EXCITING WEEK AT WAM CAMP
“GOD OF THIS CITY”

The Fellowship Building at the Andrew Jackson Campus was packed the week of July 15 – 19 as 78 campers, 18 youth, and 8 staff members gathered for our worship arts and music camp. We had 14 different churches in the area represented, and it was glorious to come together as old friendships from last year were reunited and new ones made.

The campers worked all week from 9:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon! Small groups and classes were held in various locations at the church and lots and lots of learning, creating, singing, choreography and worship occurred.

We were excited to be able to incorporate an amazing service project called “Stop Hunger Now” into our week. The children packed 10,000 servings of food to be distributed to hungry people around the world. To learn more about “Stop Hunger Now”, visit their website at www.stophungernow.com.

Pictured above is Mrs. Rita with Erin Hardin (left) and Amber Tucker (right). The boxes represent 10,000 boxes of rice that were provided to “Stop Hunger Now.” Great job!!!

The campers presented the program “God of This City” on Saturday and Sunday evenings, July 20 and 21. The beautiful message of the program resonated from the building and an art gallery display followed the presentations.

Our Senior High Crossfire Ministry Students were in Marks, MS during the week of July 13 - 20, 2013. See page four for reflections from three of our senior youth.
Wednesday Nights for Children

Our preschoolers through grade 4 will begin a study of “Huzzah for the King” when Wednesday nights resume on August 14th! This will be a continuation of kings and castles from our VBS this summer and this 12 week study will enable the children to learn about developing character traits in a fun and creative environment.

Each lesson is based on a proverb and uses a variety of methods to help children understand and apply the weekly character trait. A New Testament story from Jesus’ life will give the children a deeper understanding of the meanings behind the proverbs. Then, through interactive, multi-sensory activities, children will learn how to start developing these characteristics in their own lives. The lessons we will study are:

1. Making Right Choices: Wisdom
2. Giving with a Happy Spirit: Generosity
3. Doing the Right Thing: Obedience
4. Counting on Me: Trust
5. Sticking Close: Loyalty
6. Resisting Temptation: Self-control
7. Being Considerate: Kindness
8. Standing with Open Arms: Love
9. Living with Joy: Cheerfulness
10. Waiting without Complaining: Patience
11. Doing and Telling the Truth: Honesty
12. Knowing My Weaknesses: Humility

We will also incorporate learning lots and lots of scripture! In conjunction with this, a fun....very fun activity will be used each week for the children! That’s ALL we’re saying right now! Mark your calendars to COME and join in the fun on Wednesday nights, beginning August 14!

We WILL share the first scripture with you now! Learn this one and be ready to say it when we resume Wednesday nights on August 14! It’s gonna be great!

I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

“Rooted in the Faith”
Wednesday Night Kickoff
Belinda Campus
August 14, 2013
6:30pm

Classes for Adults

Perfect! Look no further if you want to just jump in and study the Scriptures for the first time... or feel the need to go over the basics of the Gospel again.

“Christian to the Core” Led by Rev. Allen Black
This study is a journey to become a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God’s greater purposes for your life. Get ready to explore the Eight Core Values that research has shown vibrant and dynamic Christians have in common. A workbook will be used and this will continue to develop the Sermon series, “Christian to the Core”.

“Develop Your Spiritual Gifts”
Led by Rob Siress & Dr. Tom Albin
The Scripture teaches us that all parts of the Body of Christ are important. True contentment and effectiveness in the living out of our lives is found in understanding how God has made us. This class will help you discover your spiritual gift, develop your spiritual gift and find insights into the strengths and precautions that one should be aware of in the living out of these gifts.

“Disciple I A: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study:"
Led by Dr. Fred Kimbrell
Have you ever wished you could see the whole picture of the Bible, how the parts fit together and how you fit into it? This could be the right class for you. Using daily Bible readings, weekly Wednesday night sessions with video segments, class instruction and sharing, you will cover the Old Testament. This class will be great for beginners or the most seasoned saints. Check out the video segment on the church web site.

“Living as Wise Women”
Led by Margie Siress & Maryle Albin
Join with other ladies as we explore various creative ways to live out our lives in the “day to day”. We will have various speakers on topics ranging from couponing, nutrition for your family, methods of managing your house, and presenting your best self in beautiful ways.
Record of Faithfulness

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness.”

In Our Prayers
Dan Dillon and family, on the death of his wife, Brenda
Stuart Johnson and family, on the death of his father
Anna Quail and her family, on the death of her brother, Fred Bain

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Yesterday's Youth (YY's) August Outing for Lunch & Production of "The King & I"

On Thursday, August 22, 2013, the YY's will travel to Crossville for lunch at Cumberland Mountain State Park, followed by a 2:30 p.m. performance of The King & I at the Cumberland Playhouse. The bus will leave HUMC promptly at 10:00 a.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. The cost for the play, lunch, and transportation is $65.00 per person. To hold your reservation for the play, payment must be received by Monday, August 12. Seats are limited, so first come, first served.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Are you interested in joining the Hermitage English Language Program (H.E.L.P.) ministry? HUMC is beginning our third year of this program which reaches out to assist our non-English speaking neighbors in learning to read, write and speak English. H.E.L.P. holds classes every Tuesday from 9:00am - 11:00am during the school year, with the help of 20+ volunteers and our staff.

If you are interested, we’d love to have your help! Volunteer opportunities are available in the classrooms, hospitality area, and nursery. Contact Mary Humber (975-4215 or mrandmrshumber@yahoo.com) or Paul Henrie (paul@humc.org or 883-3918, ext. 106) or come to the H.E.L.P. Volunteer Kick-off Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th, from 9:00am - 10:30am in Room 205.

I Sure Could Use a Stephen Minister Today....

I was going through a tough time in my life. Nothing catastrophic...financial stresses, struggles with marriage and parenting....I'm sure I could have handled it alone, but it was nice to know that I did not have to. I have a weekly visit with my Stephen Minister coming up later today. I know that I can "whine" and complain, share my fears, and even shed a tear if I need to. I also know that my Stephen Minister will listen and not judge me. Sometimes my Stephen Minister offers advice or a different perspective, but usually my Stephen Minister just listens, prays with me, and cares for me. I am so glad I took the hard step and asked for a Stephen Minister. I feel better just knowing that I'll have more inner peace after my Stephen Minister visits today.

If you could use some inner peace and would like to share your burdens with a Stephen Minister, call a Stephen Leader TODAY to get started. Call Tammy Ramsey (773-7847) or Marjorie Black (885-9795). All information that you share with a Stephen Minister or Leader is confidential.

SAVE THE DATE
How about something cool to think about in all this heat? The HUMC Choir's presentation of "Hope Arriving" will be on Sunday, December 22 during worship. Be a part of this celebration when rehearsals begin in October.

Contact Terri K. for more information (883-3918, ext. 111 or terri@humc.org.)
Senior High Reflections

"Coming to Marks every year is like coming to see my friends. I love each of these people and have made lasting relationships. I enjoy painting and fixing houses. Giving my time to help someone else is what we are called to do. Also, being able to reconnect and share God's love with the community is such an amazing blessing. Marks will always hold a special place in my heart and I hope that it continues to grow into the place God wants it to be. No matter what, I will never forget the time I spent there and hope to come back."

Cailin Thomas

"There are so many things I could write about the time I've spent in Marks, MS. I'll never forget the incredible experience I've had, the lasting friendships I've made, and the many houses we've worked on. What will really sticks with me from Marks is the relationships I've built with the children. They inspire me each and everyday to make the world around me better. I can not image my life if I had never come to Marks. It has been three years since we first came to Marks and since then it's been a second home for me every summer. There will always be a special place in my heart for the special people of Marks and I pray that God will always bless them and their incredible community."

Bradley Long

"Marks Mississippi has been a great place for a great opportunity to serve. We have built so many relationships with the kids and the community in this awesome spirit-filled town. This is, by far, my favorite week of the year and not one of the other fifty-one weeks in a year goes by without me thinking about, missing, and coming back to the amazing, little town of Marks Mississippi."

David Cowan

Our youth were highlighted in a newspaper article when they were in Marks, MS. For the full article, check out the website at humc.org under "Events."