

A Note from the Pastor

By the time you receive this newsletter we may have started a new 4 part sermon series called Re. In this series we will examine four different words that are related to our salvation experience all beginning with the first two letters "Re". The four words are redeem, repent, reborn, and remain and I will talk about them in the same order they occur in our lives. This isn't a new understanding of salvation; salvation is always by grace through faith. Salvation occurs because of what God has done for us, not because of how good we have been or because of what we have done. But there are ways that we need to respond to God's grace and that is where this series is going. I hope you will join us on Oct, 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, and Nov. 20 as we consider how we are to respond to God's redeeming grace by repenting, being reborn, and remaining in Christ. Please remember that Nov. 6 is All Saints Sunday and we will be remembering those saints in our congregation who have gone on to their reward in the last year.

Christmas Mission Projects

This year we are going to join with other churches to provide items for prisoners in our parish. We have obtained a list of approved items from the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Department. We will need the items turned in by Sunday, November 27th. Of course if you prefer, you may make a donation instead. On Dec. 3rd, anyone who wants to participate will meet at a designated place to put items in bags as gifts to the prisoners. This year we will also give Christmas cards to the residents of Bayou Vista and Bailey Place as we did last year. The youth are going to address the cards and enclose a calendar in each card.

Mark Your Calendar

The annual church holiday luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 11th in the Fellowship Hall following the Traditional Service. This meal encompasses our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a covered dish and join us for food and fellowship.



WHAT A BLESSING!

Fourteen women and girls (ages 8 to 90+!) from David Haas UMC, Evergreen UMC, as well as a few family members came together to support the Mission Project Opportunity offered to the Bunkie Charge on Saturday, October 15. With monetary support from Thrivent Financial and several individual donations the group was supplied with the materials and lunch. Almost 200 personal hygiene items will be completed through their hard work. These items will be donated to school age girls and young women living in impoverished areas in Africa. Through another donation, postage will be paid to ship the items to Michigan; from there they will be distributed.



Computer Class

For the Mondays in November, we will be offering a Senior Computer Class for those who wish to learn more about using a personal computer. This is a hands on class offered at 10:00 am each Monday. If you know of someone who is interested, please have them contact the church office to sign us as space is limited.



Bailey Place Worship

Tuesday, October 4th marked our first Worship Service at Bailey Place. We had a very positive response to our service of singing, praying, preaching and communion together. We will be having this service monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:30; so our next service is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 1st. We would love to have you join us in the main dining room for the service.

Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference will be held this year on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 3:00-5:00 at Louisiana Memorial in Opelousas. It will be a time of worship and business and I do hope you can attend. We do need a certain number from each church to attend and if you are interested in car-pooling let Pastor Brian or Cleo know.

Calendar of Events



A Big Thank You!

Tues. Nov 1	2:30pm – 3:30pm	Service at Bailey Place - Bailey Place
Wed Nov 2	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Choir Practice
Mon Nov 7	10:00am – 11:00am	Senior Computer Class - Church Library
	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Boy Scouts - Scout Room
Tue Nov 8	10:00am – 11:00am	Bayou Vista Nursing Home Ministry
	11:30am – 12:30pm	Women's Fellowship at Rocky's - Rocky's
Tue Nov 8	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Finance Team Meeting
Sat Nov 12	5:00pm – 9:00pm	Youth Dance – Mouser's House
Sun Nov 13	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Charge Conference - Louisiana Memorial UMC, Opelousas
	6:00pm – 7:30pm	UMYF - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
Mon Nov 14	10:00am – 11:00am	Senior Computer Class - Church Library
	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Boy Scouts - Scout Room
Tue Nov 15	10:00am – 11:00am	Bayou Vista Nursing Home Ministry
Wed Nov 16	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Choir Practice
Mon Nov 21	10:00am – 11:00am	Senior Computer Class - Church Library
Tues Nov 22	10:00am – 11am	Bayou Vista Nursing Home Ministry
Fri Nov 25	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Deadline for Newsletter Articles
Sun Nov 27	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Because of Bethlehem Advent Study
Sun Nov 27	6:00pm – 7:30pm	UMYF - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
Mon Nov 28	10:00am – 11:00am	Senior Computer Class - Church Library
	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Boy Scouts - Scout Room
Tues Nov 29	6:00pm-7:30pm	Venture Crew Meeting – Scout Room

- Thanks to Judy Descant for leading the music and Cindy Ridgedell for playing the piano at the Bailey Place Worship and for all those who came and worshiped with us.
- Thanks to Glenda Baker and Cindy Ridgedell for leading the Ladies Mission Project.
- Thanks to Bill Tebow for bringing the fried chicken at the Ladies Mission Project.
- Thanks to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring the Ladies Mission Project and the Senior Computer Classes financially.
- Thanks to Ladd Rhodes for supplying the new sign directing people to the church office. It looks so much better!
- Thanks to Ken and Cleo Breaux for computers to be used at the Senior Computer Class.
- Thanks to all those who have sat through so many meetings preparing for Charge Conference.

Pledge Drive

I want to thank each of you who pledged to continue to financially support God's work here at David Haas UMC for next year. We are able to do what we do because of your faithful contributions. This year we received pledges totaling \$42,240 thus far. Way to go, Church!

New Church Directory!

We will be getting a new church pictorial directory! We would love to have you and your family's picture in it. A photographer from Lifetouch will be here on Wednesday, Nov. 30 to take photos of our church family. Sign-up for a specific time in the back of the Sanctuary or call the church office for more details. Just for getting your picture taken you will receive a church directory and a free 8 by 10 portrait. You may purchase other portraits from Lifetouch if you choose to and if you choose to do so the portraits will be shipped to you in time for Christmas.

Hanging of the Green Service

We will once again incorporate our the Hanging of the Greens into our worship service the first Sunday in Advent which this year is on Nov. 27th. We do hope you will plan to attend and catch the Christmas Spirit early as we kick off Advent 2016!



Advent Bible Study

We will be offering a new Advent Bible Study for each of the four Sundays in Advent beginning on Nov. 27th at 4:00. The class will include a video section and discussion section based on Max Lucado's book, "Because of Bethlehem". Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for these four Sundays as we consider the importance of Jesus' birth during this Advent season.

