



A Back to School Message for us all...

As the summer comes to an end and activities close out, we are all preparing to go back to school! It seems to involve us all...children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and churches. EPFM's Summer Enrichment program held its BACK TO SCHOOL event on August 3rd, handing out all kinds of school supplies with the last day for this program being held August 10th. There has been great response to this new ministry at EPFM, not only from our members but from the community. Thanks to Stephanie Maddox for helping us through the East Point Community Centers and all of the wonderful volunteers that worked each week.

BUT...does it stop here? What is our responsibility as parents, family members, friends, and the church? Do we still see a continuing need for Christian Education? Is Sunday School still a viable option for young families? Bible Study? For believers in Jesus Christ, the answer seems obvious and is an emphatic "Yes!" So why ask the question? It's because the question comes from a myriad of perspectives within the Christian faith. Maybe the question should be "who is responsible for introducing my child to Christianity?" or "should my child's education be done in a public, private or christian-based system?" There is no shortage of opinions on this topic, some very strongly held and endlessly and emotionally debated.

As we begin to search for a biblical perspective, we come to the definitive Old Testament passage on educating children found in [Deuteronomy 6:5-8](#): "*Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.*" Hebrew history reveals that the father was to be diligent in instructing his children in the ways and words of the Lord for their own spiritual development and well-being. The message in this passage is repeated in the New Testament where Paul exhorts parents to raise children in the "*nurture and admonition of the Lord*" ([Ephesians 6:4](#)). [Proverbs 22:6](#) also tells us to "*train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*" Training includes not only formal education, but also the first instructions parents give to a child, i.e., his early education. This training is designed to plant the child firmly on the foundation upon which his life is based.

In [Hebrews 10:25](#), God gives Christians the command, "*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*" The body of Christ is an integral part of the education of children, assisting parents in nurturing and educating children in spiritual matters. Exposure to something outside of the family structure, in this case sound biblical teaching from church and Sunday school, is good and necessary.

As we plan to start back to school, let's all make **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** a priority for our children and ourselves! We ALL need to get ready to start back to school on Sunday...9:30am breakfast and classes begin at 9:45am. Bible Studies are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings. **MAKE PLANS TODAY for yourself and your family!**

Happy AUGUST Birthdays!

Evelyn Thomas	1
Jamin Haygood	3
Tarianna Ponder	4
Gary Underwood	4
Winston Jones	7
Nettie Miles	8
Alfreda Harris	10
Melissa Leigh	11
Mary Frances Gooch	12
Sylvia Johnson	12
Margie Dyer	13
Diondria Gore	16
Tamiko Jackson	16
Frankie Womack	16
Jacquelyn Smith	17
Williams Jenkins	21
Joyce Hart	24
Victor Madison	24
William T. Corley	25
Ann Douglas	25
Don Sumlin	25
Jerrelyn Verrett	25
Glenda Tenney	28
Lillian Matthews	30
Santeria Mitts	30
Rene Pledger	30
Deshima Sowell	31



If your birthday is not listed correctly, please contact the church office 404-761-3183. We do want to hear from you!

EPFM Health & Wellness EXPO slated for September 28th! 10am-2pm Fellowship Hall & beyond

EPFM UMC and the Outreach Ministry announces it's church wide, community-wide Health and Wellness Expo on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

The event will consist of blood pressure, glucose and body mass testing, with flu shots on site administered by RITE AIDE PHARMACY .

Collaborating with Morehouse School of Medicine, there will be workshops, information and video sessions from the American Cancer Society, Fulton County Asthma Coalition, American Diabetes, Kidney Foundation, Georgia Cares, Fulton County Wellness Department, Grady Health Services, and many more.

Come out and watch healthy food demonstrations and taste some of the dishes prepared. Bring your children to learn simple CPR techniques and get valuable information on coping with teen pressure, bullying and substance abuse.

FUN and games and door prize opportunities for all.

Become relaxed and learn how to get in shape with exercise techniques, massage and yoga techniques and meet the guest acupuncturist.

EPFM UMC FAMILY... get ready and spread the word!

See Anita Burwell , Barbara A Brown , Willene Bowens, Lyndell Norwood, Jerry Underwood or Janet Davis for more information

Call Jackie DeWitt ([404 361 7924](tel:4043617924)) if you can **SERVE** on September 28th to help with set up and take down or provide resources and support for this awesome event at EPFM...Save the DATE NOW !

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	BELIEVE	P W N Y N A Q S P R T F Y Y V
	CLASSMATES	W A R R U Z T T I E E R D B I
	COLLEGE	D M T G A U Y T H A A I U V N
	FAITH	T E U I D E C Y S D C E T S Q
	FRIENDS	X S E E E E L L R S H N S H T
	LEADERSHIP	T G N C P N E E E L E D C I T
	LEARN	H T S S C L C T D Z R S M N A
	PATIENCE	S P E H I U A E A T S E W M Q
	PRAY	C R C M J M S L E K B A C E B
	READ	U D S X S E V Z L V L H A G X
	RESPECT	X D A S V O L U N T E E R E K
	SCHOOL	B X A H K R O W M A E T Z L I
	SMILE	K L O O H C S F A I T H F L C
	STUDENTS	C B E L I E V E Q W Z S J O E
	STUDY	Y A R P Q G M P H X X L S C Y
	SUCCEED	
	TEACHERS	
	TEAMWORK	
	TIME	
TRUST		
VOLUNTEER		



EPFM Prays

Every Person and Family Matters , Every Prayer Matters

EPFM Prays Weekly Teleconference

EPFM Prays is an opportunity for believers to challenge the Gift God has placed in you as prayer warriors and intercessors. Let us join with Jesus our Intercessor and experience the power of His promise that “where two or three are gathered in my name I am in their midst”. Witness the fulfillment of His decree that if we ask, seek, knock, and believe He will answer our prayers. Join us in a consecrated time of prayer by teleconference Monday and Thursday at 8:30pm.

Why Pray?

Praying to our Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ using God’s Holy Word (scripture) in prayer is the most powerful thing we can do for ourselves and others. The heart of prayer is the Will of our Heavenly Father. Part of that will is simply coming to Him. He desires your love, your attention, your fellowship. He also desires a time of communion, an intimate time of personal exchange and involvement, and finally a release of His Will and manifest Presence in the earth through prayer. As you pray for your needs and the needs of others, you are actually becoming a prayer warrior, an intercessor, just as Jesus was and is today for each or us. Jesus is constantly interceding for us to our Heavenly Father. It is written that Jesus was sent to destroy the works of the devil, I John 3:8. We are to do the same. We have power and authority through Jesus Christ. All we have to do is live in the promise of the Word of God and to use His precious Name.

Teleconference Phone Number and Access Code

1-605-475-4000 Access Code 256 897# (enter # pound)

Free Conference calls are long distance calls. Please call from your cellular phone with unlimited calling features or your home phone with unlimited long distance services. Any other callers will see a routine long distance charge on their monthly phone bill.

Submitted by: Irvina Mayner Please call her for more information and questions!

**How many people do you know who don’t know Christ? Or attend church regularly?
The United Methodist Church is seeking to reach people who don’t know God. Will you help?**

Please give us the names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail, twitter and/or any vital contact information you have.
You are the fishermen of men. Proverbs 11:30b (NIV) “He who wins souls is wise.” Daniel 12:3b (NLT) Those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.
If you bring EPFM the names and contact information, you will lay the foundation for the salvation of their souls. The mission of The United Methodist Church is to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” (Matt 28:18-20 & Matt 22:36-40)

This mission is achieved through vital congregations that equip and empower people to be Disciples of Jesus Christ in their homes and communities around the world.