



EUMC Awesome Adventures

August's Theme: *Peter and John heal a paralyzed man.*

Memory Verse: *"But for you who reveres my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall." Malachi 4:2 (This verse equates the rays of the rising sun as being like the healing power of God. The sun at the breaking of day brings warmth and light to everything it touches clearing away all that is dark and cold.)*

Bible Background: Acts 3:1-10

Over the course of the month, the children will learn about the:

- Temple in Jerusalem and its importance to the Jewish people.
- "Beautiful Gate" as one of the many entrances to the temple grounds.
- Healings that took place at the "Beautiful Gate" as one sign of God's continual healing presence.
- Healing powers of God's love.
- Power of God healing in many ways.

And the children will be able to:

- *Identify Peter and John as two of Jesus' 12 Disciples
- *Learn that Peter and John could heal only because Jesus' power was working through them.
- *Realize God cares about them and their physical needs.

This month's rotation includes: Bible focus, art, cooking, and video.

CHILDREN'S AREA SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ TEACHING SCHEDULE

Preschool (3 yr—5 yr)

Beth Ezzell

August 2	Trudy Collier
August 9	Linda Hughes
August 16	Alice Adams
August 23	Frances Johnson
August 30	Lou

Kindergarten—2nd Grade

August 2	BIBLE	Amy Quigley and Chris Miller
August 9	ART	Laurie Oswalt and Debbie High
August 16	COOKING	Sharon Dunn and Alene Hagwood
August 23	VIDEO	Luanne Osborne and Jeannie Gibbs
August 30	GAMES	Sharon Dun and Alene Hagwood

"The Rock" (3rd, 4th, 5th grade)

August 2	BIBLE	Sharon Dunn and Janice & Bobby Pridgen
August 9	COOKING	Phyllis Griffin and Linda Pridgen
August 16	VIDEO	Lynn Bradley and Tom Bazemore
August 23	ART	Lisa Clark and Margie Holt
August 30	GAMES	Phyllis Griffin and Susan Rackley

Back to School Party at The Rocky Mount Spray Park

Come celebrate with us as we get ready to go back to school!



- When:** August 29
What Time: 9:00 am—11:00 am
Where: Sunset Spray Park
Who: All Children and Families!!!
What to Bring: Swimsuit, Towel, and a Snack!
Cost: \$3.00 per child

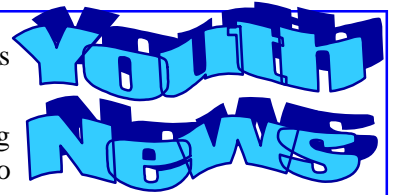
Creation Camp

August 10—13

First UMC

Children Ages 3 years old
thru 3rd grade

Participants will learn about the 1st two chapters of Genesis. They will discover how God created everything in 7 days. Children participating will work on projects that reinforce appreciation for all of God's wonderful creations.



Greetings! Please ask Grayson Hicks and Mary Katherine Landis to share some of their Gatekeepers experiences with you.

My week at Gatekeepers Work Camp made me focus on having “an attitude of gratitude”. Although I try to be thankful I often fail to count my blessings each day. While working at Gatekeepers I often focused on how much I have to be thankful for that I take for granted. All my physical needs are filled daily. When trouble or worries arrive I have faith and friends to lift my spirit. Since God not only meets but exceeds my needs my focus should be on sharing my abundance with others. I became aware of how much better it is to give than receive by giving of myself. My hope is that I will maintain a thankful spirit and seek to meet the needs of others.

Blessings,
Karla Hampton

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AUGUST UMYF CALENDAR

<i>August 2</i>	5:00 pm	
<i>August 9</i>	NO MEETING	
<i>August 16</i>	5:00 pm	UMYF - Prayer School Ride with Dinner @ Chico's after Ride
<i>August 24</i>	5:00 pm	UMYF
<i>August 31</i>	5:00 pm	UMYF

The Rockets Meet

The Rockets met on Sunday, July 19, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall (we needed room to complete a project!) Summer is still here and families are on vacation, but we managed to get a LOT done!

Our meeting began with prayer and Bible Focus. We did a brief review of our study of the Books of the Bible through the Book of Solomon, focusing a little on the Book of Job. We then talked about the Ten Commandments in Exodus chapter 20:1-17, and then the 2 greatest commandments Jesus teaches in Matthew 22:37. We then focused on the use of the word LOVE (love God, love your neighbor) and read First Corinthians chapter 13. We discussed how we are to love God over and above everything else in our lives. When we truly learn how to love God and put Him FIRST, He will teach us how to really love and care for others, and to serve Him and others. In a past lesson we read the words of Charles Spurgeon from a sermon he preached in 1867 reminding his congregation that THE CHRISTIAN, “serves the Lord out of GRATITUDE; he has no salvation to gain, no heaven to lose.....now, out of LOVE to the God who chose him, and who gave so great a price for his redemption, he desires to lay out himself ENTIRELY to his Master's service....The child of God works not FOR life, but FROM life; he does not work TO BE saved, he works because he IS saved!”

Following Bible Focus, we had a short business session. President Evan Fogarty led us in the pledge to the Christian flag and the pledge to the Bible, and reviewed the Rules of the Rockets. Sunshine Chair, Nathan Quigley reminded us of our Sunshine needs in the church family. The group voted to make a contribution from the Missions Fund to the UMW for the purchase of school supplies for needy children in the city. Following reports, we focused on completing the health kits by adding a handwritten scripture card to each bag. We used these verses: Psalm 34:4, Philippians 4:6, Romans 8:28, 1 Peter 5:7, Matthew 21:22, and Matthew 4:4.

Following our work, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner provided by Mrs. Harriet Buss. Thanks so much, Mrs. Buss for taking time to provide a meal for hungry and busy Rockets!

After the humiliating score of 4-0 from last month's kickball game, we tried a game of “soccer” with the gigantic orange ball on the front lawn, and the girls lost again 4-0! (I think we will try “wiffle” ball next month!)

The next meeting of the Rockets will be August 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the “Rock”. Hope to see all Rockets there and ready to REFUEL!