



# **Westview United Methodist Church** **"Fire in the Rain"**

**"Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors."**

Volume 16, Issue 8

The People of the United Methodist Church

September, 2005

## **The Good Views**

### **From the Pastor**

**"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." Romans 12:9-11**

Add to these standards for Christian behavior a willingness to love even your enemy and a capacity for feeling the hurts and joys of others and you have Paul's formula for achieving a harmonious existence within the church and in the world.

If instead we adopt the standards of the world, if we accept the violence and sin which has come to be acceptable to many people, then we may find that there is no assurance of love and affection even within the Christian community.

Surely we Christians and others can benefit from Paul's thinking and the Church can be a sanctuary where love and peace are the norms. We Christians who gather to worship and do ministry together must be careful not to let go of our standards when we are working, or just relaxing in our communities. We are called to live a Christian life which is after all a spiritually supported lifestyle. We can live this good life as God's people who think and act like Christ but, it requires vigilance and effort, prayer and study, worship and praise, and Christian community where we find spiritual support and encouragement.

Our United Methodist heritage is uniquely tuned in to a methodical lifestyle which maintains our Christian standards and builds supportive Christian groups where all of this can be nurtured. Finally, it is genuine Godly love and mutual affection which empowers us to lead a Christian lifestyle, the love that lead us to Christ and the love we are now responsible for showing toward others.

#### ***Mission Statement:***

***"We envision Westview United Methodist Church as a place that equips disciples to change lives."***

## Our Church Calendar: Programs and Activities @ Westview



United Methodist Information Service

Where you can ask any question  
about the United Methodist Church

**1-800-251-8140**

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Central Time  
Toll-free in the U.S.

<http://infoserv.umc.org>

### Weekly Meetings

#### Sundays

12-2 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
2:00 p.m. Joyful Noyz Youth Praise band practice

#### 2nd-5th Sunday

12-2 p.m. Children's Fellowship and 12 p.m. Children's Choir

#### Tuesdays

7:30 a.m. AA meeting

#### Wednesdays

6:30-8:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

#### Thursdays

6-7:00 p.m. Spiritual Weight Management

7:30 p.m. AA meeting

#### Fridays

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Contact Patti Carrol)

### August

Friday, Sept. 2	Fifth Quarter	After the H.S. football game in the fellowship hall /outside.
Wednesday, Sept. 7	8:00 p.m.	Committee on Lay Leadership
Thursday, Sept. 8	6:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
Saturday, Sept. 10	WUMC food booth at Nature Fest at Bowie Park	
Sunday, Sept. 11	10:30 a.m.	Children's Church Resumes
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Finance committee
	7:15 p.m.	Administrative Council
Sept. 16-18	Youth Fall Retreat	At Beersheba Springs Assembly
Friday, Sept. 23	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Fellowship at Jim & Kim Tenney's home, 7204 Dianne Drive. Pot-luck dinner. Meat dish will be provided.
Saturday, Sept. 24	5:00 p.m. - ?	Choir Party at the Anderson's
Monday, Sept. 26	7:00 p.m.	Break-out meetings for committees

### Help Wanted

The Trustees of Westview are seeking able volunteers to agree to do the following repairs:

Repair upstairs water fountain drain leak	Rake mulch & pull weeds in the playground
Metal in the playground needs a coat of car wax	Rubber in the playground needs a coat of Armour-All
Replace fluorescent bulbs in upstairs Women's restroom	Check smoke detector in the Narthex

Replace broken glass in a window in the youth classroom  
 Repair door latch on exterior basement door by youth classroom  
 X-Clear brush along the property line behind the church-Traci B.  
 Clear drain outside the basement doors near the office  
 Repair broken glass in the fellowship hall window  
 Install eave lights at the parsonage  
 Install ramp outside the back door of the parsonage  
 Build a shutter for the kitchen counter window  
 X-Replace lock in narthex door at top of the ramp-Dale J.  
 Install a door bell or buzzer outside narthex door near ramp  
 Pressure wash and seal concrete around the church  
 X-Spray parking lots to kill weeds-Christian B.  
 Install exit signs as needs inside the church.

## Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

**CPL Jason Gulley**  
910 Mandarin Trail  
Jacksonville, NC 28540

**PVT Jessica Spivey**  
L.R.M.C.  
C-MROT Box 2003  
APO A-E 09180

**SA Hawkins, Daniel D.**  
440 Roberts Ave.  
PMB #1529  
Pensacola, FL 32511-5151

**Renner, Scott CPL**  
927 Albacore Street  
Beauford, SC 29906

**SPC Richards, Thomas**  
FOB Cobra  
L. Troop 3/278  
APO-AE 09374 IRAQ

**Captain Adam B. Mangrum**  
Home

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Katherine Ivey**  
300 Taylor Street  
NE Apartment L11  
Washington DC 20017

**Lance Corp. McDaid, Matthew**  
2-5 Golf Co., 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon  
UIC 40365  
FPO AP 96426-0365

**PFC Joseph A. Clinard**  
B-3-69 AR 1BCT  
FOB Brassfield-MORA  
APO AE09383  
In Iraq

**HT3 Braddy, William C.**  
ENG/R DIV  
USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67)  
PPO AA 34095-2800

**AM3 Decker, Thomas E.**  
1251 Orion Street South  
Brunswick, ME 04011

**Danny Gray**  
100 Crews Ave., A15  
Alamogordo, NM 88310

**PVT2 Fold, Eric**  
(In Afghanistan, returns end  
of September)  
C Co. 3-75 Box 29  
Fort Benning GA 31905

**Minor, Jeremiah L.**  
Task Force Bayonet  
HHC 2/503<sup>rd</sup> FSE  
APO, AE 09355  
Cindy New's nephew  
**AN Jenkins, Keith**  
V4/AIR DIV  
USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67)  
PPO AA 34095-2800  
**CPL Kenneth Roeten**  
Walter Reed Army Medical  
Center  
Bldg #2 Room 3801  
6900 Georgia Ave. N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20307-5001

### From the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

Do you know any Active Duty Service members and members of the National Guard, Reserve and their families (spouse, parent, legal guardian, children), in your community? There are free resources available to them anytime 24/7 from anywhere, sponsored by the Department of Defense: Military OneSource - Stateside: 1-800-342-9647; Overseas: 800-3429-6477 (use country access code) or collect 1-484-530-5908

This Information shared with us by:

**Tom Carter**  
**United Methodist Endorsing Agency**  
**PO Box 340007, Nashville, TN 37203-0007**  
**Phone: 615.340.7411**  
**Fax: 615.340.7358**  
**[www.gbhem.org/chaplains](http://www.gbhem.org/chaplains)**

### THANK YOU NOTES:

Baxter and I would like to thank you church for the wonderful fruit basket. Thank you also for the calls, the visits, the prayers, the concern. Thank you for the food. It was truly a blessing.

We are home from the hospital AGAIN! I think we are going to try to seek employment reviewing all the local hospitals. We will do things like grade the mattress softness, sheet starch, heat/cooling controls, waiting room facilities. Food is the same at each hospital so no need for that one. We will also review the entertainment venues. Some have more cable channels than others. We have found our sense of humor again and discovered that we can look back and see lots of things that we can now laugh about!

We are blessed with great friends and we appreciate each of you.  
Baxter and Debby

## **At the End of the Day** **Shared by Kim Mangrum**

Lance Armstrong had just won his seventh and final Tour de France. He was basking in the glow of adoring fans and cheering onlookers. The incredible cyclist who did something even more spectacular by overcoming cancer during his competitive career was going out on top. It was quite a moment.

As the yellow-shirted champion was receiving still more congratulatory cheers after the platform ceremony, Armstrong's five-year-old son spoke up. "Daddy," asked Luke Armstrong, "can we go home and play?"

The late Henri Nouwen, a best-selling author and professor at Notre Dame and Harvard, had a similar experience. He moved to a community of physically and mentally handicapped persons in Toronto. He explained how humbling it was to be in that special setting. People didn't like or dislike him on the basis of his books or lectures. They weren't impressed with his credentials and awards.

The learned professor was reminded that achievements don't create relationships. For that matter, the lack of notable achievements by people there who cooked or read or exercised the residents didn't hinder them in bonding to people whose life situation required them to depend on the compassion of others.

Haven't you noticed the same thing? Little children just want some time to play with their mommies and daddies. Forget the babble about "quality time" with a child. Just think in terms of time. Playing. Paying attention. Yes, adults have to work and make a living. But why have children only to shove them aside with an explanation of how busy or important you are? Do they care about those things?

I seem to recall that Jesus' disciples were shielding him from interruptions by little children. Their Lord and Master was the most important person in the world. No, in the whole universe. He was not to be bothered. Or so they thought.

"Let the children alone, don't prevent them from coming to me," he told his would-be handlers. "God's kingdom is made up of people like these" (Matthew 19:14 MSG). What a moment for the children. What an insight for the disciples.

When we live as we were meant to live, we keep perspective. We listen for God's gentle reminders that relationships trump self-centeredness.

The essence of Christianity is not bound up in formulas and institutions and programs. It is in taking one another seriously for Christ's sake. Playing with children. Paying attention to the overlooked. Throwing lifelines to the drowning.

Knowing what counts at the end of the day makes the whole day go better.

### **September Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1	<a href="#">Randall &amp; Kim Mangrum Anniversary</a>	16	Shawn Valcarcel, Victor Growden
4	Devin Bronstad	17	Loyce Mangrum
5	<a href="#">Ken &amp; Melissa Bell Anniversary</a>	18	Willie Anderson
6	Aaron Cates		<a href="#">Jerry &amp; Eva Harris Anniversary</a>
7	Meredith Bains, Jim Handy	22	Debby Rainey
	<a href="#">Meredith &amp; Barbara Bains Anniversary</a>	23	Patti Erland
8	Christopher Hill	25	Ed Ingle, Derek Hill
	<a href="#">Dewey &amp; Rose Kephart Anniversary</a>	26	Greg Mangrum
11	Becky Hess	27	Christy Cox
	<a href="#">Ron &amp; Karen Renner Anniversary</a>	28	Jim Templeton, Marge Robertson,
13	Kevin Green		Melissa Thompson
14	Nancy Stephens	29	Linda Sewell
	<a href="#">Lee &amp; Melissa Thompson Anniversary,</a>	30	Drew Northern, Matthew Cates
	<a href="#">Daniel &amp; Linda Sewell Anniversary</a>		

Naturefest 2005  
"September 10, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m."

### BOWIE NATURE PARK

Time for our Annual Cookout / Socializing event. Please mark your calendar to come help cook and serve. We need as much help as everyone can provide from setting up our booth, preparing the food, serving the patrons, and most of all, making a strong presence of Westview UMC in the event. Below are items that we will need for this years Naturefest. If you can donate any of these items, sign up for them on the sheet that will be provided in the Sanctuary Narthex. If you are providing cooked goods we will need those at the Church fellowship hall Friday evening or early Saturday morning. We set up the booth Friday evening, and must be ready to serve by 10:00 am Saturday morning.

Pepsi or Cokes	10 each of the 12 packs	These are the typical drinks requested. Other drinks are welcomed
Diet Pepsi / Coke	10 each of the 12 packs	
Mountain Dew	5 each of the 12 packs	
Mountain Dew Code Red	3 each of the 12 packs	
Sprite / 7up	5 each of the 12 packs	
Dr. Pepper	3 each of the 12 Packs	
Bottled Water	10 Cases - 24 bottles	
Depending on colder weather - hot chocolate and coffee will be served.		

"We will be serving: BarBQ, Catfish fillets, Burgers, Hot dogs, French Fries, fixens, and deserts."

Heavy Duty - Styrofoam plates	BarBQ - 10 lbs
Styrofoam bowls	Beef hamburger patties- 100 each
Paper napkins	Beef Hot Dogs - 150 each
Plastic Forks	Large Catfish Fillets 20 to 30 lbs
Plastic spoons	French Fries Large Cut 50lbs
Wrapping Foil for burgers and hotdogs	White Beans - 5 gallons
Paper towels - 10 rolls	Charcoal Grill - 2each
Ketchup Large bottles - 5 each	Deep Fryer - 4 each
Mustard	Cooking Oil - 6 gallons
Mayonnaise / Miracle Whip	Hot Dog Buns - 12 dozen
Corn Meal - 5lbs	Hamburger Buns - 12 dozen
Flour All Purpose	Home grown tomatoes
Salt / Pepper	Pickles - sliced for burgers
Sliced American Cheese	Charcoal 10 lbs
Lettuce - 3 heads	Lighter Fluid - 1 can
Onion - 5 large	
Butter - 2 tubs	16 oz styrofoam cups - 10 dozen
Tarter Sauce - 2 Gallon	
Nacho Cheese - 3 Large cans	" LOTS of Cookies, Pies, Cakes, Brownies, etc"
Slaw - 3 gallons	
Large paper grocery bags	
Large Coolers -6 each	

Place the items being donated in the Fellowship Hall .

Thank you in advance for your donations and volunteered time in making this years event a very successful one. We look forward to seeing you there. Tim Saunders, 799-8990 Home.

**Westview United  
Methodist Church**

7107 Westview Drive,  
Fairview, TN 37062  
Phone/Fax: 615-799-0250  
Email: [westumc@comcast.net](mailto:westumc@comcast.net)

**Non-profit Organization  
Permit # 11  
Fairview, TN 37062**

*Return Service Requested*



***Mission Statement: "We envision Westview United Methodist Church as a place that equips disciples to change lives."***



**Western at Westview**

**"The Good Views"** is a monthly publication of the Westview United Methodist Church.

- Gary Wedgewood, Pastor
- Rev. Loyd Mabry, Columbia District Superintendent
- Bishop Dick Wills, Tennessee Conference

**Sunday Activities**

- 8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 12-2:00 PM Youth & Children's Fellowships & Children's Choir
- 2:00 PM Joyful Noyz Youth Praise Band

**Wednesday Activities**

- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice