

A Newsletter from Christ United Methodist Church

the Vision

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Going to Mexico

It is an amazing thing that God's love for this world is so great that he would call us to venture out into the unknown to carry the person of Jesus Christ to our neighbors so far away!

On June 14th, eleven high school students will be traveling to Mexico for our first of two mission trips this summer. In just two weeks we will board a bus and make the twenty-hour drive over the border to serve God's children in another country. We are working with a Nashville based group called Students Living A Mission (SLAM). SLAM is a missionary organization that is committed both locally and internationally to 'serving the least of these.'

For our week in Mexico we will be serving in Ciudad Juarez, a border town with a population just short of 1.5 million. Our involvement in Juarez will largely be with Gerardo del Torro, pastor of Templo Monte Calvario Church. He and his wife planted the church over twenty years ago and have been serving the city ever since. We will be working closely with Pastor Torro, serving in church services, children's programs, a school that the church sponsors and even in drug rehabilitation services. We have been preparing for this trip since February, learning Spanish worship songs and selecting crafts and lessons for the children's programs.

Please be in continual prayer for us as we prepare for Mexico and as we embark upon this journey. As I told the youth when we first began discussing this trip, if we don't resolve to pray and make Christ the focus and center of this trip, then there is no point in even getting on the bus to go. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would give us words to speak, that we would have a heart to serve, and that God would make opportunities for us to make Him known. Pray for our safety and for our ease of travel, as well. Most importantly, know that as a church, you are going with us. By supporting us with your prayers and encouragement, you are a part of the mission of Jesus Christ in Juarez, Mexico. So please take the time to encourage and bless these students, these missionaries as they give their time and gifts to our brothers and sisters in Mexico.

Grant Dailey
High School Youth Director

Weekly Activities

Sunday, June 1

- 7:30 a.m. Prayer Group
(Trinity-Woodmore Chapel)
8:00 a.m. Gospel Worship Service
8:00 a.m. Children's Worship Hour
(SonShine Station)
8:50 – 9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. SonShine Station & J.A.M.
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 – 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. SonShine Station & J.A.M.
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir (9-12 grades)
1:00 p.m. VBS Decorating
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir (6-8 grades)
5:00 p.m. Crown Financial Ministry (Adult Building)
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Singles *OPEN DOOR* (Adult Building)
5:30 – 7:15 p.m. MS F.O.G. (Gym)
5:30 – 7:15 p.m. HS The POINT (Hut)

Monday, June 2

- 9:00 a.m. MS Departs for Camp Lookout
9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. VBS

Tuesday, June 3

- 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. VBS
6:00 p.m. Single Ladies Supper Club @ Outback
6:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group (A-5)
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Toastmasters (Scout Hut Pavilion)
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Recovery Support Group (A-11)
7:00 p.m. HS Guys *Mullet Club* (Grant's House)

Wednesday, June 4

- 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS
9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. HS Parent/Student Mtg. (Hut)
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. VBS
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Adult Choir
7:30 p.m. Praise Team

Thursday, June 5

- 6:45 a.m. Women's Covenant Group
(Becky's Office)
9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Band of Brothers Ministry (A-9)
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. VBS
6:00 p.m. Fibromyalgia Support Group (A-5)

Friday, June 6

- 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS
10:00 a.m. High School Youth Choir Tour
12:30 p.m. Band of Brothers Lunch @ Wally's
6:00 p.m. VBS Celebration Night

Saturday, June 7

- 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Salvation Army Ministry

Service of Holy Communion will be at all services this Sunday morning, June 1. There is no Communion Service at 10:45 a.m.

VBS Decorating group will meet **Sunday, June 1**, @ 1 p.m., in the atrium. Anyone interested is invited to help.

JOY Seniors Group will meet **Tuesday, June 10**, at 6 p.m., for a catered meal and program. Cathy Turner, Education Director of Christ Church, is the guest speaker. The meal is \$7.50 and reservations must be in by June 6 to Libby Prince @ 892-5148.

Toastmasters - Find out how you can improve your communication & leadership skills while having fun. On **Tuesday June 3**, 7-8:30 p.m., Toastmasters will meet at the Scout Hut pavilion. Bring your lawn chair and an appetite for ice cream. Please RSVP to Joseph Madida at info@eastbrainerdtoastmasters.org or 423-624-5949. For more information, stop by the table in the atrium this Sunday morning, June 1.

Single Ladies Supper Club – Join the group **Tuesday, June 3**, 6 p.m., at Outback Restaurant. Please make reservations by noon June 3 to Ann Boleman @ 855-8701.

C.I.F.E. (Learning Is For Everybody) is a non-denominational, educational and enrichment program for persons 50 years of age & older. Classes are held here on Thursdays during fall, winter, & spring. Registrations are now being taken for the fall session **beginning October 2**. Brochures listing offered classes and registration forms are available at the Information Desk.

Welcome New Members!

Monte & Angela Rhinehart
3218 Camp Rd., Apison, TN 37302, 236-4468
Jimmy & Nicole Swiger
8410 Lexie Lane, Ooltewah, TN 37363,
563-271-0178

Counseling: Dr. James L. Philpott

Christ Church/Downtown
Appointments - 266-6253

YOUTH

Prayer Concerns. . . Alex Gamble / Wendell Garber / Kate Grable / Jane Hogan / Nicole Majors / Naoma Price / Emma Jean Thomas / All Our Military Forces/ Archie Barfield, Mary Jane Barnes, Doug Beuoy, Eric Bonanno, Richard Brand, Jinona Butcher, Al Clark, John Clark, Brenda Cooper, George Cooper, Gertrude Cox, Betty Davis, Catherine Dorn, Margaret Dranchak, Brennan Eckert, Julie Feagans, Tucker Fields, Joanne Fitch, Charlie Flora, Tammy Giggy, Amber Gitgood, Connor Gore, Cathy Gough, McKenzie Graham, Linda Guffey, Allison Hamlin, Rose Mary Harbour, Nancy Hartung, Eula Henley, Neale Honey, Bill Horton, C. D. Housley, Carolyn & Fred Hunt, Jan Johnson, Jerry Jones, John Keilany, Linda Weisel Keys, Barbara Korosec, Joan Lambert, Carly Lewis, Betty Mann, Lora Mann, Al Matheny, Shirley Mathis, Vicki May, Amy Merritt, Mitch Miller, Randy Murdock, Ava Mutz, Rachel Neal, Stella Patrone, A. J. Pawel, Rev. Cynthia Pennington, Dan Penwell, Donna Petree, Amy Piazza, Rosemary Roden, Autumn Rose, Harold Rose, Angelica Starnes, Brenda Staton, Aubry Steen, Anna Thomas, Emma Jane Thomas, Morris Varnell, Bill Ward, Alden White, Mel Wilcox, Lena Wise, Ruth & Orville York, Renea Young

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Marsha Brashears & family in the death of her brother-in-law, Dale Bittinger.

Our Stewardship through . . .

. . . Giving (2008)

General Budget

YTD Receipts	\$754,784
YTD Disbursements	\$747,480
YTD Budget	\$785,057

Building Fund

YTD Receipts	\$267,650
YTD Pledge	\$352,573

Total Tithes to
VIM Clinic & Beth Center \$ 40,958

. . . Attendance (5/25/08)

Worship Services 1,295

Sunday, June 1, 5:30-7:15 PM
Middles School (gym)
High School (hut)

**MS YOUTH WILL LEAVE FOR CAMP
LOOKOUT MONDAY, JUNE 2, PROMPTLY @
9 AM!**

**MS & HS Youth will not meet
Wednesday, June 4.**

**HS Mexico Mission Trip parent/student
meeting** Wednesday, June 4, 6 PM, at the Hut.

**8th Grade New Orleans Mission Trip - A
parents' meeting** is being held on **Sunday, June 8,**
4 PM, In the Trinity-Woodmore Chapel.

HS Mission Trip to Mississippi
July 27-August 2 - Sign-up forms are available
online @ www.christplace.org or see Grant.
Forms are due by Monday, June 23.

**Check for upcoming events and news on the
website: www.christplace.org click Youth**



30-65 Singles Ministry

Join OPEN DOOR as they journey together on
"The Search for Significance," a Bible study by
Robert McGee. OPEN DOOR meets every
Sunday at 5:30 PM in the Adult Building,

Please Note...

Vacation Bible School
"Outrigger Island"

June 2-6 / 9 AM - 12 PM or 6:00-8:30 PM
for children age 4 (by 9/30/07) through 5th grade

Children can attend either the morning session or the evening session.

Register this Sunday in the atrium or online at www.christplace.org.

This Sunday, June 1, will be **Michael Wittenburg's last Sunday** with us as organist/accompanist for the 11 AM service. After his summer commitment in Maine, he will be going to a position with the Orlando Opera. However, Michael will be coming back through Chattanooga in August, so on Sunday, August 17, the congregation will have the opportunity to greet him and wish him well.