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Loxley United Methodist Church



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MAY, 2010

A word from Rev. Jim Batchelor

SCRIPTURE

John 3:17

¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.



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We haven't published a newsletter in months. Actually last year we had decided to give the folks responsible for this newsletter a break. Our break, intended to be a short while, resulted in the termination of our publication. However, we have decided to resurrect this viable source of information and put an intentional effort in providing this service in a new way. Though you may have received this edition via "snail-mail" or hard copy from the church, we ask that you respond to Donna, our publisher, with your e-mail address so she can continue sending our monthly info via internet. Donna Wilson—251-377-5427 or donnawilson102@yahoo.com or lumcnews@loxleyumc.org.

Unfortunately, our well intended efforts became nothing but forgotten, neglected intentions that are lost. Forever. Whether we are dealing with church attendance, involvement in a program, a thank you card you meant to send, or something as critical as your relationship with Christ, procrastination is the devil's friend. Satan's plans include the celebration of your destruction as he hopes to steal-kill and destroy your well intended efforts, don't let Satan win.

As I reminisce I recall a 165 membership with hopes of a third of those attending church. As we approach a 300 membership, my hope is now for one half to attend. We have changed over the years and just like the new newsletter we have new programs. I want to take the time to list ways you may want to get involved in the Loxley UMC.

Sunday Services/celebrations

8am Worship service is a traditional setting however; we do not have a choir and usually do not have responsive readings. We do not have a children's time or a time of meet and greet. Yet we are prayerful as we sing praises to our Lord, offer up gifts of thanksgiving and the spoken Word. This time of worship includes communion 1st and last Sundays and is usually out by 8:50am.

9am Sunday School – We offer classes for all ages and more information about each class can be found elsewhere in this publication.

10am Worship service is a traditional/blended setting. The choir, led by Don Newberry, calls us to worship and the acolytes come forward as we prepare our hearts & minds to be in service to worship God. Throughout the celebration our choir leads us in several hymns of praise & worship. The Apostle Creed, as well as many other responsive readings, is projected on the screen as we enjoy our use of multi-media during our time together. Often times we have a mission's moment during our announcements and we learn/share of our involvement in Habitat for Humanity, UM Children's Home, Family Promise, Women's Care Medical Center...as we work to serve God & community. A special time is given to prayer as we share our joys & concerns. We have a time for the children to come forward for a children's

message, then 5th grade and below are dismissed to "children's church" lead by Scott Harville. I prepare for our weekly message/sermon as I seek direction from God in ways to apply the Biblical message to our everyday lives. Allowing God's presence, in the Holy Spirit, to convict-encourage-equip us, we close our time of worship with a hymn of invitation. At this time our congregation is encouraged to take their commitment to the level of church membership and more importantly dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ and ask Him into their hearts. In this service we have communion 1st & last Sundays as well. Every third Sunday is 'Fun-raiser' Dinner Sunday. These Sundays find us sharing in a meal in the FAC for a \$5.00 donation (not mandatory). Fifth Sundays we have a covered dish dinner and most folks participate in this fellowship. Some Sunday evenings find us attending district and conference events and on rare occasions we have gathered on our beautiful Gulf Coast for a time of "evening communion". Third Mondays are UMM – UMW at 6:30. Wednesday is Bible Study-Family Fun Nite-Youth-Children's Choir-Adult/Regular Choir. We also hold our Annual Spring/Fall Golf tournaments, October is Camp Meeting days, Homecoming is 1st Sunday in November and much more.

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We are Loxley UMC in the South Baldwin cluster of churches (Foley, Gulf Shores, Loxley, Marlow, Morgan's Chapel, Orange Beach, Robertsdale, Rosinton, Stapleton, Summerdale and Day Break) in the Bay Pines district, in the Alabama West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. We were established in 1909

and we are members of the Central Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce.

All too often we intend, during the week, to go to church on Sunday. But what happens is Sunday comes -life happens- and Sunday goes and we missed again. This happens several times and we find ourselves feeling bad about missing and finally we feel

awkward trying to fit in at church. **Know that we miss you!** There is an opening ready and waiting on you to resurrect your church attendance.

Don't let Satan win.

**Prayers
And
Concerns**

Our Church and Church Family, area Churches, Maudie McCrory, Luther Stayrook, Faye Montz, Tom Quinby, Sara Harper, Helen Davis, Margaret, Sackett, Elaine Manes, Jean Cary, Addie Godwin, John Godwin Family, Joann Hayes, Angela Crane, Patsy Munn, Angie Merchant, Allison Blair Hernandez, Tyler, Tristen, Haley, Patrick Kane, Ronda Klann, Jack Dawson, Morgyn Nabors, Mavis Tucker, Evan Rogers, Patricia, Donna, Wayne, Earline, Dan Creech, Royslin Stickler, Shirley Lyons, John Bowker, John Chappell, Barbara & Corley Cook, Kay Lancaster, Daniel Mothershed, Josh, Pili & Melia Godwin, Tony Richerson, Anthony & Jennifer Phillips, Kyle Waters, Debbie McPherson, Tracie Knight, Linda Hollingsworth, Carey, Cassie & Baby, Don Fore, Bill Roan ...

Our Military -Brian Aycok, Hugh Banker, Shannon Bryant, Casey Coleman, Jared Holforty, Bert Latner, Levi Myers, Sean O'Conner, Jason Phillips, Noah Pryear, Chris Pryear, Major Lowe, Tanasha L Brown, Chuck Stewart, Roy Whitaker III, Angela Pryear, Marshall Parsons, Ryan Simmons, Calvin Sanders, Ann Pryear, Jeremy Collins, Cheryl Reed, Andy McMillan, A J Daubenschmidt, Bill Feathers, Michael Uthoff, Justin Hunter, Kay Clark, Josh Godwin, Rachel Merchant, Raymond Whitaker, Jeremy Harcus, Joshua Mason, Chris Stewart, Jesse Powell, Justin Lovell, Connor Owen, Jeremy Baker, Devin Mitchell, Logan Chandler, Chelsea Baker, Ric Lassiter, Shelby Brasington, Kenneth Thomas...

**The following are
in an assisted living
facility or unable
to attend church
on a regular basis.**

Sara Harper
Robertsdale Healthcare
Center
18700 US Hwy 90
Robertsdale, AL 36567

**Maudie McCrory, Margaret Sackett, Tom Quinby
and Elaine Manes**
Golden Living Center
1701 N. Alston Street
Foley, AL 36535

Wesley McDonald is at home and doing much better.
19507 Green Acres Road
Loxley, AL 36551

Emily Hough at home
22575 Mattingly St Apt 218
Robertsdale, Al 3 6567
251-945-1927

This is an excellent opportunity for you to help in this ministry by sending a card, visiting or calling.

MAY

2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 Golf Tourney Was a Great Success	26	27	28 6pm—Bible Study 6pm—Family Fun 6:30pm Youth Grp 7pm—Chior	29 6am Loxley Optimist	30	1 8am Optimist
2 8am Early Worship 9am Sunday School 10am Traditional 2pm Bridal Shower	3	4	5 CINCO DE MAYO 6pm—Bible Study 6pm—Family Fun 6:30pm -Youth Grp 7pm—Chior	6 6am Loxley Optimist 6:30 am 5TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST	7	8
9 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY 8am Early Worship 9am Sunday School 10am Traditional Mothers Day Pictures	10	11 7 pm Administrative Board	12 6pm—Bible Study 6pm—Family Fun 6:30pm -Youth Grp 7pm—Chior	13 6am Loxley Optimist	14	15 9 am Safe Sanctu- aries Training
16 Missions Sunday Graduation Sunday 8am Early Worship 9am Sunday School 10am Traditional	17 6:30 pm Loxley Women's Group 6:30 pm Loxley Men' s Group	18	19 6pm—Bible Study 6pm—Family Fun 6:30pm -Youth Grp 7pm—Chior	20 6am Loxley Optimist	21 Wedding Rehearsal	22 Devine/Jones Wedding 9th Annual Bald- win County Walk for Families—8am Heritage Park Rose Trail Foley
23 8am Early Worship 9am Sunday School 10am Traditional Festival of Champions Deadline to order Boston Butts	24	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	26 6pm—Bible Study 6pm—Family Fun 6:30pm -Youth Grp 7pm—Chior	27 6am Loxley Optimist	28	29 Boston Butts Ready
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Group News

This section is reserved for Group News. We will be posting the happenings in our different groups in this section.

Always watch for the Women's and Men's group meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30.

The Youth meet every Wednesday at 6:30 in the FAC after dinner with the Family Fun Crew which also meet on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.

The Choir meet on Wednesday at 7:00. So there is something for everyone on

Wednesday nights, please come and see what it's all about!

Various activities go on throughout the year with each of our groups. We will use this section to keep you informed as things are happening.

Women's Group hosting a Bridal Shower on May 2nd at 2:00 for Nikki Devine and Scotty Jones, please join us if you can! Women's Group will also be taking Mother's Day pictures, see details below!

A Big Thank you goes out to the UM Men's Group for supplying and cooking

Burgers and Dogs for the Golf Tournament last month! The Men will once again be preparing Boston Butts for the Memorial Holiday weekend. They will be \$25 and should be ordered no later than the 23rd of May. There must be order for 6 or more for the men to proceed with this ministry.

Need to post something for your Group, please email lumcnews@yahoo.com with any requests.

Dates To Remember

May 9th

The United Methodist Women would like to take pictures of Mothers & their children/grandchildren, etc. on Mother's Day as our gift to all Mothers. You will get a 5 x 7 the following Sunday. The pictures can be taken between services or after the 10am service. See Dianne for more details.

May 15th

We need folks to help create our Safe Sanctuaries Policy. There is a **Safe Sanctuaries Training Event** in Pensacola on **May 15th** from 9am to 12noon. This training will enable us to begin work towards the conference Safe Sanctuaries Policy.

May 16th

Missions Sunday, Guest Speaker. This will be Graduate Sunday, please attend our 10am service to help us Honor our 2010 Graduates.

May 17th

UUM and UWM to host meeting in FAC. Sherri Mack from Mack Funeral Home will be doing a presentation on the importance of Pre-Planning Services and the options and choices available on preparing in advance to relieve the stress/burdens on your loved ones of these decisions. The men's group will provide a Pancake Dinner!

May 22nd

Foley UMC is sponsoring the 9th Annual Baldwin county Walk for Families. Donations go to the Dumas Wesley Comm. Center from our Church. Registration at 8am—Heritage Park Rose Trail. For more information go to www.dumaswesley.org. Sell bulletin for flyer.

May 23rd

Men's Group taking orders for Memorial Day Boston Butts Must order by this day in order to pick up on the 29th.

June 6—9 - Annual Conference—Details to be announced

June 12th—Membership Plus training 10—1

TBA—Weight Watchers to return to LUMC for Member participation.

July—Services to be presented by our different groups. Please reserve your Sunday Now!

**New to Google Calendar?
It's easy to start.**

Google Calendar

In order to keep everyone up to date we have been using Google Calendar to keep up with the comings and goings of our Church.

It's easy to use and can be incorporated with your personal calendar!

Sign up today, just follow the simple instructions to begin using our Calendar.

Simply go to WWW.GOOGLE.COM click the "Create an Account" button at the bottom right hand side of the page.

Follow the instructions to

create an account. All you will need is your own e-mail address to create this account and begin using this very simple online calendar.

The church has members that work on the calendar and do their best to keep it up to date with the activities at the church and the community.

If you need help, please feel free to give Donna Wilson a call at 251-377-5427 and she will be glad to help you with this program.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Find a Class to attend!

Hardy Class

Led by: Mary Jean Barnhill
"Journey through the Bible"
Matthew

Seekers Class

Led by: Gordon Dyess
"O say can you see?"
By: James W. Moore

Rock Solid

Children/Youth
Led by: Peggy Duck
"Heart of Faith

ARC—Rock Solid

Led by: ARC BC Staff

Young Children

We also have classes available for the young Children of our church. Please bring them by and attend a class yourself.

Sunday School is a ministry that is always in need of volunteers and students.

Please come by on Sunday mornings and join us for one of

our informative classes.

We would be glad to have everyone attend every Sunday and make our Sunday School Program a great success!

If you have any questions about the literature in any one of these classes, please see the teachers as previously listed.

Golf Tournament a Success

Once again, if you missed the Golf Tournament you missed a great time for Fun and Fellowship. And did I mention a Most Beautiful Day.

We would like to take a minute to thank all of our Sponsors! Without our volunteers and sponsors, we would not be able to host this Golf Tournament every year.

All in all a great success. Wishing you were there to join

us.

We will have another tournament this fall, so if you have any comments or idea, please let Rev Jim know. We will also need volunteers and prizes so keep in mind as the time draws near.

We will announce the date later this year, so be sure to watch out for our announcements so that you can join us!



Usher Schedule

2nd Quarter—2010

If for some reason you cannot be present on the dates assigned to you, it is your responsibility to swap out with another person on the list. Be sure to call the church office to let them know in time to make the change in the church bulletin.

On Communion Sunday four ushers may be needed, if so it is the responsibility of those assigned to draft two others.*Communion Sundays

USHER	DATE
Gina Wilson & Valna Hinote	05/02/10
Bob Hughes & Don Myrick	05/09/10
Irvin Mosley & Steve Wilson	05/16/10
Valna Hinote & Gordon Dyess.....	05/23/10
Don Myrick & Gina Wilson	05/30/10*
Steve Wilson & Bob Hughes	06/06/10*
Irvin Mosley & Gordon Dyess	06/13/10
Don Myrick & Valna Hinote	06/20/10
Gina Wilson & Bob Hughes	06/27/10*

Acolyte Schedule

May & June 2010

8am Services	May 2	May 30	June 27
Sam Hollis	Emily & Cesilia	Cody	Haley
Hannah Hollis	May 9	June 6	Thank you to all of our Acolytes and their support for this Ministry. They do a wonderful Job and put smiles on our faces as they carry the light out into the world!
	Jake & Cody	Emily & Cesilia	
	May 16	June 13	
	Brody	Jake & Cody	
	May 23	June 20	
	Haley	Brody	

Other News

Sausage Cook-Off

Family Promise of Baldwin County to sponsor the 2nd Annual Sausage Cook-Off.

Please join our Sausage Cook-Off Fundraising Committee to help or recruit another to represent your congregation. We would love to have a cooking team from each of our host congregations. Start talking about it and look for the date and location to come out of next Monday's committee meeting.

Annual Conference Orientation

Save the Date
All Baypines District clergy and lay members of the Annual Conference are encouraged to attend

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

MAY 16, 2010
2:45 P.M

ATMORE UMC
We discuss important issues and distribute the Brochure of Reports.

Monthly Newsletter

The Loxley Scroll will be published monthly and issues will be ready the 1st of every month.

Anyone with any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact Donna or Jim.

If you would like to submit an article, please let us know. We want this to be a Church Newsletter, so anyone can participate!

Youth Meeting

Fellowship of Christian Athletics of Robertsdale High School is sponsoring a FAC Youth Night with an invitation to all young people in Baldwin County to Attend this event. Speaker Siran Stacy.

May 5th, 2010

6 to 8 pm

Robertsdale High School Gym

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

In our changing times we want to keep our records up to date. We have the technology in place in the Church to make this possible. This is something that we have needed for quite some time and with your help we can make this happen.

With current and frequently updated records, we can publish our very own directory. The program allows us to have the ability to keep track of everyone's information and keep it up to date, this of course, as long as the information is passed on to us for the program updates.

We can use the program that we have to do mail outs, e-mailings and provide our members with mailing lists for their special occasions.

So you see, the information that you provide to us will not only help out the Church, it can be a benefit to each and every Church member that wishes to take advantage of it.

So please complete the form below, whether you think we have your current information or not and return to Donna Wilson by mail, e-mail or passing it on to her at church. We have also placed a box in the hallway if you happen to miss Donna.

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 Spanish Fort, Al 36527
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 lumcnews@loxleyumc.org

Thank you for your assistance in this important ministry of our Church!

June 12th—As part of our membership information highway we are using Membership Plus. This program allows us to input and update the information provided to us. If you are interested in helping in this Ministry, please attend our Seminar schedule for June 12 from 10 to 1, Lunch to be provided. Thank you for your support

INFORMATION CARD

To assist us in keeping accurate records, please complete this information form.
 Return to DONNA WILSON no later than May 30, 2010. Thank you for your assistance.

First Name: _____ Last name: _____ dob: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 (If different from above)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Circle One: Male Female Marital Status: _____

Spouse: _____ dob: _____

Children: Name _____ dob _____

Name _____ dob _____

Name _____ dob _____

Name _____ dob _____

Financial Report

April, 2010

General Budget Offerings	\$9,491.81
Church School	\$28.50
Cash Donations	\$16.93
Communion Offering	\$7.25
Good Neighbor Fund	\$50.00
Bluegrass (OB)	\$0.00
Building Fund Offerings	\$1,442.00
Bluegrass (BF)	\$0.00
Memorial Offerings	40.00
Fund Raising Dinner	\$179.35
Family Activity Center	\$115.00
Food Pantry	\$0.00
Godwin Memorial Fund	\$105.00
Golf Tournament & Sponsor	\$800.00
Wednesday Night Program	\$200.00
Choir Chairs	\$100.00
Godwin Family Meal Fund	\$351.18
Fellowship Hall Floor Waxing	\$300.00
Prayer Breakfast	\$12.00
TOTAL	\$13,199.02

9th Annual Baldwin County Walk for Families

Saturday –May 22

Join us in the beautiful Heritage Park Rose Trail in Downtown Foley!

Registration begins at 8am
Walk around the Rose Trail beginning at 9am

Free t-shirt for donation or sponsor of \$25.00 or more
Free t-shirt and hat for donation or sponsor of \$100 or more

All proceeds to benefit Dumas Wesley Community Center

locate in Mobile, AL. Please visit their website at www.dumaswesley.org for more information.

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Dumas Wesley is a project related to the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church and an agency of the United Way of Southwest Alabama.

FESTIVAL OF CHAMPIONS**MAY 23, 2010**www.baldwincountychampions.com**WE NEED YOU****OUTREACH**

Sunday, May 23rd, 2010
 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 Baldwin County Coliseum
 Behind Robertsdale High School

**A SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT
 AND FOOD FESTIVAL FOR THE
 WHOLE FAMILY!**

FEATURING

Children's Big Top Adventure
 Local Entertainment on our Center State
 Free Hot Dog Lunch for Kids
 County Wide Bar B Que Competition with free Samples
 Alabama and Auburn Sports Personalities
 Fantasy Sports Challenge: How do you measure up against the Pros?
 Soccer, Basketball, and Football Skills Competitions

Volunteer Rally

Saturday, May 22nd, 2010
 6 pm
 First Baptist Robertsdale
 One block west of Highway 59 and 104

**SEE WEBSITE AS LISTED ABOVE
 FOR MORE DETAILS!**

Wednesday Nights at LUMC!!!**Adult Bible Study**

Our Bible Study begins at 6pm.
 Come and join us as we listen to Mickey Efrid explore the thoughts and words delivered by the Prophets Amos and Jeremiah in his book **From Genesis to Revelations**. Let Jim know if you have a Bible Study topic that you are interested in Studying.

Family Fun Night

Join us every Wednesday Night at 6pm for dinner, fun and fellowship!
 Volunteers and suggestions are always welcomed.

Youth Group Meeting

The Youth Group led by Chris Mosley meet every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. The Youth come together and meet for dinner. After dinner they have their weekly meeting held in the Youth Room upstairs in the FAC.

Children's Choir

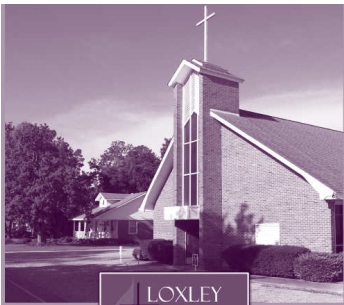
After dinner the children meet in the Church for Choir Practice beginning at 6:30pm. This Ministry is led by Beth Henson

Adult/Regular Choir

The Choir join in the church at 7pm for practice and preparation for Sunday services.

If you wish to join in any of these ministries, please check with the Group Leaders or feel free to come by the FAC/ Church on Wednesday Nights to see what is going on in our Church and become a part of this growing Ministry!

**FUN AND FELLOWSHIP
 IS ALWAYS WELCOME!**



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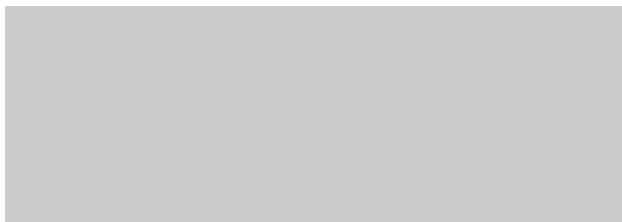
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NEWSLETTER IS BACK! Welcome to the Loxley Scroll

We are Back! We are bringing back our newsletter in hopes of keeping everyone informed of the happenings of our growing church and Community.

Any suggestions or additions you would like to see added to our monthly newsletter, please feel free to contact Jim or myself.

We want to make this YOUR church newsletter and we are trying to expand in ways that are most beneficial to our Church Family.

With information technology as it is today, it is so easy to keep everyone up to date.

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Newsletters will be e-mailed monthly. If you are home bound or do not have access to a computer and would like to receive a printed copy at the beginning of every month please be sure to send your name and mailing address to Donna, catch her at church or give her a call at 251-377-5427.

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Look forward to hearing from you with your ideas!