I know a lot of people who have problems with the Ten Commandments. The truth is, many of these same people take issue with any source of authority other than themselves. Others have told me they are confused by the "shall" and the "shall not" language used in the King James Version of the Bible and in Cecil B. DeMille’s epic film *The Ten Commandments*. Recently, I read of some people in middle Tennessee who put the Ten Commandments into more contemporary language. These good souls translated the Ten Commandments so that they could be understood by anyone in Jackson County, Tennessee. They renamed them “The Southern Ten Commandments” and posted them on a wall at the Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, Tennessee.

**The Southern Ten Commandments**

- Just one God.
- Put nothin' before God.
- Watch yer mouth.
- Git yourself to Sunday meetin'.
- Honor yer Ma and Pa. No killin'.
- No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
- Don't take what ain't yers.
- No tellin' tales or gossipin'.
- Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

I was born in middle Tennessee and have no trouble understanding those commandments. Do you?

Thanks to all who have already made generous contributions to the Worship Enhancement Project. As of July 30, $5,130 has been given toward our goal of $75,000.

Y'all have a nice day now, ya hear. And bless yer pea-pickin' hearts!

Jim

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**Chairperson Coaching Session**

All who chair our church boards, committees or teams from 8/1/14 through 7/31/15 are invited to the Chairperson Coaching Session on August 20 from 5:20 to 5:45 in room 2121. Dr. Sanders will provide practical and inspiration tools for leading in this twenty-five minute session. Chairs who are unable to attend are requested to send someone to the session to represent your board, committee, or team.
Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

This past week we continued our quest to find “weird animals” in Brundidge, Alabama at McIlleland’s Zoo. We learned that all of God’s creatures are beautiful and come in many different shapes and sizes. Some of us faced our fears and others embraced the adventure. We also learned that every day is hump day for the camel, monkeys are more aggressive than they appear, and lemurs do, in fact, like to move it, move it. Fun was had by all, and we are thankful for all of God’s creatures - big, small, furry, or slimy.

FIFTY FORWARD
Lunch Bunch: August 14
We’re going to tour the Army Aviation Museum and eat at McLin’s in Daleville. We’ll leave the church from the CLC parking lot at 10:00. Call Katie at 793-3555 or email her at katie@fumcdothan.org to make your reservation or for more information.

Branson this Fall: October 6-11
Reserve your spot with payment by August 15. Call Katie with your questions.

Greece next Spring: April 15-25
Contact Katie Holland at 793-3555 or email her at katie@fumcdothan.org for more information.

JOYS AND CONCERNS
Recently hospitalized:
• Tril Ausley, Kenneth Bryan
Our sympathy to:
• Sam and Judy West; death of Sam’s mother, Mary Pat West, July 23.

MEMORIAL GIFTS
Willetta Morgan
Mary Howell
Marbury and Mary Ann Spann

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Annual Salad Luncheon
The UMW will host their annual Salad Luncheon at their Touchpoint meeting on Tuesday, August 5, at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies are asked to bring a salad to share. All women of the church are welcome.

ADOPT A SCHOOL
Reaching out to Morris Slingluff Elementary School and Head Start
Once again we are collecting school uniforms, belts, shoes, and socks for students at our 2 schools. Collection bins are located in the Lobby of the CLC and Children’s Building. Call Nina Lisenby at 792-7109 if you have questions.

We are going to supply Teacher Treats one day a month in August, November, January and May. Please contact Fran Jones at 791-3726 to schedule a time to participate.

Readers are needed at Head Start. To volunteer for this rewarding experience, contact Mitzi Watson at 793-6279.
**New LifeGroup**

**DISCIPLE I:**
Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, August 17, and ending on or before June 14, 2015.

**Weekly Group Session**
4:30 – 5:45 | Room 3160
30 minutes of reading per day (6 days each week).

**Facilitator:** Jim Sanders

Reserve your spot by purchasing the Study Manual ($29) from Pamela Manfready in the church office.

Childcare provided upon request.

“Participating in a Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study group is one of the most rewarding things I have done in my Christian journey. I highly recommend it to you.”

Jim Sanders

**Audio Visual Team**

Our AV Team needs additional team members to help with audio visual aids for all of our Sunday morning worship services.

**Basic Skills Needed:**
• Ability to use mouse and one finger on the computer to advance slides primarily for music and sermon.
• For audio, you simply need the ability to hear!
• Finally you will need a good attitude and a desire to learn more.

**Training:** On-the-Job training is available.

**Benefits:** Fulfills a portion of your pledge to support the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

**Time Commitment:**
When scheduled in rotation, arrive prior to the Sunday worship service that you choose to serve. Scheduling is flexible and rotation can be adjusted to fit your needs.

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, August 3rd**
- 8:15: First Light Communion (Chapel)
- 8:25: The Gathering (Parlor)
- 8:55: Sanctuary Worship
- 8:55: The Bridge Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00: Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:40: Board of Trustees (Room 2202)
- 11:00: Sanctuary Worship
- 3:00-4:30: District Local Church Lay Leaders (Room 2121)

**Monday, August 4th**
- 8:15-9:15: Step Aerobics (Gym)
- 9:00-12:00: In Christ's Name (Room 2133)
- 9:30-12:00: Wiffle Ball World Series, Ages 6-10 (Gym)
- 1:30-3:00: Fellowship Bible Study (Room 2123)
- 7:00: Alzheimers Support Group (Room 2132)

**Tuesday, August 5th**
- 9:30-12:00: Wiffle Ball World Series, Ages 6-10 (Gym)
- 10:30-12:00: Executive Council (Room 3160)
- 12:00-1:30: Touchpoint Luncheon Fellowship Hall
- 1:00-3:00: Joyful Hands Sewing (Room 2125)
- 4:00-4:30: Ladies Exercise Class (Gym)

**Wednesday, August 6th**
- 5:30-7:00: Men’s Basketball (Gym)
- 7:00: Selden Bailey’s Prayer Breakfast (Shoney’s)
- 8:15: Step Aerobics (Gym)
- 9:30-12:00: Wiffle Ball World Series, Ages 11-16 (Gym)
- 1:00-5:00: Fifty Forward Bridge Club (Rooms 2124, 2125)
- 5:30-6:30: Jr. High Bible Study (Room 3215)
- 6:00-7:15: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 2225)
- 7:00-8:00: Share the Hope Group (Room 3160)
- 7:15-7:45: REVELATION (Room 2225)
- 7:30-8:30: Sr. High Bible Study (Room 3214)

**Thursday, August 7th**
- 9:30-12:00: Wiffle Ball World Series, Ages 11-16 (Gym)
- 12:00-1:30: Men’s Lunch and Bible Study (Room 3160)
- 12:00-1:00: Young Men’s Bible Study with Wes

**Friday, August 8th**
- 8:15-9:15: Step Aerobics Class (Gym)

**Saturday, August 9th**
- 9:00-12:00: Christian Life Center open

**COMING SOON**
- **Sunday, August 24th**
  - 4:30-7:15: Join us for the LAUNCH of a brand new season.