



# THE WITNESS

*Our calling is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ through fellowship, worship, outreach, and nurture.*

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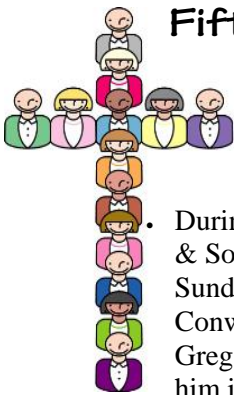


Worship This Sunday  
8:45 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.

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## Fifth Sunday Activities Planned for Aug. 29

There are two gatherings planned on Sunday, Aug. 29, for the Fifth Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

- During the Sunday School hour, the Church & Society Committee will present a Fifth Sunday Social Principles Program, featuring Conway School District Superintendent Dr. Greg Murry as guest speaker. Come hear him in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m.
- At 5 p.m. Aug. 29, in the Sanctuary we will host the United Methodist Churches in Conway for a worship service and fellowship time to follow. Rev. David Hawkins of Grace United Methodist Church will be the guest preacher.



## AMAZING GRACE CAFÉ

5:30 TO 6:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY, AUG. 26  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FREE HOT MEAL FOR  
ANYONE WHO NEEDS ONE!

## Small Groups:

### Why should you consider a small group?

“Learning in community replicates the way Jesus deliberately taught his disciples. ... JESUS taught us to LEARN our faith this way.”

Join a small group this fall. We have lots of different classes, groups and courses to choose from. You can find a place in one of the following groups:

- Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
- The Bible From Scratch — Old Testament
- Beth Moore Study
- Women’s Bible Study — Ephesians
- Heart of Christianity
- Financial Peace University
- Dealing With Grief
- Hayesod
- A Quest for God
- Christian Believer
- Crazy Love: Overwhelmed By a Relentless God
- While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent
- Dreamwork
- Arkansas Law for Teens
- Cooking for Fun
- Ballroom Dance
- Knitting

## Help Us Go Green!

### Receive Your Witness By E-mail

We are officially moving toward sending the Witness electronically to as many people as possible. We understand some people do not have e-mail access, and we will continue to send a newsletter by postal mail to those who subscribe. We ask that you sign up for either the e-mail newsletter or to continue a postal mailing. To sign up, contact Colleen Holt at [cholt@conwayfumc.org](mailto:cholt@conwayfumc.org) or call the church office at 329-3801.

## It’s Been a Long, Hot Summer

Utilities for the month of July were down slightly from the previous month. The Arkansas heat wave continued, and our utilities expenses were \$6,764.37. You can help by turning off lights when you leave a room and closing doors. Interior doors are closed to keep zoned air conditioning at optimal use with minimal costs. Also, thank you to everyone who has given extra to the Operating Budget. These funds provide the base support to every ministry and every activity in our church from choir practices to youth events to the Amazing Grace Cafe'. Thank you for your generosity.



## FACEBOOK!

Become a fan of Conway First United Methodist Church on Facebook. There are pages for the church in general; Youth Ministries; College Ministries; and the Early Childhood Center!



The Fall Children’s Newsletter is now available. Visit the church web site at [www.conwayfumc.org](http://www.conwayfumc.org).

## Youth Department News

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, Aug. 29 -

10 a.m. - Sunday School - Meet in Big Room for Announcements

4 to 5 p.m. - Recreation - Great Hall

4 to 5 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

4 to 5 p.m. - Youth Praise Band Practice - Great Hall

5 to 5:30 p.m. - Snack Supper - Great Hall

5:30 to 6:15 p.m. - Small Groups - Youth Classrooms

6:15 to 7 p.m. - Youth Worship - Great Hall

#### Monday, Aug. 30 -

3:30-5 p.m. - Sr. High Bells - Choir Room

6:30-8 p.m. - Sr. High Gleeks - Bowen Home

#### Tuesday, Aug. 31 -

6 to 7:30 p.m. - Jr. High Gleeks - Coker Home

#### Wednesday, Sept. 1 -

3:30-6 p.m. - Hang Time - Youth Cafe

5 to 6 p.m. - Youth Worship Planning Team - Big Room

6:45 to 8 p.m. - 123 JESUS - Lodge Room

#### Thursday, Sept. 2 -

7 to 8 a.m. - Breakfast Club - Great Hall Lobby

### New Youth Calendar Available!

Be sure to check the church website or the table outside Michelle's office for the latest Youth Calendar. It has events and special dates through August 2011! Watch your email and facebook for new programs starting this fall!

### Children's Music Opportunities

Music programming for children (grades 1-6) begins with an Open House/Registration event from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 in the Choir Room. All children (new and returning) and parents are encouraged to attend. We will talk about plans for the year, and parents will have an opportunity to sign up to help with snacks and chaperoning.

#### Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8 the weekly schedule will be as follows:

4-4:30 Elementary Chimes (grades 3-4), Choir Room  
4:30-5:15 Junior High Handbells (grades 7-8, do not need to attend the Open house on Sept. 1), Choir Room  
5:20-6:00 Intermediate Handbells (grades 5-6), Choir Room

4:30-5:15 One Accord Choir (grades 4-6), room 212

5:20-6:00 Joyful Sound Choir (grades 1-3), room 212

Recreation time will be available in the Great Hall between sessions so children may be brought to the church at 4 p.m. and may be picked up at 6 p.m.

All bell/chime choirs will be led by Janet Gingerich. We are pleased to welcome Anna Nyseth, an intern from Hendrix, to lead Joyful Sound and One Accord while we continue the search for a new Associate Director of Music (children's choirs). Our Little Seekers Choir (4-yr-old and Kindergarten) will meet for a few weeks prior to Christmas. Watch for an announcement.

### College Ministries Update

Faith Families & Prayer Partners: Thanks to the congregation members for a great response to these programs. We still need to recruit Prayer Partner participants. If you know of a college student that is a member of our church, suggest that they sign up to receive a Prayer Partner. They will be matched with a person or family to exchange prayer requests and concerns with each other throughout the year.

### Wednesday Fellowship Dinners Sept. 1 - 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Menu:** Taco salad and desserts.

Cost is \$6 for adults (age 13 and up), \$4 for children 6-12, kids 5 & under eat free, \$20 maximum per household. To RSVP, e-mail

Hope Johnson at [hjohnson@conwayfumc.org](mailto:hjohnson@conwayfumc.org), call the church or sign up on the attendance pads during worship.

We still need hosts for several dinners this fall. Also, anyone willing to occasionally help serve, take cash, help with setup, or wash dishes, please contact Hope.



### Adult Sunday School Studies this Week

<b>Believing, Becoming, Belonging (B3)</b>	214
20/30 Bible Study on Prayer	
<b>Conference</b>	220
Attend 5th Sunday Program. See you in the Fellowship Hall!	
<b>Dorothy Robins-Light</b>	212
"Upheld By God," Acts 28:16-25a, 28-31	
<b>Faithbuilders</b>	Parlor
"Enough"	
<b>Faith in Action (FIA)</b>	230
<b>Forum</b>	
"La Luchs Space: The Struggle for Social Justice," Sandra Leyva or Shawn, presenters	
<b>Genesis</b>	227
"1,2,3 John — How Should a Christian Live?"	
<b>George Hartje</b>	218
"Upheld By God," Acts 28:16-25a, 28-31; Leader Johnnye Hartje	
<b>Gussie Scales</b>	216
"Upheld By God," Acts 28:16-25a, 28-31; Leader John Collier	
<b>Koinonia</b>	
"Walking With Jesus," Leader John Williams	
<b>New Covenant</b>	221
"Upheld By God," Acts 28:16-25a, 28-31	
<b>Open Door</b>	113
"Upheld By God," Acts 28:16-25a, 28-31; Leader David Sutherland; (telephone participation available)	
<b>Round Table</b>	217
"The Gospel of Luke"	

### "Step Up to a Greener Footprint"

#### Did you know:

For every degree that you raise the setting of your thermostat in summer, you reduce cooling costs 3 percent to 5 percent?

#### Did you know:

That ceiling fans cool people, not rooms? So...operate ceiling fans only in occupied rooms.



### Willson Lecture at Hendrix College

Featuring Jeannette Walls, author of "The Glass Castle"  
7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, Staples Auditorium, Hendrix  
No tickets or reservations required.

Book signing following in Greene Chapel

## Our Church Family

### Congratulations

To Ashlie and Eric Wills on the birth of a son, George Walker Wills, on Monday, Aug. 23. He is a grandson of Pam and Greg Wren. His aunts are Ali Wren and Amber Wren, his great-aunt is Paula Bruner and his cousins are Jeremy, Katelyn and Callie Bruner.

### Frank Jones Bible Lectures

10 a.m. Sundays in the Chapel. All invited!

*The Holy Spirit in the Church (as told in The Acts of the Apostles)*



- **Aug. 29** — Meanwhile, Over in Corinth. 1 & 2 Corinthians On Sept. 5 we'll start "A Quick Look at All the Prophets," beginning with Amos, prophet of Justice.

### Sunday Transportation Drivers:

**Aug. 29** — Bruce, Leigh and Luke Walls, 327-3556

**Sept. 5** — Terry and Janice James, 329-0489

**Sept. 12** — Bob McCormack (327-5705) and Pat Bowles

**Sept. 19** — Jerry and Lorlie March, 327-3230

**Sept. 26** — Joe and Wanda Eason, 327-7929

Please call if you want to be picked up for Sunday school or worship and are not on our "regular" rider list.



**Rice Depot Trip** - Saturday, Aug. 28. We leave the church parking lot at 7:50 a.m. Please call the church or Marilyn Mayfield @ 327-5102 if you plan to go.

### Confirmation Meeting Planned

Sixth Grade Student and Parent Confirmation Informational Meeting will be Sunday, Aug. 29, at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. You can call or e-mail Pam at the church (329-3801) for more information.

### It's a Wedding!

Since our Church Family has witnessed Ali's Baptism, her Confirmation into the Church, and all the beginning steps of her Faith Journey, we would like you all to celebrate with us the wedding of Alexandria Anne Wren to Richard Blanchette at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Paris Yates Chapel, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss. Thank you, Pam and Greg Wren



### Outdoor Ministries Says 'Thank You'

The Outdoor Ministries Committee would like to give a big Thank You to all the brave souls that helped with the Mount Eagle Campground Workday on Aug. 21. Twelve adults and one Youth battled the heat, intermittent rain showers and dust to replace sewer lines, straighten roof tins, frame out two shower stalls and clear massive piles of debris caused by the April 29 tornado. There is much more work to be done! We would also like to thank the FUMC Mission Committee for furnishing the funds for lunch.

We have tons of work to finish before the rededication of the campground in memory of Allan Bruner, so watch your Witness for future opportunities to help with physical labor and/or financial support of this endeavor.

## HOLISTIC STEWARDSHIP

### HOSPITAL

**Conway Regional:** David Wardlaw; John Workman.

**Out of Town:** Mike Smyers (Tricia O'Connor's father).

### PRAYERS

**For Those Serving Overseas:** Robert Courtway; Ben Rand (nephew of Roy and Polly Martin); Rob Kielty (Jill Hankins' brother-in-law); Patrick Miller (Joyce Miller's son and Melanie Codermo's brother); Dave McClanahan (Lowell and Marsha McClanahan's son).

### PRESENCE

Total Attendance in worship: 528

{8:45-127; 9:00-200; 11:00-201}

Sunday School Attendance: 216

Aug. 22, 2010

### GIFTS

In honor of Frances Clark by: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nixon

In honor of George & Caralou Millar by: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nixon

In honor of Ann Marie Baker by: Jim & Mary Lamoyeux

In honor of Frank & Sue Jones by: Burvin Alread

In honor of Charles & Cheri Murry by: Burvin Alread

In honor of Frank & Mary Jane Moix by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Martin & Jennifer Moix & Children by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Michael & Mylissa Moix & Children by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Hank Allen by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Roger & Linda Mills by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Doug & Ann Poindexter by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Sam, Carla, Eva & Samantha Bentley by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of George & Debbie Bratton by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Jerry & Joyce Lancaster by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of Greg & Pam Wren by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of George & Janette Covington by: An Anonymous Donor

In honor of George & Brandi Covington & Children by: An Anonymous Donor

In memory of Wanda Coleman by: Milton & Claudia Davis, George Hartje Class, John & Glenda Brownlee

In memory of Lora Cude by: Bob & Barbara Henry

In memory of Louise Malpica by: Sylvia Meriwether

In memory of George Alread by: Milton & Claudia Davis, Phil & Polly Bumpers, Bob & Barbara Henry, Gene & Meredith Wilbourn, Sylvia Meriwether

In memory of Cabe Isom by: Byron & Betty Freeland, Allan & Carole Isom, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nixon

### SERVICE

Many thanks to Joan Ausburn, Don Robbins, John Collier and Beth Ruple for helping with a large mailing project.

### Music Calendar

**Monday, Aug. 30, 4 to 5 p.m.** – Senior High Handbell Choir rehearsals begin (hang time 3:30 to 4)

**Wednesday, Sept. 1, 5 to 6 p.m.** – Children's Music Open House/Registration (Choir Room)

**Sunday, Sept. 5** – No Youth Choir/Praise Band

**Monday, Sept. 6** – No Senior High Handbells

**Wednesday, Sept. 8, 4 to 6 p.m.** – regular Wednesday music programming begins

**Sunday, Sept. 19** – Youth Choir, 8:45 service

**Sunday, Oct. 3** – Chancel Ringers, both sanctuary services

## Worship on Sunday, Aug. 29

Sanctuary Worship: 8:45 & 11 a.m.

**Scripture** — Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Psalm 146; Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Sermon** — “Social Revolution Through Manners”

**Preaching** — Rev. Regina Gideon

I love how Jesus used everyday things and showed how they were endowed with meaning. Does it signify anything when a person sits at the head of the dining room table at your house? It does ours. Seats at the table had special meaning in Jesus’ time, too. When you invite people for a party do you invite your friends and family or do you invite the people no one wants to be around? Manners are different in the kingdom of God, you see. Where everyone has a seat at the table, and the very poorest person could very well be seated at the head seat. Come Sunday as we discuss what this means for us as disciples of the revolutionary Savior Jesus the Christ.

**Good News Celebration: 9 a.m., Great Hall**

**Scripture** - Luke 14:1 and 7-14

**Sermon** - “Inside the Velvet Ropes”

**Preaching** — Rev. Charles Murry

By this time in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus was the cause of increasing suspicion. The opening verse includes the phrase, “[the Pharisees] were watching him closely.” In verse 7, Jesus is watching them closely. The message on Aug. 29 concentrates on verses 12 through 14. In this brief scene, four of the five practices -- hospitality, faith development, mission and service, and generosity -- become evident, and “risk-taking” is the operative adjective. The hospitality is risk-taking because friends are lost over actions like these. The faith development is risk-taking because we are called to think in a way that is a minority viewpoint. The mission and service is risk-taking because we are called to be with people who are outsiders and who carry a “boat-load” of baggage. The generosity is risk-taking (not because quid pro quo is absent); it is possible we would not even receive a word of gratitude or a note saying “thank you.”

## Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010

- 8:00 A.M. First Service Singers warmup, 202
- 8:00 A.M. Praise Band practice, Great Hall
- 8:45 A.M. Worship, Sanctuary\*
- 9:00 A.M. Good News Celebration, Great Hall\*
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School\*
- 10:00 A.M. Church & Society 5th Sunday program, F. Hall
- 10:00 A.M. Confirmation Youth/Parent mtg, Sanctuary
- 10:30 A.M. Chancel Choir warmup, 202\*
- 11:00 A.M. Worship, Sanctuary\*
- 5:00 P.M. Fifth Sunday Service, Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. United Methodist Youth Fellowship, Great Hall

## Monday, Aug. 30, 2010

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Group, 1003
- 11:00 A.M. Staff meeting, 216
- 3:00 P.M. Prayer Misfits, 1003
- 6:00 P.M. Troop 71, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Practice in Chapel
- 6:30 P.M. Sr. High GLEEkS, Bowen home
- 6:30 P.M. Troop 71, B13
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Ringers rehearsal, 202
- 7:00 P.M. GNC Planning, 107

## Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010

- 8:00 A.M. Open Walking Time, Great Hall
- 8:45 A.M. Program Staff retreat, Café (until 2 p.m.)
- 9:00 A.M. Food Pantry (until noon), Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Jr. High GLEEkS, Coker home
- 6:30 P.M. Early Childhood Center Orientation, Great Hall

## Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010

- 7:00 A.M. Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 P.M. Witness Labelers, 107
- 3:00 P.M. Hang Time, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1110
- 3:00 P.M. Youth Gym Time, Great Hall
- 5:00 P.M. Children’s Choir & Bells Open House, 202, 212
- 6:00 P.M. 5th & 6th BeTweens, B13, B16, B29, B32
- 6:00 P.M. Practice in Chapel
- 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee, 107
- 6:45 P.M. 1, 2, 3 J.E.S.U.S. (7th-12th), 1109, 1110, 1112
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir, 202

## Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast Club, Lobby
- 8:00 A.M. Open Walking Time, Great Hall
- 9:00 A.M. Food Pantry (until noon), Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Green Team, 214
- 7:00 P.M. Praise Band practice, Great Hall

## Friday, Sept. 3, 2010

- 5:00 P.M. Long/Vendors wedding, Great Hall

## Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010

- 9:00 A.M. Communion Preparations

(\*) Child care provided. To request childcare for a calendared event, please call Pam at the church.

## SMARTeam Members Needed

Beginning on Tuesday, Aug. 31, the SMARTeam will meet for coffee and small repairs/maintenance at the church every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in helping out is invited.

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