



## Circuit Writer

AUGUST 2010

### *Our Journey Together*

A new preaching series has begun on the Lord's Prayer and will continue through Labor Day Weekend (September 5). We hear someone say "Our Father...." and we almost automatically begin to say the prayer, but often without thinking about what we are saying. This concise prayer deserves closer examination and deeper reflection on its implication for our relationship with God and others through prayer. Join us as we look closely at this familiar prayer pattern that Jesus set for his followers.

Soon after, the youth travel to the UMCOR Warehouse in Baldwin, LA, for their mission trip, school will begin anew. Our schedules will become more "normal" and we will need to avoid certain streets early in the morning and at mid-afternoon.

The church, too, will be gearing up for a fuller schedule of activities for all groups. Those who have been out of town for periods during the summer are returning. So we will hold our annual "Back to University Sunday" on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will gather in the sanctuary for worship at 11 and then proceed to Safe Harbor for a covered-dish dinner and fellowship. Following the meal there will be exciting activities for children and youth at a "Back to School Bash"!

On that day and throughout the month of August, you will be hearing about studies, activities, and places to get involved planned for the fall. Primetimers, the UMW, and the UM Men will again be meeting regularly. There will be activities and classes for children, youth, and adults on Sunday evenings beginning September 12. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, we will celebrate the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of our church with a service, a meal, and the cake auction in support of missions.

This fall also includes the dedication of the Southwest Louisiana Methodist Children's Home on LA Highway 27 north of Sulphur, our District Superintendent Steven Spurlock preaching for us and helping us celebrate World Communion Sunday, and our hosting a Charge Conference Cluster with the First, St. Luke-Simpson, and Warren churches. Additionally, there is a *Workable Evangelism* seminar in Pineville in October and a *Rethink Worship* workshop in Alexandria in early December.

Be looking for further information on these and other opportunities. Plan on being here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and bring loved ones and friends with you. Get involved in worship, study, and service and experience God's blessings anew!

In Christ,

*Charlie*

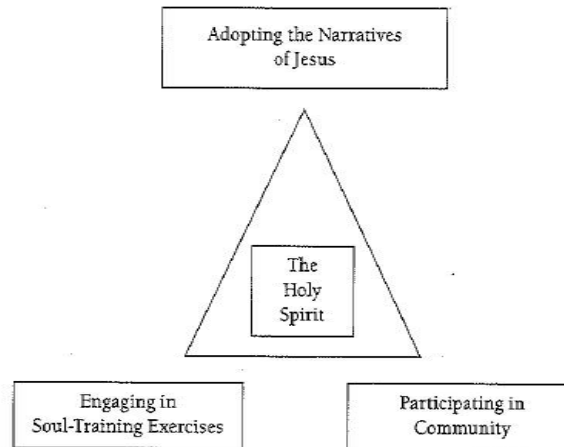
**It's time to get back in to the swing of things...**

**Come Back to U (niversity) on Sunday, August 22 - One service at 11 a.m. and Covered Dish Lunch with Back to School Bash for Kids following.**



## Rise Up, O Men of God

Men, are you satisfied with your ability to live out the faith you profess? Transformation is the business that God is in and there is a way which yields real change in the lives of real persons. James Bryan Smith has discovered the "Transformation Triangle" which displays the basic elements of God's transforming work: "(1) changing the stories in our minds, (2) engaging in new practices, (3) in reflection and dialogue with others who are on the same path, (4) all under the leading of the Holy Spirit." (pp. 23-24, *The Good and Beautiful God*).



Charlie is recruiting men to be in a nine session group which will explore *The Good and Beautiful God* together this Fall. Three options are open: Sundays, either 4-5 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m. from September 12- November 14, or Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., September 8-November 10, or Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., August 26- November 4 (skips UMM meetings on September 9 and October 14). Interested men should talk to Charlie ASAP.

### Needed for Manna Ministry

Please bring your donations to the church and leave in boxes in the Narthex or the entrance of Safe Harbor. This is an ongoing need. The church refers many people to Manna Ministry weekly. Help support that ministry through your gifts of food.

The following are some ongoing needs:



Jelly—any flavor  
Powdered Milk  
Rice  
Dried Beans  
Saltine Crackers  
Boxes of Cereal

### Our Christian Sympathy goes to the families of

*Edna Mae McDonald*

*Dora McCain*

*Peggy Milam*

*Jamie Holt*

*Adolph Boldt*

*Marvin Guth*

*Frances Kittrell*

*These members have died within the past three months.*



### UMW ON THE GO...

1. The UMW Board met at Alline Kestel's home since she had her hip operation. Some fun was had as well as business.
2. The Kitchen Fund is really building up. Please feel free to continue to give money as there are better plans ahead for the kitchen.
3. The Board voted to give \$50 for an ad to be put in the program sponsored by the Samaritan Counseling Center as a fundraiser.
4. Funds are being collected for the Mission Candle. This money helps women and children around the world.
5. Operation Christmas Child is coming soon. Be sure to plan your box soon or even more.
6. Sally Ellender reported 14 readers for the reading program. Reading is so important for us all to do.
7. Manna Ministries is still collecting food. Bring your items to the church.
8. UMW fed the Cal-Cam Clinic Thursday, July 10. This is a service for those who give their time at this facility.
9. Plans are being made for a Health Fair at the general meeting on the first Thursday in September.

### **TNT Thank You**

What a great summer it has been we would like to thank all the wonderful children that joined us for T.N.T. We hope you had a great time learning about God.

### **Youth Sunday School**

What does the Bible say about OUR lives? In our Youth Sunday School class, we do many different things and have many different studies. Our Sunday school hour is a great time where we catch up with each other, find out how our weeks went, share our prayer concerns, and grow deeper in our faith as a group. All youth, grades 6 to 12, are welcome and encouraged to join us at 9:40 am up on the second floor in the Youth Room.

### **Youth Fellowship**

If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12th grade, join us on Sunday nights for Youth Fellowship at 4:30 p.m. in Safe Harbor. We mix it up with games, snacks, a short devotion, and time to just hang out with friends. We won't be meeting August 1 or 8 but look for us the rest of the month.

### **Youth Mission Trip - Aug 8 to Aug. 13th**

The youth group is ready and willing to do God's Work! The youth mission is to devote a week at the UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, LA. As the adventure begins, we ask you to pray for those who are embarking on this trip: Tristan Morgan, Randi Paige Morgan, Hannah Voeller, Taylor Derouen, Mary Stager, Elizabeth Stager, Randy Morgan, and Charlie Langford.



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**A BIG Thank You!**

How can I say “thank you” enough to all you wonderful teachers, volunteers, and youth? Many of you didn’t hesitate to step forward, many of you called me to volunteer without even being asked. I can’t tell you how loved and appreciated you are. The Grace of our Lord is shining down on each and every one of you. Thanks and God bless you!

Mary Stager, Youth, Children, and Family Ministries Director

