

Live from Livingston

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NOTE FROM PASTOR RICK

Happy New Year!

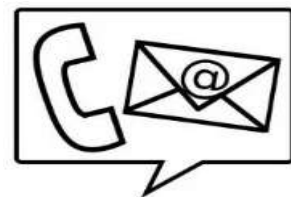
Wait what??? In a strange way September is the beginning of a new year for the life of our church. Because we have an important ministry with children that starts again with the beginning of the school year. And September is when Charge Conference takes place. Pastors submit a Plan for Ministry, Report of the Pastor, along with some resolutions and forms. The Plan for Ministry is important because in it your pastor addresses questions like what are short term goals, strategies to reach them, what about making disciples, reaching new people and inviting them, and how will I share these with the church. I meet with the District Superintendent to discuss all this. We cannot simply follow a routine with no goals or strategies in mind.

I will share much of this plan with the Church Council probably in October – after meeting with the District Superintendent. And listen to feedback and ideas. What we want to do and how is a joint effort between pastor and Church Council and the larger church membership. And perhaps with some guidance from other persons in the Methodist Church whose ministry focuses on helping churches like ours thrive and achieve our mission.

In the meantime we are and have everything we need. How big was the early Christian church? What buildings budgets and programs did they have? And how quickly the gospel spread and gave birth to thriving communities of faith throughout the Roman Empire and beyond. Do we want to reach and invite new people? Yes indeed! And also engage and invite dear brothers and sisters in Christ who are members and not actively involved.

STAYING IN TOUCH

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WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Kids for Christ starts again this month! We invite people to sign up to provide simple meal for the children who come. Also our church plans to have a booth at the Fall Celebration for Livingston on Saturday September 22. We are still discussing what exactly that will look like. Wearing t-shirts, offering small water bottles, crafts for children. And we invite you to sign up for a two hour shift at this community event.

After talking with those who have been coming on Wednesday evenings for Bible study we have decided a good schedule will be first and third Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m. We will spend another couple sessions on the Psalms and then move into the New Testament. The next Bible study will be September 18.

NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

At our last meeting the Church Council voted to lower the rent for the parsonage. We briefly reviewed plans for September and voted on forms and resolutions required for the Baton Rouge District Charge Conference on September 30.

CHURCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER!

Sunday September 2

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

Sunday September 9

10:00 a.m. Worship

***Wednesday September 12

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ begins again!

Sunday September 16

10:00 a.m. Worship

*Tuesday September 18

6:00 p.m. Bible study – Psalms of Thanksgiving: Psalm 40 (and 30).

Wednesday September 19

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

**Saturday September 22

8:00 – 5:00 Fall Celebration Livingston – we plan to have a booth

Sunday September 23

10:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday September 26
6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ
*Sunday September 30
9:00 a.m. Friends and Family brunch!
10:00 a.m. Worship
2:30 p.m. Charge Conference at Broadmoor UMC in Baton Rouge

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Monday September 10 – Retired teachers meeting. 10 a.m. at Seventh Ward Elementary. All retired teachers are invited.

Tuesday September 11 – Cry Out America. 11:45 – 1:00 in Livingston Parish Council Chambers. Prayer and Remembrance Service. Contact Carolyn Hatcher 225-936-9066 or crhatcher1@att.et.

Free Flu Shots. 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Albany-Springfield library branch. Ages 18 and up.

Wild Crafts. 5:30 p.m. Watson library branch. Ages 8-11. Register at www.mylpl.info.

Wednesday September 12 – Coloring and Coffee. 10:00 a.m. Denham Springs-Walker library branch. Ages 18 and up. More information at www.mylpl.info.

Coloring and Cocoa. 2:00 p.m. Albany-Springfield library branch. Register at www.mylpl.info.

Every Wednesday – After School. 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Main library branch. Ages 12-18 for technology, games, snacks. More information at www.mylpl.info.

Feeding Young Minds – 2:30 p.m. South library branch. Free meal sponsored by Mighty Moms with LPSS School Food Services.

Virtual Wednesdays – 5:00 p.m. Denham Springs Walker library branch. More information at www.mylpl.info.

Thursday September 13 – Free Flu Shots. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Denham Springs-Walker library branch.

Wild Crafts. 5:30 p.m. Albany-Springfield library branch. Ages 8-11. Register at www.mylpl.info.

Cookbook Challenge. 6:00 p.m. Learn to cook or improve your skills. Main library branch culinary book club. More information at www.mylpl.info.

Friday September 14 – Springfield Council on Aging Open House. 9:00 – 12:30 at the Springfield meal site 27265 Highway 42 in Springfield. Free flu shots.

Relive WWII Weekend. Fundraiser but free to the public. Starts September 14 in parking lot of Old City Hall in Denham Springs Antique District. Helps the public to see what life was like for troops in World War II. Visit www.reliveww2.com or 225-315-3776.