A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

WELCOME to all who may be receiving our newsletter for the first time. We have been so delighted to welcome new people to the fellowship of our church in recent weeks!

If you stop by the church building on a weekday in October or November, you will hear the sound of hammers and drills. (See "Under Construction," below.) All programs and services will continue, with a bit of extra adventure. The construction will not disrupt the *October 31 Trunk or Treat*, one of our

biggest events of community connection, so invite all the children you know to join us here!

We are planning a "rededication" of the sanctuary in connection with our annual "Anniversary Sunday," now scheduled for November 22. Prepare to celebrate!

We do need to alert our faithful givers, that, with lots of giving this year for specially designated projects, the general budget is running about one month behind, so we all need to do our part to keep the church moving forward.

THANKS to **Brandon Bundy** for leading our local presentation of *Financial Peace University*. Eleven have attended, and we expect good things to come to our families from this challenging presentation.

I was honored to be able to officiate at the **wedding of Donna Harris and Troy Lloyd** on September 19, and the **baptism of Faith McKee** the next day. What a wonderful weekend! We are planning *one more service of baptism before the year is over, so speak to one of the church leaders if you are interested in beginning preparation.* We will also offer an orientation class, beginning October 25, for persons who are exploring becoming official "members" of the church.

In the Love of Christ, Pastor Dwight T Gregory

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Construction begins this week on the **total updating of the sanctuary.** To speed the process, we are giving the contractors full access to the sanctuary until the project is completed. **SO... we will be worshiping in the Fellowship Hall for the next few weeks.** This will involve some inconvenience, but the results will be worth it when we move back in and enjoy new seating, carpet, lighting, sound, and more. Don't let the disruption scare you away—come and enjoy worshiping in a really "full house!"

THANKS to all who have given so generously for our building renovation project! We have received nearly \$90,000 in Building Fund gifts since we presented the proposal three years ago, so we can complete this phase with no borrowing. Enough is left for a head-start on the next phase, and the Building Committee has also voted to place 10% of Building Fund receipts into a special fund to anticipate depreciation of equipment and facilities. This will avoid emergency appeals when major repairs become necessary unexpectedly.

THANKS to the building committee members who have worked so hard to bring the details together!



Find a friend, spouse, co-worker or maybe an acquaintance and pick a dynamic duo to dress up and decorate your car accordingly. We need volunteers to do security, popcorn, hot chocolate and greeting people as they come to the parking lot. Please donate candy and place it in the pumpkin in the Lobby.

If you would like to decorate a car or volunteer to help, you may contact Lori Schroyer at 361.0734, Erin Smith at 812.7374, Sarah Baird at 640.8228 or the church office at 732.0648.

Church and youth News

GET PLUGGED IN

There is a place for you to plug in.... find it...

Life Groups Children











The Ladies Bible Study is on Tuesday, October 21st at 10AM. If you would like to be part of this study please call Martha Borgers at 619.1196.

BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Please speak with Pastor Dwight, or call the church office, if you are interested in being baptized or becoming a member. We offer a five-week orientation class for persons who want to understand the mission of our church.

"Grief for the Holidays" will be held here at church on Saturday, November 7th @10:00am for anyone who has lost a loved one and needs ideas for coping with missing that special person during the upcoming holiday season.

For more information, contact Pastor Paula Farley at 618.9595.

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION and ARCADIA CORN MAZE

On Friday, October 16th, the youth will leave the church at 2PM to go to Quail Springs Mall to hand out letters for the Silent Auction in December. After handing out letters the youth will head over to the Arcadia Corn Maze. Admission is \$10 per person, which includes the corn maze, hay fort and inflatables. Following the corn maze we will head to Pops for a drink and then to have

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dinner at Subway.



ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

If you have not been asked and would like to be part of the Adult Christmas choir the practices will begin on



October 18th at 3PM in the Chapel.

For more information you may contact
Laura Bosse at 405.808.0970.





