray

Eddie Baker,
Karen Pearson

Larry King

Chad Price
George &
Brenda Bundy
(A)
Larry & Vickie
King (A)

4p Praise Team

6:30 - 7 p.m.
**PRAYER
TIME**

5p ARK/YOUTH

7p Handbell
Choir

6p Choir
Practice

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Friday, Sept. 9

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



*This year's BBQ will again be held on Friday rather than Saturday. The guys will be cooking on Thursday evening; chopping and final preparations will start early Friday morning. Pork and turkey plates and sandwiches will be available for take out, dine in, or delivery. Drinks will be provided only for those who are dining in at the church; **drinks will not be included in the take out and delivery orders.***

Since we're having it on a weekday, many of the guys won't be available until after work on Friday, so we need lots of volunteers. We especially need help with food prep and delivery. And we can use donations of tea, canned drinks, and desserts. We would appreciate desserts like pound cakes, cookies, cookie bars, brownies, etc.—anything that can be sliced and packed easily.

There is a sign up sheet available at the church. If you can help in any way, please sign up or contact Mike Shrum, Dan Baker, or Robert Pearson.



Plates--\$7.50
Sandwiches--\$2.75



HOMECOMING
2011
September 25



Everyone is invited to pack a covered dish lunch and join us for our annual Homecoming Service on September 25. We will be remembering our past, celebrating our present, and anticipating our future. We hope that you, your friends, and your family will be there.



**Invite
Friends &
Family**





Audit Info



September 14

October 16

2 p.m.

One of the most important administrative tasks that takes place each fall is our annual Charge Conference and Pastor Judy is already beginning to put together all the reports and information that must be submitted to the district. Our meeting this year will again be a Cluster Conference hosted by Rhyne Heights UMC on October 16 at 2 p.m. As soon as she receives the Conference Materials Packet, Pastor Judy will see that the chairs of the various

committees receive their report forms for completion. All Charge Conference paperwork is due in at the District Office by October 6.

Part of the Charge Conference Planning involves an audit of church funds and preparation of a church budget for the new year. Each ministry group and/or committee who may require funding of any sort during the next fiscal year should submit a request and explanation in writing. Also, those ministry groups who have bank accounts should submit records for fiscal year 2010. All of this financial information should be handed to Beverly Smith by

LOOKING AHEAD



Church Leadership
2012

Wednesday, September 14.

The Committee on Nominations & Leadership Development met in mid August and put together the 2012 Church Leadership list which will be presented to the Charge Conference for approval.

Catch the Excitement!

Witness the Joy!

Shape the Vision!

This year some additional work groups are being added to facilitate the new ministries and goals detailed in Pisgah's 5-10 Vision and Plan adopted by the Church Council on August 14, 2011. The CNLD has nominated chairpersons for what we are calling Projects Feasibility & Implementation Groups. These chairpersons will be developing the group participants whose passions, gifts and expertise would be most useful in conjunction with the work of the group. These particular groups are temporary in nature and may be in place from one year to 10 ten years, or otherwise be made into a standing committee or disbanded when work is completed.

*Everyone who holds a leadership position has received a copy of the entire list and extra copies are available at the church. Copies of the 5-10 Vision & Plan are also available. We hope that **everyone** in our church family—not just the “leaders”—will take the time to become familiar with both of these documents and prayerfully consider how each of you can be actively involved in the church's future.*

HAPPY TIMERS NEWS

The Happy Timers met in the Pisgah UMC Fellowship Hall on August 5, 2011 at 11 a.m. with 30 members and no visitors present.

Betty Jo Barger opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Helen Hoffman shared a devotional based on Senior Living and noted Alfred Nobel's comment that we all have a chance to put our legacy on our headstones because we will leave one behind—either good or bad. If we read God's word, pray and live a Christian life, our children, family, and friends will see this and our headstone will reflect who we were. Sue Huss had prayer and blessed the food. JoAnn Gee will be in charge of devotions for September.

The minutes of our previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report reflected a beginning balance \$547.38. Receipts today were \$30 making a total of \$577.38 as of August 5, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crawdads Ball Game—September 2
- Shatley Springs trip tentatively set for September 15
- Southern Supreme Fruitcake at Bear Creek—grand opening on October 13
- Schiele Museum—October 28
- Each Saturday through November—yard sale at Lincoln Nursing Center.

September Birthdays

JoAnn Meeks	September 2
Marie Smith	September 19
Ann Lineberger	September 22
Betty Jo Barger	September 23

September Anniversaries

None

September Hostesses

JoAnn Gee, Bobbi Lineberger, Helen Leatherman, Doris Duckworth

Prayer List

Lorene Champion, Marie Smith, Nancy Barger Family, Charlie Tipton family, Jack Hovis Family; nursing home residents, military, our government and our country.



Missions Update—2011

January—Christian Ministry	\$377.00
February—Hesed House	\$276.00
March—March of Dimes	\$537.57
April—U M A R	\$211.00
May—Relay For Life	\$274.00
June—Amy's House	\$285.00
July—Crisis Pregnancy	\$215.00
August—Bonnie Murray Fund	\$321.00

Our September offerings will go to the United Methodist Men's "Adopt a Scout" fund. This mission makes funds available to assist local scouts in our community who may not be able to afford their scouting supplies. And since we will be recognizing our Scouts on September 18, we will take our mission offering that Sunday rather than on the usual fourth Sunday.

Sept.
18



"Adopt A Scout" Mission



Date	Attendance		Offerings	
	SS	Worship	General Fund	Miscellaneous
August 7	42	88	\$2,890.00	\$45.56
August 14	38	112	\$2,378.98	\$200.00
August 21	35	97	\$2,345.00	\$85.00
August 28	39	91	\$2,301.00	\$496.00
Monthly Totals			\$9,914.98	
Weekly Budget: \$3,256.00 Monthly Budget: \$14,112.50				
YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT				
Month	Budget Receipts	Surplus	Deficit	
January	\$14,521.77			
February	\$11,581.50			
March	\$11,180.41			
April	\$11,502.47			
May	\$13,921.36			
June	\$11,431.36			
July	\$11,427.57			
August	\$9,914.98			
September				
October				
November				
December				
Year to Date Receipts	\$95,481.42	Annual Budget	\$168,150	

Our Mission: To Connect People To Christ

Our vision: *To engage in following God into the future by pursuing those actions and ministries that attract people who are currently disconnected from church and to sustain current relationships through biblical preaching and teaching, dynamic and engaging worship, and providing opportunities for hand-on missions and outreach.*



September



Date			
September 4	Millie Baker	Noah & Rachel Barger	Steve Smith
September 11	Debbie Smith	Jade Clark Josh Duren	Todd Philemon
September 18	Patsy Smith	Abigail Barger Kaley Pearson	Terry Smith
September 25	Cathy Thornburg	Stacie Warren Madison King	Chris Hovis



Age Levels	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	5 th Sunday
Pre-K - 2 nd Grade	AM—Missions PM—Music Fellowship Hall	Elaina Hovis Kim Fortenberry	Stacy Bryant Kendra Barger	Tracy & Kelli Huss	TBA
Grades 3, 4, 5		Adrian & Lisa Barger	Angie Warner Janet Flowers	Marsha Warren Kris Baker	

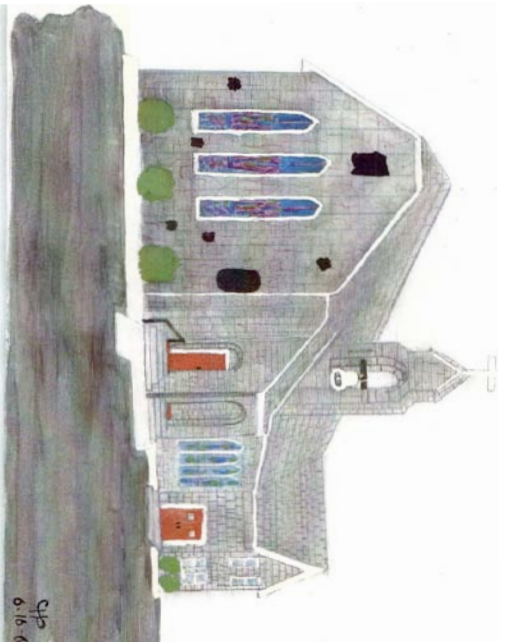
YOUTH—

**DAN BAKER
ROBERT PEARSON**

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