

Please keep our Youth, their Leaders and chaperones in your prayers as they journey to and from Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, Saturday, June 27th-July 2nd.



**YOUTH IN MISSIONS- Lake J, NC—June 27th- July 2nd**

Even if you weren't able to go on this trip, one of the most important ways to be a part is to continue to offer up prayers for every youth and adult making this journey. And we will keep those fulfilling God's call at home in our prayers as well.  
See you Thursday, July 2nd!

† **Sunday night: No Lagniappe** (lan yap')

† **Tuesdays: 8:00pm Bible Study for rising Juniors and Seniors**  
Sheri Blankenship is leading a great study in the f.r.o.g. at the Barlow's

† **Wednesday—WWF (Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship)**  
4th of July Celebration  
\*starts with dinner @ 5:30 in CAC

\*\*If you have a design for our Lagniappe Summer T-shirt let Allison know\*\*



**LYLA CLAIRE  
BURLEY  
JUNE 18, 2009  
7lbs 2 oz**

**It's a Girl!**

**PARENTS: TIM AND KIMBERLY BURLEY**

*In celebration of the new addition to the Burley family, the United Methodist Women of Crossgates have given a Gift to Mission in the name of Lyla Claire Burley.*

*The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 6th for the 4th of July Holiday. The Church Office will also be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Friday, July 10th due to staff vacations.*



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
AMERICA!**

**GIFTS GIVEN...**

**In Memory of:**

B. C. Tadlock  
Helen File  
Mary E. Peek  
John Medric Warren  
Larry Therrell

**Given by:**

Lucien and Connie Bourgeois (Refurbishment Fund)  
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Dale and Dot Tennyson (Memorial Fund)  
Joe and Martha Sanderson (Memorial Fund)  
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Thank you to all of my church family for all the sweet cards and well wishes you sent my way on my 90th birthday. My surprise party was truly a surprise and I appreciate everyone who came by and sent cards. I am truly blessed to be a part of Crossgates UMC.

God bless each of you,  
Bernice Strickland

**PASTOR'S SUMMER STUDY**

Based on the book  
"Ten Things I Wish Jesus Never Said"  
By Victor Kuligin

**MONDAYS IN JUNE AND JULY**

11:30 a.m. Lunch (\$2.00)  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Teaching  
Location: *Holy Grounds Youth Building*

June 29 Teacher: Oscar McGough on Matt. 6:15  
July 6 **CHURCH CLOSED**  
July 13 Teacher: Oscar McGough on Luke 14:26  
July 20 Teacher: John Moore on Matt. 7:21a  
July 27 Teacher: John Moore on Luke 9:62

**W.W.F.**

**Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship and Food!**

*Tired of "wrestling" with summer boredom? Have you had a "knockout" at work? We've got you in our corner! Join us for great food and a great time on Wednesday nights during June & July! Supper starts @ 5:30 p.m. as usual. Fun themed activities every week for all ages!*

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Fourth of July Celebration.  
(Bring your favorite homemade ice cream)

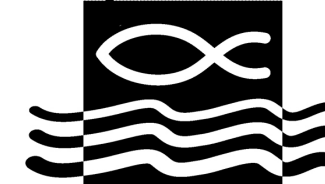
**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – Popcorn and a movie on the big screen

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** – "INNER"- G Night!  
(Wiggle Scooters, Space Jump, Games & crafts)

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Hymn Sing

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** – "Back By Popular Demand" Open Mic Night round #2!

**Baptized**



in the

**Name of Jesus**

*Christopher Jackson  
Peyton*

*DOB: January 8, 2009  
Baptism: June 28, 2009  
Parents: Chris and Kelley  
Peyton*

**CUMC Kids Korner**

**Kids Summer Bible Challenge...**

*Anyone who can memorize the books of the New Testament in order and recite them to your Sunday School Teacher before August 1<sup>st</sup> will be treated to a special surprise outing!!!!*

**SUNDAY NIGHTS FOR KIDS...**

We will not have our regular children's ministry activities on Sunday nights throughout the summer – "Family Time"

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR KIDS...**

Join us on Wednesday nights in June and July beginning @ 5:30 for supper and **W.W.F.**  
\*\*\*See the schedule\*\*\*

**July 24<sup>th</sup>** (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Splash Park @ Shiloh Park  
Meet at Shiloh Park in the pavilion next to the Splash park (\$5.00 includes a pizza lunch)  
\* Chaperones needed

**Wednesday, July 1st Evening Meal...**  
Baked Potato Bar, Salad Bar, Homemade Ice Cream & Brownies

**OUR PRAYER CONCERNS...**

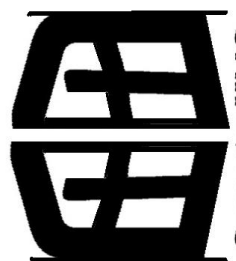
Magaret Anderson*	Claudia Arender*
Polly Wright*	Geraldine Kynerd*
Jo Whatley*	Ellis Mason*
Charles Caven*	
Allison Owen	Catherine Owen's Granddaughter
Byron Vanlandingham	Teresa Vanlandingham's Husband
Don	Teresa Vanlandingham's Brother-in-law
Carolyn Bledsoe	Nancy Zwier's Mother
Kim Hanson	
Kay Pearce	
Don and Louise Cravens	
Bud Anderegg	Jack Anderegg's Brother
Paul Bird	
Joel Jones	
Jim Duncan	
John Lewis West	
Nash McLendon	
Robert Crews	
Judy Attaway, Dorothy & Locke	
Jeff Myers	
Jeff Arender	
Lisa Pace	
James McIntire	
Shirley McIntire	
George Anderegg	Jack Anderegg's Brother
Catherine Bracken	Debby Jones' Mother
David and Bethany Lane	
Sarah Hyde	Lynn and Paul Williams' Niece
Jimmy Lynn Chestnut	
Connie Hillock	
Vince Barber	
Carolyn Grant	John Grant's Mother
Clayton Osman	Nancy Moore's Father
Nell Payne	Geraldine Kynerd's Sister
Mary Crowder	Geraldine Kynerd's Sister
David Robinson	
Sherry Felder	
Patten Lane	Ben and Allison Rester's Nephew
James Nickles, Sr.	Jim Nickles' Father
Raymond White	Marie Nickles' Father
Crissie Williamson	
Virginia Shirley	Ira Kynerd's Niece
Jan Gardner	
Our Service Men and Women	

**June 28, 2009 Worship Service...**

**Ushers:**  
8:30 a.m. Bill Barnett  
10:30 a.m. Grant Standiford, David Pennington, Larry Rademacher, Steve Therrell, Mike Rowell, Randy Pittman, Lucien Bourgeois, Ray West

**Nursery:** 9:15 a.m. Lindsey Carr  
10:30 a.m. Teresa Lindsey

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"Where the Cross is  
the Gate to Life"

<b>Senior Pastor</b> Rev. John C. Moore sp@crossgatesumc.org	<b>Visitation Pastor</b> Rev. Art Kinstley	<b>Music Staff</b> Jay Carr, Interim Celia Lymberis, Organist	Lynn Dickerson, Interim Medero Carr, Pianist
<b>Associate Pastor /Lay Discipleship</b> Rev. Oscar McGough	<b>Associate Pastor /Youth Minister</b> Rev. Allison Dickerson	<b>Children's Center Director</b> Colleen Smith	
<b>Food Services Manager</b> Jo Mary Garner	<b>Administrative Assistant</b> Vicki Nicholson	<b>Financial Administrator</b> Margo West	
<b>Nursery Director</b> Stephanie Wilson	<b>Director of Children's Ministries</b> Amy Hogue	<b>Director of Mom's Morning Out</b> Cynthia Armstrong	
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# Crossgates

## United Methodist Church

**Notes From Our Senior Pastor June 28, 2009**

Grace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Over the years of serving churches as well as during stints as a District Superintendent and Director of Connectional Ministries for the Mississippi Conference, there has been one abiding obstacle that has arisen time and time again. The obstacle is clearly defined in two words: **"UNACCOUNTABLE HEARSAY."**

"Somebody told me...!" "I heard..." "They're saying..." The calls I get from folk often begin as noted in one of these forms. And 9 times out of 10, the conversation ends like this: "Tell me who is it that is saying such a thing?" The response: "They/He/She made me promise I wouldn't give their/his/her name."

According to Perry Mason, "Hearsay" is not admissible in court. The best I figure the only thing worse than "hearsay" is "unaccountable hearsay." Management practice calls the situation of unaccountable hearsay **Triangling**. Instead of going directly to a person to express an opinion or a feeling, you set up a third person to be your fall guy. Once you have established a fall guy, all you have to do is sit back and watch the stew as it simmers. And many times, the result is that the stew gets so hot that it boils over. Whoa! What an ensuing mess.

The practice utilized by District Superintendents when someone voices an opinion or complaint is to have it put in writing and signed by the person who has the concern. If the concern is not worth putting in writing or not worth having one's name attached to it, it is considered frivolous. Over the years I would hear the complaint that such a procedure stifled people from expressing an opinion. In response, I usually suggested that a person with the concern get another church member to sign the statement of concern or complaint with them. It worked beautifully.

Hearsay repeated over and over again has many consequences. The short of it is that it becomes just plain old Gossip. Gossip is the beginning of rumor. Rumor can soon birth Innuendo. And before you know it you'll hear... "I'm not saying its true. I'm just telling you what I heard."

My door is open anytime a member has a question or a concern about our church. The only thing is... I will ask where the concern originated or with whom. Why? If the concern is on target, we need to be able to acknowledge it. If the concern is baseless, we need to be able to stop the gossip before it creates a useless mess.

John Brother