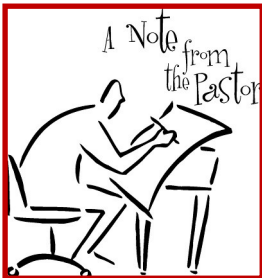


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Summer is a bit like Sabbath, as many take a break from the often rigid schedule of life, getting away and taking time to relax. I hope you have some time this summer to do just that, to decompress and bask in the glory of Christ. Even Jesus needed time away, coming back to his disciples ready to continue to preach, teach and heal.

I write this newsletter after just taking a wonderful trip to New Orleans. God's beauty abounded, the crawfish etouffee was delicious, and I was recharged as I came back to Gainesville to pound out the work that I needed to accomplish. So, I do encourage you to celebrate Sabbath this summer as it really does help us to reconnect with the Spirit.

However, I do want to remind you that when you are in town, we are open every Sunday morning for inspiring worship and special music. In fact, this might be the perfect time for you to stretch yourself a bit. The choir is taking their own Sabbatical, so that means we have open slots throughout the summer for people to share their gifts of music. Whether it is singing, playing an instrument, or maybe even dancing (wait, we are allowed to dance in worship?!?) take a leap of faith and sign up for a Sunday. Please reach out to me if you'd like to share your gift with us in worship.

If you do go away and attend another church, I would love to see a bulletin, newsletter, prayer card, etc. from the church you attend. No, this is not to check up on you! It is to help inform me of what other churches are doing in order to help us learn and grow through the way we worship and communicate.

I hope to see you at a park, sitting by a pool, or out at the beach!

Blessings,
Pastor Kolby

Breaking News

Bible Study



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY—TIME

Please join us every Tuesday from noon to 1PM for Bible Study as we continue our study of the books of Samuel 1 and Samuel 2.



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Weekly Sunday Activities

Worship @ 10:45AM
(Sanctuary)

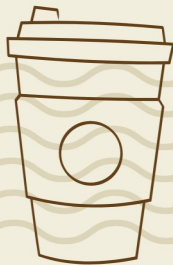


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With God
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

EVERY THURSDAY IN JULY 8-10AM

7/4 Wyatt's Coffee - 202 SE 2nd Ave

7/11 Opus Coffee Airstream - 403 SW 4th Ave

7/18 Coffee Culture - 2020 NW 13th St

7/24 Karma Cream - 607 W University Ave

Join Pastor Kolby for coffee or your favorite alternate beverage at the listed coffee shops on the listed dates.

Come with a question for him about the Bible, prayer, church activities, quantum mechanics, or church discipline. Whatever.

These should be some interesting and informative discussions and we all should learn something!



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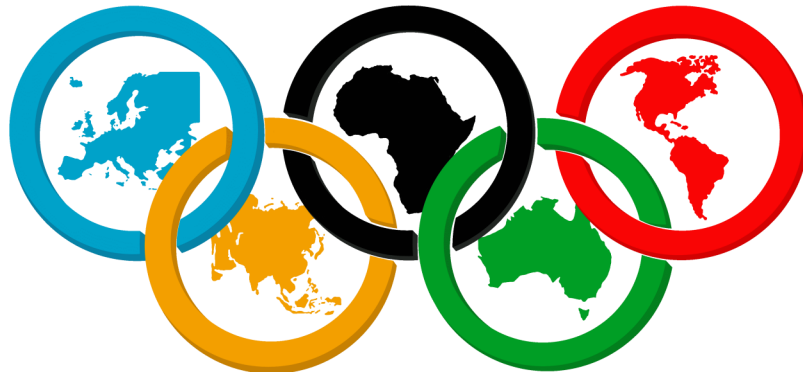
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service—10:45AM

WEDNESDAYS
WW Supper 2nd Wed. 5:30PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 		2 Noon Pastor's Class 1:00PM Wesley Whittlers	3	4 Office Closed 	5 Office Closed	6
7 	8	9 Noon Pastor's Class	10	11  11:30AM Card Club	12 Office closed	13
14	15 6:30 Nightingales	16 10:00AM Morning Stars Noon Pastor's Class 1:00PM Wesley Whittlers	17	18  11:30AM Card Club	19 Office Closed	20
21	22	23 Noon Pastor's Class 6:00PM Leadership Board	24	25  11:30AM Card Club 6:00PM Sisters in Faith	26	27
28	29	30 No Bible Study	31			

Mark Your Calendar!



COME CELEBRATE SUMMER AND THE 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

Paula and I were chatting the other day, bemoaning the long summer months without getting together with our church family. So...We decided to have a covered dish fellowship dinner on **SUNDAY, August 4th at 5:30 PM**. We just thought the whole summer was too long to go without the opportunity to get together and visit. Oh, yeah, and eat. I'm planning fried chicken, and you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to round out the meal.

Please call Terri to let her know you are coming and what you are bringing. In order to ensure enough food for everyone, please make a side dish/dessert big enough to feed 12 people!

And we also plan to play some fun games in honor of our Olympic athletes. Since we'll be in the Fellowship Hall, we won't be swimming or running cross-country, but I'm sure there are games we can do indoors in air conditioned comfort.

Call Terri by Thursday, August 1, so I have enough time to do a head count and order some of that good Publix fried chicken.

Sharren

PS Start training for those games now!





BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR METCALFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Each fall for the last several years, Wesley has collected and distributed school supplies to Metcalfe Elementary School. Although we are not as active there as we have been in the past, their need for supplies to start the academic year is as great as ever. Maybe greater! This year (2024) school starts on August 12th, so we want to deliver our collected supplies to the teachers by August 5th. There's a box in the Narthex for our Metcalfe collections. We are looking for the following:

Pencils & red rubber erasers

Glue sticks

Bottles of school glue

Hand sanitizer

Dry erase markers & erasers

Notebook paper

Boxes of facial tissue

Spiral bound notebooks

3-ring binders

Disinfectant wipes

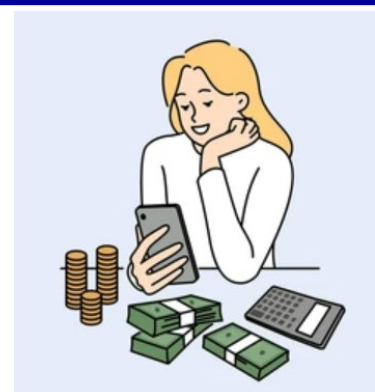


Thank you in advance for your kindnesses as we prepare our youngsters to learn and our teachers to educate!

COUNTERS MEETING

There will be a short meeting on Sunday, July 28th at 10 am in the conference room for the offering counters. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Please plan to attend and bring any questions or concerns you'd like to discuss.

Sherry Adams





MISSION OF THE MONTH

We all know they build houses, but that's not all! They also build people! To qualify for home ownership a person must be interviewed by a volunteer Family Selection Committee who looks at issues like a family's financial situation and stability. Prospects must demonstrate a need for safe, affordable housing, have a steady job, and have bills which are less than 40% of their income.

People who qualify for the program then must put in at least 400 hours of sweat equity (200 hours building homes for others and 200 hours building their own homes), must attend classes on home ownership, and must pay an affordable mortgage for 30 to 40 years. Habitat is not a free "give away" program by a long shot!

Habitat was established in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller. He was an attorney who gave up his fortune so others could have decent housing, and the initiative has since spread around the world. The Gainesville Chapter started in 1989 and has built more than 100 homes, with more to be finished very soon! Habitat has a Thrift Shop at 2301 Northwest 6th-Street and welcomes volunteers in many capacities, not the least of which is financial! The phone number is 352-378-4663 and their website is www.alachuahabitat.org.

DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC FILM!

Instead, help us take them out of the waste stream as we partner with Southwest UMC to recycle these films and turn them into pretty, long-lasting park benches. Sarah Nussel, who spoke to us about Creation Care last year, is heading this Nex-Trex project. It *only* takes 1000 pounds of plastic film to make a park bench! Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue.

The planet thanks you, too.



Game Night



Our last Game Night saw our biggest crowd yet—ten people! As you can see, we had plenty of games to choose from. We had plenty of snacks and games ranged from Train Dominoes, Blank Slate, and other board games to Cornhole. The group settled on Blank Slate, but I don't remember who won. Sorry. Attendees were Pastor Kolby and Hannah, Mary and Jim, Roy and Kathy, Chris and Kathy, Paula, and Sharren. And a good time was had by all! Don't miss our next Game Night on August 4th.



Committee Meetings

7/23 6:00PM Leadership Board

July Birthdays

- 6th Jim Arnett
- 15th Cindy Holmes
Gary Weseman
- 16th Nancy Case
- 17th Frank Nosko
- 23rd Lindsey Adams
- 30th Derek Mallard

July Anniversaries

- 3rd Karen & Chris Teele
- 14th Misty & Thad Martin
- 31st Yvonne & John Hodges



FUN AND GAMES

Join the Canasta card club at Wesley United Methodist Church! Have fun and meet great people! Invite family and friends, the more the merrier!

When: Thursdays, 11:30 AM (except holidays)

Where: Wesley United Methodist Church
826 Northwest 23rd Avenue
Fellowship Hall



We have wonderful members waiting to teach you Hand and Foot Canasta!

Card Club Guidelines

- Bring a sack lunch and beverage if you wish.
- Please arrive on time if possible.
- Please help clean up after the games end.
- Please give us your email address and phone number in case of scheduling changes.