

# THE MESSENGER

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The annual NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ceremony sponsored by the Okeechobee Ministerial Association will be held on Thursday, May 4 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on the SE side of the lawn behind the old courthouse. The Kiwanis will be offering a free lunch. Bring a lawn chair and invite a friend!

We are asking the church to help support the expenses for our youth's mission trip to Henderson Settlement, Frakes, KY from July 8-16. The goal is \$2,500. This year we will be doing various mission activities. Help us help others in Jesus' name this summer. Thank you for your support.



New Parsonage

The construction of the new parsonage is coming along very nicely and the interior work has begun. We have paid the first two draws to the contractor (\$40,000 each). Our pledge campaign has been successful so far, but we still are short of our goal to be able to repay our loan from the Florida United Methodist Foundation. If you have not returned your commitment card, please consider a pledge or a donation so we can make our obligation.

There will be a meeting for all who are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School after the worship service on Sunday, May 7 at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

The UMM will present two \$500 scholarships at Okeechobee High School Scholarship Night on May 11. The Mother's Day Breakfast will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on May 14 and will be a light breakfast similar to last year's menu. The UMM will also prepare breakfast for our graduating seniors and their families on May 21, when our grads will be honored during the worship service. Next meeting of UMM will be May 15 and all men are invited.



In anticipation of welcoming a new pastor in June, the Radical Hospitality Committee is requesting that everyone begin to get in the habit of wearing a name tag. If you do not have a name tag or have lost yours, please request one by completing the form in the bulletin and putting it in the offering plate. We also have some lanyards available if you prefer to use one instead of clipping the name tag to your clothing.





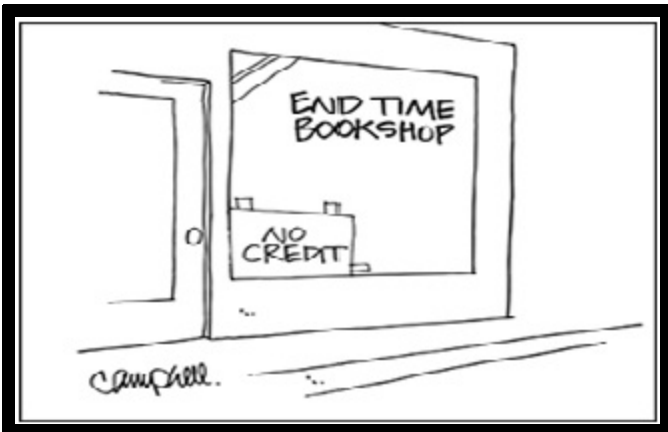
To decorate the stage and rooms for Vacation Bible School we need to borrow bean bag chairs, lava lamps, a small yet strong spotlight (to make like a search light) and anything with a super hero theme. We need donated glass baby food jars, empty cardboard boxes of all sizes, large appliance boxes, cardboard toilet paper cores, flat black spray paint, bright glossy yellow spray paint, colored glitter glue, wooden spring-type clothes pins, 40 full size BLUE poster boards, tacky glue, glue sticks, colored yarn for puppet hair, any color ribbon for cape ties, tons of bright yellow Post-it notes of all sizes, colored construction paper and black plastic table cloths as sold in Dollar Tree.

Can you sew? We need capes sewn to decorate. We also need miles of paper chains for anyone who would like to make them and carpenters to construct the set. Thank you for all you do for our church.

The United Methodist Men will sponsor a breakfast on Sunday, May 14 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. for the entire church in honor of Mother's Day.



Register early for Vacation Bible School and each family will receive a CD with the music and games. Forms are in the Fellowship Hall. One CD per family, please.



- 1<sup>st</sup> - Martha Fuller
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Keith Platt, Marcia Wagner, Barbara Watford, Edwin Rucks
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Aubrey Burnham, Jean Moss, Tere Beebe
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Maryann Harris
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Wanda Burnham
- 9<sup>th</sup> - M/M Al Young
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Donna Lenfest
- 11<sup>th</sup> - M/M Murrah Elmore
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Jerry O'Bannon
- 13<sup>th</sup> - M/M Brent Rucks, Anthony Metcalf
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Kathryn Briney, M/M Rick Barnes, Brittany Herndon
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Passwaters, Cody Shirley
- 17<sup>th</sup> - James Tenniswood
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Randy Burnham, M/M Peregrino Ragamat
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Dion Raulerson, Donna Kersey, M/M William L. Hendry
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Ellen Futrell, Paulette Whipple, Mary Sperry
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Theresa Raulerson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Willard Suits, Armand Coyer
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Straight
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Davis
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer Elliott
- 29<sup>th</sup> - M/M Gene Rhodes, Dennis Anderson, Shirley Matson
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Rhonda Jones
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Jake Strelman

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted, please call the Church Office

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, June 25 will be Pastor Bruce's last Sunday. A retirement dinner will be held following the service.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS:  
The collection program for Campbell's Soup labels (only) is ending. If you have labels collected, please bring them to church by May 15.

