



“Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand has provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”

These words are from the refrain of the hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (140 in *The United Methodist Hymnal*). My mother had reminded me of these words when we were on a service project in Greenville, South Carolina with college students helping to rebuild following Hurricane Hugo. She was in her 70's then and has suffered from arthritis as long as I can remember. We were staying in a YMCA and planning to sleep on the floor. As we looked around I found a roll-away bed in a closet and we put it next to an air hockey table which gave her something sturdy to help her get up from the bed. She was so thankful that she wouldn't have to sleep on the floor and that she had something sturdy to help her get up that she sang those words, “All I have needed thy hand has provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.”

What has God provided for you? How has God been faithful unto you?

The lectionary reading for 4th Sunday in Pentecost tells of Jesus healing the demon-possessed man and sending the Legion of demons into a large herd of pigs. The man begged Jesus to go with him “but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return home and tell how much God has done for you.’ So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.”(Luke 8:39) If God in Christ has provided all you have needed and if God has been faithful unto you, where have you told how much Jesus has done for you?

Diane Baldwin this past Sunday in reporting on Annual Conference made reference to the familiar strangers we encounter regularly. They are those people we see and greet at the gym or the store or the dry cleaners or on our regular walks around the neighborhood. She invited us to simply mention God's faithfulness to us and see where the conversation leads.

The Reverend David Byrum at his installation as the new East District Superintendent on Tuesday, June 29th reflected on John 1:6, “There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.” David marveled that God chooses to send us, particular people in particular places, to witness and testify to the light of the world we experience in Jesus the Christ. David also reminded us that as baptized Christians wherever we are is the mission field.

May we be faithful disciples sharing the good news of what God has done for us here in Muncie and wherever we are.

Shalom in Christ,

John



July-August Reminder

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July...

1st Joe Mitchell
2nd Amy Clevenger
5th Lydia Reese
6th Julia Cougill
Gwynneth Pittenger
8th Betty Satterfield
9th Jeannie Riggin
10th Peggy Polk
Benjamin Shocklee
12th Marge Salisbury
13th Grace Rankin
15th Stephanie Turner
18th Jerry Golden
20th Yvonne Reese
30th Cindy Miller
31st Eva Case



August...

1st Ann Golden
2nd Ruth Garringer
4th Bob Harvey
7th Jerry Hill
9th Odessa DeHaven
10th Donna Pittenger
13th Ann Beuoy
14th Jeanette Taylor
16th Diane Baird
Marlene Boyer
21st Tim Heniser
24th Rex Pittenger
27th Henry Dorton
31st Larry Souders



July...

2nd Jim & Beverly Reese
6th Matt & Nicole Affolder
18th Maurice & Nancy Carver
26th Rex & Cindy Miller
28th Herb & Karen Blank
31st Bill & Pat Terhune

August...

1st Max & Sandy Jordan
9th Larry & Jeanine Souders
24th Larry & Nancy Campbell
25th Doran & Joyce Kendall
26th Rex & Donna Pittenger
Fred & Elaine Wallace
27th Rich & Aonde Carraway

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Give thanks with a grateful heart for...

Pat Brown and the Bread of Life team and everyone that donated food and helped prepare it following the funeral service for Larry Dorton.

The Riverside Prayer Walkers for faithfully walking through the neighborhoods throughout Muncie and praying.

Jim Reese for mowing the vacant lot when needed with his lawn mower.

John & Missi Young for removing the tree limbs from behind Covenant Partners UM Church.

Nancy Thompson & Fritz Dolak for being song leaders.

Janet Schamp for her creative gifts in designing the beautiful bulletin board in the lobby.

To our Liturgists that have served in this ministry so far this year: Dorothy Bowman, Nancy Campbell, Janet Schamp, Mary Schumacher, Susan Reno, Diane Baldwin and Fred Wallace.

The Riverside Praise Team for faithfully bringing us beautiful and inspirational music.

The baptism of Tyler David Affolder on July 4th.



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Ministry Support

Church Work Day: Everyone is invited to help do some work around the church, inside and out, on Saturday the 17th of July. We will meet at the church at 9:00am and plan to be finished by noon.

Neely Door Entrance: We discovered recently that the drain line that carries rain water from the downspouts on the south side of the church building out to the street has collapsed. This has caused the concrete slab that leads to the steps outside the door to sink. It is also causing the south wall in Fellowship Hall to deteriorate and is also allowing water to seep in beneath the wall. A Contractor has been selected and work began on the 1st of July. Your prayers will be appreciated that all work will be done quickly and safely and that no additional problems will be uncovered.

Riverside Riders: The Good Lord smiled on the Riverside Riders on the morning of the 5th of June and kept the rain away until our ride was completed. Larry, Fred, Diane, John, Missi and Tom enjoyed riding on the Cardinal Greenway that morning and are looking forward to the next ride on the 3rd of July. Won't you join us? We'll be meeting at Riverside at 8:00am.

Community Garden at Riverside: Have you noticed the garden on the back corner lot? Well, the next time you see Jim & Beverly Reese be sure to thank them for coordinating everything it took to make that happen. Thanks also to Bill Pittenger for donating his time and equipment to till the ground. Members of Covenant Partners UMC have planted corn, tomatoes, peppers, beans, etc. and are expecting a bumper crop this year. Thanks Jim & Bev for all your work.

Commonway at Riverside: Will begin again on August 29th at 7:00pm.

Prayer Partners: Will meet on the last Monday of the month at 6:00pm in September and December.

August Book of the Month: "*LORD, I JUST WANT TO BE HAPPY*" By: Leslie Vernick
(Review from Amazon.com)

By the second page of the first chapter my yellow highlighter was busy.

As a personal growth book it is the one I will reread and buy more to pass on to many people that are looking for answers to true happiness. Leslie tells us how to live on purpose - not merely exist - by giving us tools to fall more deeply in love with Jesus. You learn how to appreciate your life more, practice good self talk, use self discipline, not have unrealistic expectations and many more healthy life practices.

Leslie points us away from what the world tries to tell us that will make us happy to the truth that happiness isn't in sinful pleasures but truthful thinking, right relationships, right choices and right living. Because we cannot correct something we cannot see, this book will open your eyes to the life Jesus wants you to have and will encourage you to let Jesus transform you.

Questions at the end of each chapter make it an easy book to use as a Bible Study!

Want to order *LORD, I JUST WANT TO BE HAPPY?* Cost: **\$11.12 (includes tax)**
Deadline to order: **July 31, 2010**

Intentional Faith Development

Scriptures Offered For Memorization

Psalm 33:4

For the word of the Lord is right and true;
He is faithful in all he does.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please Pray For The Following...

- July 1-10** President Obama and his advisors for God's direction for national security and domestic policies.
- July 11-17** Bishop Coyner and our new District Superintendent David Byrum
- July 18-24** Dale Mendenhall (new pastor at High Street) and Vickie Perkins (new pastor at Gethsemane)
- July 25-31** That we would all be ready to discuss or share our faith with anyone who asks.
- August 1-7** Gethsemane and High Street
- August 8-14** College Avenue and Selma UMC
- August 15-21** Selma Christ and Union Chapel
- August 22-31** Hartford City Grace and Center Chapel



Fair Week...

July 19th-24th.

If you are interested in donating or distributing water to those attending the fair, please sign up at the table in the narthex.

For more information, see Tom Schamp.

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July and August Hosts and Minglers

DATE	OUTSIDE DOOR	INSIDE DOOR	LOBBY MINGLER	SANCTUARY MINGLER
7/04/10	Fred & Bob Wallace	Sandy Abbott	Janet Schamp	Wilma Grile
7/11/10	Diane Baldwin & Sandy Hunter	Kay Farling	Mary Schumacher	Cindy Miller
7/18/10	Herb & Karen Blank	Jo Clevenger	Judy Turner	Janette Taylor
7/25/10	Jack Stanton & Jim Reese	Beverly Reese	Susan Reno	Pat Ashcraft
8/01/10	Terry Jacobs & Jack Richardson	Ann Beouy	Margaret Ann Deboy	Viv Jacobs
8/08/10	Rex Pittenger & Harry Shelby	Wilma Carney	Odessa DeHaven	Virginia Sharp
8/15/10	Jack Richardson & Mark Clevenger	Amy Clevenger	Betty Lacey	Florence Shelby
8/22/10	Joe & Judy Van Winkle	Susan Reno	Cindy Miller	Lynn Wright
8/29/10	Jack Stanton & Dorothy Bowman	Marlene Boyer	Nellie Campbell	Janet Schamp



Having Greeters each Sunday is an important ministry at Riverside. If you are unable to serve when scheduled please get someone to fill in for you or contact Pat Ashcraft or Amy Clevenger.

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COVENANT PARTNERS COMMUNITY DAY

Community Day will continue on the fourth Thursday of the month. Please bring your bags of supplies by Tuesday, July 20th for the next event on July 22nd. Also, please see Susan Reno or Mary Schumacher if you would be willing to share part of your day on those Thursdays from 10-2 with the people at Covenant Partners. You will be blessed.

Tools for Schools

The annual **Hearts and Hands “Celebrate Back to School”** event where over 1500 Muncie and Delaware County students are served free school supplies and shoes will take place the 7th of August at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. The Muncie Cluster, which includes Riverside, has the opportunity this year to prepare breakfast for the event in our kitchen. We also have the opportunity to donate school supplies and/or make a monetary donation and someone will purchase them for you. Pat Brown and Bill and Nellie Campbell will be coordinating our efforts this year. Please say yes when asked to help.

RIVERSIDE WORKCAMPERS

The Riverside work campers traveled to Owensboro, Kentucky by a scenic route along the Ohio River and arrived to find air conditioned accommodations in the First Christian Church. They attended church at First Christian and attended a Father’s Day brunch at the botanical garden followed by a tour of Owensboro. On Monday the work began and they built and set all the walls for a three bedroom home for Joel, Kelly and their 3 “kiddos” son, Blake, and sisters, Brittany and Amber all of whom assisted the work campers with the build. The work campers did finishing work on another habitat house which is to be dedicated the first of July and painted 25 houses (bird house for center pieces for a local habitat dinner). The campers met some wonderful people, ate lots of tasty food and drank lots of water as the temperature was in the 90’s every day. Owensboro was pleased with the work they had completed and the campers were ready to start thinking about next year.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND PASTORAL CARE

On Sunday, August 1st the Reverend John Parks will bring the message and celebrate Holy Communion.

On Sunday, August 8th Dr. Fritz Dolak will reflect on The Good Samaritan [Luke 10:25 – 33](#)

From July 30th through August 8th the Reverend David Neuen will cover pastoral care emergencies. His cell phone number is 760-1508.

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Pam Morford penned the following story:

"This hittith the naile on the hed." John Heywood: 1546

Clinkity-chink! Clinkity-chink!

Hey, look - a new nail has joined us in Joe Speece's tool apron.

Hi! What are we doing?

Well, we're all nails Joe is using for a Habitat project in Owensboro, KY. If you're lucky, when he reaches down for a nail, he'll pick you, and you can be part of this new house.

Tell me about it.

That group of nail pounding people is from Indiana. They're here for a week. And they are **HARD WORKERS**. They finished the sill plate, framed all the outside walls, raised them and framed inside walls. The porch is started, they put on the top plate and the dry wall plate, and installed backer blocks to fasten the kitchen cabinets to. The house is ready for trusses.

So, who is going to live in it?

See that boy in the red shorts over there? Blake. He has the room at the back left corner. George, one of the workers, calls him his apprentice. See those two girls over there loading the wheel barrow with sand? Brittany and Amber, sisters. They sometimes don't get along, but look how much they are helping with this project. All three kids are planning to write in their new journals about the day to day changes in their new house. See that really tall guy in the yellow tee shirt pounding nails in the top plate? Joel, the dad. He has learned a lot about how a house goes together. See that lady over there in the blue tee shirt? Kelly, the mom. When the first wall was raised she was watching till her eyes filled up with tears. "That's going to be my house!"

And what do those people from Indiana do when they're all tired out?

For the week they are living in King Tut's Palace, at First Christian Church.

A palace???

Well, tell me what you think: hot showers, air conditioning, fully equipped kitchen, library, easy chairs and game table, a "deep sea" room for the men's sleeping bags, the "Gap" classroom for the women's sleeping bags, and total friendliness from everyone they meet at their temporary home.

And when they disappear from this site at noon? Where do they go?

Every lunch is served them in the cool conference room at the Habitat Office. Each day friends of Habitat bring great warm weather lunches and lots of beverages. One family even invited the **WHOLE** group for dinner at their house. And they are royally entertained by Virginia, the head honcho, with stories of enabling others to get caught up in the exciting reality of Habitat for Humanity.

Whoops! Joe's hand just slipped by me. He's getting down to the bottom of the nail supply. I bet we get to join this house today. Quick, fill me in on what these Hoosiers are doing besides pounding nails..

Here's a short list: walking to the river, visiting the Blue Grass Museum, admiring the wooden crosses at the Settle United Methodist Church, lunching at the Botanical Gardens during the day lily show, touring the Habitat projects in Owensboro, licking treats at Lic's, wearing new green tee shirts, helping to finish the 4th Street house.

Clinkity-chink. Clinkity-chink. Here we go. Think of the new sights we'll see when this house is ready for Blake, Amber and Brittany.



Message from Dr. Roger

People ask how KIDS HOPE USA keeps the overwhelming majority of their mentors from year to year. They ask what causes the dramatic improvement in the academics and behavior of children we mentor. The answer of course begins with a caring mentor. But, ultimately the power that facilitates growth comes from the faithful prayers of the mentor and prayer partner. School administrators, teachers, and parents of mentored students all attest to the success of our approach after other interventions have failed.

I discovered that almost everyone believes in the power of prayer. When my church does urban ministry in Chicago, we go door to door asking residents what physical needs they have that we could assist with. Before we leave, we always ask if we can pray for the family and have never been refused regardless of the family's faith or lack thereof.

I like Phillip Yancey's definition of prayer. "It's the process by which our human plans become aligned with God's perfect plan." That would certainly explain why our willingness to tap into the ultimate power source would result in the changes we see in the children we mentor.

Message from Barry Turner

The next school year is fast approaching and Mentors and Prayer Partners are needed. Please call me (288-4630) or see me at church and say "I'd like to be a Mentor". The next training session will be at Riverside on Saturday the 14th of August from 8:00 to noon.



Spirited

"a visitation from Jonathan and Janet"

On Saturday, July 10th Riverside will be hosting daily columnist/ humorist, Jonathan Richard Cring and master musician Janet Clazzy. The performance is at 11:00 A.M; a morning of music and monologue, including readings from Mr. Cring's book *Digging for Gold (in the rule)* with original musical tunes performed by Ms. Clazzy on the oboe and WX-5 Wind Machine.

Mr. Cring is the author of eleven books, including *I'M. . .the legend of the son of man, 20 Other Reasons to Kiss a Frog, Jesonian, and Living a Legendary Life*, a winner of a Billboard Music Award, recent recipient of the Best Screenplay Award at the **Top Ten Films in America**, and has a daily column at www.jonathots.com.

COMING SOON: LOAVES AND FISHES EVENT!

Jesus used 5 loaves + 2 fishes to feed 5,000



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YOUR TALENT + YOUR TIME
can help educate hundreds of children
through OPERATION CLASSROOM

Start thinking what talent or service you could offer for our fundraiser!

*BE READY SEPTEMBER 19th!
EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER!*

Below is the school that our district will be supporting for Operation Classroom. All of our scholarships and YES kits will go to them!

BAOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Baoma Secondary School is in the Koya chiefdom in the Eastern District and is approximately 35 miles from Bo. The school has over 750 students and a teaching staff of 38. Baoma emphasizes self-help. The school recently planted an oil palm plantation which in 3 years will help the school to become self-supporting.



Priorities include:

- Completion of a staff duplex
- Upgrading the science lab
- Provide at least 100 desk sets
- Provide the need equipment and supplies for the vocational program
- Providing 100 scholarships

**RIVERSIDE GOALS TO
SUPPORT BAOMA:**

SUPPLY 100 YES KITS

**DONATE \$2,500 IN
SCHOLARSHIP
MONEY**

**THANKS FOR YOUR
HELP!**

School of Christian Mission 'God's School' open for registrations

Registration time is here for the July 13-16 School of Christian Mission at Anderson University, in Anderson. The one day Sampler event is July 17 (formerly Super Saturday in the South and Drive-In Day for North). God has opened windows of new opportunities for Indiana women. The School Committee has deemed this as "God's School". You will not want to miss this first school as one conference organization.

This year's studies include For the Love of God: John's Letters; The Beauty and Courage of Sudan; and Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity will be led by leaders with experience in the mission field. Everyone will take the spiritual growth study led by Rev. Derek Weber. In addition, all participants will select one of the remaining two studies.

The school has mission studies for all ages. Children ages 3-grade 5 and youth sixth grade through high school learn about God's love, people from other lands, and how we, as Christians, can make a difference in world.

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Come prepared to have your mind stretched, your spirit filled, and your heart warmed by the fellowship of kindred souls – women who delight in learning about God’s people and how we can be more effectively in mission to alleviate injustices in the world.

Anderson University is a beautiful campus and the university is allowing School of Christian Mission participants to utilize its amenities. A swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, a state-of-the-art indoor track and wellness center, museums, and campground are a few of its wonderful amenities. Kids of all ages are sure to enjoy this new venue.

Study books are included in this year’s registration fee and will be mailed to the registrants once the form is received. Registration forms are available through district presidents and online at www.gbgm-umc.org/indumw/.

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MISSIONS TEAM 2009 YEAR END SUMMARY

The Missions Team has compiled a summary of the giving of goods, services, and money for the 2009 year. We want to thank the generous, giving people at Riverside! Your participation at any level serves to touch the lives of those in need in some way. Below are the many ways we reached out to help others in 2009. The final estimated dollar value for the contributions of time, money, or donations came to over **\$15,000** for the year!

Our main missions in 2009 were Christian Ministries, Covenant Partners, and Habitat for Humanity. The dollar value contributed to these groups amounted to about \$7,300.

From special church offerings on Christmas Eve, UMCOR special offerings, Lenten offerings, One Great Hour of Sharing offering, and our missionary support to the Vances came to about \$2,000.

Special mission events brought in:

-Christian Ministries Crop Walk:	\$1,232
-Sleep Room help:	\$100
-Covenant Partners Dinners	\$100
-Heifer Program (Christmas)	\$1,097
-Muncie Mission Walk A Mile	\$1,100
-Salvation Army	\$1,097
-Wheels for Timmy	\$53
-Homeward Bound	\$30

Of course, we can’t forget all of the donated hours of giving which are difficult to attach a dollar value to. Things like the Kid’s Hope program volunteers (Barry Turner, chair); helpers for Christian Ministries, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, and volunteers who take bags and food to Covenant Partners and to Christian Ministries. For Harold Grile and Rex Pittenger who drove to Indy to get fruit and to Anderson to get bread for the Pantry. For those who rang bells for Salvation Army and those who quietly served someone in need, thank you! We are the hands of God, and we appreciate you for your kindness!

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This year is going to be even more exciting for Riverside's outreach with Operation Classroom (to the Baoma Secondary School, Sierra Leone, West Africa) as one of our new missions. Ways to serve will be posted at church, on our web page, and in bulletins, but our major goals for this program are:

- YES kit school supplies – 100 bags
- Scholarship money donations to pay for student's schooling - \$2,500 goal
- Mission Trip planned for summer 2011

Shalom,

The Riverside Missions Team