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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The month of June marks the half-way point in our 10 x 10 spiritual growth program. We have worked with an emphasis on prayer, reading our Bible, serving in missions, sharing our faith story and in June, inviting people to church.

No doubt some of these disciplines are a lot easier for some folks than others and as we move into June, I find myself asking: who am I going to invite to church? It seems like everyone I know either goes to our church or some other church, or I have already asked them and they have not come.

Well, what is true for me may also be true for you. Everyone I know really does not go to church and just because I have asked a person once and they did not come is no reason not to ask them again.

Just recently, I discovered a person I knew years ago who works at McDonalds now, and I don't think this person goes to church: that's one. Then there are people I know through helping them in one way or another and they don't go to church: that's two. There are professional people I have meet here in town who do not attend any church: that's three...and already I realize I have more people than I have Sundays in June!

I guess it really isn't that I don't know people who don't attend church. The real question is – will I make the effort and take the risk to ask them? Will I offer a ride if they need a ride? Will I offer to meet them there and make sure they have someone to sit with so they are more comfortable? Will I treat them in such a way that they really understand I want them to visit our church?

What will you do this month? Let the month go by and hope others do the inviting or will you begin now, today, to think about a person to whom you will extend the invitation to worship with you on Sunday?

So what will you do?

Your servant in Christ,
Larry

Wednesday
Prayer Group
Begins at 9:30 a.m.
Church Prayer Room
Come and Pray
With Us!
Everyone Welcome!

Praying Through
God's Word

WEEKLY BULLETIN

DEADLINE
Wednesday
12:00 noon

COMPASS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, June 17th
12:00 noon
(3rd Monday of month)

JUNE 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
* Vacation Bible School Craft Day at 10:00 a.m. in Faithful Friends and 1st/2nd Grade Classrooms
- 2 * UMM Graduation Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
* Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by Sunday School for all ages
* *Voices United* Practice at 3:30 p.m.
- 3 * Community ACS (Relay for Life) Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Chapel
* *Power of a Praying Husband* Dads' Book Study at 6:30 p.m. in Library
* *When the Game Is Over* Book Study at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Faithful Friends
* Pastor/Parish Staff Relations Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Chapel
- 4 * Newcomers Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel
- 5 * Wednesday night A.A. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
* *Voices United* Practice at 7:00 p.m.
- 6 * *Voices United* Practice at 7:00 p.m.
- 7 * Nothing Scheduled
- 8 * UMM Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
* A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
- 9 * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by Sunday School for all ages
- 10 * Nurture & Care Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Trailblazers' Classroom
* *When the Game Is Over* Book Study at 6:30 p.m. in Faithful Friends
* Publicity & Promotions Team Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Annex
- 11 * Young at Heart at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall
* *So Long Insecurity* Moms' Book Study at 6:00 p.m. in Library
* Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Annex
* Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Annex
- 12 * Staff Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Annex
* Wednesday night A.A. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 13 * Nothing Scheduled
- 14 * Feeder of the Pack "Packers" at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 15 * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
* Saturday Book Club: *Life of Pi* at 10:30 a.m. in Library
- 16 * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by Sunday School for all ages
- 17-21 * Meals on Wheels
- 17 * Adult Mission Trip Planning Committee at 4:00 p.m. in Chapel
* *Power of a Praying Husband* Dads' Book Study at 6:30 p.m. in Library
* *When the Game Is Over* Book Study at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Faithful Friends
- 18 * Nothing Scheduled
- 19 * Wednesday night A.A. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
* Service and Missions at 7:00 p.m. in Annex
- 20 * Nothing Scheduled
- 21 * "Lunch in a Glovebox" Packing/Service & Missions at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 22 * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
- 23 * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by Sunday School for all ages
- 24 * Community ACS Relay For Life Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Chapel
* Card Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 25 * *So Long Insecurity* Moms' Book Study at 6:00 p.m. in Library
- 26 * Wednesday night A.A. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Room
- 27 * Nothing Scheduled
- 28 * Scrapbook & Scripture at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 29 * A.A. Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Room
* Meal and a Movie preparation in afternoon
- 30 * Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by Sunday School for all ages
* Meal and a Movie at noon in Fellowship Hall

The Library Corner:

News from the MUMC Library



New and Notable

We are so fortunate that we have generous donors and support from the church! Because of that we are able to continue offering new books (or books new to the library anyhow) that inspire, challenge, and entertain us. It all goes to make a useful and fun library for everyone to enjoy. Here are some of our latest “new and notable” additions:

Kisses From Katie: *A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption* by Katie Davis with Beth Clark. In this book Katie tells her fascinating story. At the incredibly young age of 18, she went to Uganda, where she promptly lost her heart and found her mission. She lost her heart to the children of Uganda, and ended up adopting thirteen children, while also making life better for many other children through a charity she calls Amazima. She tells the story of what she lost-and what she gained-on this journey of Christian faith. It’s amazing!

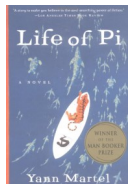
GREATER: Dream Bigger, Start Smaller. Ignite God’s Vision for Your Life by Stephen Furtick. Furtick is the pastor of a six thousand member church called “Elevation”. In this passion-packed little book he uses the story of the prophet Elisha to call his readers away from a life of being just “good enough”, and also to steer them away from vague dreams of “greatness”. Instead, he shows the reader a third way-that of being “Greater” by discovering God’s plan for his/her life.

Every Good Endeavor: connecting your work to God’s work by Timothy Keller with Katherine Alsdorf. Keller is a Presbyterian pastor and a respected author, having previously written “The Reason for God” and “The Meaning of Marriage.” In this book he addresses a fundamental question: how do Christian faith and our work life fit together? Keller uses the Bible to discuss the meaning of work in life, and to show that a Christian view of work can lead to not only a good work life, but a balanced personal life. So when does the Bible first refer to work? It is in Genesis 2:2 “*And on the seventh day God finished the work he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had done.*” And that is what Keller discusses: good work and the rest from work.

One Thousand Gifts, A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are by Ann Voskamp. Tragedy scars Ann and her family early in her life. She learned that life can be full of sorrow. Now from her vantage point of a full life-living on a farm and raising half-a-dozen children-she writes about finding joy “in the midst of debt, drama, and daily duties.” Ann beautifully describes a life of everyday gratitude, and living in God’s love. This is a book about her spiritual transformation, and it can be a transforming book.

Come, see and read!

Browse through these and other good books in the library downstairs and on the library table upstairs.



Saturday Book Club Meeting

June 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Church Library

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Contact Emily Wece at ewece88@gmail.com or 618-559-0329

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

June Worship Leader

Troy Brown

Ushers

Rick Runge, Captain

Bob Eaton

Trina Eaton

Erin Mileur

Kyle Quigley

Sunday Stewards

Cliff Buchholz

Dick Graff

Ron Moutardier

Bert Ozburn

Rick Pierson

Ricky Pierson

Rick Runge

Rob Williams

Welcome Hostesses

June 2 & 9

Pam Crews

Sharon Graff

June 16 & 23

Rindy Eisenhauer

Kathy Ripley

June 30 & July 7

Kay Bozarth

Kathy Bratton

Prayer Request Readers

June 2: *Kristi Miller*

June 9: *Mary Jane Williams*

June 16: *Emily Wece*

June 23: *Adrienne Will*

June 30: *Wilma Westerfield*

Acolytes

June 2

Lucas Bigham

Allison Brown

June 9

Ryan Finke

Lillie Schaldemose

June 16

Caitlin Doody

Aiden McNitt

June 23

Tyler Doody

Drake Rogus

June 30

Cadence Brown

Maggie Williams

YOUTH CALENDAR

June 9: * **Pizza & Movie Night** at 4:00 p.m. for CYF/JYF/Sr. UMYF

June 23: * **Miners Baseball Game** for CYF/JYF/Sr. UMYF

Depart church at 4:00 p.m. and return around 8:00 p.m.

\$2 due to Paula Chapa by June 16th

We provide ticket and \$5.00/person snacks

*CYF: Christian Youth Fellowship (3rd - 5th grade)

*JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship (6th - 8th grade)

*Sr. UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship (9th - 12th grade)



Welcome, youth!

COMING THIS MONTH

3rd Annual Children's Summer Story Time

Children's Story Time will be held outdoors in the Church Pavilion on three consecutive Tuesdays this summer. The first one will be on June 11th at 10:00 a.m. Kids and their parents or grandparents are invited to come and have a fun time! We will have a Bible story telling time, songs, crafts and snacks. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes.

This is a joint project of the Library Committee, Services and Missions, and Children/Youth Spiritual Formation. We hope not only to offer some fun and meaningful stories to the children of our church, but also to reach out to others outside our church, including our immediate neighborhood.

The three Tuesdays are June 11, June 18, and June 25. All sessions start at 10:00 a.m.

We hope to see children enjoy this experience in June and then come to Vacation Bible School in July which starts on Sunday, July 14th, and will be another great experience for children.

Please come! Invite others!



June 11th
12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

MENU

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Broccoli with Cheese Sauce
Sunshine Salad & Hot Rolls
Lemon Cake

Little Free Library!

Our church now has a "Little Free Library" book exchange box all ready to go, thanks to Bob Eaton, the architect and builder of our one-of-a-kind book box. On Sunday, May 26, the box was in our church sanctuary for everyone to view, and on June 2nd Pastor Larry will dedicate the box for our use. And that same week we will mount it on a post in the church yard, and it will be open for business!

If you read about this in last month's newsletter you know there are "Little Free Libraries" all over the country. A book exchange box placed outside is accessible to all, and gives people a convenient place to pick up an interesting book to read or leave a book for others.

Our "Library" will be available to everyone: church members, our neighborhood, and our community. Please feel free to bring a book, and take a book, and be part of this great exchange among neighbors and friends.

Check out the web-site at littlefreelibrary.org to see the many ways this idea is being used throughout the country. Our church will soon be on the "Little Free Library" map!

Contact Susan Patterson at 549-6851 for more information or with questions.



Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School

July 14th-18th

Contact Emily Wece at
ewece88@gmail.com
for more information
or to volunteer

Save Your Stuff!!!

Doing your spring cleaning?

Don't throw away your stuff!

Save it for the ANNUAL YARD SALE!

The proceeds this year support
MUMC Service and Missions projects.

Yard Sale is July 26th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and

July 27th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Drop off dates are July 19th-24th in the church.

Call Lynn at 684-3601 or Rob at 713-0843

for more information or to arrange early drop-off.

Hope Shines Bright During the Murphysboro Relay For Life Luminaria Ceremony!!!

This ceremony will be held Friday, June 14, at 9:00 p.m. at the annual Murphysboro Relay For Life event. Each light honors someone who has battled cancer. Each Luminaria, lighting the path along the track and burning throughout the night, commemorates a treasured relationship.

Luminaria may be purchased for \$10.00. You may wish to honor someone who is currently battling cancer or someone who has lost their battle with this dreaded disease. Luminaria forms are on the back (page 6) or contact Cathy in the church office to purchase one or more Luminaria. Please make checks payable to *Methodists on a Mission*. Forms may be returned to any *Methodists on a Mission* team member or the church office.



Dust Off Your Walking Shoes!

The annual Murphysboro Relay for Life event will be held at the Murphysboro High School Friday and Saturday, June 14 & 15.

Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life Team is asking members of the congregation to participate in the walk by pledging to walk just 30 minutes some time between 6 p.m. on June 14 and 6 a.m. on June 15.

Methodists on a Mission Relay For Life Team will be signing up their *WALKERS* June 2nd and 9th before and after Worship Service.

Please make every effort to join in this event!

It is their goal to have someone from the Murphysboro United Methodist Church on the track at all times during the 12 hour event!



June Noisy Offering

For

UMCOR-Haiti Children

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects their donors specify, such as the children of Haiti. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

Lunch in a Glove Box?!?!

This project will be supported by your donations of non-perishable food items that will fit into a quart zipper bag (granola bars, peanut butter crackers, pre-made tuna w/crackers, etc). Volunteers will pack these items in zipper bags and have them available for the congregation to pick up in church and keep in their glovebox. When you see someone asking for food, then you just hand them one. Bags will be labeled with a sticker with info about MUMC. The first 'packing of bags' will be at 10:00 a.m. on June 21st in Fellowship Hall. We need help with both donations and volunteers to pack bags.

Food Sanitation Class

MUMC will be hosting a food sanitation class on August 5, 6 and 7 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Twelve hours of attendance is required to get certified. Cost is \$60 per person and will be held at the church. The class is open to the public so pass the information along to friends and family. Contact the church office to register or for more information.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

The Adult Spiritual Formation Team is planning a trip to a Miner's baseball game on June 22nd. It is MURPHYSBORO DAY at the ballpark. Cost is \$4 per person-please pay at the church office. Deadline is June 16th. Be at church at 5:15 p.m. and transportation is provided.

Some Church Financial Numbers

\$38,369	Current value of Elevator Fund. This fund began with \$2015 of Memorial donations for Bill Ridgeway.
\$116,012	The proceeds from pledges for "Debt Free in Three" are coming to an end in June. The gifts have considerably helped reduce the renovation loan debt to \$193,577 as of May 24. Please feel free to continue contributing to Debt Elimination...it really makes a difference!!!
\$91,151	Pledged giving January-April. This is a 13.7% increase over the same period in 2012.
\$27,288	Non-Pledged giving January-April This is a 17.9% decrease over the same period in 2012.
\$119,239	Pledged and Non-Pledged giving for 2013 which is 4.5% greater than over the same period in 2012.
\$20,808	Giving to Service & Missions as of April.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Jackson County Murphysboro Event June 14-15, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Hope shines the brightest during the Relay for Life Luminaria Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held on the evening of Friday, June 14, at 9:00 p.m. Each light honors someone who has battled cancer. Each Luminaria, lighting the path along the track and burning throughout the night, commemorates a treasured relationship. Please join us for this moving ceremony in which the names of those honored will be recognized.

In completing this form, I am lighting the path of hope by purchasing a Luminaria in honor of the following people. Luminaria are \$10 each.

Please PRINT name NEATLY and include phonetic pronunciations for unusual or difficult names if you think it is necessary.

Luminaria #1 _____

Remembered by _____

Luminaria #2 _____

Remembered by _____

Luminaria #3 _____

Remembered by _____

Luminaria #4 _____

Remembered by _____

Number of Luminaria Purchased _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to *Methodists on a Mission*

Methodists on a Mission Relay for Life Team

Murphysboro United Methodist Church
1500 Pine Street, Murphysboro IL 62966
618-687-2317



Team Member: _____

Apply to: Team Total _____ Team Member Total _____

The American Cancer Society cares about your privacy and protects how we use your information. To view our full privacy policy or if you have any questions, please call the Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visit us at cancer.org and click on the "privacy" link at the bottom of the page.

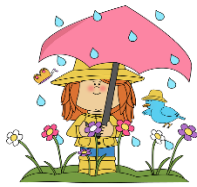
An Update from Earl and Sandra

This is a note of thanks from Sandra and Earl Renshaw plus an explanation of the recent weeks.

Sandra remains stable most days with medication that enables stability as she uses her cane. Earl is recovering at a rate that surprised both of us. The May 7th surgery attempted to open the left blocked vertibular artery that would provide the proper route to the neck and brain. It could not be opened after a three-hour surgery. But an alternate path has developed since 1998. About 10 days ago, all debilitating dizzy experiences has ended! Earl must be careful not to raise his left arm above his head. This is a small price to pay for his recovery.

We are thankful to God for his ongoing healing in our lives and thank all of you for concern, prayers, and cards.

Earl and Sandra



A BIG THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 5th Annual MUMC "Showers of Blessing" Women's Prayer Breakfast" held Saturday, May 4th.

We hope that everyone who attended the breakfast was truly blessed!

The breakfast is sponsored by the Women's Ministry/Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry.

*Women's Prayer Breakfast Committee:
Kay Bozarth, Carolyn Sauer, Brooke Guthman, Sandy Herring, Patti Shields, Kathy Bratton & Rosie Wece*

"NAWLINS" ADULT MISSION TRIP 2013

"NAWLINS" = NEW ORLEANS TO MIDWESTERNERS

Over a year ago Adult Spiritual Formation came to Service and Mission with a request that we begin working on an Adult Mission Trip. Trina Eaton (thank you, thank you, thank you!) began doing research on several different locations, and eventually it was decided to go to New Orleans in April, 2013. This mission trip was in coordination with Camp Restore. They are the only remaining organization in New Orleans that is still doing restoration.

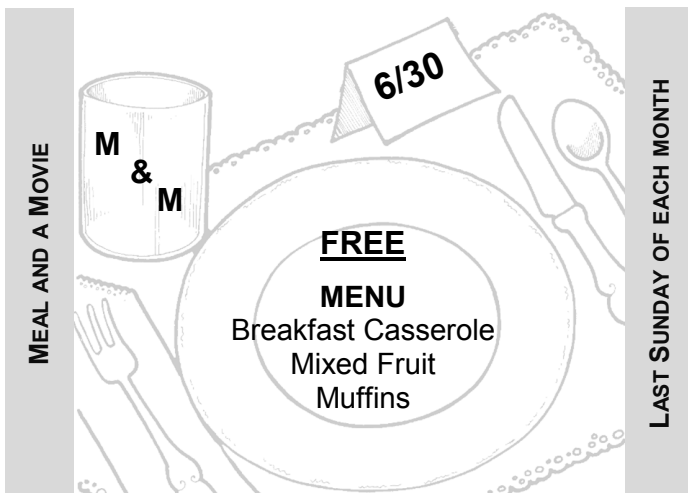
Thirteen team members left the Church on April 21st at 5:00 a.m. Bob and Trina were there to see us off, and bring Bob's famous cookies. We drove both vans, and pulled a trailer for luggage and work supplies. We left with such mixed emotions – we had no specifics on what we would be working on. We felt blessed to be going, but also anxious of the unknown. Twelve hours later we were pulling into Camp Restore. We were welcomed by a young intern who gave us a grand tour of the facility and made us feel very at home.

On Monday we all began working on a home in a middle class neighborhood. The family has been out of that home for almost eight years now, five of them living in a two room apartment. This family was one of many that fell through the cracks --- had insurance, but no flood insurance. FEMA would not help them because they had insurance, and insurance would not pay because their damage was from flooding. They had seven to eight feet of flooding in their home. Throughout the week, thanks to the expertise of Dan Bratton, and the Hand of God, we accomplished more in that home than we could have imagined. We saw the work of God every single day. We may have been His hands and feet that week, but the accomplishments could have not been done without His constant presence. Tasks we knew nothing about were taught to us by someone on the team.

On Tuesday we did not need the entire team at the house, so five of us went to The Senior Community Center. What a blessing this was! They gave us so much more than we could have ever given them. We listened to their stories and participated in their daily devotion time. We sang and we prayed. These seniors have so much faith in God that it completely lit up the entire Center. That same day, the same five team members spent the afternoon at the St. Barnard Food Pantry. We worked constantly filling shelves, helping clients get their food to their vehicles and helping to check out food. This food pantry is open three days a week, serves over 500 clients in those three days, and the clients can go there one time weekly. Most of the volunteers there are clients themselves and are working there to give back. There is definitely God's hand in that.

It is very difficult to verbalize what each of us received from this trip. I can assure each of you that we received much more than we could ever give. Every moment was alive with the Presence of God. The more we gave, the more we felt that Presence, and we found that there was no time to worry or be anxious. God's Spirit directed our every step and enabled us to walk along the path of Peace.

We are in the process of planning another Adult Mission Trip for later this year. We look forward to taking many more of you on the next mission trip. More information to come. Be on the lookout!



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1500 Pine Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966

We're On The Web!
www.MurphysboroUMC.com



MUMC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Phone: 618-687-2317 Fax: 618-687-2604
 E-Mail: murphysboroumc@frontier.com

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.

Ministers.....The Congregation
 Pastor.....Larry A. Gilbert
 Coordinator of Ministries.....Earl R. Renshaw
 Discipleship Coordinator.....Teresa Gilbert
 Financial Secretary.....Christine Nolan
 Church Administrator.....Cathy Lilley
 Custodian.....Pat Sullivan
 Organist.....Micah Mayes
 Choir Director.....Ricardo King
 Nursery Attendant.....Tania Cruz



*Anniversaries
 and Birthdays*

**HAPPY
 ANNIVERSARY**

- 2 BRAD & SOO JIN FAGER
- 8 GARY & JANICE THREW
- 10 BERT & CAROLINE OZBURN
- 12 KEN & VERN CLINE
- 12 PATRICK & TERRI YATES
- 14 GEORGE & CAROLYN SAUER
- 15 TROY & LACEY BROWN
- 17 RUSSELL & JO ANN SCHIRMER
- 18 PERRY & SUSAN PATTERSON
- 22 PAUL & DEBBIE CHAPMAN
- 22 GLENN & RHONDA SHANDS
- 23 BOB & ROSALIE WINTERS
- 24 TODD & RENE' DOODY
- 25 ARTHUR & PATRICIA PORTER
- 27 BOB & BETTY MOREFIELD
- 27 EVERETT & KATHY BLACKWELL
- 29 DENNIS & NANCY FAGER

Happy Birthday

- 3 BRIANA BEAN
- 4 SUSAN PATTERSON
- 8 VI BUCHHOLZ
- 9 MASON SCHINGEL
- 10 KYLE MILLER
- 12 PAULA CHAPA
- 12 MAGGIE JENKINS
- 13 SHEILA STEWART
- 15 CLARA KISER
- 15 GABRIELLE WATSON
- 15 LINDA JOHNSON
- 16 BILL PIERSON
- 16 OLIVIA GRAFF
- 17 DON ABBADUSKY
- 17 TODD DOODY
- 20 EMMA BIGHAM
- 20 BONNIE PINKERTON
- 20 MICHELLE WATSON
- 21 JOHN HUDGINS
- 21 MAE NEELY
- 21 MIMI RICE
- 22 JACK COCHRAN
- 25 CARLA QUIGLEY
- 26 CARMEN CHAPA
- 26 MYRTLE MCKINNIE
- 28 ANDY MOUTARDIER
- 28 CARL STOKER
- 28 GARY THREW
- 30 DOLORES CAVANESS
- 30 DENNIS FAGER



If your anniversary or birthday does not appear in the Compass, please contact the Church Office at 687-2317.