



The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church

September 2015

**COMING
ATTRATIONS**



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Wednesday Night Praise Service

6:30 p.m. at Centenary UMC
(Beginning September 16)



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Special Three
Weeks of
Festivities and
Sermon Series
Beginning the
week of
September 20th
through the week
of October 4th.



**CHURCH
HOMECOMING**

*Come Back
As You Are,
No
Judgement,
Only Grace*

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6 groups to choose from!

See insert for course descriptions.

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Sunday School News

We are so excited to announce the start of Sunday School for the 2015-16 year! Join us on **Sunday, September 13** for our **Sunday School Kickoff!** Sunday School begins at 9:00 am in the basement fellowship hall. New this year is a High School class, so now there is a class for all ages! Join us afterwards for worship where the Sunday School teachers will be recognized. Following the service we will have a big celebration because we are excited for the upcoming year and all that God has in store for us to learn and do! We will have food, games and fun. **We are asking that each child bring a Snack Time Donation** (for example, crackers, goldfish, cereal, etc). See you there! Blessings,



Sarah Santiago, Sunday School Coordinator



In August we started a loose change offering for the Sunday School. All loose change (coins only) collected in the offering plates will benefit the Sunday School ministries at CUMC. Every time you hear the clinging of change on the offering plate, you will know that money is being used to further our Sunday School programs.



Adult Sunday School News

God want us to know him! He has said it in many ways yet many of us still don't know Him as well as we could. He sent Jesus to help us get to know Him and still the story of who He is remains a mystery to many. Pastor Rob Fuquay has written a book entitled "The God We Can Know" which explores the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. He has an interesting way of connecting these words of wisdom to our lives helping us better understand ourselves as well as what God would like us to know about Him. Starting September 13, the adult Sunday school class will be talking about a different "I am" each week while we drink coffee and share treats. Our conversation is always interesting and enlightening. We start at 9:00 and finish at 10:00, just in time to pick up the kids from their Sunday school and attend worship at 10:30. We look forward to seeing you Sunday mornings.



New Wednesday Programming



Whether you work or are out of town on weekends, your family's schedule makes it hard to make it to worship on the weekends, or something came up and you missed your regular weekend worship service, we invite and encourage you to attend the Wednesday Night Praise Service at 6:30 p.m.

The Wednesday Night Praise Service will be similar to the 10:30 a.m. Praise Worship services on Sunday with Ed Santiago leading the praise music and Pastor Jeff giving the same message from the previous weekend. There will also be the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the Wednesday following Holy Communion Weekend.

Before Wednesday Night Praise Service

Beginning Wednesday, September 16 there will be a meal and fellowship every Wednesday Night at 5:30 pm. (*an hour before the new Wednesday Night Praise Service*) in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. This means that you don't have to make dinner before you come to church on Wednesday night!

Suggested donation is \$1.50/person or \$5.00/family (up to 7 people).



During Wednesday Night Praise Service



Children's Church is a special time of worship designed to engage children during the Wednesday night service. Children's Church features music, scripture lessons, and prayers that are easily accessible and relevant to children. It also provides the opportunity for parents to focus on their time of worship while their children have a separate worship experience designed just for them.

After the meal and fellowship, everyone will go to the sanctuary to sing praise songs at the beginning of the new 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Praise Worship service. After the opening songs, children K-4th Grade will be invited to return to the Fellowship Hall downstairs for Children's Church.





New Heights with Pastor Jeff

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Home is an interesting concept in the church and in Christianity. We often associate home with where our family is and where we sleep at night. Home from a spiritual perspective and in the church means something much bigger and much deeper.

We believe that each of us has an eternal soul that brings life to our bodies and makes us who we are. We also believe that this soul was not only granted but crafted by God in His Kingdom. So to that eternal soul inside of us home is the Kingdom of God and it always yearning to return there. To return to where people love God, through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, where people love each other and where we, by His grace, make disciples of Jesus Christ.

So spiritually home, while we are on this earth, is often the church. Specifically for us in this community, Centenary UMC as part of the Kingdom of God. However, we are not talking about the building, we are talking about the friends and members.

Brothers and sisters, we as the members and friends of CUMC, are the church. And it is our mission and calling from God by His grace to come home and bring as many other souls in this world with us.

This fall, whether you haven't been here for a while or you never left, please take advantage of all the opportunities in this newsletter to come home. Come to worship. There is a new Wednesday night services @ 6:30 p.m. with a meal before and Children's Church during it if the weekend services don't work for you. Sign up for a growth group. Register your children or sign up yourself for Sunday School. Become a volunteer or make sure your youth age children come to youth group.

The more time you spend at home, not only will you become closer to God, but the closer you will become with each other as a church family and the more you will make disciples of Jesus Christ. And as often has been said in our culture (and as you will find out if you spend more time at CUMC), there really is no place like home.

In Christ,

PJ



Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors
We are the people of the United Methodist Church!



Come Home. That is what the friends and members of CUMC are asking of folks that are coming to town for Shullsburg Homecoming festivities, folks who haven't come to worship with their church family for a while and those who haven't thought about their relationship with Jesus Christ in quite some time...come home.



Come home...to CUMC to worship at church services beginning the week of **September 20** to hear a special three week sermons series about coming home, based on Jesus' parable of The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32).

Come home...and wear your Shullsburg Miners red & white clothing to church services this week to celebrate Homecoming weekend the week of **September 27**.



Come home...after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, **October 4** to enjoy food and fellowship with your church family during the Homecoming Potluck. Just bring a dish to pass and table settings for you and your family.

Most of all, come home...to God and His Kingdom.
It is where your soul that makes you who you are was crafted, and it is the place deep down your soul wants to return to...and I promise, God is waiting there with open arms. Circle the dates on your calendar and **come back as you are, no judgment, only grace** to Centenary UMC.

Centenary UMC At A Glance

August Statistics

Total Offering:

(Regular Offering not earmarks)

August 1 & 2	\$1,819
August 8 & 9	\$2,820
August 15 & 16	\$2,770
August 22 & 23	\$1,710
August 29 & 30	\$1,444

Attendance:

(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30)

August 1 & 2	9, 14, 70
August 8 & 9	3, 7, 92
August 15 & 16	7, 14, 40
August 22 & 23	6, 10, 59
August 29 & 30	20, 12, 58

September Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to the **Harbor House Crisis Shelters** in Superior, a United Methodist Ministry right here in Wisconsin, whose mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living and services for homeless women and families and to assist their guests in attaining services and housing.

If you would like to give to a different ministry, just write it on your envelope, but if you don't, it will go to this month's cause.

Holy Communion & Labor Day Weekend Potluck September 6

In the interest of creating more opportunities for members and friends of Centenary UMC to build and grow in relationships with each other, we will now have a potluck lunch the first Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The next monthly potluck will be Sunday, September 6. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table settings (plates, cups, napkins, silverware).



*The people you love need the transforming grace that only Jesus Christ can bring.
Invite the people you love to Jesus!*

Meetings and News

September Administrative Meetings

Monday, September 14

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council

All committee chairs should plan to attend or send someone from their committee to report. Please make sure that by the Thursday prior to the day that you email the office with your report update.

Confirmation Class

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN OLD ENOUGH FOR CONFIRMATION (12-17 years old):

There are going to be several discussions about the future of the Confirmation Program at Centenary United Methodist Church over the next year. This is why I am encouraging and urging all parents of Confirmation-age children (ages 12-17) that feel called or have children that feel called to be confirmed as Christians and as members of CUMC to sign up this fall for the current two-year program. All confirmands in process will be confirmed, all new confirmands that sign up this fall will be confirmed as members. Please prayerfully consider with your children what God's will is for your family in regards to Confirmation.



Also, there will be an important **mandatory confirmation meeting Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Serenity Room (*confirmands and at least one parent or guardian must attend*). This meeting is mandatory for all current confirmands and any who wish to sign up for confirmation this fall. We will be determining the day and time the Confirmation class will meet each week. If it is impossible you to be there, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the church office (965-3455) to arrange for an appointment.

Pastor Jeff

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

We traveled to Scotland with Mary Gensler at our August 24 meeting and are looking forward to an Alaskan Adventure with Art & Lois Finnigan in September.

The date has not been confirmed for our Advance Directive Program, but we're hoping for mid-October. This will be a free community-wide program open to anyone who wants information on this topic. Look for details next month.

In September we will be getting together to make cards to send to the retired members and friends of our church. We love making cards! Join us and see for yourself just how relaxing it is.

We meet on the Second and Fourth Mondays of the month at Noon in the Serenity Room. September dates are the 14th and 28th. Bring your lunch and join us. Coffee and tea are provided. Contact me at 608-965-3283 with any questions.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

Fellowship Group News

Reminder: Help needed to water flowers downtown if possible on Wednesday, September 9 - Friday, September 11. The flowers need to be watered in the early morning before cars get on the street. Please call me at 608-482-1579 if interested in helping.

Thanks to all who brought food and helped in the kitchen to serve and clean up for the Nancy Gehrt funeral. Her family was very grateful for our service and fellowship during the time of Nancy's passing.

Fall is the time for pasty, and we will be having a pasty bake on Saturday, September 19; work will begin that morning at 6:30 a.m., and we will also need help with prep the day before (the time will be announced at church in the next couple of weeks). Come and join the fun as we make pasties together!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group

150 Years (Already?)

It's not too early to start thinking about the CUMC Sesquicentennial. In a short year and a half, our Church will be 150 years old, and we need to celebrate. The Church Council would like to establish a committee to begin planning for this event. If you are interested in being a part of the committee or have historical information you would like to share, contact the church office.



CUMC Going Above and Beyond

Food Pantry Giving



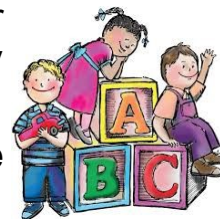
We collected 9 items for our July collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of September we are collecting Cake Mixes and Frosting. We will be collecting these until September 17.



Gingerbread House Preschool

Gingerbread Preschool has openings for children 3-4 year olds. School days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8-11 a.m. from September through May. For more information in enrolling your child contact Becky Upmann at 482-3920 or gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com.

If you would like to enroll for the 2015-2016 school year, please contact Ms. Becky.



We are looking for wonderful people who would love to help us financially. If you are interested in donating to help support Gingerbread, please contact us at gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com

Growth Groups are Coming!

Groups will start meeting the week of October 5 and end the week of December 12. Groups will be reading and discussing a variety of books. Topics may be about the Bible, Church life and mission, various gender specific topics, community service, parenting/step-parenting, health and wellness or other special interest groups. All groups will include a Christian content and plenty of food and fellowship. They are a great way to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ while having fun and learning a little bit along the way. Look for the catalog insert in this newsletter. Sign up will start the weekend of September 6.



If you are interested in learning more about Growth Groups or being a Growth Group Leader (Facilitator), contact the church office or Art Finnigan. We look forward to seeing you in a group this Fall.

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CUMC CHURCH COUNCIL
July 13, 2015

Present: Tina Cruse, Lisa Diedrich, Art Finnigan, Betty Gleason, Dawn Gobrecht, Pastor Jeff, Becky Mootz, Brad Mootz, Sarah Santiago, Marlene Stewart, Rod Stewart, Cherie Uehling, Eugene Uehling, Becky Upmann

Agenda:

Opening Prayer

Motions made and approved:

Art Finnigan as Church Council Chair (3 yr. term). Nomination was due to Pam Teasdale's resignation as Chair in e-mail dated 6/9/15.

Brad Mootz as Lay Leader (3 yr. term)

Tina Cruse as Church Council Vice Chair

Sarah Santiago as Christian Education Coordinator (updated term for Sunday School Coordinator)

Becky Mootz as Interim Secretary while Becky Upmann is unable to write them. Pastor Jeff asked for permission to bypass LLC and recruit a new Secretary (will have voice and vote and will take notes)-approved.

Pastor's Report: To streamline 10:30 worship, beginning July 19, prayer concerns during 10:30 service will change to: 1-write concerns on cards, 2-silent prayer time, 3-pray with prayer team member at front of church after service. Pastor Jeff would like feedback on that once it starts.

After learning that there was some confusion as to how prayer concerns are handled, Council suggested putting an article in the newsletter explaining that all prayer concerns are given to give to pray over, but not all of them go on the e-mail that goes out weekly. Pastor Jeff will write the article.

Secretaries Report: Gingerbread is possibly moving from Masons building, which will affect Food Pantry. Pastor Jeff recommended that Trustees meet with Gingerbread, Food Pantry, and Masons to officially discuss the plans for building rental, Food Pantry location if no longer in Mason building, etc.

Eugene Uehling arrived.

Cherie Uehling arrived.

Finance Report: Tina reported that all bills were paid, but still behind in apportionments. Once June's additional \$500 is paid, we will be at 34% of apportionments for the year paid. We will continue paying \$500/mo. over designated toward apportionments, and we will try to start paying \$200/mo. for the remainder of the year to replenish the Insurance Deductible. We are doing better financially this summer than we were last summer.

Old Business:

SPRC made the following motion: *"Give Ed a raise to \$150/week with no incentives, with a review in 6 months. Ed will work with Pastor Jeff on programming to start Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30. Criteria for continuing Wednesday service will be discussed at next SPRC meeting on August 23."*

Pastor Jeff has agreed to continue Saturday services until September 12, at which time it would be taken over by lay speakers and the name changed to Lay Led Casual Service. SPRC is willing to work with the Saturday attendees on contacting lay speakers based on a list given by the church office, and asks that those attendees help out with that.

Betty Gleason has agreed to book speakers for the first 4-6 weeks as well as contact those attendees to have them help book speakers. SPRC will make every effort to secure a volunteer coordinator to continue after Betty. They have agreed to pay up to \$50 per service for a speaker, but would like to use volunteers first if possible. They also recommend that the same lay speaker not do consecutive weeks.” {In a nutshell: PJ doing Saturday service til 9/12. Lay leaders doing Saturday service starting 9/19. PJ starting Wednesday service 9/16.} Motion passed.

As a result of the motion passing, JoAnn Meyer will be providing dinner and children’s church during the Wednesday service in order to make it an adult service, not another 10:30. Suggested donation will be \$1.50/person with a maximum of \$5/family. This will also begin September 16.

Committee Reports

Trustees: Mason building lease goes through either 9/26/15 or 10/1/15. The new glass doors are having opening problems...Eugene is contacting Dubuque Window & Door. The ladies’ room window glass is broken...we will likely need to replace it ourselves. Renaissance still has some weather stripping to do around restored front doors. Trustees is deciding on concrete contractors for the work needed in front of the church.

SPRC: They will have a listening session July 23 from 6:30-8:30 for anyone who has any comments or concerns about paid staff members and the procedure for reporting such... session will have 2 SPRC members and Pastor Jeff on hand. Ed has been hired to be substitute pastor while Jeff is gone on vacation August 15 & 16.

Memorials: no report

Nurture & Care: They will be bringing a presentation to Church Council next month.

Fellowship Group: Held a funeral lunch.

Outreach: Met with Brad Mootz about the 4-7 year plan. TLC made a suggestion to Outreach to come up with a ladder for a ministry to keep connected with college students.

Youth: They just returned from a mission trip to Colorado...made a presentation during church July 12.

Sunday School: This area will now be known as Christian Education, since it is more than just Sunday School. Sarah Santiago is the new coordinator. There will be a volunteer meeting in August. There will be a Vacation Bible School helper meeting July 28 at 6:00...they are still looking for volunteers. The Shullsburg Fund gave a \$1500 for VBS.

Additional Committees:

TLC: They asked for permission to define “active” and “inactive” members (definition would include attendance, volunteering, and giving)...approved. They are also working on a mailing to people who have been inactive in the last year.

4-7 Year Plan: Brad Mootz will e-mail it to all committees this week.

Next Meeting August 10 at 7:00 p.m. *Submitted by: Becky Mootz*

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

Harlem Globetrotter Coming to Monroe

Come see Pastor Jeff Meyer introduce Melvin Adams from the Harlem Globetrotters at Monroe United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 20. He will present a dynamic message about knowing your purpose, making the right choices, and believing in your dreams. It will be a big day! The day will start with 30 minutes of praise music. Mr. Adams will speak from 3:00 to 5:00.



Following that will be a big feast of pizza while youth from area churches and teams respond to Mr. Adam's message. This is an event particularly aimed at teens and young adults, yet will be of interest to all people. Mr. Adams' dexterity with the basketball is phenomenal! The whole event will be free. It is sponsored by Monroe United Methodist Church and Green County Family YMCA. No reservations are needed. There is plenty of parking at the church (2227 Fourth Street, Monroe). The event will be finished before the Packers host the Seahawks at 7:00 that night.

Melvin Adams was born in 1971 in a poor Houston, TX neighborhood. With the constant pressure of financial burdens and surrounded by hopeless situations, he turned to sports where hard work and endless practices kept him from trouble. Despite many negative influences in childhood, he aspired to play basketball. He graduated from San Jose Christian College where he was a two-time NCAA III All-American. He remains the school's all-time scoring, assists, and steals leader. Later he joined the Harlem Globetrotters and was named Mr. Globetrotter many times. He retired in March 2000 and has been a motivational speaker since.

Women's Retreat 2015



Our Women's Retreat will be October 23-25 at Pine Lake Methodist Camp in Westfield, WI. All women are encouraged to attend this fun weekend of fellowship, study, prayer and laughter and fun. Registration forms are available at church now. Look for us on Facebook at "CUMC Women's Retreat 2015" for more details and updates. Contact JoAnn Meyer or Dawn Gobrecht for more information.



PJ's & Popcorn Family Movie Night

Join us for PJ's and Popcorn family movie night on Friday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wear your favorite PJ's, bring a pillow or blanket, and join us for a movie. Children under 6th grade must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn and beverage will be provided.

We can't say the name of the movie, but we can give a few hints! "When Earth is taken over by the overly-confident Boov, an alien race in search of a new place to call home, all humans are promptly relocated,



while all Boov get busy reorganizing the planet. But when one resourceful girl, Tip (Rihanna), manages to avoid capture, she finds herself the accidental accomplice of a banished Boov named Oh (Jim Parsons). The two fugitives realize there's a lot more at stake than intergalactic relations as they embark on the road trip of a lifetime." Hope to see you there!

Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your wealth then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."

September Worship

September 5 & 6

The Church Of The Broken
Matthew 12:46-50

September 12, 13 & 16
TBD

September 19, 20 & 23

The Prodigal Son
Homecoming Part 1:
We Have All Gone Astray
(Repentance & Humility)
Luke 15: 11-19

September 26, 27 & 30

The Prodigal Son
Home Coming Part 2:
Coming Home
(Forgiveness & Reconciliation)
Luke 15: 20-24

October 3, 4 & 7

The Prodigal Son
Home Coming Part 3:
The Other Brother
(Unity and Peace)
Luke 15: 25-32

September Birthdays

2	Mike Moyle	11	Mary Lou Edwards	22	Sara Moyle
2	Joe Thompson	11	Joey Meyer	23	Shirley Hastings
3	Godfrey Teutschmann	12	Sean Cockroft	23	Steve Humphrey
5	Elizabeth Grinnell	12	Julie Westemeier	24	Kevin Kent
6	Jonathan Johnson	13	Heather Harshman	24	Mark Lierman
6	Karley Gobrecht	13	Brent Reddington	24	Trynton Schwartz
6	Jesse Harshman	14	Vanessa Reynolds	24	Julie Thompson
7	John Meyer	14	Vicki Lawrence	25	Laura Popp
7	Mackenzie Cunningham	15	Greg Cruse	25	Tocara Stephenson
7	Greg Mullikin	15	Brandon Capp	26	Ashley Frontz
8	Steve Gierke	15	Maddux Russell	27	Karen Gill
8	Ashley Hauser	16	Gayle Doyle	27	Kris Leitzinger
8	Collin Hauser	16	Janet Wymore	27	Emma Pedley
9	Peyton Strang	17	Eli Poppy	27	Joey Schwartz
9	Art Finnigan	17	Russ Freiburger	27	Julie Westemeier
9	Alan Hauser	17	Kiera Sandlin	28	Brandon Popp
9	Eleanor Jackson	19	Brad Gill	28	Gina Raymond
9	Maddie Mullikin	19	Amanda McNett	28	Maria Russell
9	Sam Uehling	19	Cheri Wotnoski	28	Jennifer Thompson
10	Becca Gill	20	Janet Harker	30	Michelle Jackson
10	Sharon Teutschmann	20	Nevada Sandlin	30	Su Schwartz
11	Evelyn Clark	20	Rodney Stewart Jr.		






September Anniversaries

3	Dan & Judy Webster
4	Eric & Amber Russell
9	Greg & Janet Jenson
13	Jerry & Laura Droessler
14	Bob & Barb Edge
16	Amber & Brandon Capp
18	Andy & Becky Upmann
21	Larry & Pam Teasdale
23	Rod & Marlene Stewart
29	Becky & Brad Mootz

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Pastor Jeff's Day Off	7:00 Casual Worship
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 Hymn Worship 10:30 Praise Service 11:45 Potluck Lunch	 Noon R & R Group 2:00 TLC Mtg. 6:00 Finance Mtg. 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	10:00 Play Group 6:30 Confirmation Mtg.				7:00 Casual Worship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		
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Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the September newsletter.



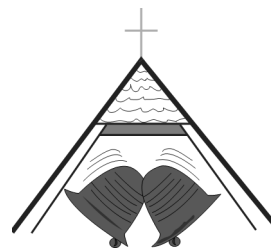
Saturday evening Lay Led
worship at 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning
Hymn Worship service at
9:00 music by Tina Cruse

Sunday Service
Praise Worship Service at
10:30 music by
Ed Santiago

Wednesday Night Service
Praise Worship Service at
6:30 p.m. music by
Ed Santiago Beg. On 9/16

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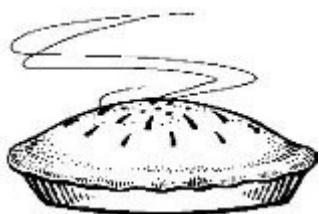
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Pasties Are Coming!!

September 19



Order by calling the church office 965-3455. Leave a message with which time: noon or 4pm, how many you'd like, and your phone number. We will need help Friday the 18th around 4 p.m. for prep work as well as Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. Mark your calendars and come join in the fun and fellowship while we make the most delicious pasty in the Midwest!

A Vision For Our Church

"Centenary UMC will continue to be THE place to be for weekend worship. People will often drive by this church and think, 'That place is packed: I wonder what I'm missing?' Through our church culture and worship atmosphere we will provide the spiritual spark for people to see God in their daily lives and grow in their understanding, ministry and faithful relationship with Him."