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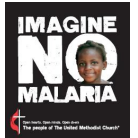


Connections Band Live at the Greenville Municipal Auditorium
Music of Chicago and The Eagles

Saturday, October 8 @ 6:30 pm

Free Concert

Donations Support the Imagine No Malaria Effort
www.connectionsband.net



WORSHIP AND LITURGY: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Sunday evenings at 5:00pm beginning **September 11.**

Come join us as we look at elements of liturgical worship and dig into some of the "whys and wherefores."

Sponsored by the 9:45 worship service and led by Pastor Valarie.

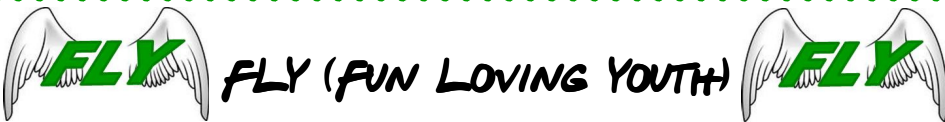
All are invited!

Please let the church office know of child care needs.



We are pleased to welcome new church family members:

Eva Englert
Lee Riddle



ALL FUN LOVING YOUTH (GRADES 7-12) ARE WELCOME

SUNDAY EVENING UMYF @ 4:00-6:00PM

CHS WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY @ 6:30PM
FEATURING ROB BELL'S NOOMA SERIES

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND FUN ACTIVITIES EACH MONTH

INTERESTED? CALL OR TEXT ALICIA 903-413-7323

CHECK OUT THE FLY FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS!

Coming up in the Worship

August 21 - September 11
"Parables of the Kingdom"



September 18 - October 9
"Dreams of the Kingdom"



October 16 - 30
"Sojourns in Sinai"



November 6
All Saints Sunday

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Dear FUMC Friends:

One of the joys of being on vacation for a decent length of time is being able to catch up on movie-going. The last weekend of our vacation, we treated ourselves to watching *The Help*, based on the novel by Kathryn Stockett. I had devoured the novel in a matter of days during my last vacation just after Christmas, and in so doing, fell in love with Aibileen, the African-American maid with a special gift for raising the young children of her white employers. There is poignancy in Aibileen's gentleness and nurture of the white children in her care; poignancy heightened by the distrust and scorn with which she is viewed by the white family who employs her.



Seeing this movie called to mind some of my own childhood memories – none as riveting as in *The Help*, but formative all the same. When I was in third grade, we lived on the Texas coast. My sister, Yvonne, was just a few months old, and I was in second grade. The attempt to integrate schools through busing had been underway for a short time. Our mother was active in the community, and had been working hard on starting an after-school tutoring program for a community in need of such offerings. Mom's partner in this project was a woman who taught in the public school that I attended – in fact, she was my music teacher. I loved having her as a teacher, and was excited to learn that she was mom's partner in starting up the after-school program.

A week or two before Christmas that year, I was home after school fixing myself an after-school snack in the kitchen (buttered toast, I would imagine – my favorite all through childhood). Mom was elsewhere in the house. Someone knocked at the door in the kitchen. I opened it, a bit surprised, for no one ever knocked on the kitchen door – one had to go through the garage to get to the kitchen door. When I opened the door, there stood my music teacher, with a beautifully wrapped Christmas gift. She asked if my mom was home, and I replied that yes, she was, and that I could go get her. She replied, "Don't bother her, Valarie, just please give this to her." She patted me on the arm, and turned to leave.

As she requested, I took the gift to mom. "Where did this come from?" Mom asked. "My music teacher – she left it at the kitchen door." "The kitchen door???" A look of disappointment? consternation? surprise? passed over my mother's face. She opened the card and read the thanks written there. Then Mom opened the gift, and began to weep. "Why are you crying, momma?" After she could speak, mom answered: "I wish she hadn't come to the kitchen door – I wish she had felt comfortable enough to ring at the front door." My music teacher, you see, was African-American, and African-Americans who "knew their place" at that time never called at the front door of white folks' houses.

It is a memory I will never forget.

Some of our younger generation find such happenings strange and part of an era that doesn't exist anymore. But there are still many forces at work which twist and muddy the avenues of deeper relationship between all of us. At rock bottom, though, are Paul's words, acting as beacon and corrective:

*"There is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male nor female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*

May it be so.
God's peace to you –
Valarie

Worship

September 4, 2011

Please join us
this Sunday when
Rev. Marc Corazao
preaches on
Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43

8:45am ~ Chapel
9:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary

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****The next deadline is Monday, September 12 by 9:00am****

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Property Team along with the Serve Team is pleased to announce the following job opportunity:

Someone needed to drive the church van with attached trailer to the Greenville recycling center weekly.

Hours: Monday mornings or afternoons.

Qualifications: Current drivers license, good driving record, and 21 years old or older.

Pay: Poor to none

Apply at Church office. First candidate will be highly considered.



Help us solve this problem!

Doors are being left unlocked.
If you unlock the door, lock it back.
The security of the church is very important.

Bring Your Aluminum Cans



As a reminder, we are still collecting your aluminum cans for Proyecto Abrigo. Place your rinsed aluminum cans in the collection bins in the Family Ministry Center. We will continue to collect these cans and convert them to cash to help support Proyecto Abrigo.

Attendance

	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28
Early	27	33	34
9:45	13	20	11
Late	130	141	116
SS	74	68	68



Financial Update

	General Operating Fund	
as of August 31, 2011	Year-to-Date	
Income:	\$ 23,768	\$265,206
Expenses:	\$ 33,770	\$254,379
	-\$ 10,002	\$10,827

Fund Balance: -\$8,534
(includes deficit from 2010)



Reading the Bible Daily



As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are: "What does this text say about who God is?" "What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Sep 4	Matthew 18:18-20
Monday, Sep 5	Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Tuesday, Sep 6	Psalms 114
Wednesday, Sep 7	Exodus 14:19-31
Thursday, Sep 8	Matthew 18:21-22
Friday, Sep 9	Matthew 18:21-35
Saturday, Sep 10	Romans 14:1-12
Sunday, Sep 11	Romans 14:1-12
Monday, Sep 12	Exodus 16:2-8
Tuesday, Sep 13	Exodus 16:9-15
Wednesday, Sep 14	Psalms 105:1-6
Thursday, Sep 15	Psalms 105:37-45
Friday, Sep 16	Philippians 1:21-30
Saturday, Sep 17	Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday, Sep 18	Matthew 20:9-16
Monday, Sep 19	Exodus 17:1-7
Tuesday, Sep 20	Exodus 17:1-7
Wednesday, Sep 21	Psalms 78:1-4
Thursday, Sep 22	Psalms 78:12-16
Friday, Sep 23	Philippians 2:1-13
Saturday, Sep 24	Philippians 2:1-13



Prayer Lists

Newly Added

Rosie Mobley
Sara Slimp

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Otha Spencer John Sneed
Jan Vowell Clay Yeager
Helen Dickson Pete Robinson
Chance Thornton Gary Kibler
Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Nell Hughes (Zelda Fisher's niece)
John Burkett
Edna Cannon
Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)
Freda Teel
Virginia Taylor
Laura Cole (Helen Cole's daughter-in-law & Judy Anderson's sister-in-law)
Jennifer Stream (Chris and Dona White's daughter)
Kay Webber
William Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's father)
Dorothy Ingram
George O'Kelley
Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)
Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
David Crenshaw
Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



Remembering those serving in our military.

2nd Marine Division in Afghanistan
Chief Robert Starkey (Afghanistan)-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Sgt. Jason Schmidlen (Iraq)-Jim and Debby Heitholt's son)
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Travis Miller-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson
Nathan Grove
David Wheat-Edna O'Quinn's nephew
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
Lt. Col. Peter Bailey
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
Lt. Col. Keith Williams
Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Lt. Dan Barton
Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed
Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson
Garrett Johnson



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