



Chickasaw UNITED METHODIST

JUNE 2021



FREE COMMUNITY YARD SALE



CHICKASAW MARKET



COMMUNITY KICKBALL



MEN'S CLUB - RAMP HEARTS



BACCALAUREATE RECEPTION



SENIOR PARTY



END OF YEAR SKATE PARTY



AGELESS ADVENTURES



. NEW HOME. *new beginning* NEW MEMORIES

The Lydia Circle will be hosting a shower for the Sybil Smith Family Village on **Sunday, June 27, 2021** at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Dumas Wesley Community Center's Transitional Housing Program, Sybil H. Smith Family Village, (SSFV) was founded in 1999 to fill a void in housing services for women and families experiencing homelessness. In 2020, Sybil Smith Family Village had an 88% success rate among residents moving into permanent housing-13% higher than the national average.

In order to support our programs and services, Sybil H. Smith Family Village relies heavily on donations from individuals, churches, companies, and foundations. We're grateful to you for giving your time to help us meet the critical needs of our residents at the Village.

The complete Sybil Smith Family Village Wish List is available in the Fellowship Hall at the Welcome Center or online at <https://www.dumaswesley.org/transitional-housing/>

If you would like to donate a gift for the shower on June 27, you can bring it by the church office anytime.

Contact **Bobbie Spencer** for further details (251) 232-2983

Outreach/Missions

Sunday - June 6th
12:15pm

Everyone is welcome! No invitation needed! Light snacks will be served because who isn't hungry after church??

Father's Day

Sunday - June 20th
7:30am

Come to the Annual Father's Day Breakfast hosted by the Men's Club. Please RSVP by to Bryan McGrew (251) 656-6654 or Renee Rawls at chickasawumc@gmail.com

Father's Tribute

Honor the special men who have had an impact on your life. Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. All proceeds/gifts will help our youth go to camp this summer.

VBS Sunday!

Sunday - June 20th
11:00am

Celebrate the week of VBS with a Sundae Ice Cream Party and Coach Phillips getting his hair cut if we meet our Tanzania Missions Goal!

Senior Adult Trip

Tues. June 22nd

Our Senior Adults will be traveling to North Clarke County for a History Tour. See Barbara Pulliam for details and to reserve your spot! (251) 457-2339



Church News

by: Rev. Dave Rhodes



I guess as a pastor, I am a pretty enthusiastic one. I see good things going on in and through our church. These next two months are full of great strides that we are making together for the cause of Christ. We are bringing our new bus

home to Chickasaw from Atlanta the first week of June. Our Lydia and Esther Circles are uniting to help the Sybil Smith Village with a shower to help the people coming into their program, and we are continuing to carry out the ministries that we carry out the other eleven months of the year. Please read the rest of the newsletter about the many great ministries of our church. I was chatting with another community leader in Chickasaw this morning and she thanked me for all the difference that our church is making in our community. I know that sometimes churches scale back things in the summer, but we are doing the opposite, we are stepping things up a level. Our youth and children's programs are moving to Sunday nights instead of Wednesday nights for these two months. We are trying out this experiment to see if we can accomplish more for the Lord with these age groups. This change will give our youth the chance to do more intense small group Bible Study during the week at times of their choosing.

We as a church continue to press on with the marathon that we are running for Jesus. There are exciting things coming in the month of June. Our S.P.R. Committee has split up salaries of staff members in such a way we are going to be able to welcome new interns and make bold steps forward in ministry during the months of June and July. Of course, you have heard of our upcoming Vacation Bible School on June 13-17. We had a great training time for our vacation Bible school volunteers this past

Sunday afternoon. We are turning our church into a castle as we prepare for an awesome week of Bible School. Every day another turret or draw bridge seems to appear. We will be teaching children how to "Armor Up" with faith in Jesus. Our Youth will be taking part in an incredible church camp experience at Camp Lee from June 29th to July 3rd. We have received a commitment from some good friends of ours who we have worked with in the past, Rev. Kevin Holland and his wife Monique. Kevin and Monique are doing a great work for the Lord at the church they serve and we have experienced the grace of God through their work with our kids in the past. It is our hope that the work that we do will bring us into a season of deeper and more widespread ministry in the fall. Please stop by the table in the fellowship hall to purchase a Father's Day tribute to help our kids go to Camp Lee. Also, our youth are having a car wash on June 5th to raise money for this camp. Please bring your cars by for a good cleaning.



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Our "Upper Youth Group" will be heading out in our new bus on June 22 to take another historical tour of Clarke County. Two years ago, the historian for the Clarke County Historical Society gave us such a great tour of the south end of Clarke County that we had to figure out how to have Carey give us a tour of the northern part of that county. In the past, Barabara Pullian has had to turn people away from our Ageless Adventures trips due to not having enough seats on the bus. We are excited that for this next trip, we will have a bus with more seats and better air conditioning.

I know that many think of summertime as a time of slowing down. It is good to let our minds and bodies rest. I want to strongly ask you to make one thing a priority during the summer. The priority that I am putting before you is worship. On Sunday's, please make every effort to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ to give God glory either at 9:00 or 11:00. God has made us to worship Him. God not only desires and calls us to worship Him, we need the experience for our own good. I hope to see you on Sunday morning.

10 Reasons Why

Last Sunday I invited anyone in the church to write out ten reasons, beyond the ten I gave, of why our church is uniquely helpful to people. I received two lists from two people that I am glad to treat to Whataburger this Saturday. These are the ten reasons that they shared.

1. We give to others without giving people a guilt trip.
 2. You can come here as you are.
 3. Pastors care about each individual and not just the crowd.
 4. We prayerfully make financial decisions.
 5. When a need comes up, we bond together to meet it.
 6. We have a positive spirit even during difficult situations.
 7. We think to provide food when we have meetings as much as we can.
 8. Committees do a great job of keeping everyone informed of what is going on when decisions are coming.
 9. We are creative in how we use what we have.
 10. We are big dreamers.
1. Our church truly cares about the disadvantaged
 2. Our church is accepting – not judgmental or self-righteous.
 3. We have a gentle, winsome way of doing evangelism.
 4. We are willing to spend money on additional staff when needed – multiple ministries.
 5. We are willing to adjust worship styles to meet the current needs.
 6. We spend large amount of time, money, and energy on youth and children's ministry.
 7. We engage in creative problem solving.
 8. We are not afraid to try new things – frequent innovation.
 9. Members and attendees are quickly moved into places of ministry as they are able.
 10. We promote denominational ministries where they fit – Children's Home, Antioch Project, etc.

IT'S TIME TO UPGRADE!



WE HAVE TOO MANY ADULTS & YOUTH TO TRANSPORT IN OUR CURRENT BUS

Chickasaw United Methodist is a growing church with successful and long-lasting ministries that are reaching people for Christ. We are seeking to purchase a 25-32 passenger bus. One of the options is pictured above.

The Finance Committee and Administrative Council have met several times and about this wonderful dilemma and have given approval to move forward with the purchase of a pre-owned, certified, refurbished bus.

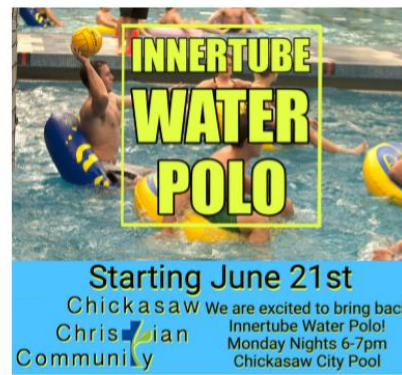
We currently have enough for a down payment, but want to get our payments as low as possible & paid for quickly!

Please consider making a one-time gift, or monthly contribution to the Bus Fund.

Water Polo

Monday Nights
6:00pm

We're excited to bring back Inner Tube Water Polo! Open to all ages at the Chickasaw City Pool. Must be able to swim.



Mike's Food Pantry

Tues. June 1st & 22nd
4:00pm -6:00pm

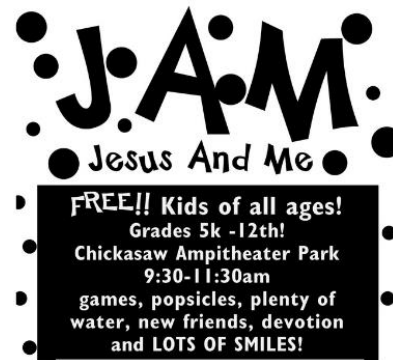
Visit our website to sign up for a volunteer shift! Two volunteers are needed for each shift. Donations of: soups, applesauce and jelly are currently needed



Summer Fun

June 4th & 18th @ 9:30am
at the Amphitheater

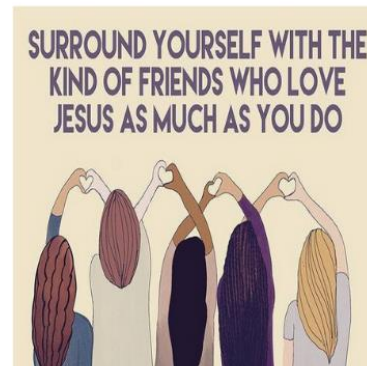
We will be partnering with a local youth ministry to help with this event every other Friday in the summer. We can meet at church and walk over together, or meet us there for this free and fun time!



Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
at Chickasaw Safe House

Come as you are, no lipstick required. All you need is you and your Bible as we study God's Word together.



Ladies Breakfast

Saturday - June 19th
9:00am

Contact Kathy Couey to RSVP for this wonderful time of food & fellowship. (251) 656-1323



June 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Mike's Food Pantry 4:00pm - 6:00pm	2 Youth Jesus People Tour 5:30pm TrueNorth Practice 6:00pm	3 Men's Emmaus Group 4:30pm	4 J.A.M. at the Amphitheater 9:30am-11:30am	5 Youth Car Wash 1:00-3:00pm
6 Outreach Missions Meeting 12:30pm Youth Capture the Flag 4:30pm	7	8	9 Youth Bible Study Boys- 3:00pm Girls-6:00pm TrueNorth Practice 6:00pm	10 Men's Emmaus Group 4:30pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 J.A.M. at the Amphitheater 9:30am-11:30am	19 Ladies Breakfast 9:00am
20 Father's Day Breakfast 7:30am VBS Sunday Celebration Youth Group & Kids4Christ 4:30pm	21 Water Polo Chickasaw Pool 6:00pm	22 Ageless Adventures 10:00am Mike's Food Pantry 4:00pm - 6:00pm	23 Youth Bible Study Boys- 3:00pm Girls-6:00pm TrueNorth Practice 6:00pm	24 Men's Emmaus Group 4:30pm Finance Meeting 6:00pm Admin Council 6:30pm	25	26
27 Shower for Sybil Shepard House 12:30pm Scholarship Applications Due Youth Group & Kids4Christ 4:30pm	28 Water Polo Chickasaw Pool 6:00pm	29	30	Men's Emmaus Group 4:30pm		

Welcome Back! In-Person Worship 9am or 11am Sunday Mornings

Services will still be available on FaceBook Live or anytime on our website

God's Commandment for Music as Worship

Throughout the Bible, we see God's people singing and playing music. It has been a part of the Christian walk from nearly the beginning. God's children have long used music as worship. After escaping from the Egyptians and crossing the Red Sea, the people of Israel sang a song to the Lord. "Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: *"I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name."* – Exodus 15:1-3

Singing was part of Israel's formal worship in both tabernacle and temple (1 Chron. 6:31-32, 16:42). The Psalms are songs of joy and sorrow. They both praise and cry out. Hymn singing was practiced by Jesus and his disciples, as well. (Mark 14:26)

The Apostle Paul instructed the Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16-17

The Bible contains over four hundred references to singing and fifty direct commands to sing. The Psalms, which is the longest book of the Bible, is a book of songs. In the New Testament we are commanded not once, but twice, to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to one another when we meet (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). Clearly, music as worship is pretty important to God.

Why is music as worship so important in our Christian Walk?

Help us remember scripture and God's promises. I'll bet you still remember jingles from television when you were a kid or the ABC song. In Deuteronomy 31, God himself wanted us to use music to help the Israelites remember His words. As Israel was about to enter the Promised Land, God instructed Moses to teach Israel a song so that "when many evils and troubles have come upon them, this song shall confront them as a witness (for it will live unforgotten in the mouths of their offspring)". Singing can help us remember words.

— **Helps us to emotionally connect.** No matter the language, no matter the time in history, music is a language of emotion. We can probably recall songs from our teenage years that "spoke to us" bringing up the same feelings of heartache from a breakup or joy from dancing with friends. Singing also stretches out the words we sing, giving us more time to think and reflect on them. Singing songs of praise and worship help us connect with the Bible and God's promises in a deeper way than just reading or reciting Scripture

— **Helps us connect with our community.** Our church, like many others, begins with music as worship. When we sing with our church community and our praises are lifted to God corporately; We feel connected to others. All of us, singing together, voices united bring us together as chosen people of God.

— **Allows us to express our love to God with our whole being and soul.** Scripture commands us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength (Deuteronomy 6:5). This verse emphasizes the entire body, not through outward actions but devotion and love to our Heavenly Father. In the New Testament, Jesus responds to a lawyer who asked him about the greatest commandment by pointing back to this same passage, saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37).

Singing is one of the ways in which we can express our love towards God with our whole being. We engage every part of our being in worship to God – our minds, our souls, our voices and even our bodies. Worshiping through music changes and transforms us. It inclines our hearts to God in ways other forms can't accomplish. Worship strengthens us,

convicts us, builds us up, and even restores us. In other words, when we sing and devote our whole selves to God, something godly happens within us.

— **Music as worship is a command from God.** Throughout scripture, God commands us to sing. Within the Psalms (which are, essentially prayers set to music, the hymnal, if you will, of the Old Testament) we read: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, – Psalm 98:5
"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song. – Psalm 100:2

God calls us to sing praise to the Lord and to sing in his presence. The New Testament affirms and confirms this call. Paul urged the Ephesians (and us) to: ...Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. – Ephesians 5:18-20

***As you come to worship,
don't focus on the style.
Don't focus on those around
you. Don't focus on whether
or not you like the melody;
instead, listen to the words
and focus on your worship
to God. You may find that
you become closer to God in
this intimate time of
worship.***

Anthony Barnes
ASSOCIATE PASTOR



YOUTH IN JUNE

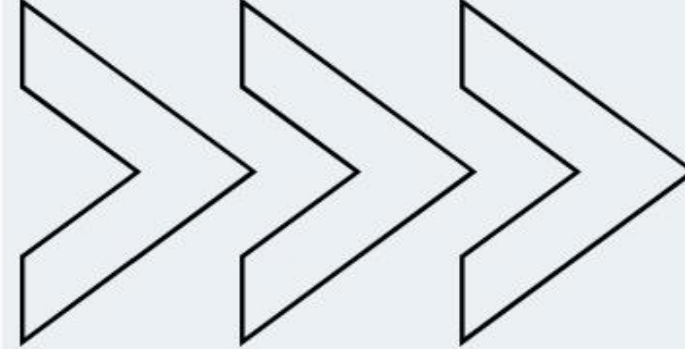
WEEK 1
 JUNE 2ND - JESUS PEOPLE TOUR CONCERT
 DEPARTING AT 5:30PM
 JUNE 5TH - CAR WASH
 1-3PM. 3-4PM GAMES IF YOU WORKED CAR WASH

WEEK 2
 JUNE 6TH - CAPTURE THE FLAG/SUNDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF
 4:30-6:30PM

WEEK 3
 JUNE 13TH-17TH - HELPING WITH VBS
 5:30-8:30PM

WEEK 4
 JUNE 20TH - SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
 4:30-6:30PM
 JUNE 21ST - WATER POLO AT CHICKASAW POOL
 6-7PM

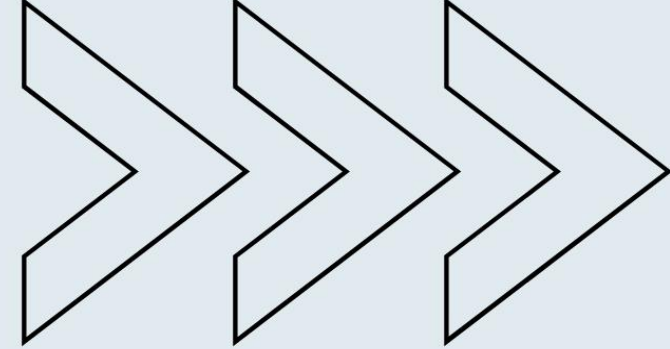
WEEK 5
 JUNE 27TH - SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
 4:30-6:30
 JUNE 28TH WATER POLO AT CHICKASAW POOL
 6-7PM
 JUNE 29-JULY 3RD CAMP LEE



What does the world say you are? Does it say you're too young? Too old? Naive? Entitled? Anxious? Selfish? Fearful? Too sensitive? Addicted? Not good, cool, attractive, or talented enough? Those might be some of the messages you're hearing, but you know better, don't you? That's because that's not what your Creator says about you. God says you're a hero in the making — someone who is needed to bring about a world changing movement!

This summer we are going to discover how we can bring all we are (our faith, skepticism, talents, humor, mistakes, history, big questions, and all) to join God's movement to change the world. Together, we'll see that we're invited to join God's **Beautiful Rebellion** — a rebellion that begins when you encounter Jesus and that's powered by the good news that can change the world!

~ Jennifer Barnes, Next Generation Chairperson



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our middle school and high school students will be partnering with a local youth ministry group to help with this event every other Friday in the summer! Our children can meet at the church and walk together over to the amphitheater for this free and fun time of learning more about Jesus!

J.A.M.

Jesus And Me

FREE!! Kids of all ages!
 Grades 5k -12th!
 Chickasaw Ampitheater Park
 9:30-11:30am
 games, popsicles, plenty of water, new friends, devotion and LOTS OF SMILES!

JAM DATES FOR THIS SUMMER EVERY OTHER FRIDAY!
 JUNE 4, JUNE 18, JULY 2, JULY 16
 JULY 30

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BIG NEWS!

CHILDREN & YOUTH WILL MOVE TO SUNDAY NIGHTS STARTING THIS JUNE!

LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT - MAY 26TH - 5:30-7:30PM
 FIRST SUNDAY NIGHT - JUNE 6TH - 4:30-6:30PM

Kids Worship

SUNDAY MORNINGS!
 DURING 9 AM OR 11 AM SERVICE

- SUNDAY MORNINGS**
 9:00 AM & 11:00AM
- 1) Children are invited after Children's Moment for Kid's Worship with Fun Lessons, Activities, & Games
 - 2) After Service, you can meet your child in the Fellowship Hall. after each service.

ARMOR UP!

for VBS 2021!

JUNE 13- JUNE 17

Kid Friendly Dinner 5:30pm
 Program 6:00pm-8:30pm
 PreK - 5th Grade Register Now!
www.chickasawumc.org