



Message From Pastor Jeff Estes

It is hard to believe August has already come to an end. For many September marks the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. As the days begin to shorten, we may find ourselves busier as we try to take advantage of the cooler weather and the upcoming events. Maple is no exception:

- Each Sunday, we have Sunday School Classes starting a 9:00 AM for all age groups. Sunday Church Service starts at 10:15 AM, and we provide Children's Church and Nursery Care during the service.
- Every Wednesday evening, we have a dinner at 6:00 followed by Wired Wednesday Service at 7:00.
- September 9th is the Men's Club Breakfast. The men fix eggs, sausage, biscuits, and homemade gravy, and it begins at 7:30 AM.
- On September 10th, we will be having Darla McFadden performing at our Sunday Worship Service (10:15 AM). She will be providing special music, personal testimony and more. We will also be taking up a special free will offering to pay for her services.
- On September 19th, we will be packing seeds for "Hope Seeds" and we will have a lite lunch also. Hope Seeds helps needy people by giving them seeds to plant for gardens. Many of these seeds will be shipped to third world countries, where it makes a difference between people having food or starving to death.
- September 29th is our Fish Fry. We will be serving from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. This is a time of good food, fellowship, and enjoyment. So, mark your calendars, be sure to attend, and bring some friends to these special events!

Maple also offers plenty of areas for service. John 4:35-38 says, *"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! **And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.** For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."* (NKJV) Have you ever noticed how many places, organizations and people offer services that allow others to benefit and enjoy a better life? What would happen if all those places, organizations and hardworking people would just stop serving? What if everybody said, "I'm not going to serve; you serve me." What if all the businesses, restaurants, churches and other facilities closed? What if firefighters, policemen, street cleaners, trash persons and all other government employees went on a permanent strike? Could you imagine the chaos?

In order for life to work the way it should, everyone has to be willing to engage in both giving and receiving. Giving and receiving have great benefits, rewards, and enjoyment for all those willing to participant. Here at Maple we offer opportunities to do both, and if you are willing to receive, give, or do both, your participation and help is greatly wanted, needed and appreciated! Hope to see you soon!

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff Estes

ONE CHURCH COUNCIL

**MEETING CALLED ON
AUGUST 27TH, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Darryl Pannier, Sue Batchelor, Linda Dedert, Linda Goodman, Rhonda Campbell, Lavonna Biddle, Dick Biddle, Frank Batchelor, Alex Niswonger, Terry Biddle, Sue Crites, Ruth Ellen Holdman, and Pastor Jeff Estes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Daryl Pannier at 11:37 AM. This was a called meeting to discuss three things requested by Pastor Jeff.

The first was to inform the council that Angela Dunavan had submitted her resignation as children's coordinator for Maple Church. She and her family will be leaving Maple, and her last date of work will be 10/22/17. Darryl noted that we need to work during the next couple of months. Frank suggested that we might be able to talk with Sonja about taking over the position and have one of the congregation take over when there is someone needing care in the nursery. She would need some training in how to present lessons and to help plan those lessons. Sue B also suggested a month at a time much as we do with worship leaders or ushers. More discussion will ensue at the September 21st regular meeting.

Pastor Jeff noted that the second thing was that we will have charge conference at Centenary Church at 2:00 pm on November 5th. The finance, trustees, and PPR will be receiving forms that will need to be completed in the packet for Charge conference. If not received then they need to see Pastor Jeff as he has all on his computer. A checklist month by month was provided on getting ready for the charge conference and the end of the year.

Frank brought up that new upgrades need to be made to all the tech systems in Maple Church. It was suggested by Pastor Jeff that we work toward obtaining a grant from the Methodist Foundation. Frank made a motion that Maple pursue upgrading our entire system by obtaining a grant. Terry seconded it. Linda Dedert will write the grant but she needs the details of all the equipment needed. The grant must be submitted before October 1st. Alex will contact Mike Seals and they will compile needed information for Linda.

Frank indicated that he had received a test from the treasurer this morning that she needs \$3,500 to pay upcoming bills minus today's offering. Terry could estimate offering at \$1,500 to \$1,900. Frank made the motion to take \$4,000 from Fish Fry money and put in general budget. Ruth Ellen seconded. Motion carried. Lavonna made a motion to adjourn and Alex seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Batchelor

Recording Secretary

NOW NEWS

September is here. Where has this year gone? This past Sunday, we celebrated a rite of passage for one of our youth, Ashlyn Holdman. Going into third grade, she received a Bible from the church. This has been going on for 60+ years. We also gave a special thank you for the Tech Crew, Sunday School teachers, and the Choir. Everyone who participates to help Maple Church is to be thanked: Cleaning crews, Lawn crew, participants in the Shawl ministry, participants in Hope Seeds, our Prayer Warriors, Greeters, Ushers, those who worked on the Parsonage, those who keep working on those pesky locks in the Fellowship Hall, those who cook for Wired Wednesday, those who helped with VBS, those who participate when the kids sing and are short of bodies to sing. You are an awesome church and deserve a BIG THANK YOU!!!

Our SMALL GROUPS on Sunday are still meeting. If you have been amiss at coming to your Sunday small group, your teachers have missed you. Please come and let us see your special faces. If you do not go to small groups on Sunday, please contact Sue Batchelor for a class that will fit your needs. The Prayer Group has been meeting and utilizing a book with John Wesley's thoughts on prayer. It has been a revealing book. **Reminder that if you don't ask God, God cannot answer your prayer.** Please pray the following prayer for our first responders (especially in light of Hurricane Harvey):

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment to love one another. Send down your blessings on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds, and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

With Fall comes studies outside of Sunday morning. The Monday night Ladies Group will begin their next study on 9/11/17. "The Women of Christmas" by Liz Curtis Higgs is the book we have chosen to do, and Cokesbury has promised to have it to us by September 5th. Look on the Welcome table for the signup sheet so a book can be ordered for you if you are interested. We will be finishing this study on 11/6/17 with our celebration dinner. Another study will begin on 11/2/17 with Frank Batchelor leading a study on Comparing the Gospels. This is open to males and females and will last about 6 weeks.

MAPLE KIDS MINISTRY: NOW has discussed the possibility of a group camp night at the Eagle Sky campground this Fall for youth in our area that belong to small congregations. See Alex if you are interested in helping or going. Alex would also like to have a basketball goal installed on the parking lot as well as a GAGA court for ball as well. He would like to have a basketball donated. If you have questions about this, please talk with Alex. We have recently had a donation of a ping pong table and paddles by Leann and Doug Norris. Thanks to the Norris's. Let's work on getting and keeping youth in this church. Think about what you can do to help.

OUTREACH: In July, we collected school supplies for Central Middle School. We collected the following: pocket folders-31; #2 pencils-510; Large 3 ring binders-6; Wide rule loose leaf 3 hole paper-20 pkgs; Spiral notebooks-44; White school glue-16; colored pencils, crayons, or markers—19; Post it notes-5; glue sticks-14; large boxes of tissue-5; black dry erase markers-44; large containers of antibacterial wipes-4; backpacks-8; pencil pouches-13; scissors-7; composition notebooks-5; red pens-67; hand sanitizer-1; highlighters-35; paper towels-16; blue and black pens-40. What an awesome job you did. We filled one corner of the school office. It was a happy day for all involved. Thanks to all who participated.

We are *still* collecting pairs of shoes. This is for the **SHOEMAN MINISTRY**.

The group working with **HOPE SEEDS MINISTRY** meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM packing seeds. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and have fun, fellowship and a light meal for lunch. On August 15th, we packaged 1,800 seed packets. Pastor Jeff was able to join us as well. We have such a good time.

We will be working with **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES** in October.

We will also be working with PROJECT ANGEL TREE again this year and we have asked for 15 children. Please be ready to pick your angel sometime in November.

FISH PANTRY: We are still collecting foodstuffs for the Fish Pantry. Thanks to everyone who brought food. We do not have a count yet for August.

Pastor Jeff suggested that we plan at least three activities that we ask folks in the community to our church to enjoy fellowship time together. Suggestions from the NOW committee included concert and light snacks, movie and popcorn night, a fall harvest get together. There will be more in October's newsletter. We have also scheduled Darla McFadden to sing at the church on September 10 during our worship service. A free will offering will be taken. Another concert is planned but no dates have been discussed. Hopefully we will have this in next month's newsletter.

There will be a "yard" sale on October 7th in the Fellowship Hall. This money will be utilized by Maple Church for missions or other projects. We hope that the church will support us on this as **we need your unwanted goods**. We cannot take anything at the church until Saturday September 30th due to the Fish Fry on 29th and the cleaning crew on Saturday. Please help us. We will not be pricing anything but will have a donation jar. This is also outreach for those who need items and cannot afford. Very few people do not give us anything. Reminder this is outreach with the possibility of making some money.

WITNESS: Dave Schaffner will have a 5th Sunday service at the Chateau Girardeau on October 29th. He needs you to help him by showing up. Mark your calendar. There were about 30 attendees aside of those who attended from Maple in July. If you are interested in going and helping. please see Dave at church or give him a call. It lasts less than an hour. The next one will be New Years Eve at 2:00 pm.

In August we dedicated 7 more shawls and have more to dedicate in the month of September. If you want to know more about this ministry and how to obtain them or how to make them. Please see or talk with Sue Batchelor.

A further editorial remark: We need everyone to participate when an activity is sponsored by the church. We need you to be there to support the mission and ministry of our church and church family. We have folks putting in a lot of energy and effort to organize these events, and when you come and help, you not only make Maple Church look good, but you are uplifting to the organizers as well. We know that no one can make every event, but if everyone could come to at least half of them, it will be an enormous help to the future of our church family. We need you at the Youth events, and we need you at the Fish Frys. Please be in prayer about helping us at as **many** events as you can. Thank you!

ADDITIONAL DATES IN CHURCH LIFE

FISH FRY DATES: Sept 29th, 2017, Nov 17th, 2017, January 26th, 2018, March 30th, 2018 (Good Friday), May 25th, 2018, July 27th, 2018, September 28th, 2018, November 30th, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY DINNERS: December 31st (Fun, Fun, Fun—New Year)

HARVEST FEST: October 29th at 4:00 PM. All age groups. Food, movie, popcorn and fun!!

HOPE SEEDS: 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM--3rd Tuesday of each month.
9/19/17, 10/17/17, 11/21/17, 12/19/17

CHURCH WIDE "YARD" SALE: October 7th from 8 AM-12 PM.
Do not bring anything for the yard sale until 9/30.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: 11/19 after church

CHRISTMAS PARADE: November 26th

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: December 17th at 3:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served in the foyer.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN: collections in Blessings basket in **November and March**. Packing event is **April 20-21, 2018**. Mark your Calendar! It is well worth your while!

MAPLE UNITED METHODIST MEN'S CLUB
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017



7 MEMBERS & 1 GUEST.
No Minutes From Last Meeting
(Both Recorders were out of town)
Treasurer's Report Presented
& Accepted

Meeting called to order by Frank. Prayer offered by Frank.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Fish & Chicken Fry will be Friday, September 29th, 2017 from 4-7:00 PM. Help is requested.

Discussion was held about the last Fish & Chicken Fry.

Discussion about the future with Outreach Ministries.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Sam Conrad

Recording Secretary

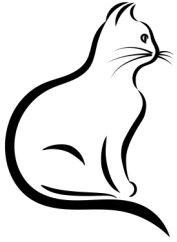
Thanks to Cooks for a great Breakfast.

There is an open invitation to all Men of the Congregation to attend our meetings.

The next Men's Club Meeting will take place on September 9th, 2017 at 7:30 AM

Homebound

Verna Bingenheimer



Eleanor Brown
Frieda Clark
Frank &
Jeanne Crites
Atlee Fulbright

Joy Grace
Mildred Miget
Glema Milligan
Andy & Carol Mouser
Mary Pannier
Wilma Seabaugh
Zeta Seabaugh
Howard Thomas

Adele Townsend
Pat Uptain
Wanda Williamson
Nelda Crader



AMEN CENTER SUPPLIES NEEDED

laundry detergent, fabric softener (dryer) sheets, body wash (no bar soap), shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, deodorant, combs and brushes, ketchup, cleaning supplies, paper towels

SUNDAY SERVICE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 8-6 | 59 |
| 8-13 | 86 |
| 8-20 | 73 |
| 8-27 | 86 |
| AVERAGE | 76 |

SMALL GROUPS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 8-6 | 15 |
| 8-13 | 24 |
| 8-20 | 22 |
| 8-27 | 29 |
| AVERAGE | ≈23 |

WIRED WEDNESDAY

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 8-2 | 17 |
| 8-9 | 26 |
| 8-16 | 28 |
| 8-23 | 40 |
| 8-30 | 41 |
| AVERAGE | ≈30 |



WIRED WEDNESDAY

Your presence is requested for Dinner and Wired Wednesday Worship! Dinner begins at 6:00 PM. Worship begins at 7:00 PM. This worship is laity led. It will be a wonderful time for fellowship and mini midweek worship!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Sunday School Classes: August 2017

LOYAL AIDERS: Bob, Frances, Juanita, Ann, Dave, & Barbara

BIBLE MONKEYS: Sue B., Isaiah, & JJ

COOLEST HAMMERHEADS: Alex

YOUTH CLASS: Frank B.

REJUVENATION: Ruth Ellen, Ron & Julie W., Terry, Larry, & Harriett



September

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|----------|------------------------|
| Sept. 5 | Lynn Morton |
| Sept. 6 | Frank Batchelor |
| Sept. 10 | Wilton Lee Ervin |
| Sept. 11 | Jo Ann Ward |
| Sept. 12 | Jerry Welch |
| Sept. 14 | Angie Andrews |
| Sept. 16 | Jane Stuart |
| Sept. 17 | Jan Roth |
| Sept. 18 | Howard Thomas |
| Sept. 18 | Sue Crites |
| Sept. 21 | Emily Suzanne Marberry |
| Sept. 22 | Aaron Andrews |
| Sept. 23 | Frank Criddle |
| Sept. 23 | Angela Wren |
| Sept. 23 | Fisher Inman |
| Sept. 24 | Dean Whitesides |
| Sept. 26 | Brenda Puchbauer |
| Sept. 27 | Paul Heuring |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------|------------------------|
| Sept. 7 | Richie & Casey Rouggy |
| Sept. 8 | Aaron & Angie Andrews |
| Sept. 18 | Alex & Mandy Niswonger |
| Sept. 20 | James & Linda Dedert |
| Sept. 23 | Paul & Jane Heuring |
| Sept. 23 | Tom & Reba Enderle |

USHERS Mike & Clara Engelmann

WORSHIP LEADER Frank Batchelor

COMMUNION Frank & Sue Batchelor

GREETERS Dennis & Julie Kinkead

FISH PANTRY

2- 6oz. cans tuna, 1 box macaroni & cheese dinner, 1 can peas, 1 can fruit

October

BIRTHDAYS

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|---------|-------------------------------|
| Oct. 1 | Angie Batchelor (Matt's wife) |
| Oct. 2 | Corey Main |
| Oct. 2 | Savannah Matysik |
| Oct. 3 | Mildred Conrad |
| Oct. 3 | Barbara Weatherly |
| Oct. 4 | Cullen Freeman |
| Oct. 5 | Atlee Fullbright |
| Oct. 7 | Shelby Freeman |
| Oct. 8 | Angie Batchelor |
| Oct. 10 | Juanita Cook |
| Oct. 11 | Adele Townsend |
| Oct. 12 | Gavin Holdman |
| Oct. 12 | Paula Smith |
| Oct. 24 | Ellen Pannier |
| Oct. 27 | Deborah Clifton |
| Oct. 27 | Mary Spell |
| Oct. 27 | Pat (Miller) Williams |
| Oct. 28 | Tom Leggett |
| Oct. 30 | Sam Conrad |
| Oct. 30 | Peyton Ford |
| Oct. 31 | Sharon Scholl |
| Oct. 31 | Kerrie Middleton |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|---------|------------------------|
| Oct. 16 | Jim & Christine Gunnin |
| Oct. 28 | Robert & Susan Welker |

USHERS Terry Biddle & Frances Brotherton

WORSHIP LEADER Alex Niswonger

COMMUNION Jesse & Angi Dunavan

GREETERS Sam & Mildred Conrad

FISH PANTRY

1 box stuffing mix, 1 can chicken broth, 1 can chicken, 1 can cranberry sauce, 1 can sweet potatoes, 1 can green beans

NOVEMBER

USHERS Sue Batchelor & Judy Reilly

WORSHIP LEADER Terry Biddle

COMMUNION Dennis & Julie Kinkead

GREETERS Judy Reilly & Ruth Ellen Holdman



USHERS Sam Conrad & ?

WORSHIP LEADER Sue Batchelor

COMMUNION Ruth Ellen Holdman

GREETERS Richard & Terry Biddle

September 2017

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 3 COMMUNION Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM | 4 | 5 Prayer Group-9:30 AM | 6 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM | 7 | 8 | 9 Men's Club Breakfast-7:30 AM |
| 10 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM | 11 Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM | 12 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Day Circle-2:00 PM | 13 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM | 18 Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM | 19 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Hope Seeds-10:30 AM | 20 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM | 21 One Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM | 25 Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM | 26 Prayer Group-9:30 AM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 27 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM | 28 | 29 Fish Fry-4-7:00 PM | 30 |

October 2017

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 COMMUNION Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM | 2 Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM | 3 Prayer Group-9:30 AM | 4 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM | 5 | 6 | 7 Churchwide Yard Sale 8 AM-12 PM |
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