

The Belltower

First United Methodist Church of Brandon

June/July 2010

"Making more and better disciples of Jesus Christ"

From the Desk of Pastor Jamie...

17-years-ago Matt Wallis felt stirred up by the Holy Spirit to make the journey into ordained ministry in the UMC through the Florida Conference. He shared this crazy idea with his bride, prayed for more guidance, then met with the pastor of his local church and told him about his new sense of calling. He read some books and talked with many other people about how to best fulfill God's dream for his life. He applied to the District Superintendent for admission to the candidacy process and was assigned a mentor. He had to be approved as a candidate for ministry by his local church's Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and then the church as a whole. He was sent to the License to Preach school at Florida Southern College for a two-week intensive on pastoral ministry. Soon thereafter Matt was sent to his first congregation as a Part-Time Supply Pastor and he began college. He was on his way at 23, and with some more classes and on-the-job training, he became a Local Pastor six months later.

Matt got to answer all kinds of questions in many different settings at the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for many years as he continued on the path to full ordination. He got to take extensive psychological testing (can you believe either one of us got through that!) along with criminal and credit checks. After successfully completing his Bachelor's degree, it was time to get busy with his seminary education, which takes three years if you go full time. However, with a wife, four perfectly-behaved children, and a church to serve, it took awhile longer. Matt worked hard, prayed harder, and learned the art of "stick-to-itiveness." After tons of paperwork and oral interviews from that Conference Board of Ordained Ministry on questions related to theology, understanding of ministry, personal connection with Jesus Christ, and character development, Matt was granted Provisional Elder status in 2005, which meant he was well on his way to being fully-ordained -- with lots more hurdles and hard work ahead.

In January of this year, the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry approved Matt for Ordination as a Full Elder! We get to celebrate this milestone with Pastor Matt and his family at this year's Annual Conference. Since the ordination service will be held at the Lakeland Center (just 30 miles away) on Friday, June 11th, at 7:00pm, we are all invited to come and be a part of this special day. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will sponsor a reception in honor of Pastor Matt and this grace-filled accomplishment at noon on the following Sunday, June 13th, in the Boy's and Girl's Club.

God is still calling people into the ministry -- ordained and lay. What does God have in store next for you?

Pastor Jamie

Financial Peace University Class, June 1

Reduce debt, boost savings, and learn how to manage money God's way in this very effective 12-week program more than 200 of our church members have already completed.

Our Summer, Tuesday evening class begins on June 1st, from 7:00-9:00pm, in S1&2. Be one of the first from our church to sign up and receive a rebate voucher for \$50 off the already discounted church price of \$99.50. After successful completion of the course, that voucher can be redeemed for the rebate. For more information, visit daveramsey.com or contact Dave Schapiro at hdeas@earthlink.net

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 6

Deadline for submission of names, photos and information is Sunday May 30th! We're recognizing our Senior High graduates at the 929 Service and again at 11:00 in the Sanctuary on June 6th.

Please contact Michael at 689-4161 or michaelmccrystal@fumcbrandon.org to be sure your graduate is included!

College graduates (since June '09) will be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. Send name, degree and college information to secretary@fumcbrandon.org

Dating, for Married Couples...

It seems like the summer break we long for is filled to the brim with all sorts of busyness. Why not make your summer count by slowing down and learning to really connect with each other. Limit TV watching and videogame playing and vacations filled with a packed itinerary. Sit down with your children, look them in the eye and really talk. Let them tell you their dreams, trust me, they have them. Do the same with your spouse. If you need help with topics to get the conversation started, email Phyl Lippy at plippy@fumcbrandon.org and I will send you a link to "Date With a Purpose." Take the time this summer to nurture your relationships, and put the spark back into your marriage!

And speaking of marriage, I am looking for some couples who would like to take part in a small group entitled "6 Secrets to a Lasting Love" based on the book by Gary and Barb Rosberg. This group will take place on Sundays, from June 27th - August 8th. We need four couples who are interested in strengthening their own marriage and the marriages of our church body... with the expectation of leading their own group in the future.



Spotlight on Mission

COPA in Dominican Republic

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FUMC Brandon has been involved in the Dominican Republic missions for more than 14 years. For the past three years, we have been working with COPA, an organization that works with two villages in the D.R. They are a non-profit corporation and an Advance Special of the United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries. It is based in Sarasota and there is a sister organization in England (COPA/UK). It is their mission to help Bombita and LaHoya to become better Christian communities and at the same time improve their education to help each one grow into better disciples of Jesus Christ.

On July 31st, fifteen mission team members from FUMC Brandon will be traveling to Bombita and LaHoya in the Dominican Republic. We will spend eight days working alongside Rev. Connie DiLeo, the current COPA Project Director, assisting her in whatever projects she has in store for us. This year for the first time, the airfare costs have gone up \$200 a person. Please consider donating to our 2010 mission team to help with the expense of the trip. Just make your check payable to FUMC Brandon and mark it for "D.R. Summer Mission trip".

As secretary for COPA USA, I would like to tell you that we are currently interviewing applicants for three positions in the Dominican Republic. These positions are as follows: Project Director for COPA in the D.R. (Rev. Connie DiLeo, who is currently the project director, will retire in 2011), Education Director, and the Health Advisor (nurse). If anyone is interested in applying for either position, please call me at 813-662-9724.

I would like to thank you for supporting the mission outreach for so many years. Many lives have been changed in this church and the greatest gift of all is seeing the changes taking place in the lives of the people of Bombita and LaHoya.

God Bless You All,
Frankie Cross,
Dominican Republic Missions Coordinator

From the Desk of Pastor Matt...

Each week in worship, you hear about the Salty Service cards and the importance of serving outside the church, being the hands and feet of Christ in the community. You might have also heard that it is our goal to have every member involved in AT LEAST ONE mission outside the church and AT LEAST ONE ministry within the church. But you might be wondering how to pull that off! Your Missions Team partners with many local organizations to help offer a variety of opportunities for you to be the Body of Christ in our community. We believe that God placed us here, in Brandon, on Knights Avenue, for a reason! God has a unique ministry for us to accomplish through our relationship with our ministry partners. This ministry that God wants to accomplish through us is not complete without you! Have you prayed about where God wants you to serve in missions here at FUMC Brandon? What is it that God is calling you to do through serving others in mission?

The Missions Team at FUMC Brandon has a set of values that help to give us clarity in how we identify those we choose to partner with in the ministry of missions. Here they are for you to consider:

Values Statement: We hold the following values to be foundational to our approach to missions at FUMC Brandon.

Empowering and equipping our members for service to God's Kingdom. We believe that every member should be engaged in serving God's Kingdom as a vital element in their spiritual growth.

Long-term partnerships driven by personal and ministry relationships. We believe that God's Kingdom is best served by modeling the relational nature of the Kingdom through the way we do the ministry of missions at FUMC Brandon. We will seek out opportunities to establish long-term partnerships that are based on developing deep and lasting relationships with others.

Transforming communities through helping local churches. We will seek opportunities to help others through other local churches and their ministries. We believe that the local church is the primary structure for ministry in God's Kingdom. We will place our preference on working with local churches in the areas we serve around the world in a way that enhances their ministry and relies upon their expertise.

Providing compassionate relief in times of crisis. We will seek opportunities to reach out and offer relief to others when they are experiencing times of crisis in their lives.

Praying for, and obeying, God's will. We believe prayer to be an essential element in our ministry of missions at FUMC Brandon. We will seek to obey what we are able discern as God's will. We will best understand this through devotion to prayer for the ministry of missions and prayer for our various ministry partners.

I would encourage you to take some time this summer to slow down and consider, if you haven't already, what mission God is calling you to serve. You can see a list of our mission partners on the church website.

Serving together with you, Pastor Matt

Reminders to Help Us Be Welcoming...

If you have a nametag, please wear it. And, not only on Sunday mornings, but anytime you're at a church function. It makes it so much easier for newer members and guests to put a name with a friendly face! It also helps those who have been here for years make new connections and avoid the embarrassment of introducing someone whose name is on the tip of your tongue but not immediately available! If you need a nametag, please request one at the welcome desk. In a church our size, nametags are very important. Let's be the most welcoming, hospitable church we can be. Please wear your nametag!

Also, even if you've been here for years, please, include your address and phone number when you sign the attendance pad in the pew. Even though we already have this information for most of you, when you write your address, it encourages the person next to you (who may be a visitor), to write their address as well. The person on the right end of the pew truly sets the pace for the whole row. We try very hard to collect the names, addresses, and phone numbers of visitors and newcomers so that we can follow up with them and let them know how much we value having them as part of our church home. It all begins with you!

Prayer Chain Developments...

As Pastor Jamie lifted up recently, Dottie Martin will be stepping down as head of our prayer chain efforts after more than nine years of faithful service! Cookie Gray and Maria Aloyo will be continuing in Dottie's place and we invite you to join the more than 350 people who currently receive daily updates via email on prayer concerns and praise reports from our extended family of faith.

To subscribe to our email prayer chain, simply send a blank email to: prayerchain-subscribe@fumcbrandon.org When you receive a confirming email, just hit "reply" and "send" to confirm your subscription.

To submit a prayer request/praise report, click on the "Need Prayer?" tab on our church website or, send an email to prayer@fumcbrandon.org (this is a new email address; don't use prayerdj@gmail.com anymore). Remember to try and submit prayer requests at least two days ahead of scheduled surgeries and appointments!

Thank You...

Thank you all for your prayers and support for our family as we went through our son, Aaron's, various heart procedures and surgery. We would not have made it through that most difficult time without your love and support holding us together. Your kindness shown through cards, meals and various thoughtful gifts really helped to lift our spirits and keep us strong for each other. We feel especially blessed and fortunate to be a part of this loving and generous church family! You all ROCK!

With grateful hearts, The Wallis Family

Women...

United Methodist Women General meetings will be on vacation for the summer months of June-August. Have a well-deserved rest, come back refreshed!

If you want to learn more about our UMW mission, attend the School of Christian Mission at beautiful Florida Southern College in Lakeland. The weekday session is July 20-23. The weekend session is July 23-25. Registration is due by July 5th. Contact Sandy Pullinger at 684-5479, skprdp2@verizon.net

Work has already begun on the Pecan Cookbook for this year's pecan sale! Please submit your recipes to Tara Prather as soon as possible. Contact her at 662.4790 or tarahoo9t@gmail.com

Because of your generosity, we were able to donate 131 pairs of panties to ECHO after the May meeting.

Men...

Gather for study and fellowship at various days and times during the week. We meet on campus, in guys' homes, and at restaurants around town.

- Christian Men's Meat Nite is the 2nd Monday of every month. Call Steve Lambert at 299-6516.
- Senior men meet 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays in the Social Hall at 10:30am for Bible Study with Rev. Polstra. Please join us!
- Groups are meeting on Monday and Tuesday evenings, plus every morning during the week except Thursday and Sunday currently.
- Visit the "Adult Ministries" page on our website for a complete listing.

Senior Adults...

Dinner Theater at Hudson, June 27

It's a Sunday matinee. Bus will leave the church after the 11:00am service to see "Red, White and Tuna". \$45pp. Deadline for reservations is June 12. Sign-up sheets in the Social Hall between services or call Jan Giunta, 661-8282.

Potluck Dinner & Patriotic Program, July 10

Starts at noon. Meat, drinks and table service provided. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the company of others while being entertained.

Seniors Out To Eat, June 20 & July 25

We eat out following the 11:00am service, usually on the 4th Sunday of each month. Our June and July outings will be to Crispers. Contact Jeane Foglesong for more information.

30+ Single Adults' Small Group...

Now meeting Sunday mornings at 11:00am in the Church Office Library. For more information, contact Dennis Hall, Larry Underwood, Donna Nunley, or the GroupLife team by calling the church office or grouplife@fumcbrandon.org

Reception for Pastor Matt, June 13

We're celebrating Pastor Matt's receiving Full Elder status - the end of a 17-year process. Be sure and congratulate his wife, Billie, too. She was there, supporting him through it all! The reception starts at noon in the Boys & Girls Club.

UMM Pancake Breakfasts June & July

Hotcakes, sausage, juice and coffee sure taste good on a Sunday morning. Especially when prepared by someone else! From 7:30 - 11:00am in the Social Hall on June 20th and July 18th. Proceeds support United Methodist Men's various mission projects.

New Member Orientations, June 20 & July 18

We are a growing family of faith that has lots of room in our hearts for you and your family! Our new member orientation is an opportunity for you to learn about Methodism, about this particular church's emphasis on mission & ministry, and to discover your role. It's a chance to get all your questions answered.

The new member orientation is generally held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00pm in rooms S1&2 of the Sanctuary building. You are then invited to join the following Sunday at the service you regularly attend. To learn more, contact Vicki Harrison at 689-4161 or membership@fumcbrandon.org

Blood Mobile Returns July 11

Sharing a pint of your blood takes about 30 minutes and can save up to three people's lives. If you're physically-able, eat a good breakfast before coming to church on the 11th and set aside some time to give the gift of life. The Blood Mobile will be parked across the street from the Sanctuary in the Church Office Parking lot from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Biking/Hiking Small Group Meets

Our upcoming Saturday outings are scheduled for June 5th to Fort DeSoto and June 19th to a location TBD. We meet at the church by 7:30am and car-pool to the sites. We meet two Saturdays a month, weather permitting. All rides or hikes are on bike and hike-supported trails, not the road. Bring a food item to share at the end of the ride or hike - plus lots of water. Contact Collene Miller to sign up and receive more information: collene.miller@gmail.com, 654-8717 or cell 760-8809.

Music Ministry...

- "The Voices Of Mobile", under the direction of Dr. Roger Breland (he led "Truth" for more than 30 years) will appear in our Sanctuary on Friday, June 18th at 7:00pm. These college students are already pro talents and are incredible! Visit our website for a video clip from their performance in Jordan last year. See more information on the back cover of this newsletter. This is an incredible group, touring the world and stopping here on their way to Orlando where they'll lead worship at the Southern Baptist Convention. They are AWESOME! Don't miss them!
- Our Patriotic Program will be on Sunday, July 4th, at 9:30 & 11:00am. Plan to start your day of festivities with us, as we Praise and Thank God for all His many blessings and our beloved country, too, the United States of America. Invite your unchurched friends!
- One of our local mission partners, ECHO, will sponsor a fundraising concert here on August 20th at 7:00pm featuring Phil Stacy of American Idol fame. He will be accompanied by a full band and there will even be a special VIP dinner option. We'll provide more details as they become available.
- Our next Evening of Praise and Worship is scheduled for Sunday, August 29th at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there, to sing, laugh, fellowship, and pray together as a family of faith!
- As always, we in Music Ministry give all the Glory, Praise, and Thanks, to our Great God! We thank you for all your support that helps make all our talented folks feel appreciated. They do it because they Love God and Praise Jesus for all His grace and mercy shown to each of them. So, keep us in your prayers as we strive to bring our best to God, through the talents He has seen fit to give each one.

May He be pleased with our efforts!

Jeff Brant & the entire Music Ministry Team

Technical Arts Summer Test Drive...

Come in on a Sunday morning and get behind the wheel of an exciting opportunity with no obligation. Jump in the driver's seat and see what Technical Arts is all about. Here are just a few of the pit crew positions available:

- CG Operator - Assist in proofing and driving the sermon illustrations, song support & worship lyrics for a service!
- Lighting Director - Turn on the high beams and check out all the options on the lighting board!
- Video Director - Navigate the service and tune up the cameras for their performances!
- Spot Light Operator - Race around the sanctuary as you try to light up the action!
- Camera Operator - Zoom-Zoom in on the action and bring things in for a close-up view!

Schedule Your Test Drive Today!

Contact Stuart at media@fumcbrandon.org or 689-4161.

Thank You's...

To My Church:

My sincere thanks for the love and gratitude that was poured over me in recognition for my service as Prayer Chain coordinator and for the plaque & gift that was presented to me. It was a joy to serve God and you in this capacity. Accolades to you prayer warriors who have been so faithful in fervently praying for our church family and others in the community. God bless you! *In His Service, Dottie Martin*

I would like to thank everyone at FUMC for all your prayers, donations and meals that have so generously been given to me and my family for the last 8 months. Without the support of each and every one of you my family would not have come so far in our healing process. I wish I could thank each of you individually, but there are just too many of you. I strongly believe that every prayer is like a healing hand on my body. Thank you for lifting me this far and please continue to pray for me and my family. God Bless each and everyone of you!

Jennifer, Keith, Kyle and Anna Remington

Once again I have been showered with love, prayers and cards from our dear Church congregation. All our outreach services are in place and are a great benefit for people like me.

Gratefully, Arliene Kennedy

The family of Steven Smith deeply appreciates everyone's many expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement. Your prayers, cards, your hugs, and all of the food and work on the reception! A special thanks to Pastor Jamie and Rev. Logan. You are truly a caring church.

In Christian love,

Lisa Smith & Family Claire Bryan & family

The Board of Trustees of the New Hope Cemetary wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who contributed to our road repaving project. We came up a little short but were able to finance the remainder. Go by and see your contributions at work. If you haven't had a chance to contribute, we will be happy to apply your contribution to the financed amount.

God Bless! Bob Der, Chairman

Thank you to all who donated and sponsored walkers in the recent Cornerstone Wonder Walk. A great big, "thank you", to all our walkers - it was a fun experience! We raised \$1,580 with your help and support, and hope we can double donations from our church family next year!

Charlene Daniels and Marie Irving

Capital Campaign Update...

To date: \$1,473,239.11 total pledges received.
\$ 562,888.43 actual money received.



By paying for our Sanctuary, we'll be better able to use our regular tithes and offerings to accomplish more mission & ministry. Money now being spent on interest can

be better used to make needed repairs to our aging facilities. And, as we are able to build up a reserve fund, our church will be in a better position to handle unexpected emergencies. All important steps that help glorify God and His church.

Thanks to all who are helping us pay for our Sanctuary and save for future needs. Keep up the good work!

New Resources for Your Small Group...

Sensing God, A Scriptural Experience for all Five Senses, by our very own Tina Yeager. This six-week encounter with God uses a unique blend of sensory activities with spiritual wisdom. Each chapter includes life application exercises with humorous illustrations.

Fearless, by Max Lucado. Imagine how full your life could be if you completely emptied your heart of fear and filled it with faith instead. This six-session DVD based curriculum explores common anxieties to help you find a spiritual antidote.

Faith Lessons DVD Series, by Ray Vanderlan. This interactive study connects history and culture to religion and geography and relates biblical truth to modern society. There are eight, six-week programs in the series, and each contains an easy-to-follow study guide.

Twisting the Truth, by Andy Stanley. The most dangerous lies are the ones you never notice. This six-week DVD study exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted in our lives and culture, and how we can overcome them.

Remember to come by the Connect Center on Sunday mornings in the Narthex to see these featured studies and many more. If you're not currently in a Small Group, Sunday School Class or Bible Study, we'd love to hear from you and help you get connected!

Please remember when checking out any resource from the GroupLife office to return the Participant Guide marked 'FUMC'. It is part of the leader kit and will be needed by the next group leader who checks out the materials!

Preschool Ministry... 3, 4 & 5-yr-olds

What is the most AMAZING thing that God has ever made? ME! And, YOU! The Bible says in Psalm 139:14, "I am wonderfully made". Each and every one of us, and each and every one of our preschoolers, was wonderfully made by God! How awesome is that!

During the month of June, we are talking about people God made to help us. We give children examples of people that God put in their lives to help them every day, as well as people God put in their lives for them to help. We offer opportunities for them to help the classroom leader in several activities in order for them to flex their "helping" muscles. It's a month about helping each other

Basic Truth: God Made Me

Key Question: Who can help you?

Bottom Line: God made people who help me.

Memory Verse: "Be kind and loving to each other."
Ephesians 4:32, NCV

In July, we will "Learn to do what is right," (Isaiah 1:17, NIV). God wants us to do the right thing. How do we know what the right thing is? We look to His Word, the Bible, to guide us. While visiting with the stories of Joseph and Daniel, preschoolers will hear how we can choose to do the right thing even when it's hard. We can also forgive others when they choose to do the wrong thing. Each right choice leads us closer to the path God created for us.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Key Question: What does God want you to do?

Bottom Line: God wants me to do the right thing.

Memory Verse: "Learn to do what is right."
Isaiah 1:17, NIV

Sunday mornings, at 9:30am, we start off with music and a large group Bible lesson with Vicki Ewing, then break out into smaller groups for our weekly object lesson and a game or craft to help the children retain what they've learned.

At 10:30am, Miss Joy leads the children in singing.

At 11:00am, Julie Lewis helps us make joyful noise with our Kitchen Band on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and we participate in a craft or work on a mission project the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Three Basic Truths every child should embrace according to what Jesus modeled in Luke 2:52...

➔ **I need to make the wise choice.**

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,

➔ **I can trust God no matter what.**

"... and in favor with God

➔ **I should treat others the way I want to be treated.**

"... and man."

Children's Ministry... Elementary Age

Our Next God, Family & U Multi-Generational Service is in the Sanctuary on July 16 at 6:00pm

Now on Sunday night to make it more accessible!
This service is designed with young children in mind, but it's creativity and message are well-received by folks of all ages!

iPraise Kids Meet Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm

Children in 1st grade-and-up are invited to join us for iPraise! A multi-age opportunity to lead worship. We sing, dance and lead worship for our monthly GFU service and elementary-aged children lead worship each Sunday at 9:30am in the Kid's Church Tree House service.

Many opportunities exist for each of us to use the gifts we have... come use all of your mind, body and soul to worship our God and show others how much fun it can be! Contact Shelly Wilson at 689-4161 or children@fumcbrandon.org

Sunday Mornings

Through the months of June and July we will explore the virtues of RESPONSIBILITY – "Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you" and SERVICE– "Lending a hand to help someone else."

Sundays at 9:30am for 1st through 5th grades: Kid's Church Tree House

At the Tree House we will look at these virtues in a large group environment through stories in the books of Genesis, Ephesians, Matthew, Luke, and John.

During our weekly Children's Worship Service, held in the Gym, we use music and drama creatively to help children learn to love worship while they grow closer to God using age-appropriate messages for greater comprehension and retention.

Sundays at 11:00am for 1st through 5th grades: Flicks of Faith

So much that is in the world calls out for - and successfully captures - our children's attention. The good news is that we can use one of the very things that captures their attention to teach them the most important lessons and to help children grow in their faith. Instead of competing with Hollywood, we are going to use it as a tool to advance the Kingdom of God with children's movies. Each month's "flick" is G or PG-rated with the Biblical truth based on our monthly virtue. In June and July, we will explore the virtues of RESPONSIBILITY and SERVICE in "**A Bug's Life**" – 'Abdicating responsibility is at the heart of sin, "**Lady and the Tramp**" – 'Responsibility is the ultimate wake-up call, "**Robots**" - Find a need, fill a need, and "**Diary of a Wimpy Kid**" - Why do we serve?

Student Ministries...

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 6

For all High School graduates. See the article on page one. We need your info by May 30th!

End of School Beach Bash, June 6

After the 929 Worship Service and Breakfast Clubs meet, we'll gather at the B&G to head south to Coquina Beach in Bradenton. Bring your own lunch, we will grill out for dinner. Bring snacks and sodas to share, plus a one-piece bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, etc. Bring a few dollars for the Shake Pit on the way home!

Fun Spot Day in Orlando, 10-5, June 11

Celebrate the Summer with a day of Go-Cart Madness, arcade games, laughing, eating and fun.

VBS Daily After-Parties, 12-2, July 12-16

Kick back, chill, share stories and have some fun after serving at Vacation Bible School each day. Includes pizza and sodas, movies, batting cages, bowling and more.

Parents: We need your ride!

All our off-property trips require parent drivers. If you are available and would like to join us, we would love to have you. If you can drive, please let us know ASAP with the events you can attend and a total number of seatbelts in your car. Drivers attend events for free as our thank you for making the event possible.

Key Largo 2010, June 21-26

What an amazing week... lazy days of sunshine and soft breezes, snorkeling on some of the world's most beautiful coral reefs, a sunset cruise through the mangrove maze of Florida Bay, time to reflect, slow down and experience God's presence. Each night have great worship with close friends. *We still have a few spaces available. Contact Michael right away for details!*

Summer Mission Trip to Charleston SC

Each year a team of adults and students step up to serve on a mission team with Group Work Camps' Week of Hope. It is an exciting week filled with new experiences, meaningful service with ministries serving in the communities we visit, and spiritual growth and challenge. This year we will be heading to Charleston South Carolina to serve July 24-31. Our projects can include leading VBS at a local church, working with the elderly, home repairs and more. If you are looking for a way to stretch your faith and have fun in the process, Week of Hope is definitely a great way to do both.

Summer Camps...

2010 Summer Camps for Preschoolers

Children must have turned 3 years of age before 9/1/2010 or completed Kindergarten. Payment due with registration.

Camp Creation - June 14, 16 & 18. 9:00am-1:00pm. Hear and experience the creation story and know that "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." \$50.00 per child - payment due with registration.

High Seas Adventure (VBS) – July 12-16. 9:00am–noon. A week-long, ½ day camp for kids. Each day includes Bible story, music, craft, snack and games. \$25.00 per child – payment due with registration.

2010 Summer Camps for Elementary-Age

Children must have COMPLETED 1st – 5th grades. Please note that Warren Willis Camp has separate age requirements. Payment due with registration.

Extreme Explorers - June 14-18. Explore & learn about God's creation. Children are transported by bus each day to various locations in the Bay Area. \$200.00 per child - \$75 due with registration. Camp is limited to 22 explorers and fills up fast!

Warren Willis UM Summer Camp – June 21-26, (FUMC Brandon camp week – other weeks are open) Overnight camp hosted by the Florida United Methodist Conference in Leesburg, Florida. For kids who have COMPLETED 3rd – 11th grades. \$370.00 per child – payment due to UM Summer Camp. Registration forms, scholarship applications and general information can be found at www.warrenwilliscamp.org or contact the Children's Staff.

High Seas Adventure (VBS) – July 12-16. 9:00am–noon. A week-long, ½ day camp for kids. Each day includes Bible story, music, craft, snack and games. \$25.00 per child – payment due with registration.

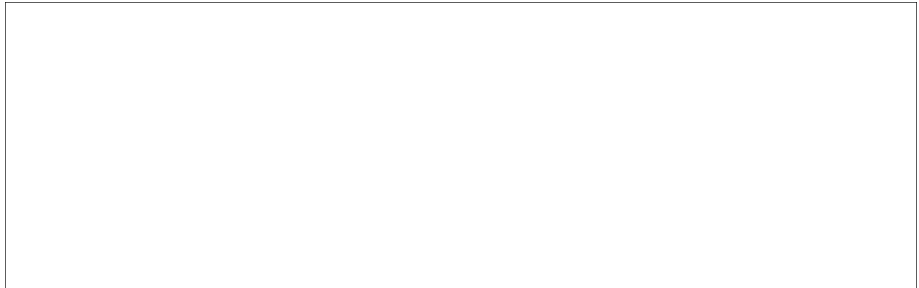
Let Go Let God – July 19-23. Overnight camp hosted by FUMC Brandon Children's Ministry at Rotary's Camp Florida in Brandon. Perfect for the first-time overnight camper! Kids can experience camp not far from home and enjoy many camp activities including worship, swimming, boating, archery, BB guns and crafts. This camp is additionally-staffed by pre-screened adult and youth volunteers. \$300.00 per child - \$100 deposit due with registration and the balance by 5/24/10.

PLEASE NOTE: Each camp has been designed with the specific age group in mind. Child placement is by age and will be done by the Children's Ministry Team. A request DOES NOT guarantee placement. If you have any questions, please contact Children's Ministry at 689-4161 or children@fumcbrandon.org For more information and to get a registration form, visit the church website at www.fumcbrandon.org or pick one up from Children's Ministry or the church office.

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Submissions for Bulletins and Newsletters

To help us serve you better - please send ALL your information for the bulletin, bulletin inserts and monthly newsletters to the following email address: info@fumcbrandon.org The bulletin deadline is every Wednesday noon, and the 10th of the month for the following month's newsletter.

Voices of Mobile, in Concert June 18

On June 18th at 7:00pm, "The Voices Of Mobile", an internationally-acclaimed Christian vocal ensemble from the University of Mobile's Center for Performing Arts, will appear in our Sanctuary. They are under the direction of Dr. Roger Breland (you'll remember him as the director of "Truth") and have performed at the White House and overseas, playing contemporary Christian and secular music. No tickets are being sold although a love offering will be taken. You can see and hear them by following the YouTube link on our website at fumcbrandon.org
This is a great event to invite your friends to!

We're looking for half-a-dozen homes to each house a couple of the students after the concert. Have a spare room? Contact Jeff, jeffbrant@fumcbrandon.org

Evening Prayer Service in Chapel, June 13

Our next Prayer Service will be held Sunday, June 13th at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Led by Pastor Clint Logan and the Prayer Team, it is a time set aside to "be still and know that I am God" - to seek His face as well as His hand through music and prayer. Open to all, there will be opportunities for personal prayer requests and, anointing and healing prayers for those who desire it.