



Epworth United Methodist

August 2022

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“Ten Steps to Being a Friendly Church”

My good friend, Dr. George Mathison, has been the pastor of Auburn United Methodist Church for over 25 years. His congregation is a thriving Christian community of faith and works, and is an inspiring story of growth and vitality to many of us who have followed Brother George’s ministry there.

I recall an article that Dr. Mathison published several years ago in “The Village Methodist,” his church’s newsletter, in which he reminded his congregation that the summer months, especially July and August, are the two months when people are most likely to relocate, moving from one home to another. Accordingly, Brother George encouraged his members to be on the lookout for moving vans in their neighborhoods and for new faces in their community, for it is during a time of transition that people will be looking for a church home where they can best make a contribution and where their needs can be met. Brother George further instructed his good people in factors that seem to lend a “friendly church” atmosphere to people seeking a church home, citing another Methodist pastor in the South Georgia Conference, Dr. Don Kea. Listed below are their ten steps to being a friendly church (with some “add ons” of my own).

1. Smile at people! It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it!

2. Speak to people, even if you do not know their names. A cheerful word of greeting can often disperse the dark clouds of a bad day.

3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone’s ears is often the sound of their own name.

4. Be friendly and helpful. Lend a hand and look for ways to help someone, especially those who “look lost.” If you want friends, then be a friend.

5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do for others is a genuine pleasure. Try to look happy and you may very well be happy.

6. Be genuinely interested in people. Try not to limit yourself to a few friends when there are so many likeable people around you. Try to make people feel as though they are the most important person in the world as they are speaking with you.

7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism. Try to follow the adage: “Praise in public, chastise in private.”



by Rev. Grant Parker

8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Often there are three sides to a controversy...yours, the other person’s, and the right one.

9. Be alert to give service (back to number 4 above). It’s been said that the true mark of success in life is not measured by the number of people who serve you, but rather by the number of people you serve.

10. Add to all the above a good sense of humor. “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.” (Proverbs 17:22)

Welcome people to Epworth United Methodist Church, a friendly church where every worship service is a celebration and a reunion of old friends! Keep your hand in Jesus’ hand and your eyes on the Cross!

Brother Grant

Birthdays	
Aug 3	Rachel Veasey Susan Stillwell
Aug 4	Johnny Burell Jimmy Hall
Aug 5	Nell Griggs Lee Milligan James Word Sebastian Culpepper
Aug 9	Cade Bloodworth
Aug 10	Edith Gentry Bobby Don Richards
Aug 12	Dana Townsend
Aug 13	Veronica Sanders
Aug 14	Juan Gil
Aug 15	Henry Gentry Jeffery Rollo Pennie Ranew
Aug 16	Steve Martin Jodi Wisor Chandler Gatewood
Aug 17	Katherine Grantham Erin Word
Aug 18	June Chadwick Melissa Bridges
Aug 19	Mark Sanders Amira Kennedy
Aug 20	Annette Harris
Aug 21	Lisa Livingston
Aug 22	Shirley Wilkerson
Aug 23	Katie Ketchum
Aug 24	Thelma Courson David Jones Jeremiah Moss Josh Bradley
Aug 26	Reid Yeilding
Aug 27	Linda Fuller Eddie Livingston
Aug 28	Frankie Lake Geri Druash Timothy Parker
Aug 31	Judy Smith Jake Brewer



Our Faithfulness
As of 07/16/2022

Budget YTD	\$548,934.33
Actual Contributions YTD	\$510,725.97

Visitation Volunteers

The following people will accompany Brother Grant for Monday visitations. If you are listed here, please meet Brother Grant at 6:30 pm, on the Monday night listed. If, for some reason you are unable to meet Pastor Grant on the night listed, please contact the church at 334-298-3186 or Kathryn Perdue for schedule changes.

Thank you!

Aug 1st—Pam Shores
Aug 9th—Marcia Myles
Aug 15th—Don Verner
Aug 22nd—Jaime Singer
Aug 29th—Steve Ward

Happy Anniversary!

Anniversaries	
Aug. 4	Chris & Tammy Garrison
Aug. 5	Brad & Stephanie Baker
Aug 7	Rob & Christina Linsey
Aug 8	Wayne & Frankie Lake
Aug 10	Payton & Donna Zeigler
Aug 15	Shane & Lora Collins
Aug 18	Jeffery & Ann Marie Rollo
Aug 21	Ronnie & Cathy Head
Aug 24	Joe & Mary Barnette
Aug 26	Brad & Michelle Word
Aug 27	Jeff & Danielle Bradley
Aug 29	Bob & Carol Stanton
Aug 30	James & Meg Clark



August 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 No Mom's Day Out 10:00—4:00 Youth Bible study and Fun Day	3 6:00 pm—Youth 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Crew	4 No Mom's Day Out 6:30 pm UMW	5	6
7 BackPack Sunday Celebrated at the 9:45 and 11:00 Services 21-Days of Prayer	8 <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	9 9:00 am Mom's Day Out 6:30 pm—Bible Study "Book of Revelation" 6:30 pm—Trustees meeting <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	10 9:00 am Preschool Begins 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Crew <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	11 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm Men's Ministry meeting <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	12 <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	13 <i>10:00 am—11:00 am</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>
14 21-Days of Prayer	15 Newsletter Deadline <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	16 9:00 am Mom's Day Out 9:00 am Preschool Begins 9:30 am—Bible study "Daniel" 6:30 pm Prayer Vigil <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	17 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Crew 6:30 pm—Max Lucado Bible study <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	18 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	19 <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	20 <i>10:00 am—11:00 am</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>
21 21-Days of Prayer 4:00 pm Council on Ministries meeting	22 <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	23 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am—Bible study "Daniel" <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	24 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Crew 6:30 pm—Max Lucado Bible study <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	25 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	26 <i>6:30—7:30 pm</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer</i>	27 <i>10:00 am—11:00 am</i> <i>21 Days of Prayer (Final Day)</i>
28	29 Man Church 6:30—7:30 pm (Meet, Greet and Eat)	30 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am—Bible study "Daniel"	31 9:00 am Preschool 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study & Kidz Crew 6:30 pm—Max Lucado Bible study	Sundays ~ 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am Coffee & Donuts 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Sunday School		



Youth Ministry Youth Ministry



21-Days of Prayer

August 7-27 2022

Week 1: Come

Sunday: Come and Find Rest (Matthew 11:28-30)

Monday: Come and Be Still (Psalms 46:10-11)

Tuesday: Come and Receive Your Inheritance (Luke 15:29-31)

Wednesday: Come and Be Restored (Isaiah 55:7)

Thursday: Come and Believe (Hebrews 3:18-19)

Friday: Come and Stand Firm (Exodus 14:13-14)

Saturday: Come and Surrender (Isaiah 64:8)

Week 2: Be Filled

Sunday: Be Filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-20)

Monday: Faith for the Filling (Hebrews 11:6)

Tuesday: Empty Yourself to be Filled (Matthew 16:24-25)

Wednesday: Ask for the Filling (Luke 11:10-13)

Thursday: Pursue Holiness to Be Filled (1 John 3:24)

Friday: The Fruit of the Filling (Galatians 5:22-23)

Saturday: God Will Fill You (Mark 11:24)

Week 3: Go Out!

Sunday: Go Out in the Overflow (John 7:38)

Monday: Go Out in God's Will (Romans 12:1-2)

Tuesday: Go Out and Find Your Place in the "Body" (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Wednesday: Go Out to Do Good (Isaiah 58:6-8)

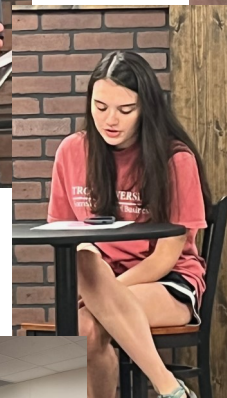
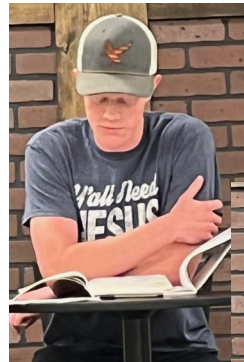
Thursday: Pray and Then Go Out (Mark 9:28-29)

Friday: Awake, Put on Strength, and Go Out! (Isaiah 52:1)

Saturday: Go Out and Declare (1 Peter 2:9-10)

Important Update:

Sunday night small group will start back meeting again on starting September 11th.



EPWORTH KIDZ CREW

BACKPACK SUNDAY

"Blessing of the Backpacks" will be Sunday, August 7th, at both the 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. church service in the Sanctuary.

Bring your backpack to church on Sunday, August 7th | During either the 9:45 or 11:00 service, we will bring our backpacks to the altar as we pray for the upcoming school year. All students, educators, school administration and staff are invited to join us during this special time of prayer in the Sanctuary.

EPWORTH MOM'S DAY OUR & EPWORTH KIDZ PRESCHOOL

Our MDO program will resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 9th.

PRESCHOOL will have parent/teacher/child appointments scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, August 9th, 10th and 11th.

PRESCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



July 19: Bible Study (Cristina), Favoli's, (Wski),

Swim at Maranatha's, (Wski), ice cream sundaes or banana splits.

July 26: Bible Study 1030am-4pm (Justin), Culver's, Hollywood Connection.

July 27: SERVE DAY (No youth that night)

August 2: Bible Study 1030am-4pm (Chloe), Taco Bell, Launch

August 3: Prayer Walk 6-730pm (pray over schools)

August 10: Chick fil-a will start back up 600pm

August 7-27: 21 Days of Prayer 630pm-730pm

August 29: Man Church 630-730pm (August 29-November 28)

August 31: Fellowship, food, Birthday Celebration (July-Sept.) worship, (Activate: intro)

JULY COMPLETE
AUGUST HERE WE COME!!!!



School Supplies Drive

Please help provide some much-needed school supplies for our Partner in Education, Ridgecrest Elementary School. The Epworth Women's group is asking for your help in providing any of the items below of which school children are always in need:

Pencils, Glue sticks, Tissues, Crayons, Colored pencils, Scissors (safety type for kids), construction paper, Hand sanitizer, Clorox Wipes, Notebook paper, 12 " rulers, Backpacks

Please place your items in the collection bin in the Gathering Room marked **"School Supplies"**. We will deliver to the school ANY school supplies you decide to donate! The kids and teachers at Ridgecrest really need our help. **THANK YOU!!!!**



Epworth United Methodist Church raised a total of **\$4,134.28** through Baby Bottle Boomerang!

WOW! Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic is so incredibly grateful for this support from your church body.

Because of your generosity, we are able to reach even more women with the love of Christ during a difficult time. By supporting the ministry of Sound Choices, your church is helping pregnant women & teens in our community CHOOSE LIFE. Thank you!

Blessings,

Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic