



Charting the Course Ahead for DFUMC

In this article, I report on the “behind the scenes” work going on at Decatur First to chart a new course for our congregation. This work is an outgrowth of our church purpose statement: *Discipling our church to cultivate a legacy of Gospel-inspired servant leadership.* Your church staff has been reading, learning from our church helper Ron Martoia, and hammering out church-wide goals, strategic objectives, and strategic initiatives to chart the way forward for DFUMC. All the staff has been involved in the training sessions and reading. The ministry staff has spent over 30 hours this year training and hammering out goals and strategies together. That’s a total of 150 hours.

We are at midterm in our training and goal development. We do this work while we continue to lead the current programs and ministries. This leads to the first change you should expect as we begin to align time and budget money with new goals and strategies. In order to improve existing ministries or create new ministries in harmony with our purpose, we must stop some of the programs and ministries we now lead. That sounds harsh, but we cannot add more programs to existing ones without diminishing both.

Example: During July we will have only one worship service each Sunday. This is an experiment to help us determine the impact of having one traditional worship service. If we decide to have only one service after July, we will devote the energy and resources freed by that decision to research and develop an alternative worship service designed with and for those in demographic groups now underrepresented in traditional services.

At the Council on Ministries meeting on June 13, I will present three goals and nine strategic objectives to guide our church going forward. You will hear more about these in coming weeks. This is where most churches engaged in a visioning process get stuck. The vision is so far off and the goals are so big that they are overwhelming or so small they are inconsequential. Either way, they make no difference in our day to day work. We simply keep doing ministry like we have done it in the past, although it is at best vaguely related to our church goals and does nothing to fulfill our church vision.

The next skill our staff and I will learn and equip our ministry leaders to do has do with timing. We will organize our goals and strategies into four ranges of vision: the foreground (next 90 days), the mid-ground (one year), the background (three years), and the beyond the horizon vision (five-20 years). This will mean the work we are doing on a daily and weekly basis to finish in the next 90 days is actually moving the needle toward where we want to be in five to 15 years. This work is challenging, exhausting, exciting, and invigorating all at the same time. It is a very different way of doing church. Don’t you think it’s about time?

Yours in Christ,

Hughey

Summer Discipleship Opportunities

The Discipleship team is finalizing plans for this summer. You will find sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. Note, both cooking demonstrations have limited availability- First come, first serve.



- **Betty Sims and Greg Clemons Cooking Demonstration with dinner included**- June 22 @ 6:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. (LIMIT 40)
- **Grand Champion Backyard Grilling with Steve Blake** July 8 from 10:00 -1:00 p.m.- (LIMIT 12 MEN)
- **Quiet Mornings in the sanctuary**- Wednesday mornings 9-12
- **Day Trip to Leiper's Fork**- July 21
- **Mom & Me Yoga with Mollie Erickson**- July 10 & 17 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Chair Yoga with Mollie Erickson**- July 10 & 17 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Church Picnic @ Jim & Lise Greene's Farm**- August 6
- **Painting Class with Carrie Hart**- date TBA



Flower Dedications Available for Sunday Morning Worship

Have you considered a Sunday morning flower arrangement in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration for people or events that are important to you and your family?



The dedication you provide will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. We encourage your participation in this opportunity. The cost is \$95.00 and the following dates are available: June 25; July 2, 16, 30; August 6, 27; September 10, 17; October 1, 8; November 12; and December 10, 17, 31.

Please call the church office at 256-355-0277 or email aquinn@decaturfumc.org for more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for contributing to the beauty of our worship!



Church Prayer List June 7th Edition

Dr. W.C. Duncan died on May 27th at the age of 95. Please be in prayer for the Moore and Duncan families.

Angie Harris

Mike Pejza, brother of Paula Alderman, stroke recovery

Clyde Redford, brain tumor - Friend of the Roberts' family

LaVerne Dollahite Dot Oliver Alice Ackley Cathren Bonds (Mom of Sherrill Altice)

Katherine Johnson Clyde Sasser Mamie Murphree, mother to Ruth Moyers

Mary Ella Scott is on a month-long mission trip to Rome with Campus Crusade For Christ.

Please fill out a prayer card found in the pew pockets or email your prayer requests to aquinn@decaturfumc.org for publication in the next newsletter.

The 15th Annual Lucy and John Caddell Alzheimer's Conference

Presented by: The Mental Health Association in Morgan County

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Held at Burningtrees Country Club, Decatur

For more information, call 256-353-1160

Online registration at www.mhainmc.net

Only One Service @ 10:00 a.m. during

July: During the five Sundays of July, we will have only one Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will be at 9:00 a.m. Our goal is to average 300 in worship attendance and 200 in Sunday School. Help us spread the word!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



First Church Children's Ministry

Alexia Claborn, Director of Children's Ministry 256-606-8646

Vacation Bible School

June 19th-22nd

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Time to register for VBS- please find the VBS registration table in the hall way near the Fellowship Hall. The deadline to order VBS shirts has passed. Please get your registration forms in ASAP. We cannot wait!!

We still have some volunteer spots to fill for VBS - please let me know if you can help out. The VBS committee would like to invite you to join in the fun as we transform FUMC into a Maker Fun Factory where we are "Created by God, Built for a Purpose".



Please note the following decorating days:

Thursday 6/15 - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday 6/16 - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 6/17 - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 6/18 - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for Sunday School Teachers / Assistants, Children's Church Teachers / Assistants and First Fellowship Volunteers. Please contact Alexia if you are able to volunteer in any of these areas. The best way to contact me is by email, text or call at the following: aclaborn@decaturfumc.org and cell 256-606-8646.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Volunteers for Sunday, June 11th

Sunday School

Pre-school – 2nd grade Room #215

Jessica Mitchell

Assistant- Alexia Claborn

(These classes will be combined for the summer)

3rd-5th Grade - Room #306 Betty Ann Mitchum

Assistant – TBA

Children's Church

8:45 Service Teacher- Alexia Claborn

Assistant- TBA

11:00 Service Teacher- Alexia Claborn

Assistant- TBA

Volunteers for Sunday, June 18th



Sunday School

Happy Father's Day!!

Attn: Dads - please join us in room #305 (3rd floor children's wing) for Donuts with Dad as we celebrate Father's Day!!

Children's Church

8:45 Service Teacher- Alexia Claborn

Assistant- TBA

11:00 Service Teacher- Alexia Claborn

Assistant- TBA

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	8:45 SERVICE	11:00 SERVICE
June 11	Bristol Rayne Teal, Mary Elizabeth Booth	John Benton Claborn
June 18	Bristol Rayne Teal, Mary Elizabeth Booth	Hunter Claborn, Lydia Matthews

Coming Up

6/15- 6/18 VBS Decoration Days

6/18- Donuts with Dad Sunday School hour

6/19-22- VBS

Mission Moments

Shannon Booth, Director of Outreach and Evangelism
256-221-0348

June Mission Update

For the month of June we will be spotlighting three of our Faith Promise Partners, The Volunteer Center of Morgan County, Meals on Wheels, and the Far East Broadcasting Company. Each one of these agencies helps us extend our reach across the street and around the world.



The Volunteer Center of Morgan County is a great resource for us. They consolidate volunteer opportunities into one list, and they help people find the right agency or project for their goals and abilities. Right now on their website you can find projects like working on a Habitat for Humanity home, helping to celebrate a birthday with a hospice client, being a docent at the train station, or helping with city clean-up, just to name a few. Visit their website (vcomc.org) to find out more. They provide a great service to our community by connecting individuals who want to serve with the programs and people who need them.

Most of us are familiar with Meals on Wheels. I enjoyed taking our fourth and fifth graders to deliver meals last year during Vacation Bible School. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for individuals of all ages, and there are always routes that need to be filled. This is a great way to see some of the real needs in our community. Some recipients are elderly or receive meals while recovering from an illness or surgery, and some recipients are long-term. Helping to deliver these meals is certainly a way to fulfill Jesus's charge to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Far East Broadcasting seeks to build and support Christian radio stations in the Far East. David and Vicki Creel are the missionaries that we support through Faith Promise in this ministry. David has been a missionary with FEBC since 1990 serving in Saipan for 18 years. During that time, he served as a broadcast engineer for international shortwave radio station KFBS which broadcasts the Gospel to many closed countries in Asia including Russia, China, Mongolia, Vietnam, and Indonesia. In 2008, David was assigned to work with partner radio ministry Galcom International building Christian radio stations around the world.

Vicki is from the Philippines and has been a missionary since 1997. She served in China for 12 years working with children, sharing Christ, and training church workers. More recently, she has worked with SIFAT (Servant in Faith and Technology) in Bolivia and Alabama. While working with SIFAT, Vicki helped train church and community leaders from around the world in community development and practical technology. David & Vicki are now serving together with FEBC's International Service Team. In their new role, they will be providing engineering support for FEBC's radio stations located throughout Asia.

Be in prayer for these three ministries this month as we focus on these ministries.

Shannon

FUMC Weddings Through the Ages

The Archives Committee is putting together a very special event to celebrate all the wonderful weddings that have taken place in our beautiful sanctuary throughout its history! We will celebrate on SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, in the Church Parlor and the Archives Room area. We are looking for original photographs or copies of your or your parents or grandparents or other family members weddings which took place in this sanctuary to display. Also, copies of newspaper articles, announcements, or wedding programs.

Was your Mother or Grandmother or Father or Grandfather married here? Maybe you can get them to share their pictures! We want to show how weddings have evolved through the ages here in our lovely church and sanctuary to celebrate the Bridal History of our Church. Look for a submission form in your bulletin and in the reception area by the church office. You will need to complete the submission form with details first and then we will gather the actual photos, articles etc. JUNE 5th will be the cutoff for all submission forms. If you cannot get to the church for some reason, please contact one of our committee members (email bobbie.skelton@gmail.com) and we will be glad to come and pick up your forms, etc.

Actual Picture Drop Offs will be: Sunday, June 11th and Sunday, June 18th from 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the Archives Room.

A committee member will be there to accept your documents and to have you sign a receipt for the items. Please do not leave any items other than your submission forms in the basket which will be located in the reception area.



Youth Dates

Sunday, June 11

10:00 Youth Sunday School
11:00 Jr. high Mission Trip Commissioning during worship
Noon- load vans and leave for Chattanooga

Monday, June 12- Friday, June 16

Junior High Mission Trip

Sunday, June 18

10:00 Sunday School
5:30-7:00 TRIBES (Walter Jackson Fields)

Monday, June 19- Thursday, June 22

Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 21

6:00 p.m. - Senior High Discovery Planning



Summer TRIBES

TRIBES is back and we will meet June 18, 25, July 2, 16 and 23. TRIBES is a time of fellowship for the Jr. and Sr. high youth where they are divided into four teams or Tribes, and compete in two different challenges. Various adults from our congregation help as team captains, team moms and referees. Each week two teams will play game A and 2 will play game B. After the first game is played, we gather as a large group for a devotion and time of prayer. After our devotion or speaker, the teams swap and play the other game. Each team is encouraged to invite friends to join their team and we will also be collecting money in a penny war to donate to our Compassion International child in the Dominican Republic.

Jr. High Mission Trip

The Jr. High will be going to Chattanooga June 11-16.

Please pray for our team:

Colwell Bibb
Hunter Claborn
Zach Floyd
Mac Hillis
Lydia Matthews
Owan Poovey
Gracie Tutwiler
Hannah Winkler
Billy Hudson
Beth Green



Discovery Weekend

This year's Discovery Weekend will be July 28-30. Our theme is "Discovering God's Love Through the Church". Our keyword is FLOCK. Our Scripture is Acts 20:28. All sorts of adults are needed throughout the weekend to help lead groups, take photos, pray, cook, drive, set up, lead worship, host sleepovers, chaperone, etc. If you want to get involved with this ministry, please see Beth.



Summer Dates 2017

- **Sunday Nights (June 18, 25, July 2, 16, 23) 5:30-7:00 TRIBES**
- **Wednesday Nights (June 21, 28, July 5, 19, 26) 6:00 Sr. High Discovery Training**
- **Junior High Mission Trip June 11-16, Chattanooga, TN**
- **Vacation Bible School June 19-22**
- **Senior High Mission Trip July 8-15, New York and Washington DC**
- **Discovery Weekend July 28-30**



Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 11

11:00 Jr. high Mission Trip Commissioning during worship; Noon- Youth load vans and leave for Chattanooga

Monday, June 12- Friday, June 16

Junior High Mission Trip

Monday, June 12, 5:00 p.m.,

Worship Planning Team, Courtyard Conf. Room

Monday, June 12, 6:00 p.m.,

SPRC Meeting, Minister's Conf. Room

Monday, June 12, 6:00 p.m.,

Worship Team Practice

Tuesday, June 13, 10:00 a.m.,

Women's Bible Study, Courtyard Conf. Room

Tuesday, June 13, 5:00 p.m.,

Stewardship Campaign Orientation, Courtyard Conf. Room

Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.,

Council on Ministries, Minister's Conf. Room

Wednesday, June 14, 9:00 a.m. - Noon,

Quiet Mornings in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.,

Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 14, 7:30 a.m.,

UMM Breakfast, City Café



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Upcoming Worship Services

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

"Discipling our church to cultivate a legacy of Gospel-inspired servant leadership"

MISSION STATEMENT:

"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ who become servant leaders for the transformation of our church, our homes, our city, state, nation, and world."

Trinity Sunday, June 11 - 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Word of God Speak"

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4

Rev. Hughey Reynolds

Father's Day Sunday, June 18 - 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "I Have Seen the Storms and It's Still All Right"

Matthew 7: 21-29

Rev. Hughey Reynolds

Scheduled To Serve June 11

Acolytes:

8:45 a.m. - Bristol Rayne Teal, Mary Elizabeth Booth

11:00 a.m. - John Benton Claborn

Ushers:

8:45 a.m. - Jonathan Green, Mike and Michael

Boozer, Keith Earwood

11:00 a.m.-Bob Vaughan, Jim Worthey, Ken House,

Steve Haddock, Keith Skelton

