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CITY ON A HILL

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I have had the privilege of being a mentor to a graduating senior from Chapin High School since 2014. His name is Jackson. Jackson took the summer of 2014 to be an unpaid intern at Chapin Methodist so he could see the workings of a church since he feels led to go into fulltime ministry after college. He spent time each week working with Pastor Jody, Pastor Rick Faulkner, Pastor Tim Walker, other staff members and myself. Jackson and I spent each Wednesday together in the ministry of Congregational Care. We would visit the hospitals, assisted living facilities, and our shut-ins. This opportunity not only gave Jackson a chance to learn about the different ministries of a church but also allowed us time to get to know each other and invest in each others' lives. It also allowed him to develop some close relationships with the folks we visited.

At the conclusion of the summer we had developed a close relationship, and we decided we did not want it to end. We decided to enter into a formal mentoring relationship with the permission of his parents. What followed was our meeting on a weekly basis from the end of the summer of 2014 until now. What a blessing to be able to pour into a young person's life and have the opportunity to receive as well as to give. Now that high school is

ending and a new college experience is going to blossom for Jackson, I will deeply miss our weekly meetings. Since 2014, we have enjoyed many meals, going to sporting events together, a couple of trips to the beach for the South Carolina Men's Conferences, some District Men's Fish Fries, and social functions with Jackson and his family. For me, Jackson has become a grandson.

I know that there are several similar relationships going on at Chapin UMC, and I thank each mentor that has agreed to be part of a young person's life. These relationships meet in many different ways. Some monthly, some weekly, and some when the opportunity avails itself. The key is relationships have developed.

A couple of weeks back, I asked someone to consider being a mentor, and there was definitely some apprehension by him about taking on this task. It was centered on whether the mentor felt he was up to the task. We discussed it, and he accepted, and a new relationship has begun. A relationship between a young person that can use a Christian adult to walk alongside him to share wisdom and life experiences. During this process, I was reminded of something that happened years ago when I went to Mt. Pleasant on a mission trip.

The house we were going to work on looked to me like it needed a bulldozer, not a mission work team. I remember asking John Nesbitt, our team leader, were we up to what seemed like a monumental task. I will never forget John's answer. He said, "We can't make it any worse." No matter what we do, it will be better when we leave than how we found it.

If you are considering whether or not you are up to mentoring someone-might I say this to you: If a Christian man or woman takes the time to invest in someone's life, that person's life will be no worse for the efforts and will be, in fact, better than when the mentor began.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, we read, ***"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."***

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Joe Bouknight, Lay Leader

Something special happened in Chapin on May 5, 2016. It started out like any other day. Students went to school. People hurried off to work. Construction workers were busy at the new Publix. You wouldn't have thought anything unusual was going on. However, as the lunch hour grew closer, people starting flowing into City Hall. They were expected, but then more people kept coming. The City Hall staff had to put up more chairs. And then more chairs! And then it happened: people began to pray in a government building! We were celebrating the National Day of Prayer in City Hall!

There were no protests. The ACLU didn't show up. No one objected to the name of Jesus Christ being used.

Over 100 people took time off from their busy schedules for one purpose: to offer unified prayers for our country. In fact, we prayed for the church, our government

leaders at all levels, our first responders, our military, our families, the media/arts/entertainment, our businesses, the laborers and the lost. For over an hour we prayed together and in small groups. My wife and I held hands and prayed with people we had never met before.

Those prayers were powerful and heartfelt. Local pastors led us in corporate prayer for each target area, and then we followed with prayers in small groups. Here is what Jesus said about prayer: *"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours."* (Mark 11: 24) I believe our prayers made a difference that day. I may never know where or how, but I could feel the Holy Spirit in the room that day.

I came away with two observations about my own prayer life:

I pray too much for myself and my loved ones.....and not enough for our country, our

leaders, and our military. It is easy to be critical of government leaders. We should spend more time praying for them.

Corporate prayer with a larger group is powerful. We need more of it.

Finally, my thanks to our own Skip Wilson, Mayor of Chapin, for hosting this event. Prayer belongs in government buildings, but it takes faith and courage for those in charge to make it happen. And a special thanks to our prayer warriors at Chapin United Methodist Church. Of the 102 people who attended, over 60 were from our church.

Maybe "Something Special" can become "Something Routine!"

Joe Bouknight



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

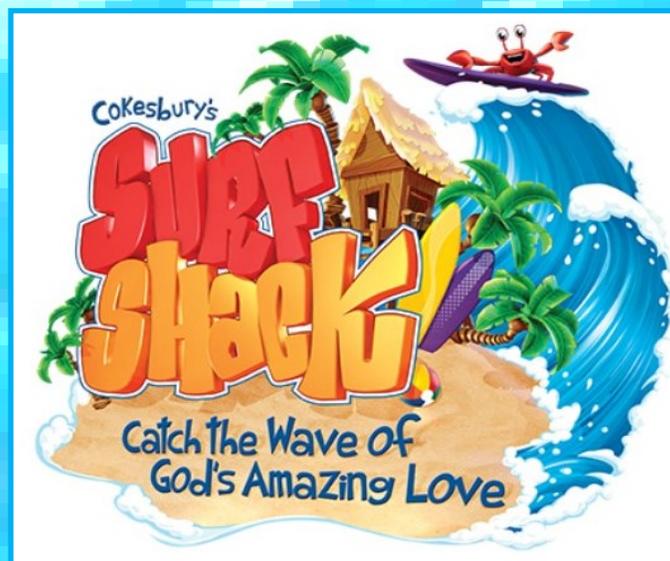
Surf Shack VBS Registration Don't Wait-Register Today! 4 years (by Sept. 1) – rising 5th Grade June 6-10, 2016

Grab your surf boards and join us at the Wave
for VBS this year!

Mark your calendars for *Surf Shack VBS~ Catch
the Wave of God's Amazing Love.*

We are in need of dedicated, adult volunteers to
share God's love with the children!

To register your child or to volunteer, visit the
church website.





June 5 – Fusion Summer Kick-Off @ the Durants (410 Nautical Ct. Chapin) 4-8pm

June 5 | IGNITE Parent/Youth Meeting 12:20pm

June 6 | LUNCH BREAK (take a break and let's do lunch together) **12:00pm** Location announced on Sunday

June 8 | Beach Volleyball at TBD 7:00-8:30pm

June 20 | LUNCH BREAK (take a break and let's do lunch together) **12:00pm** Location announced on Sunday

June 22 | Dinner and Movie (Finding Dory)

\$7.13 for movie plus dinner TBD

June 27 | LUNCH BREAK (take a break and let's do lunch together) **12:00pm** Location announced on Sunday

June 29 | Frankies Fun Park 6:30-9:00pm

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5			1	School	3	4
IGNITE	LUNCH BREAK	7		9	10	11
12	13	14	NO FUSION	16	17	18
19	LUNCH BREAK	21		23	24	25
26	LUNCH BREAK	28	FRANKIES	30		

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	NO FUSION	7	8	9
10						16
17	LUNCH BREAK	19	LUAU	21	22	23
24 31	LUNCH BREAK	26	27	28		30

July 11-15 | IGNITE SUMMER CAMP

July 18 | LUNCH BREAK (take a break and let's do lunch together) **12:00pm** Location announced on Sunday

July 20 | LUAU 6:30-8:30pm

July 25 | LUNCH BREAK (take a break and let's do lunch together) **12:00pm** Location announced on Sunday

July 29 | Charleston Day Trip (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY) | Leave church @ 8am

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	NO FUSION	4		
	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	School	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30	31			

August 5-7 | White Water Rafting

August 17 | School starts back 6:30-8pm

August 28 | The BIG Potluck Dinner @ 6pm

SNEAK PEAK into the changes coming to Fusion!

SUMMER MISSIONS

June 11-18 | Cabo Mexico Mission Trip

June 12-18 | Nicaragua Mission Trip

June 12-18 | ASP Mission Trip

June 25-July 2 | Haiti Mission Trip

July 2-10 | Costa Rica Mission Trip

July 9-15 | Juarez Mexico Mission Trip

JUNE'S "One Church, One Dream, One Calling"

ONE CHURCH

- The total cost of our Phase III Building Project was \$10,405,039.
- **Current mortgage balance as of 4/30/2016 is \$3,654,000.**
- Loan was reduced in late 2014 from 5% to 3.7% decreasing our payment by \$9,000. (Original loan was 6.875%.)
- We began our permanent loan on 6/24/2009 borrowing \$6,570,500.
- We have paid \$2,916,500 towards the loan principal.

ONE DREAM

- Our Church has agreed upon two CRITICAL areas of expansion
Additional "on grade" parking on the North Side of the Campus (cost) \$400,000 to purchase - \$450,000 to develop. The 5.5 Acres of land just North of our campus was purchased from Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church on January 12th. The Operations Pastor is working with Hybrid Engineering to develop a final plan and construction estimates with the intention of breaking ground. Waiting on permits to be finalized.
- ⇒ New Children's Ministry Building (estimated cost) \$2,600,000. The District Board of Church and Location has approved our plan as did our Charge Conference that was held on February 24, 2016.
- Amick's Ferry Access Driveway: Final paperwork is nearly completed and we should be moving forward shortly. All outstanding issues have been resolved.
- The number of giving units who give "regularly" to the General Fund is 596; the number giving on an ongoing basis to the campaign/building fund is 394. This is just over 66%. **Thank you so very much!**

ONE CALLING

- **We have a long way to go – and everyone can play a part**
- We need you to Pray – to Give as the Lord Leads
- Our timeline – Closed on property January of 2016; begin parking lot construction Spring of 2016 (April/ May); building documents now completed; began construction April 3, 2016; complete construction December 2016!
- **With the above in mind we would ask that you please prayerfully consider joining together as ONE CHURCH to pursue our DREAM and fulfill our CALLING for God's Greater Glory**
- **Question for you. Are You In?**
 - With your prayers
 - With your patience
 - With your financial support
- If you have any questions regarding the building program or the finances involved please call Rick or Paul in the office to discuss. Your call will be welcomed and as the saying goes there is no foolish question.

.... A Look at God's Faithfulness

	April 24	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22
Sunday School Attendance	465	420	433	473	467
Worship Attendance Traditional	513	437	524	434	510
Worship Attendance Contemporary	786	664	843	696	807
Worship Total	1299	1101	1367	1130	1317
Sunday School Offering	163.30	164.25	163.25	170.25	133.30
Offering for Budget	37,782.55	42,354.08	39,355.94	41,240.34	31,704.19
Received to Date	695,803.02	738,321.35	777,840.54	819,446.23	851,150.42
Budget Needs to Date	656,263.75	694,867.50	733,471.25	772,075.00	810,678.75
Year to date +/-	39,539.27	43,453.85	44,369.29	47,371.23	40,471.67
Unbudgeted Expense YTD	4,327.00	4,327.00	4,327.00	4,327.00	36,181.00

Building on the Promises

Received for Building Fund	4,963.00	16,875.89	7,758.00	5,736.00	4,653.00
Received to Date	155,138.06	172,013.95	179,771.95	185,507.95	190,160.95
Loan I payment principal	19,500.00				
Loan I payment interest	11,689.78				1,892.04
Loan I Balance (Phase I & II)	3,654,000.00				
Loan II payment principal					
Loan II payment interest					
Loan II Balance					
Transfer/Interest/etc.					61,854.00
Project Expenses Paid				13,142.45	15,329.45
Cash on Hand	411,224.75	428,100.64	435,858.64	428,452.19	490,880.15

June's ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We Care Needs:** Cereal, Corn Muffin Mix, Ramen Noodles, Laundry Detergent, Collard/Turnip Greens, Jelly/Jam, Jello/Pudding. **We are in desperate need of laundry detergent!** At this moment, **we have NONE** to give to our clients. We are also very low on shampoo and paper products like toilet paper and paper towels. Cleaning, paper and toiletry supplies are expensive and necessary, but they cannot be purchased with food stamps, leaving our clients to use their general household resources to cover such items. Drop off Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00-12:00 noon at We Care or use our collection bins located around the community at Chapin Library, Crooked Creek Park, etc. Please help us to meet their needs! Thank you so much.
- **Juarez Mission Trip:** Looking for a short term mission trip with your family? Come go with us to Juarez, Mexico, July 9 – July 15. We will serve a family with a construction of new home. Cost is \$1,050. Please contact Andy Davis for more information: 803-917-7172 or Andavis@geninfo.com.
- **Items Needed for Mission Trip:** Have old glasses or readers? The Nicaragua group is collecting them to give away during their trip. Also needed are new toothbrushes and toothpaste. There will be a suitcase labeled in the office lobby for drop off. Thanks!
- **Summer Camps at CUMC Preschool:** We are offering 3 fantastic Summer Camps for ages 2-rising kindergartners. Each session costs \$60 and will be themed "Space Odyssey, Construction Junction and Rio" comes to CUMC! Pick up your registration form at the Children's desk or at www.chapinumc.com. Questions? Call Mary Catherine Horne at 345.2801 or email mary@chapinumc.com.
- On **Sunday, June 5**, CUMC will proudly commission sixteen new **Stephen Ministers**, who have taken fifty hours of training. This brings our church a total of forty-three. Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

JUNE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

- **Red Bird Missions:** It's time to sign-up for the annual Red Bird Mission Trip. This year we will be going the week of October 9th through the 15th. The fee remains at \$375.00 per person with the **deposit of half (\$187.50) to be sent to Red Bird by June 15th** (Note: We will send the deposit as one check, so all payments need to go through CUMC). If you plan to attend, please e-mail me back at jnesbitt@sc.rr.com. If you need more information, you can look at the web page (<http://rbmission.org/>) or contact John Nesbitt directly by e-mail or at 803-542-3147.
- Join us as we celebrate our nation's independence with a **Patriotic Musical Worship** on Sunday, June 26, at both the 9:00 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. services.
- The **2016 South Carolina Annual Conference** will be held June 5-8, 2016 at the Civic Center in Florence, SC.



Our Mission

We are a church family striving daily to follow God's will for our lives by becoming more Christ-like, while sharing with all persons the good news of our faith and showing them, in an understanding and caring way, God's hope and love.

CUMC MONTHLY DEATHS

From Pastor Jody Flowers, his family, and the entire CUMC family, our prayers and deepest sympathy to the families of...



John McAlister	Sarah McAlister's Husband
William Thomas, Jr.	Kelly Reese's Grandfather
Bonnie Collins	Honey Wilson's Mother
Helen Hamden	Mac Estridge's Grandmother
Moriat Dominick	Caroline Hall's Mother
Louis Moss	Wanda Crosby's Father
Marlene Rodgers	Jim Merck's Sister

JUNE'S SERMON MESSAGE

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2016 GLOBAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

General Conference, a once every four year gathering of United Methodists from across the globe, was held May 10-20 out in Portland, Oregon.

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016: A TRIUMPH FOR ORTHODOXY As the 2016 General Conference (GC) concludes today (May 20), evangelical/orthodox United Methodists have reason to rejoice. This quadrennial gathering of United Methodists may have been the most faithful to Scripture and to the UM Book of Discipline of any that have been held in the past forty years. Some historical perspective may be helpful. United Methodism's low point came during the 1993-1996 period. In 1993 the blasphemous Re-Imagining Conference was sponsored by the women of various mainline churches, including United Methodists. The goddess Sophia was worshipped and the doctrine of the Atonement was ridiculed. In 1996, fifteen United Methodist bishops went public prior to General Conference in an attempt to influence that Conference to change the Church's standards regarding homosexual conduct. Thankfully, their attempt failed. Nevertheless, liberal United Methodists were convinced that the same leftward trends influencing the United States would cause the UMC to "evolve" in a liberal direction. But other dynamics were at work. The aggressiveness of the Liberal Lobby (including LGBTQ and allies) evoked a conservative reaction. Several new orthodox reform groups, like the Confessing Movement and UMAction, were organized. Reform groups were formed in many annual conferences. Meanwhile, the UMC was changing because of membership gains and losses. The UMC in the U.S. was losing about 90,000 members per year, especially in its most liberal areas---the West and Northeast. And the more conservative

sections of the U.S. church were either growing or at least holding their own. More importantly, the UMC in Africa was gaining over 200,000 members per year, and most of them were orthodox/evangelical in theology. Since the allocation of General Conference delegates is determined by membership, conservatives increased and liberals decreased. For the past 25 years, the central polarizing issue at General Conference has been the issue of homosexuality. Liberals have attempted to remove from the Book of Discipline (BOD) the statement that homosexual practice is "incompatible with Christian teaching." Also, they have sought to promote same-sex marriage and to allow practicing homosexuals to be ordained. While these have been the presenting issues, the more important and underlying issue has been the AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE. Many liberals regard the Bible as a "living document" that must evolve with the changing times. Conversely, most conservatives believe the Bible to be the inspired and changeless word of God, or as the BOD states, "the true rule and guide for faith and practice." While General Conferences between 2000 and 2012 featured some significant gains by conservatives (For example, retaining the prohibition of homosexual practice and opposing partial-birth abortion), most of them were inconclusive in terms of the Church's overall direction. The most publicized events were the loud, disruptive demonstrations inside the Conferences by LGBTQ supporters. The 2016 GC has been qualitatively different. Some early indications of the dominance of conservatives were these: 1. The much debated "Rule 44" was voted down; it would have mandated that much of the GC be devoted to small-group discussions of sexuality issues. 2. Several petitions in legislative committees that would change the definition of marriage to a relationship "between two persons" failed by substantial margins. 3. A motion passed to require the General Board of Global Ministries to withdraw

GENERAL CONFERENCE CONTINUED

the liberals might filibuster the sexual issues in order to run out the clock. Other significant issues needed to be addressed. ☐ The Women's Division and the General Board of Church and Society will be required to withdraw from the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC). That organization opposes any and all restrictions on abortion, including restrictions on late-term and partial-birth abortions. ☐ Almost all the new members of the Judicial Council (United Methodism's Supreme Court) have pledged to interpret the BOD exactly as it is written. Almost all were supported heavily by conservative delegates. ☐ The African part of the UMC (approximately 40 percent of our total membership) exerted its influence in most significant ways. Its orthodox/evangelical commitment was obvious and powerful. The UMC is the only mainline denomination in the United States that has not fallen in line with liberalism. There seems to be honest reason for optimism that the UMC, thanks especially to the African influence, might recover its vitality

as an evangelistic organization. It is unlikely that a special GC will be held in 2018 to address sexual issues. When the bishops and leading liberals see that such a conference would certainly defeat liberal proposals, they will probably suggest that in order to save money, such discussions be delayed until the next regular GC in 2020. It is ironic and remarkable that when American Methodists were sending missionaries to Africa a hundred years ago, no one could have imagined that in 2016 those African Methodists would rise up and save orthodoxy within the UMC. How wonderfully strange it is that God often takes the least affluent parts of his church and uses them to renew and reform the more affluent parts! For all those who cherish the theological and biblical heritage of Methodism, we have cause to rise up and thank God for General Conference 2016.

Dr. Bill Bouknight UM pastor (retired)

