

**HAWKINSVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 5, 2011**

The Council of the Hawkinsville First United Methodist Church met Sunday, June 5, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Mary Cullar White Chapel.

In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, Clifton Pritchett presided and called the meeting to order. Bro. John Walker gave the opening prayer.

The following persons were in attendance: (19)

Latrell Bembry	Elliott Evans, Sr.	Laurie Obert-Thorn
Nicky Cabero	Maye Gentry	Clifton Pritchett
Randy Coody	Lynn Harper	Nancy Pritchett
Liz Cowart	Mike McClain	Sara Spears
Evelyn Dunagan	John McCune	Jimmy Tripp
Vickie Dykes	Nell Mixon	Dennis Vickers
		John Walker

Bro. John gave the **Youth Council** report. Eleven youth will be going on a mission trip to Taylorsville, NC where they will do minor construction repairs and help with conducting a Vacation Bible School. They leave Sunday, June 12 and return Friday, June 17. Several youth helped to decorate and assist with our VBS. The Youth Caravan from Auburn University will once again come to our church in July to spend a long weekend with our youth. Housing will be needed for 3 girls and 3 boys. One youth has signed up to attend the camp at Epworth and one youth will be helping at the summer camp at Dooly.

Bro. John also reported for the **Children's Council**. June 5 at 4:00 at the church will be the kickoff for Vacation Bible School. Nichole Lawson is the director and the VBS will be June 6 through June 9. Five children are signed up to go to Epworth camp while four are attending Dooly Camp. Other plans during the summer include a movie day and visit to a water park. The \$81.00 raised at the summer musical will be deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund of the church. KICK had 19 children in attendance at the last gathering before the summer break. All enjoyed a swimming party at Scott and Nancy Wall's.

President Lynn Harper of the **UMW** reported that the Mother's Day Service of Lights was a big success. There will be another Service of Lights on Father's Day. The UMW presented a gift to missions in the name of each high school graduate on Graduation Sunday. The UMW circles are on summer break and will resume August 8. Their annual salad supper will be held August 12. The UMW is also hoping to plan a day trip to Open Door in Columbus in the near future.

Nell Mixon, reporting for the **We Care** Committee, announced that a meal was prepared for the Robert Coody family.

**Hospitality** Chair, Sara Spears, reported that her committee distributed flowers to 26 shut ins, served refreshments following the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Service, and hosted the annual choir party.

Vickie Dykes, **Evangelism** Chair, told of the continued success of the Meals on Wheels program. She also announced that Lee Arnold and Harley Lawson would be in charge of keeping up with the First Time Visitors Program, making sure that first time visitors were greeted and given a follow-up visit.

Reporting for the **Happy Hearts**, Evelyn Dunagan said they were trying to recruit new members.

**Education** co-chair, Nancy Pritchett, reported that the breakfast and recognition of this year's high school graduates was a success. Also, the first Sunday School social was very well received and those attending enjoyed the light breakfast and fellowship. The next social will be held Sunday, June 19, at 9:45 a.m.

Nancy also read Larry Harper's report re: **Dooly Campground**. The campground trustees met May 17 and highlights of their meeting included the following: Father's Day offerings from the district churches to go to Dooly Campground; the refurbishing and mounting of the bell at Pleasant Valley Church (Dooly Chapel); the cash flow problems and increasing fees for camps by \$10.00; fundraising events; maintenance and preservation of the facility.

Nicky Cabero, Chairman of the **Trustees** announced that he was getting bids on replacing the facia board of the church. Bill Finleyson is working on designing the youth pavilion and will meet with Nicky soon.

**Staff Parish** Chair, Dennis Vickers, told those present that Rev. Wayne Mosely is the new Americus District Superintendent. Dennis also announced that Bro. John will be returning to the Hawkinsville church for the upcoming year.

Randy Coody began a discussion on the tree project for the church grounds. This project comes under the heading of **Building and Grounds**. Randy has contacted someone who will be able to obtain and plant new trees. Nicky Cabero announced that this project is still very active and any trees would be planted between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Reporting for the **Finance Committee**, Laurie Obert-Thorn announced that the church has paid 29.4% toward the required apportionments. Pledges are on target for this time of year with the paying of pledges at 41.5%.

**Lay Leader** Clifton Pritchett encourages everyone to wear something red for Pentacost Sunday.

Bro. John gave the following information in his **Pastor's Report**:

We need to remember Buddy Conway who is still a patient at the Medical Center.

Bro. John and John McCune will be attending the Annual Conference in Tifton June 5 through June 9. Delegates for the District Conference will be held during this meeting.

June 28 is Hawkinsville's night at the annual Dooly Campground camp meeting. Our choir and handbell choir will be performing.

Bro. John is working with the Education Committee in starting a new Sunday School class for singles and young marrieds. Harley Lawson will be the teacher. What is needed before this class can be formed are teachers for the Junior High and Senior High classes. Millie Moore has agreed to teach the Junior High class, but will need someone else to work with her.

Council minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

Since Christmas 2011 is on Sunday, Dennis Vickers moved and Mike McClain seconded a motion to hold one service that day at 10:30 a.m. with no Sunday School being held and the service being a condensed one. The motion passed Council approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

***Nancy Pritchett***

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Secretary