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When God Crosses Our Paths

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).

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THIS WEEKS CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 a.m. Come AZUR Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

6 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9-12 noon Methodist Market



9. George Dunnington

10. Larry Adams

11. Archie Edgar, Ryan Ragland,
Denny Paul

12. Jeanne Parker

13. Edwin McDonald,
Helen Hendrix

11. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Williams

13. Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Ragland

14. Mr. & Mrs. Eric Poe

*With
Sympathy*

*Sympathy and love is extended to
Sam and Joyce Pace in the loss of
their infant stillborn granddaughter.
Parents are Leah and Paul
Kilpatrick.*



Memorial Gifts

Truett Duncan

M/M Pat Rush



*Congratulations to Frank and Dee
Webb on the birth of their grandson
Robert Reed Ford. who was born
August 3, 2020, to Ben and Elizabeth
Webb Ford.*

Children

This past Thursday night, Planet 456 had a camp-out (in tents) at Owen and Mary Lou Richard's place. We made homemade pizzas on the outdoor brick oven and stayed up late playing games and telling stories.



I am very thankful to everyone who has played a role this summer with our children's and youth ministries. We have been thrown into unfamiliar territory, and I appreciate the efforts that have been made to allow the kids to continue to fellowship.



P22 Ministries:

I have wanted the younger children, grades 5k-3rd grade to have a special Sunday Night group. Finding the time to squeeze it into my schedule was the problem. I needed help, someone who felt lead to teach it, without being pushed. I dropped hints around different groups, and during the quarantine, it began to take shape. Julie Paul will be leading this program, with the help of a few other volunteers. This program will be for children entering 5 yr. old Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. The group will meet every Sunday night beginning on August 16th at 5:00 p.m. They will meet upstairs in a designated children's room.

The name may seem strange, but I wanted it to be a name with meaning and purpose. I want the children to understand the meaning as well. The name is an abbreviation for scripture that comes from the book of Proverbs chapter 22, Proverbs 22:6. This scripture is so very important. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Children are like sponges, they absorb everything around them, so let's encourage them to absorb more of God's word.

****Sunday School is starting back on August 9th, and I need teachers. Please contact me or the church office if you would be willing to teach for 1 month.**

****Sunday night groups will begin on Sunday, August 16. P22 Ministries and Planet 456 will both begin at 5:00 p.m.**



This past Sunday night, August 2nd, Sarah and Ryan Ragland and Connie and Jason Dees hosted a Slip-n-Slide for the Youth group at their Lodge. The youth enjoyed the fellowship and food that was provided. Thank you to the Ragland and Dees families for having us.



Sunday School will be starting back up on August 9th, and teachers are needed. If you feel lead to teach, please contact Tera or the church office. Teachers are only needed on a monthly rotation.

Sunday school will begin this Sunday, August 9, and our Sunday Night Group will resume next week, Sunday, August 16.

This past Wednesday, there was a Back-to-School Bash hosted by FUMC and FBC Yazoo. The youth groups played slip-n-slide kickball, had an inflatable waterslide, and enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as an encouraging devotion to help prepare them for a new year.



Last Sunday, we met for in-person worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Also several Adult Sunday School classes met for the first time. It was so nice to see so many whom we have missed during this challenging time. This Sunday, August 9, we will have our regular services: Come AZUR at 9 a.m. and our traditional worship at 11 a.m. We hope you will join us. For those who are not yet comfortable in corporate worship, we will also have our live stream worship service Sunday at 11 a.m.

Daily Bible Readings

AUGUST

9. 10th Sunday after Pentecost	John 6:35, 41-51
10. A limit on life	Genesis 3:22-24
11. A lasting legacy	I John 2:15-17
12. The cost of discipleship	Matthew 19:16-30
13. Praying for understanding	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
14. God's precepts are trustworthy	Psalm 111
15. Live as wise people	Ephesians 5:15-20