

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sunday, July 4



9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 5

Mother's Day Out Closed
Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mother's Day Out

Wednesday, July 7

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mother's Day Out
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 8

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mother's Day Out

STAFF

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Cross and Flame

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Last week around 10% of our worshipping congregation attended the Alpha Conference near Chicago, Illinois. We attended to gain further understanding of how to run the Alpha Course for the sole purpose of pursuing the re-evangelization of our area. Everyone had a tremendous experience. My faith was encouraged by many of our experiences there. However, two items stick out in my mind.

First, the meeting opened with a message by Pastor Jackson Senyonga, Senior Pastor of Christian Life Church in Kampala, Uganda, which has 40,000 people attending each week (<http://www.christianlifeministries.org/>). About 1000 people in that congregation were involved in a 48 hour prayer vigil for the Spirit of God to work among us those few days. Imagine 1000 people, from another continent who you will probably never meet, all raising their voices in praise and prayer that the Spirit of God would come down and work powerfully in you (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8vTFIuvts4>). When I heard that news, I wished 100% of our congregation had gone. We could all use some of that!

Second, Pastor Jackson gave a great talk, and all of it was good: put prayer at the center stage of your congregation's life; God intends to do great things; be passionate with your follow through. All great stuff! However, what he said last lifted (cont)

me to the highest heaven: pursue the Kingdom of God persistently. The Kingdom of God is motion activated, like an automatic door. If you walk to the door, the door will open. Too many times we sigh and say, "I'm just waiting on the Lord." To which God turns to us and says, "You're waiting on Me? You think I'm slow or something?" Too often God waits on us. Jesus said, "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it" (Matthew 11:12).

Pastor Jackson Senyonga is right. If you are waiting, wait no longer. Be forceful. Lay hold of it. Run after the Kingdom with all your heart, all your might, all your soul and all your strength. Live, fight, and serve as if there were no tomorrow. There and only there will we find the joy and fulfillment that is in the Kingdom of God.

Grace and Peace, Travis Wilson



Tom Lambert, Nancy Milton, Hilary Matheney, Cathy Baker, Family of Elaine Fowler, Jeanette Laboon, Reed Longgear, Crystal Nelson, Lucy Turnipseed Renda

Office and MDO will be closed Monday, July 5th.

Staff Meeting will be Wednesday, July 7th.

Worship Committee will meet Sunday, July 11th at 4 p.m.

Croppin' & Craftin' will be 6 p.m. July 16th.



An Invitation You are cordially invited to a Baby Shower for Ben & Katie Poe on Sunday, July 18th from 2 until 4 p.m. at Moody UMC. It's a Boy, Nathaniel Isaac.



Blood Drive We will have a LifeSouth Blood Drive on Sunday morning, July 18th. Please plan to donate if you possibly can.

Crayon Recycling Program For those of you who are into recycling, there is a crayon recycling program. Crayons are a petroleum product. You can send your old crayons to Crayon Recycle Program, 14180 SW 30th St. Road, Ocala, FL 34481. For more information visit www.crazycrayons.com or call 1-800-561-0922.

Labels for Education We are still saving the labels for the Children's Homes. There is a container in the fellowship hall for your convenience.

Memorials Donations have been made in memory of Daisy Sublett by Mildred & Don Stroud and Donald & Mary Stroud.

Email Addresses Please give us your email address. We can send newsletters instead of mailing them and you will get them quicker. Please call the office 640-7491 or email us Office@MoodyUMC.com

Moody UMC Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/moodyumc> contact Rick Karrasch for more info.

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Sunday School	38	43	46	43
Worship	90	92	87	88

General Fund Receipts

June 20 - \$2441.00 June 27 - \$3147.83
Year to date – \$85,272.32

General Building Fund Receipts

June 20 - \$25.00 June 27 - \$25.00
Year to date - \$800.00

New Building Fund Receipts

June 27 - \$75.00 Year to date - \$225.00

Upcoming Events

- Monday, July 5th Office & MDO closed
- Wednesday, July 7th Staff Meeting
- Sunday, July 11th 4 p.m. Worship Committee
- Friday, July 16th 6 p.m. Croppin' & Craftin'
- Saturday, July 17th Youth to Alabama Adventure
- Sunday, July 18th AM LifeSouth Blood Drive
2 – 4 p.m. Poe Baby Shower
6 p.m. Youth Class
- Monday, July 19th 9 a.m. Loving Hands