



open hearts  
open minds  
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# JUNE 2015

## **Vision:**

*Transforming our world one soul at a time by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people. We will be Spirit-led, focused on our children and youth, as we build disciples and leaders for the future.*

**Merrell On The Move**



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**Spirit-led • Equipped • Empowered • Disciples**

**Mission:** To create **Spirit-led**, **Equipped** and **Empowered Disciples** for the world.

# FROM THE PASTOR



## June Is Sure Busy!

Shalom, Brothers and Sisters.

This month of June is really full of activities. So instead of the usual reflection let me attempt to list some aspects of our spiritual journey as United Methodists and as a Merrell Christian family.

June 4 will be the graduation exercise of our improving Pre-School. There will be 34 kids graduating.

June 7 **the organization “Jews for Jesus” will demonstrate the importance of the Passover festival and the witness of Jesus Christ. We will still have the Lord’s Supper (communion service) as it is the first Sunday.**

June 10-13, the Florida UMC annual conference will be held at the Bethune-Cookman University. **The theme is “Next Generations: together in the baptismal waters.”** Please visit the FLUMC website for live sessions and worship. Keep this conference in prayer before and during its duration.

June 15-19 signifies our annual VBS activities of kids and adults. This Friday on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. is our annual community walk through to invite our neighbors to attend.

June 21 **is going to be the best Father’s day ever. Let us lift up our fathers and encourage a biblical standard of fatherhood that exercises grace and wisdom as example for our youth.** See Exodus 15:2; 1 Kings 2:12 and Proverbs 4:1 as texts to reflect on. Here is a challenge to you. Suggest a text and theme on fatherhood that you would like the pastor to speak on (as though he knows a lot), please email me at [pastorbancroft@merrellumc.org](mailto:pastorbancroft@merrellumc.org) by June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.

June 28 is the summer event of the month, our GOSPEL RALLY and ingathering. I am anticipating a great time in the Lord and with the help of the STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE you cannot miss this event. Come out and leave no space unfilled for this evening. Remember members in your groups let us make the most of the time to serve and give to the Lord while it is day.

I know the Lord has blessing in store for us as we keep working together in the faith.

Grace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

*Rev. Bancroft Williams*



Sis. Violet Jordan

## MISSION MINISTRY CORNER

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Do you have a special skill? Can you travel? Are you a mechanic, teacher, cook, electrician or student? Do you love farming? Are you **in the medical field? Then join us for a mission trip to Jamaica next year.** There's something for everyone on this mission experience as long as you can work with your hands, love children and enjoy talking with others. Let us know how God has gifted you.

Our mission trip is schedule for July 11-18, 2016 to Sheffield, Negril, Jamaica to help the Sheffield Methodist Church in the rebuilding of a Primary School. It will be renamed the Sheffield Methodist Education and Resource Center (S.M.E.R.C). Here are just a few ways that you can serve: Help with construction and repair; run sports camps; help with VBS; coordinate and participate in prayer walks; work in the music ministry; **help with Children's Day Care & Basic School**

Whether you are young, old, male, female, red, yellow, black or white, you are precious in His sight and can be used by Him if you are willing to serve. Even if you are unable to travel with us, you still can be a part of this mission team. Much will need to be done before we go. A Mission List will be placed in the Narthex, describing the preparations, supplies and materials that will be needed. This is a mission for the church. Your help and support will be needed in whatever way you can.

The cost is \$800.00 per person (airfare is not included). Travel Club, our travel agency, will get us the full cost and a payment schedule out soon. .

Please see the Sign Up sheet today in the Narthex. Please call Sister Violet at 954-294-3440 or email her at violet3211@aol.com for more information.



Bro. Levant Kitson

## Our Spiritual Voices

James 3:1-12

*What We Say Matters, No One can Tame the Tongue (v8)*

We cannot hide from our words although sometimes we wish we could. Jesus **summed up our dilemma perfectly: "For it out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45).** What we say at any given moment reveals the condition of our hearts. James says that the tongue cannot be controlled completely, emphasizing his point with illustrations from nature. His description of the tongue as a restless evil, full of deadly poison (v8) may seem to be an exaggeration, yet, when we reflect on our own words in the past, we know that he is accurate. The tongue is a restless untamed force, because sin in human hearts is restless and full of energy. So what can we do about it? There is a clue in (v9) with the tongue, we bless the Lord, we acknowledge the problem and then focus our attention upon the nature of God rather than upon our own problems and the failure of others. When we continually surrender our will to God, cling to the forgiveness of Christ, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are less likely to cause strife and discord with our words.

### Prayer

*Merciful God, forgive us for the times we have hurt others with our words. Help us to speak wisely in Jesus name. Direct us in all our doings with you most gracious. Favor and extend to us your continual help that in all our works begin and end in you and will glorify your holy name. Finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Sunday Worship Times

|                      |         |               |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|
| Contemporary Worship | 8:00AM  | Sanctuary     |
| Adult Bible Study    | 9:00AM  | East Lounge   |
| New Members Class    | 9:10AM  | Room 17       |
| Youth Bible Study    | 9:30AM  | Ragsdale Hall |
| Traditional Worship  | 10:00AM | Sanctuary     |
| Every Fourth Sunday  | 6:00PM  | Sanctuary     |

## WEEKLY EVENTS

|                 |           |         |               |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| Bible Study     | Monday    | 7:00PM  | Ragsdale Hall |
| Bible Study     | Tuesday   | 12 Noon | Chapel        |
| Prayer Meeting  | Tuesday   | 6:30PM  | Sanctuary     |
| Men's Choir     | Wednesday | 7:00PM  | Music Room    |
| Dance Rehearsal | Wednesday | 7:00PM  | Ragsdale Hall |
| Dunamis Youth   | Friday    | 7:00PM  | Ragsdale Hall |
| Choir Rehearsal | Saturday  | 5:00PM  | Music Room    |



### Bread Cart Ministry

**Tomorrow**

**JUNE 1 & 15-** 2:00 PM—3:00 PM  
RAGSDALE HALL

Please Note: You will be required to sign in with your telephone #, and show your ID.



### RUTH CIRCLE

**TUESDAY, June 16 - 10:00 AM**  
RAGSDALE HALL



**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**  
7:00PM - ROOM 17

### TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING

**TUESDAY, June 16- 7:30PM**  
ROOM 17



**MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**  
3:30PM - room 17



### FEEDING WITH COMPASSION

**SATURDAY—JUNE 20**  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**SPPRC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, June 9 - 7:00pM room 17**

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - 7:00PM**  
RAGSDALE HALL



**LYDIA CIRCLE**  
**Thursday, JUNE 11—7:00pM**  
east Lounge

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27 - 2:00PM**  
ROOM 17

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 13 - 10:30AM—ROOM 17**

### VISION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Saturday, JUNE 27 - 3:00PM**  
ROOM 17



**Umw world thank offering**  
**Unit meeting - JUNE 13**  
3:00pM RAGSDALE HALL

# Merrell United Methodist Preschool's Graduation Ceremony



**You're Invited**  
**June 4, 2015 - 4:00 PM**  
**Ragsdale Hall**

We will watch as our young charges march across the stage and on into Kindergarten in the fall. Come join us in what will surely be treasured moments



## An opportunity for spring cleaning!

Merrell's Stewardship Committee presents its Spring Rummage Sale Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 7:00am – 2:00 pm. Please come and join us. This is fundraiser for our church and it is a great opportunity to get rid of unused, unwanted items. There will be a variety of merchandise including new and used items, crafts, jewelry, Christmas items, arts, plants and household items. Our church congregation is being asked to donate items to their Rally Team Leaders. Proceeds will go towards your Team. Please inform your friends and family. This is a time for you to do some Spring cleaning in your home and donate to your church.



## "GOSPEL RALLY SINGSPARATION"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Stewardship Committee is hosting a Gospel Rally on **Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 4:30 pm in our Sanctuary.**

Come out and help us raise the roof as we hear the following:

**Merrell Chancel Choir, Our Men's Choir, Our own**

Sister Hyacinth Henry and Brother Ken Parker, Harvest Fire, Christ Way Baptist, Brotherhood of South Florida, Ascension Peace, and much more. Our Master of Ceremony will be the Rev. Father Earl F. Henry. **Come sing praises and be fired up for your Team. "See you there!"**



**VBS IS COMING!!!**

**"Shining Star, See the Jesus in Me"**

**JUNE 15-19, 2015**

Monday-Friday- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

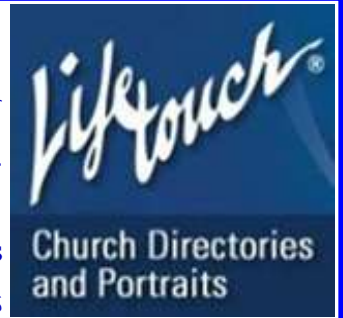
**COME WALK** the community on **Friday, June 5 at 6:00pm** to invite our community residents to attend VBS. **A minimum of 20 persons are needed!!!**

A church picnic will be held

**Saturday, June 20 from 11:00am-3:00pm**

## Church Directory Picture-Taking Is Finished

Church family, we just wrapped up our four-day photo session with LifeTouch for our new church directory. Many of you signed up for the free 8-by-10 portrait. Now, our next step is to get pictures taken of our different church ministries in action. **Stay tuned. That's coming up shortly. The entire church directory is expected to be finished by fall, perhaps sooner. This will be one of the centerpieces of our 60th anniversary celebration next year.**



### MAKE UP PICTURE DAYS MAY BE COMING!

For those of you who missed it, LifeTouch will give us one more day if we get at least 25 more members. (It is not cost-effective for less than that). So, if you missed the first go-round and want to be in the directory, please let Gwenneth Gayle (954.629.6462) or Pat Tabois (954.298.0124) know ASAP.

### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Thursdays Room 17— 6:00 pm.

If you're interested, please contact instructor Eileen Tucker through the church office at (954) 731-2323. This class is designed with you in mind and you will learn how to:

- ◆ Create a document
- ◆ Set up and email address
- ◆ Learn how to send emails
- ◆ Search the internet
- ◆ Book a flight
- ◆ Pay a bill
- ◆ Email family & friends
- ◆ Check out our Website



### Broward County Donates Computers to Merrell

A hearty thanks to the Board of Broward County Commissioners for granting Merrell several surplus computers for the church's beginning computer class, taught by Mrs. Eileen Tucker. The Dell desktops and monitors already have been delivered. Once they're up and running, students will be ready to Facebook, tweet, create messages and more. Most of all, you'll be able to go on Merrell's own website [www.merrellumc.org](http://www.merrellumc.org) and keep up with what's going on in our church. For more information about the computer class, please contact Mrs. Tucker.



The Florida Conference kicks off its Annual Conference With live webcasts of the laity session on Wednesday, June 10. Then, all plenary sessions and worship services will be streamed.

Interested members of all churches in the conference can follow the Annual Conference online.

Just go to <https://livestream.com/flumc> to watch the live webcast of the 2015 Florida Annual Conference.

Livestream will start approximately 15 minutes before event scheduled start time. The Annual Conference wraps up at noon Saturday, June 13.





## MERRELL BID FAREWELL TO BELOVED SE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Church leaders gathered to give the Rev. Dr. Craig Nelson quite a send-off on May 17, when he visited Merrell to give a last sermon as District Superintendent of the South East District. Here, in a tight squeeze, Rev. Nelson holds little Nyheim, Whittick, 4, and is joined from the left by United Methodist Men's President Lovell McKail, Council Chair Cynthia Fletcher, SPPRC Chair Di Dann, Outreach Ministries Coordinator Uliet Black, Lay Leader Pat Tabois and Rev. Bancroft Williams.



# Merrell gives the DS some Love!





Andrea Williams Laura 06/01  
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 Junette Stevens 06/04  
 Jennifer Hartley Wilson 06/04  
 Gianna Royes 06/04  
 Colin Smith 06/05  
 Violet Wan-Jordan 06/05  
 Alicia Bennett 06/06  
 Patricia Tabois 06/07  
 Andrew Christie 06/07  
 Matthew Holder 06/07  
 Zelda Alcock 06/09  
 Cleon Tabois 06/09  
 Nicole Barnaby 06/10  
 Laila Fletcher 06/10  
 Taniya Richards 06/11

Sheyenne Myrie 06/11  
 Lloyd Murray 06/12  
 Hyacinth Perderaux 06/12  
 Steve Myers 06/12  
 Joyce Browne 06/16/  
 Martha Royes 06/16/  
 Iceline Allen 06/17  
 Madgeta Francis 06/17  
 Justice Forbes 06/17  
 Semaj Morton 06/17  
 Cameron Shaw 06/17  
 Casmine Pelle 06/18  
 Ann Rose 06/18  
 Versel Reid 06/18  
 Sonia E. Passley-Rhule 06/19

Leander Boreland 06/20  
 Michaelah Ward 06/20  
 Olive Rice 06/21  
 Theodore Parrish 06/21  
 Winnifred DaCosta 06/22  
 Vivian McGeachy 06/22  
 Linda Davis 06/23  
 Daisy Riviears 06/24  
 Daphnie Chang 06/24  
 Reneka Burleigh 06/24  
 Pauline Richards 06/25  
 Jaden Bennett 06/25  
 Joan Nichols 06/26  
 Michael Howson 06/27  
 Garfield Sellers 06/29  
 Horace Clayton 06/30

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**MEMBERSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP**

Merrell welcomes interested persons to become members.

We invite you to contact the Pastor by calling the Church Office.

**BAPTISMS**

Performed at the Sunday Service, contact the Church Office.

**MARRIAGES**

Performed after consultation with the Pastor

In time of **illness or sorrow**, please call the Pastor  
 or the Church Office promptly.

**Our Church Leaders**

**Church Council**

Sis. Cynthia Fletcher

**Lay Leader**

Sis. Patricia Tabois

**Lay Member to Annual Conference**

Sis. Lorna Smith

**Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee**

Sis. Diana Dann

**Recording Secretary**

Sis. Claudette Meatley

**Finance Committee**

Sis. Vivian McKnight

**Treasurer**

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Bro. Lovell McKail

**Stewardship**

Bro. Winston Chang

**New Members Committee**

Sis. Rose Farquharson

**Membership Secretary**

Sis. Rowena Martin

**Campus Ministry Representative**

Sis. Judith Gohagen

**Disaster Coordinator**

Bro. Lovell McKail

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