



# Circuit Writer

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## *Our Journey Together*

“Lots of Christians are stuck knowing something of the history and rules of Christianity, but it does not translate into a different kind of life. . . . This is why intentional spiritual formation is so important: it’s the only way that we can become the kind of people God dreamed of. . . . And such a life is a gift. We don’t pursue this kind of life to get God to like us. Being humanity as God intended is a pure gift of God’s love and grace. It is the greatest privilege ever offered to humans.’

FROM CHAPTER 3, ‘It’s Our Life That Counts’ - from the flyleaf of *Christianity Beyond Belief: Following Jesus for the Sake of Others*

My sermons from September 19 until October 24 will be based on this stimulating book. We’ll get a new perspective on what it means to a Christian. It will point us to a life lived for others, a life in the kingdom of God. As such it will build on the emphases of this summer’s series on The Sermon on the Mount and The Lord’s Prayer. Plan to be with us.

After Labor Day, there will be several opportunities beginning for persons intending to grow in their knowledge of their world, their faith, and their God. There are offerings on Sunday evening; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings; Wednesday and Thursday evenings; and on Thursday afternoon. Those are only the ones we know about. Try to sense where God is leading you and jump in. When we read, discuss, listen, and pray together God can and will do great and wondrous things. Be a part of what God’s doing here.

We end the month with our annual Anniversary Celebration and Cake Auction. On the 26<sup>th</sup> there will be one service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m., followed by a covered-dish dinner in Safe Harbor. At the dinner, we will auction off Liz Perello’s beautiful and delicious cakes and as always the funds raised go to missions. Additionally, this year we will be noting and celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Day School with pictures and, hopefully, several returning alumni.

It’s Fall and things are happening! Come to Primetimers on September the first. Participate in the UMW-sponsored Health Fair on the second. Make sure you are at the UM Men’s dinner and program on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Come and bring a friend!

In Christ,

*Charlie*

### Children Begin New Sunday School Year

I am so pleased that this year I haven't had to look for one new teacher for our children's department. Every teacher has prayerfully agreed to return for another year.

Please express your appreciation to your child's or grandchild's teachers. They are faithful and diligent in communicating God's Word and His love to our children.

Our children's teachers are:

Jennifer Hay & Louella Kirkum - Two Plus Class

Jennifer Swann & Tamra Weemes - Preschool Class

Susan Gerhart & Lorri Saulbeamer - K through 2nd Grade

Sally Ellender & Manual David - 3rd through 5th Grade

I am so grateful to each one of these gifted teachers.

Beverly Langford

Children's Coordinator

Thank You...

Words cannot express my gratitude for the honor you bestowed on me August 22 with my UMW pin, beautiful Liz Perello cake, and the money tree. It will be used when we get another house. I treasure the UMW pin.

I have loved my job as Staff Assistant here at UUMC. The past 4 years have flown by. I can't say enough about my co-workers and their support and patience with me.

My husband will be on staff at First Baptist, Mount Olive, AL. My new address is: 5627 Amason Road, Mount Olive, AL 35117.

I love this congregation and will miss you all dearly. Thank you again for all your love and care for me.

Kathy Harmon

Staff Assistant

## **Church Birthday and Annual Cake Auction for Missions**

Sunday, September 26

We will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of UUMC Day School

You won't want to miss the day's activities!

### **How can you protect yourself against fraud?**

1. Protect your information - don't leave credit cards, bank statements, etc. lying around in the open. This is especially true when you may have someone working in your home or you are out in public.
2. DO NOT give out personal information on the phone.
3. Don't open suspicious e-mails - e-mails that want you to send money/or want to send you money from a foreign country. Look also for misspelling in the titles and body of e-mails. Never send money to one of those.
4. Use privacy settings on Facebook/MySpace. If you want friends to know about you, that is fine but you can set your site for privacy. Ask your teen or someone else's teen to help.
5. Check validity of organizations asking you to send them money. Pick your favorites and stick with those.

### ***Our Christian Sympathy goes to the families of***

*Jimmy Allen*

*Murrell Holt*

*Jerry Jessup*

*Katherine Toney*

*Also, our pastor, Charlie Langford in the loss of his mother, Mary "Bea" Langford on Aug. 13*



## UMW ON THE GO...

### UMW Mini School of Missions

The Lake Charles District Mini School of Missions met at Squyres United Methodist Church on August 15. Three studies were presented that were taught at the School of Missions at the Conference Center. They are: Sudan, For the Love of God, Joy to the World. Six attended from University—Heather Bryson, Kelly Mullens, Jo Ann Gregg, Louella Kirkum, and Nell Hayes.

### Operation Christmas Child: Christmas Shoeboxes

UMW is urging all to get their Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes filled for the needy children of the world. These will be due this fall. Fill the boxes with small toys (dolls, balls, jump ropes, slinky, but no war toys), personal hygiene items (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, washcloth), school supplies (pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons, markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring, and picture books.) Please no chocolate, medications, liquids or lotions, aerosol cans, or breakable items.

### Manna Ministries

Please don't forget Manna Ministries. There is an ongoing need in the community for non-perishable food items - oatmeal, grits, peanut butter, jelly, soups, canned meats, complete meals, etc.

### Social Lights Resume for the Fall

Social Lights will have lunch at MacFarlane's Pub, 417 Anne Street, on Monday, Sept. 20. They will not make a reservation, but said they would be able to accommodate us if we came at 11:00 a.m. Please note the change of time. Ladies, let's get together after not meeting during the summer!



### **School Time Mission Project**

We are collecting pencils, pens, folders, rulers, erasers, markers, crayons, etc. These supplies will be taken to neighboring elementary schools for children without their proper supplies. You may bring them to the church office or Mary Stager.

### Welcome Moriah Elizabeth Langford



Born at 2:39 p.m. on August 30, 2010.

Moriah is the daughter of Liz and Nathaniel Langford, baby sister to Perryanne and Declan.

Proud grandparents are Beverly and Charlie Langford.

### **Children's Sunday School for September**

2-year-old & Preschool— Deborah the Judge, Hannah and Samuel, Samuel Hears God, Saul Becomes King

Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Deborah the Judge, Hannah and Samuel, Samuel & Eli, King Saul

2nd & 3rd Grade - Deborah, Hannah, Samuel, King Saul

4th & 5th Grade - Deborah, Hannah's Prayer to God, God Calls Samuel, Israel's First King



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**Trunk or Treat**

Is around the corner and we are looking for candy!



Bring your individually wrapped candy to Mary Stager for use on October 31. We are planning for a large crowd so please bring lots of candy!

**Superstars**

Sunday Nights starting Sept. 12  
 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Here's a trip worth making--so buckle up! The travel guides in this program are essentials for leading children on the road to righteousness. This is for children from kindergarten to 5th grade.



Four youth and 3 adults went to UMCOR Sager-Brown in August.

From left to right are: Taylor Derouen, Hannah Voeller, Randy Paige Morgan, Tristan Morgan, Elizabeth Stager, Mary Stager, and Randy Morgan.