



# ENEWS

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Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship before and after Sunday School.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M. \*\*\*\*\*WORSHIP TIME - 10:15 A.M.

Dear CrossRoads,

Some of us are enjoying listening to Dr. Michael Turner's lecture about John Wesley. Not only is it an interesting topic, but Dr. Turner is doing an absolutely wonderful job sharing stories about the Wesley family and the early Methodists. Last Thursday, or the Thursday before, we talked about ordination in the Methodist church and the Historic questions. These questions, found in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (2012) in paragraph 336 (page 270), have been asked of those being ordained since the beginning of Methodism and of all ordinants in the United Methodist Church, over the world. According to the Discipline, "At the time of examination, the bishop shall also explain to the conference the historic nature of the following questions and interpret their spirit and intent."

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
4. Are you earnestly striving after it?
5. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work?
6. Do you know the General Rules of our Church?
7. Will you keep them?
8. Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?
9. After full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?
10. Will you preach and maintain them?
11. Have you studied our form of Church discipline and polity?
12. Do you approve our Church government and polity?
13. Will you support and maintain them?
14. Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?
15. Will you visit from house to house?
16. Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?
17. Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
18. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
19. Will you observe the following directions? a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed.
20. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary. b) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.

Every year at annual conference, we hear the Bishop ask these question to those who are to be ordained. And every year, as I sit in the pew with my clergy friends from the annual conference, in my clergy robe with a red stole around my neck, (red is the color that represent the presence of the Holy Spirit) I answer these questions for myself. But I share the questions with you because you need to know how seriously we take ordination in the Methodist church and that I take my ordination seriously. Being a pastor is not a job we have to do, but it is a way of life, as it is for all Christians, and maybe it would be good if we all answered these questions for ourselves at least once a year.

God's Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bee



Because Dr. Michael Turner has declined receiving compensation for the time that he has and will spend with us on Thursday nights presenting the John Wesley study, we would like to 'shower' him and his wife with baby supplies on his last night, September 28th. They are expecting their first child, a daughter! Please bring your items on that evening or leave them in the church office prior to the 28th. We do want this to be a surprise, so please don't tell him!

*Diapers and/or gift cards*

In place of our regular Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, I would like for our CrossRoads UM Men's group to join instead for a special luncheon honoring Tommy Bondurant.

The luncheon will be at CRUMC in the gym on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm.

Tommy will be receiving the Charles Taylor reward from the from the FAA.

***"The Charles Taylor MASTER MECHANIC AWARD is named in honor of Mr. Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight. The Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of senior mechanics."***

Please RSVP to Tommy or I if you plan to attend. ([tommybondurant@bellsouth.net](mailto:tommybondurant@bellsouth.net); 901-383-0322.)

And please let me know if you can help with preparation, setup and cleanup for the event.

Thanks, Niels French

## Cooking Teams for Thursday Night Dinners are Needed.

We need groups of you to volunteer to prepare and serve a Thursday night Dinner 9/28 thru 11/2. These should be simple meals, i.e., one dish like chili with a side and desserts, for approximately 25-35 people that can be prepared for no more than \$5.00 per person. This could be cooking teams made up of 4-6 people from UMM, UMW, SS classes, Choir, Ministry teams, Administrative teams, family or friend teams. It can be fun and there is always great comradery when cooking together.

Assistance with meal planning and/or shopping is available if needed. Please let Dale Rast or Billie Youngman know which night you would like. Thank you.



If you would like to Prepare, Serve, Clean up afterwards at Thursday night dinner let us know:

Date      Group or Family Team      Team Lead/Contact      Menu

We need teams for every Thursday night from 9/28 until 11/2.

Hello CrossRoads family,

Have you noticed some changes to the sound on Sunday morning? Are you able to hear things more clearly? Does the choir and praise team sound even better than they did before?

Well, thanks to the work of Andrew Harper, Rick Parsons, the trustees, and the finance committee, the sound system in our sanctuary has been brought out of the dark ages and into the 21st century. By utilizing some of our existing equipment and supplementing it with the most up-to-date sound technology, we were able to maximize our sound capabilities at a very reasonable price.

Andrew and Rick have spent many hours at the church climbing up on ladders, taking down speakers, putting up speakers, cleaning out closets and working with the sound technicians to learn how to use our new equipment. Our hope in updating the sound system is not only to have better sound, but to eliminate any technology distractions and enhance the worship experience for all who attend Cross Roads. Although they would never ask for recognition, I have seen much of the behind the scenes work, and Andrew, Rick, and the trustees deserve our gratitude!

May you have a blessed week and a wonderful worship this Sunday!  
Sarah Harper



Please help your Nurture Team keep our listing of those serving in uniform current by providing the name, address, branch of service and birthday of each military person, along with family members. This will enable us to send cards and words of encouragement. Please give this information to Louise Downing or the church office. Thank you,  
Your Nurture Team



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday Evenings, Sept 7—Nov 2, 6:00pm.** Dine and Ride with John Wesley. Guest lecturer, Dr. Michael Turner throughout September
- **Friday, Sept. 29 5:00** Feed the Cub Scouts
- **Saturday, Sept. 30 11:00am** Tommy Bondurant Luncheon—TAA's Charles Taylor Award
- **Tuesday, Oct. 3 10:30** RAP Group

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