



Government Street United Methodist Church

Buzz From The Bee Hive

JUNE 2013

REBIRTH DAY HISTORY

Government Street UMC struggled for decades with declining membership. By 2002, slightly more than a dozen worshippers attended Sunday morning services. That's when a series of providential events connected to provide us the chance of a new birth. One year later we worshipped and rejoiced over the remarkable change. That's how Rebirth Day began. Come on June 16th and meet the newest generation of Bee Hivers. Marvel at all that has been accomplished in preserving the old Mother Church.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Plenty of parking is available at our Marine Street lot or, at the grocery across Broad Street. Handicap parking is in the lot beside the church. A luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall. Help us make the day a success by sharing the addresses of any friends or alumni with the church office. (251-438-4714) We'll make sure they are invited.

LARRY TEASLEY RETURNS JUNE 16TH FOR REBIRTH DAY CELEBRATION

This year's guest preacher for The Bee Hive's annual Rebirth Day Celebration will be Dr. Larry Teasley. Larry served as pastor of Government Street UMC from 1990-94. It was during this pastorate the he met and married his wife Shari. Their wedding took place on July 18th, 1992 in our sanctuary. Needless to say, it was quite a happening for everyone in the congregation. During their visit we have the opportunity to wish Larry and Shari a very happy 21st wedding anniversary albeit a month early.

These days Larry serves as the pastor of First United Methodist Church in De Funiak Springs, FL where the congregation's

leadership recently unveiled a new strategic ministry plan. Beyond the local church, Larry serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry for our Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference. In this capacity he participates as a faculty member of the Licensing School for Local Pastors where he instructs soon-to-be-licensed local pastors in the essential points of preaching. Larry is a native of Milton, Florida. He is an alumnus of the University of West Florida where he received both a B.A. and M.A degree. A product of the Asbury Theological Seminary, Larry received his Master of Divinity in 1987. Thirteen years later Asbury awarded him the Doctor of Ministry after many years of further

study. Those who meet Larry Teasley find him to be an affable and approachable pastor. After talking with him about spiritual things, they soon discover that he is a practical theologian. Larry has a gift for relating incredible spiritual realities such as the Kingdom of God, or Jesus' atoning death in a straightforward manner that appeals to every open heart. Good News is never complicated when Larry does the sharing.

This year's celebration will give Larry and Shari the opportunity to share with their son, Joshua, the place where they courted and began their life together. Let all be on hand to welcome the Teasley's back home to the 'Hive.

St. Timothy's UMC Tour Returns to Mobile

Our young friends from St. Timothy UMC are travelling on another musical tour. After about four years, we are their first stop on fast paced week of singing and sharing good news. During our June 2 worship at 10:00 a.m. they will lead the service by offering us a delightful blend of contemporary praise music.

YOUTH MISSION TEAM ARRIVAL

Two Youth Mission Teams will arrive at The Bee Hive the week of June 23-30. One team is coming from Hartselle, AL and the other is from Texas. Please pray for these groups as they prepare to travel to Mobile and for their mission work to be done while in Mobile. Contact Catherine Walker at 786-4285 if you can help with ANYTHING during this week.

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

During the extensive upstairs clean up, Cathy Bradley found several "old" and "interesting" items that relate to our church history. One item being the spotlight that is now shining on the altar each Sunday from the balcony.

According to Rob, this was the original spotlight used many years ago. Thanks to Tom Bradley & Tripp Gullede for moving the spotlight back up to the choir loft. Another item found by Cathy is the set of original archi-

tectural blue prints done by George Rogers dated **March 30, 1903**. These plans were used for the renovation/remodel of our church started in 1906 and finished in 1917. Per Rob, these original blue prints were thought to be "lost" forever. The drawings have been scanned to PDF format and paper copies made for preservation purposes. Hopefully, we will have the drawings on display at our Re-Birthday Luncheon on June 16th. It is amazing what can be found when cleaning---What's in your attic?

YARD SALE NEWS

Our church yard sale date has been set for Sat., August 10th from 7:30 AM to Noon. Gently used items/donations (no clothes, shoes or books, PLEASE) are now being accepted. Cathy Bradley is organizing a "Yard Sale Work Day" on Sat., July 13 from 9am to 2pm. We will start organizing and pricing all items already donated. A second Sat. work day will be held on Aug. 3rd. Bring a sack lunch and come help us get ready. Any questions, please contact Bettie in the office.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

On Mother's Day, The Bee Hive celebrated our three graduating seniors' success with a reception after Sunday service. Tammy, an exchange student from Germany who lived with Pat Hall for the year, graduated from Murphy on May 13th. Maddie Mayrose graduated from McGill Toolen on May 17th. Maddie will be attending Faulkner State in the fall. Christopher Quinnely graduated from UMC-Wright on May 23rd. Christopher will be attending Mississippi College in the fall. The church presented each graduate with a book called "The Purpose Driven Life for Graduates" by Rick Warren. Thanks to everyone who prepared the delicious treats enjoyed by the graduates, their families and the congregation. Congratulations graduates! The Bee Hive wishes all of you much success.



PICTURE RE-HUNG

On May 11th, thanks to Eads Russ and Tom Bradley, our "Loaves and Fishes" picture was re-hung in the Fellowship Hall. This picture used to hang in the Fellowship Hall prior to its renovation several years ago. It was presented to The Bee Hive by an artist from Fairhope who visited our church one Sunday, heard Rob's sermon and was inspired to return home to paint this picture for us. Several of our weekly Power Lunch attendees had asked about this picture since they remembered seeing it during our previous Power Lunch. Thanks to Tom and Eads for re-hanging it .

RENOVATION NEWS On Saturday, May 11th, The Bee Hive hosted its first work day at the old Parsonage. Tom, Cathy, Eads, Joe, Rob, Charles Patrick, Paul, Josh, Lee, Stephen and Angelo worked tirelessly alongside a mission team from Milton, FL. This team of 15 people ran wiring downstairs in the Parsonage, helped clean out all the "old" stuff (we filled up a big blue dumpster donated by Allied Waste), helped with much needed yard work around the house, swept and cleaned in the house. Scrap wood was hauled to the garden thanks to the use of Paul's truck. Cathy and Joe moved folding chairs to storage. Tom, Paul and James moved a very heavy shelf unit to the Youth Director's office. Connie, Nona, Tallulah and Cathy provided, served and cleaned up after a delicious meal for everyone. It was a great day for all involved! Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped.

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June 2013 Activities Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COLLECTING BATH ITEMS FOR McKEMIE PLACE DURING JUNE. BRING THEM ON	SUNDAYS AND PLACE THEM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL MARKED "McKEMIE PLACE."					1 MARKET ON THE SQUARE Farmer's Market in Cathedral Square. 7:30 am until 11:00 am Our own Manna Bakery will be there!
2 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service St. Timothy UMC Youth Choir will lead worship 4:30 pm Sea Scouts	3 6:00 pm Evening Prayer Team	4 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	5 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 11: 00 am-1:00 pm POWER LUNCH 5:30-7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	6	7	8
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23/30 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 4:30 pm Sea Scouts Youth Mission Teams from AL and TX	24 6:00 pm Evening Prayer Team Ladies Group Brown Bag lunch after church June 23 Youth Mission Teams from AL and TX	25 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Youth Mission Teams from AL and TX	26 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 11: 00 am-1:00 pm POWER LUNCH Youth Mission Teams from AL and TX	27 Youth Mission Teams from AL and TX	28 Youth Mission Teams from AL and TX	29 Youth Mission Teams from AL and TX

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BEE HIVE

HISTORY LESSON

1826—J. R. Lambuth, first
pastor of established
church, and father of first
missionary to China and
grandfather of Bishop
Lambuth, begins construc-
tion of first church with
help of the members.

1827—Congregation of

37 Whites, 47 Negroes,
and many Indians com-
plete first wooden struc-
ture. "The Bee Hive" was
a name applied to this
early Church because of
its industry and activity, a
name made more fitting
through the years because
of the "Swarms" that went
out from this Mother
Church to form and/or
strengthen new Methodist
Churches.

1828—Sunday School very
active, probably having
been organized earlier.
Mr. McVoy was Superin-
tendent and teacher of
Whites, John LaToureth
teacher of Indians, and
Mrs. Sabrina Redwood
teacher of Negroes.

1832—Church becomes
self-supporting, no longer
a Mission.

1935—First "Female Mis-
sionary Society" formed.

1841—First "Swarms"
went out from "Bee Hive"
and organized the St.
Francis Street Methodist
Church and Wesley
Chapel, later know as St.
Paul's and then Broad
Street Methodist Church.
The Bee Hive and St.
Francis Street established
the first free school and
maintained it until pass-
ing of Free School Law in
Alabama.